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To Patterson Court Presidents and New Member Educators,

Please let me take this opportunity to clear up some confusion regarding the requirement that students must have a 2.0 GPA in order to join a Patterson Court organization. Some groups have defined the term "join" narrowly to mean "initiate" and have allowed students with lower GPAs to participate in new member education (pledge) activities. This is a misunderstanding of the policy and may result in considerable trouble for the individuals and the groups involved.

The policy was designed to give those students with low GPAs an opportunity to bring their grades up before taking on the additional responsibilities and time commitments of house membership. Allowing or encouraging a student to participate in pledge activities is clearly not within the spirit of the policy and undermines its purpose. Houses and individuals participating in such activities will be found to be in violation of the policy and will face possible sanctions. If your house is allowing students with low GPAs to participate in pledging activities, please discontinue that practice immediately. Houses which continue to include students with low GPAs in pledging activities will be found in violation of the policy and will face sanctions. If those students improve their academic records this semester, they may be encouraged to begin new member activities next fall. In the meantime, they may be included in activities in which other guests of the organization are in attendance (e.g. open parties; date functions) but not at "members only" or pledging events.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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