Fraternity & Sorority Blueprint Committee Progress Reports

General Update:

- A website (http://web.trinity.edu/x33498.xml) was developed to share information internal and external to the committees, as well promote a transparent process.
- Committee web pages exist as sub-navigation items from the above home page. These pages include guiding questions, minutes, and a tentative timeline.
- As a reminder, all committees include student, staff, and alumni members. Committee chairs emphasize the need for committee members to share, discuss, and receive feedback from their respective peer groups.
- Some of the committees hope to invite Dr. Michael Fischer to a meeting in the spring semester.

Communication Committee: (Chair, Sharon Jones-Schweitzer)
The Communications Committee has met twice. The committee initially discussed strategies that would help the University promote "good" Greek stories so that when news of a sanction or a charter revocation is shared, the University's overall communication regarding these organizations would not feel so "out of balance." At the last meeting, the committee spent a significant amount of time discussing the need for a communication protocol for "when things go wrong." The minutes from the Sept. 17 meeting reflect the gist of the discussion. The committee chair (and the University's chief communications officer) will draft a protocol. Feedback will be sought from internal (institutional) constituencies and then with the committee for agreement by late January 2014.

Recruitment & Orientation Committee: (Chair, Jamie Thompson)
The Recruitment & Orientation Committee has met five times. The committee has developed SWOT analyses for the existing recruitment and orientation processes, collected benchmark data from peer institutions regarding recruitment and orientation processes (the information collected turns out not to be as helpful as the committee had hoped), defined the terms “recruitment” and “orientation,” and developed an assessment process and instruments to collect data from current students. The committee intends to survey potential new members (PNMs) prior to Bid Day regarding their recruitment experiences and survey new actives immediately following orientation regarding their orientation experiences. This information will be added to the SWOT analyses and will be used to address the committee’s guiding questions. Committee members anticipate all of this information will provide guidance in developing final recommendations.

Standards Committee: (Chair, Briana McGlamory)
The Standards Committee has met four times. A significant challenge for this committee continues to be alumni involvement and participation (an inability to participate in virtual meetings and/or respond to emails). Progress includes evaluating guiding questions and reviewing the current Fraternity & Sorority Council standards and the standards evaluation process. The group has also discussed the distinction between standards boards and judicial boards. The next topic the committee will address is the role of alumni advisors, how alumni advisors should be trained, and how they should be involved in the standards process, if at all.

National Alumni Board (Fraternity & Sorority Committee): Chair, Jeremy Boyce
Per Jeremy’s direction, the committee charge has been replaced with the committee’s mission statement. The mission statement better reflects the scope and breadth of work the committee anticipates addressing. Please see NAB meeting minutes for progress and discussion items.