

The New Member Education Review Board's ruling on how organizations regain the privilege to recruit/pledge first year students (4/06)

Should a fraternity or sorority's freshmen new member class fail to achieve a collective 2.70 GPA during the Spring semester of pledging, that organization will lose the privilege to recruit freshmen the following Spring semester. After the year of lost privilege, the organization will regain the opportunity to recruit freshmen the subsequent Spring semester. Should that organization's freshmen new member class fail to achieve a collective 2.70 GPA during that Spring semester of pledging, they will lose the privilege of recruiting freshmen the following Spring semester. *(For clarity, this particular organization has failed to meet the 2.70 GPA requirement for its new member class twice, consecutively.)* After the year of lost privilege, the organization will regain the opportunity to recruit freshmen that spring semester. At this point, should the organization's new member class fail to acquire the 2.70 GPA during the Spring semester of pledging, they will now lose the privilege for **two consecutive Spring semesters** as opposed to the previous loss of one Spring semester.

Essentially, the policy is summarized this way:

2005: organization failed to achieve 2.70 GPA and loses privilege for following year

2006: no freshmen pledge class

2007: privilege re-instated to recruit & pledge freshmen. Organization fails to achieve 2.70 GPA and thus loses privilege for following year

2008: no freshmen pledge class

2009: privilege re-instated to recruit & pledge freshmen. Organization fails to achieve 2.70 GPA and thus loses privilege for **two consecutive years**

2010: no freshmen pledge class

2011: no freshmen pledge class

2012: privilege re-instated to recruit & pledge freshmen. Organization fails to achieve 2.70 GPA and thus loses privilege for **two more consecutive years**

OR

2012: privilege re-instated to recruit & pledge freshmen. Organization has achieved 2.70 GPA with this new member class. By meeting this standard, all prior failures are erased and organization has clean record from this point forward.

- o Effective March 2006, all organizations' prior record of failing to achieve the 2.70 GPA is erased.
- o A previous loss of privilege is erased when the organization is successful in acquiring a collective 2.70 GPA with their new member class that pledged in the Spring semester.
- o After losing the privilege to recruit and pledge first year students during the Spring semesters for two consecutive years in a row, the organization's privilege is reinstated that Spring semester. However, if the organization fails again for their new member class to achieve a 2.70 GPA, they will lose the privilege for the following two consecutive years, and so on.

- o If an organization has lost the privilege to recruit and pledge freshmen for two consecutive years in a row, it is required that the organization consult with their (inter)national office to create a new pledge program.
- o The New Member Education Review Board reserves the right to increase the penalty if said organization fails to make the necessary changes to promote a collective academic well-being among their new member class.