

Grand Valley State University Office of Student Life – Fraternity & Sorority Life Procedures for New Member Presentation

The purpose of this document is to provide the fraternities and sororities of the Grand Valley State University Greek Community, their Advisors, and prospective members with a source of information regarding Intake, Membership New Member Education, and presentations. Chapter Members, Chapter Advisors and the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff will work together to ensure a successful and positive experience for all involved. In order for the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff to assist chapters with the New Member Education process and avoid potential problems, chapters must adhere to the following guidelines if they are to conduct New Member Education at Grand Valley State University:

Presentation of New Members

All organizations must adhere to the following guidelines when presenting new members to the campus community:

- I. Presentation of new members must take place no more than **14 calendar** days after the members have been initiated into the organization, or prior to the first day of exams, whichever comes first.
- II. Guidelines for those who present new members using a “show”:
 - A. The Associate Director must be notified of the date, time, and location of the “show” no less than one week in advance.
 - B. A copy of the reservation confirmation notice must be submitted to the Associate Director for FSL (must include both the primary location and rain location)
 - C. No explicit or revealing attire is to be worn by the new members or other “show” participants.
 - D. **No profanity. No sexually explicit language, themes, or scenarios.**
 - E. **No alcoholic beverages will be permitted.** This includes by visiting chapters, alumni and/or graduate members.
 - F. No physical abuse will be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: slapping, kicking, spitting, punching, pushing, poking, caning, etc. (Canes, staffs, sticks, etc. may be used as a part of the performance but may not be used as a weapon to harm another individual)
 - G. In the event of an altercation during the presentation, then those fighting will be disciplined immediately. If a member of the presenting organization is involved, the presentation show will be stopped immediately. (See **Violations** section for further details)
 - H. **No references to hazing and/or other illegal activities.**
 - I. Disruptions by other attending organizations will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: walking through the presenters’ show, talking over the presenting organization, etc.
 - J. If a new member decides that they cannot, or **decides not to participate in the show**, a written and signed letter by the new member must be submitted to the Associate Director of FSL no more than 72 hours before the show explaining why they cannot, or have decided not to participate.
 - K. No blatant skipping of numbers will be allowed. (ex: 1,2,4,5, etc.). If your organization skips numbers nationally, a letter from HQ must be sent to the Associate Director directly via email at mcqueech@gvsu.edu, prior to the presentation.
 - L. The duration of the presentation show should be no longer than 2 hours total. Shows may not be scheduled to begin after 8:00pm and must start within **15 minutes of scheduled time advertised**. Following the show, members of the presenting organization must vacate the area within 30 minutes. (This will help with crowd disbursement.) The presenting organization will be responsible for ensuring the site used is left in its original state after use.
 - M. **All presentations must follow CDC, Michigan, and GVSU social distance guidelines and policies.**
 - N. The Associate Director or his/her designee from the FSL Staff (full- time, professional or graduate) **MUST** be in attendance at all New Member Presentations.
 - O. **No Bricks, bats, and/or paddles** will be allowed at any new member presentations.
 - P. It is the chapter responsibility to notify visiting and alumni members of all Grand Valley State University New Member Presentation rules.
 - Q. If a New Member Presentation does not occur, new members must be presented in some formal way (reception, tweet, email, flyer, Instagram, etc.) acknowledging all new members within 7 days of their initiation.
 - R. New Member Presentations are a **privilege**, and the right to have one is not guaranteed. The Associate Director reserves the right to prohibit organizations from having a New Member Presentation if violations have occurred.
 - S. Chapter Advisors or their designee from the advising team **must** be present at all New Member Presentations.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS THROUGH THE
CONDUCT PROCESS.**