



DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

June 15, 2017

Jason Walker, Executive Director
Sigma Pi Fraternity, Intl.
106 North Castle Heights Avenue
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Dear Mr. Walker:

This letter serves as notification that Hofstra University is permanently withdrawing any recognition of Sigma Pi International Fraternity and will not under any circumstances consider the Fraternity for recognition in the future. This notification replaces our March 7, 2016 letter that placed the Sigma Pi Fraternity on a five-year suspension following your notice that the charter of the Eta-Gamma (Hofstra) chapter had been revoked for unspecified FIPG risk management concerns.

On March 4, 2016, Hofstra University requested additional information regarding the Grand Council's decision to close the Eta-Gamma (Hofstra) chapter of the Sigma Pi Fraternity. In particular, the University requested specific information as to the manner in which the Eta-gamma chapter was alleged to have violated the FIPG guidelines and new member education policies, and how the Grand Council determined that violations had occurred. In your response on March 8, 2016, you declined to share additional information. We renewed our request for information on December 16, 2016, in light of public and serious allegations of hazing within the Hofstra chapter, but you again declined to share any information that would assist in the investigation and help protect the Hofstra community.

We believe that the Sigma Pi headquarters were aware of suspected hazing activity in March 2016, which is why the charter was revoked. Your refusal to provide any assistance in the University's investigation or to provide additional information as requested, put our students and our community in jeopardy. For these reasons, your organization is permanently banned from seeking future recognition at Hofstra University.

Regards,

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