



FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Tucker Hipps Transparency Act Report

Spring 2022

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

Spring 2022

Kappa Delta Sorority

Violation Date:	Fall 2020
Charge Date:	02/02/2022
Investigation Initiated:	02/02/2022
Incident Description:	University was alerted by Kappa Delta National officers on February 2, 2022 of an alleged hazing incident against members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority. According to the information reported during the Spring 2022 semester, members alleged during Fall 2020 recruitment activities that included underage drinking and other incautious behavior at an off-campus location.
University Charge(s):	FMU worked with the National Organization who charged the chapter with violations of Sorority protocol and membership development
Findings:	Responsible by National Organization and upheld by FMU.
Sanctions/Resolution:	The chapter was placed on an immediate suspension February 2, 2022 during the investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, chapter suspension lifted April 29, 2022. Three chapter leaders were suspended from the organization effective immediately and new officers appointed. Chapter members will work with national leadership team on three year action plan focused on safety, membership/membership retention, and leadership. Chapter members will have to participate in Alcohol Awareness training conducted by National leadership member development officers. They will also assist the Dean of Students Office with campus Alcohol Awareness activities in October 2022.

Fall 2021

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2021

Pi Kappa Alpha

Violation Date:	02/13/2021
Charge Date:	03/26/2021
Investigation Initiated:	02/15/2021
Incident Description:	University was alerted by FMU Campus Police of an on-campus incident involving several chapter members. Organization members hosted a campus gathering in chapter assigned housing in violation of posted COVID policy and included underage consumption.
University Charge(s):	Organization was charged with violations of Alcohol policy & Failure to Comply (COVID Policy).
Findings:	Responsible
Sanctions/Resolution:	Conduct Probation until 12/31/2021. Organization members required to assist with upcoming campus wide Alcohol Awareness month activities in October 2021. Members must also complete a resident student Rights & Responsibilities seminar sponsored by the Dean of Students Office during the first week of the fall academic term.

Fall 2020

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2020

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2019

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2019

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2018

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2018

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2017

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2017

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2016

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.

Spring 2016

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.