



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Presidents of All Inter/National Fraternities & Sororities Represented at Illinois State University

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FROM: Mark E. Timmes, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: May 17, 2021

RE: Closure of the Kappa Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at Illinois State

I regret to inform you that pursuant to the unanimous decision of the National Council of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity on May 12, 2021, the charter of the Kappa Beta Chapter at Illinois State University has been revoked. Notice of this decision was delivered to the chapter via e-mail on May 14, 2021.

Charter revocation is defined by Pi Kappa Phi's national constitution and bylaws as follows:

“The revocation of a charter of a chapter is the permanent revocation of all its rights and privileges and all of its property rights shall be transferred to the Fraternity..”

In short, the Kappa Beta Chapter at Illinois State is now closed. All initiated student members have been reclassified to disciplinary alumni status and are not released to join another fraternity at this time.

Pursuant to the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) standards, and in recognition of previous agreements with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) regarding participation/partnering with chapter that have been closed by their respective organization, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity requests your assistance in upholding this decision. Consequently, to the extent that you may have the Kappa Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi on your social, intramural, and/or philanthropic calendars, you are now advised to pursue other options. Please note that the National Fraternity has already notified your inter/national headquarters and will not tolerate any form of “underground chapter activities.”

While the closure of the chapter has been difficult for the students and the alumni, the National Council believes the decision was in the best interest of the National Fraternity. Pi Kappa Phi recognizes that the true distinction between a fraternity experience and that of a “social club” is ultimately the accountability to our shared standards and values. Thus, we look forward to returning to the Illinois State campus at a time when we believe we can be the most successful in building a chapter of Exceptional Leaders.

If you have any questions about this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the National Headquarters. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and I wish you continued success throughout the remainder of the spring semester.