**Miami University**

**Philanthropy Guidelines Policy**

**Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association**

Goals:

* Promote service within the community.
* Decrease the problem of over-programming for chapter members.
* Increase unity between chapters for philanthropy events.
* Increase participation in individual philanthropy events.

Philanthropy Classification:

* Class 1: Invites the participation of the entire fraternity and sorority community, the student body, or outside community with the purpose of raising funds for the chapter’s national philanthropy.
* Class 2: Ongoing drive effort to collect funds or items for a cause, charity, or other philanthropic organization.
* Class 3: Held on or off campus with the sole purpose of benefiting a participating group; does not involve fees or the collection of money.

Philanthropy Guidelines:

* General:
  + Scheduling:

Each chapter must reserve a date for their philanthropy at least 2 weeks in advance.

* + - This is done by completing and submitting an “Philanthropy Event Registration Form” to the IFC/PA office. Chapter officers will be notified upon approval/rejection of event.
    - There can be no more than 3 philanthropy events (sum total of Class 1 and 2) per week within the fraternity and sorority community and each of these 3 events cannot take place on the same day.
      * The date of the Class 1 event will constitute a day.
      * The date of final collection for a Class 2 will constitute a day.
    - Class 3 events are encouraged on a continual basis.
  + Alcohol:
    - No philanthropy event is permitted to take place at an establishment that serves alcohol.
    - No chapter may co-sponsor a philanthropy event involving alcohol in any capacity. Additionally, chapter funds may not be used to purchase alcohol in and facet.
    - No incentives offered or prizes rewarded may involve alcohol.
    - If alcohol is being served or distributed at a philanthropy event, PHC/IFC reserves the right to immediately end the event.
  + Philanthropy events will be publicized on the fraternity and sorority life calendar if noted on the “Philanthropy Event Registration Form”
  + Attendance at Philanthropy Chair meetings in mandatory by at least one member of each chapter.
  + All philanthropies are subject to checks by IFC and/or PA
* Regulation:
  + Class 1: Each chapter is permitted 1 per semester (2 per year)
    - If 2 events are held in a year, 1 of the events must involve a partnership between at least 2 other fraternity and/or sorority organizations.
    - Must be open to all members of the fraternity and sorority community. “New member specific” events are not allowed.
  + Class 2: Each chapter is not limited to a number of philanthropies in this class
  + Class 3: Each chapter is not limited to a number of philanthropies in this class
    - If 25 % of a chapter is in attendance, that chapter will receive one   
      “non-alc” point upon completion.

Violation of Guidelines:

* Failure to abide by the Philanthropy Guidelines Policy will result in a scheduled mediation with the Vice President of Service and Philanthropy (IFC), the Vice President of Community Service and Engagement (PA), a Cliff Alexander Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life advisor, and the President and Philanthropy Chair of the chapter in question.

Results:

* Issues from over-programming will be alleviated s each chapter is allowed only one philanthropy per semester and no more than two events will occur in the same week or on the same day.
* Confusion over event definitions and registration procedures is eliminated as events are clearly classified and accounted for on registration form.
* A master calendar of events will be created and accessible to philanthropy chairs for event planning purposes.
* Chapters will receive earlier notification of philanthropies due to the increase in publicity via IFC and PA.
* Attendance at each chapter’s events will increase due to the increase in publicity and decreased programming.
* Promotes service and outreach within the fraternity and sorority community to better it as a whole.