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**PHI DELTA THETA DECISION LETTER**

An investigation of alleged policy violations conducted by Phi Delta Theta opened on September 29, 2014. The investigation began when Phi Delta Theta President, \_\_\_\_\_, reported that his chapter had hosted a tailgate at Qualcomm Stadium on September 27, 2014 where common-source alcohol was present. Additionally, \_\_\_\_\_ informed us that Delta Gamma was also invited to the tailgate. At this point, the investigation focused on the following policies within the Student Organization Handbook:

***Chapter 4-2: Alcohol***

*Unless held at a licensed establishment with professional bartenders, hard liquor (alcoholic beverages other than beer or wine) shall not be consumed at organization events.*

***Chapter 4-6: Alcohol***

*No organization shall permit any person who is under the age of 21 or who is obviously intoxicated to consume alcoholic beverages at organization functions. Use of wristbands and/or private security guards hired to check age identification may be required. At joint functions each organization is responsible for keeping those under the age of 21 from consuming alcoholic beverages.*

***Chapter 4-15: Alcohol***

*Unless a waiver is granted by Student Life & Leadership, the purchase and/or use of any bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages or providing a common source of alcohol (e.g., kegs, miniature kegs, alcoholic punch, coolers filled with canned beer, open bars, etc.) is expressly prohibited. (A keg shell present on organization premises shall be considered evidence of a violation of this policy.) Organizations that attend a jointly-sponsored event where a common source of alcohol is present shall have ten minutes to either have the source removed or have all members leave the function; otherwise, all participating organizations become jointly responsible for the presence of the common source of alcohol.*

On October 8, 2014, Phi Delta Theta was assigned Interim Suspension by the Vice President for Student Affairs office. Following their interim sanction, Jordan Lewton and I met with Phi Delta Theta Fraternity on October 16, 2014 to discuss alleged policy violations that occurred on September 27, 2014.

During our informal conference, President \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed that there were two, five-gallon Gatorade containers that were filled with mixed alcohol beverages containing liquor. \_\_\_\_\_ indicated that there was no attempt to remove the alcohol and that he walked away to attempt to develop a solution. \_\_\_\_\_ eventually left the tailgate due to internal challenges within the chapter. \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed that Delta Gamma was also at the tailgate.

The severity of the alleged Alcohol policy violations resulted in interim suspension of the fraternity on October 8, 2014. During my investigation of the policy violations, Phi Delta Theta has acted within the terms of the interim suspension and has been cooperative with all policies and requests.

I have concluded that Phi Delta Theta is responsible for the Alcohol policies, specifically 4-2, 4-6 and 4-15. After the conclusion of the investigation, Phi Delta Theta's interim suspension is lifted. The chapter is assigned a sanction of 16 weeks of probation, effective September 27, 2014 and concluding January 17, 2015. In addition to probation, Phi Delta Theta must complete the following stipulations:

- All on and off campus activities should be approved by the district alumni association and Greek Life staff at SDSU. Alcohol is prohibited at all events, including those off campus, during the entire probation period.
- Leadership and brotherhood development activities should be planned and implemented once a month during the term of the probation utilizing campus resources with 90% chapter membership in attendance.
- The fraternity's incoming executive board and new member education offices must be approved by the Local Board of Directors and SDSU Greek Life Staff.

Lastly, it should be noted that during the time of the incident and investigation there were deep internal concerns going on in the chapter. While they are not fully resolved, I am confident that with advising, intentional programming and commitment from the brothers, the chapter can grow from the experience. I hope the outcome of the investigation will contribute to Phi Delta Theta's success at San Diego State University.

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