



FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Tucker Hipps Transparency Act Report

Spring 2020

Pursuant to Act 259, Section 59-101-210 of the SC Code Laws requires that the public institutions, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, report certain violations, contents, availability, and redress for violations. A public institution of higher learning shall submit to the Commission on Higher Education a statement within fourteen calendar days that the reports have been updated as required in subsection (A)(4). The commission shall publish on their webpage a link to your institution's updated reports. http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/4521.htm

Reported incidents for the 2019-2020 academic year are being reviewed and assessed. Please review this page for further updates.

Kappa Alpha Order

Violation Date: 10/25/2016
Charge Date: 10/26/2016
Investigation Initiated: 10/26/2016 Organization was placed on Interim Suspension
Incident Description: University was alerted by the fraternity advisor of off-campus incident that was verbal with no evidence of physical contact. Due to the nature of the verbal context, the incident met the criteria for hazing activity
University Charge(s): Organization was charged with violation of hazing policy.
Findings: Responsible
Sanctions/Resolution: Suspended until 2/5/17. Nine officers removed from office; extensive risk management and hazing education training imposed.

Delta Sigma Theta

Violation Date: 2/2016
Charge Date: 3/14/2016 Organization was placed on Interim Suspension
Investigation Initiated: 3/11/2016
Incident Description: University was notified by the South Atlantic Regional Office of alleged hazing activities at an off-campus location. Potential new members were required to attend excessively long meetings and stand for long periods of time and coerced to eat particular foods Due to the nature of the activity, the incident met the criteria for hazing activity.
University Charges(s): Organization was charged with violation of hazing policy.
Findings: Responsible

Sanctions/Resolution: Suspension effective immediately until 5/31/2019; due to past behaviors, probation for one academic year upon reactivation on campus, if determined the chapter will be allowed to return; educational success planning training.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Violation Date: 4/13/2015
Charge Date: 4/14/2015 Organization was placed on Interim Suspension
Investigation Initiated: 4/14/2015
Incident Description: Vandalism of University owned/controlled property by potential new members of the fraternity. Individual students took responsibility for property damages. However, there was enough evidence to hold the fraternity to a level of responsibility due to a failure in managing the process thereby affecting the campus community.
University Charge(s): The fraternity received an admonition with conditions.
Findings: The fraternity was held responsible for ineffective recruitment oversight.
Sanctions/Resolution: Probation effective immediately through 5/31/2016; Fraternity also required to complete an educational and success action plan.

Omega Psi Phi

Violation Date: 2/2015
Charge Date: 3/16/2015 Organization was placed on Interim Suspension
Investigation Initiated: 3/18/2015
Incident Description: The fraternity failed to follow University policy regarding new membership intake activities. Fraternity failed to submit intake documentation for official approval before conducting membership intake activities.
University Charge(s): Failure to comply with the directions of an University official; violation or attempted violation or incitement of others to violate policy.
Findings: Responsible for compliance violations.
Sanctions/Resolution: Due to the failure to be compliant with the membership intake process, the potential risk of hazing was heightened. Therefore, the fraternity was suspended immediately until 12/31/2015 with probation through 5/31/2015. In addition, educational effectiveness training was required in addition to creating a Success Action Plan.