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Sigma Alpha Mu

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have completed my investigation into the alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct by Sigma Alpha Mu reported to the Dean of Students (DOS). The allegations pertain to behavior described below:

On April 22, 2026, the Dean of Students Office received a report that Sigma Alpha Mu's new members were being subjected to hazing. Specifically, the report stated that new members had experienced burns from hot liquids, forced consumption of alcohol, alcohol poisoning, and blackouts, resulting in the hospitalization of Sigma Alpha Mu members. The reported conduct is alleged to have created an environment that endangers UA students.

As a result, on April 23, 2026, DOS notified Sigma Alpha Mu that the organization was being placed on *Interim Loss of Recognition* while DOS investigated alleged violations of the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) Student Code of Conduct. The Interim Loss of Recognition prohibited hosting, attending, participating, and sponsoring any organizational activities, including contact with new members, and use of university facilities until the final disposition of this case.

The Scope of the Investigation was to determine, based on the preponderance of evidence, whether there is sufficient evidence that Sigma Alpha Mu violated the ABOR Student Code of Conduct:

Code of Conduct/2. Endangering / Threat / Cause Harm - Endangering, threatening, or causing physical harm to any member of the university community or to oneself, causing reasonable apprehension of such harm or engaging in conduct or communications that a reasonable person would interpret as a serious expression of intent to harm.

Code of Conduct/4. Other Published Rules - Violation of, or attempt to violate, other rules that may be adopted by Board or by the university.

Code of Conduct/15. Alcohol - Violation of Board or university rules or applicable laws governing alcohol, including consumption, distribution, unauthorized sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages.

Code of Conduct/19. Hazing - Engaging in, supporting, promoting, or sponsoring hazing or violating Board or University rules governing hazing.

Code of Conduct/26. Violation of State or Federal Law - Commission of any offense prohibited by state or federal law or local ordinance.

Per the Student Disciplinary Procedures (ABOR 5-403), Sigma Alpha Mu was provided with the opportunity to respond to the Student Code of Conduct Charges. A meeting was scheduled with organizational leadership for April 29, 2026.

On April 29, 2026, prior to the Sigma Alpha Mu and DOS meeting, a member of [REDACTED] provided DOS with a video. The video depicted Sigma Alpha Mu new members being subjected to hazing and was being circulated among the greater Fraternity & Sorority Programs (FSP) community, allegedly by members of Sigma Alpha Mu. A copy of the video was provided to the University of Arizona Police Department (UAPD), who requested that DOS pause its investigation so that UAPD could further investigate the contents of the video.

On May 1, 2026, UAPD served initial search warrants at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house. During the search, a chapter leader was found to be in possession of cocaine. On or around this date, DOS also determined that the chapter leader was not enrolled during the spring 2026 semester.

On June 15, 2026, DOS contacted Sigma Alpha Mu Headquarters (HQ) to confirm a new student point of contact for the chapter and to reschedule the postponed administrative hearing.

On June 18, 2026, DOS met with [REDACTED] student organization officer; [REDACTED], HQ Executive Director; and Greer Vinall, Associate Director, FSP. The charge letter and alleged Student Code of Conduct violations were discussed, along with information about the video previously provided to DOS. Sigma Alpha Mu leadership acknowledged having seen the video and having previously discussed it with the chapter's executive board members.

According to [REDACTED] the video was created by the spring 2026 new members after DOS sent the Notice of Investigation on April 23, 2026. [REDACTED] stated that "the video was not good" and that "things got taken too far." [REDACTED] confirmed that much of the footage was filmed at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house and that the video depicts new and active members, but the active members shown were primarily those with "no significant leadership role" within the organization. [REDACTED] confirmed that, based on the attire worn by the new members in the video, many of the video clips were captured just before or after official chapter events such as chapter meetings and new member education sessions.

[REDACTED] described one of the active members, who was seen in the video multiple times, as a problematic member of the chapter who had prior interactions with the chapter's Judicial Board (J-Board). In fall 2025, the J-Board instructed this active member not to interact with new members after the active member was determined to be responsible for an alcohol-related incident involving new

members. Despite the J-Board's determination and instruction, Sigma Alpha Mu opted not to expel the active member from the organization. According to [REDACTED], the active member continued to interact with new members without repercussions, and in spring 2026, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told new members to "stay away" from this active member.

On March 23, 2026, [REDACTED] saw the aforementioned active member and another active member "giggling" as they exited the chapter room at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house, where new members were meeting for a new-member education session and/or studying. [REDACTED] entered the chapter room because he heard commotion and learned that these active members had poured boiling butter over the heads of two new members. [REDACTED] reported this incident to the chapter President and New Member Educator. [REDACTED] does not believe that the incident was reported to DOS or Headquarters.

The active member with prior concerns was expelled by the J-Board, but the second active member was not. The J-Board determined that the expelled member was the "main antagonist" and, because the other active member did not plan to return to the chapter the following year, Sigma Alpha Mu decided not to expel him from the organization.

Throughout the course of this investigation, [REDACTED] was generally responsive to questions and DOS's request for additional information.

In making a determination in this matter, I considered all the relevant information gathered by the Dean of Students Office, including:

- The video provided to DOS was made up of 21 individual clips of different hazing incidents involving new members.
- Sigma Alpha Mu's acknowledgment that the video provided to DOS was made by new members and depicted activities occurring at the chapter house, related to chapter activities, and included involvement of active members.
- The environment present at the Sigma Alpha Mu chapter facility and at new member events was conducive to endangering university students.
- The bodily harm of a new member during a new member event that resulted in injury and required medical treatment.
- Sigma Alpha Mu's acknowledgment that at least one active member was prohibited from interacting with new members after being found responsible for an incident involving new members and large quantities of alcohol.
- Information from UAPD that a live-in chapter leader was in possession of cocaine during a search of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house.
- Information provided by UAPD stating that active and new members were uncooperative throughout the investigative process.
- New members during interviews with UAPD denied any knowledge of hazing activities, revealing a culture of secrecy and potential fear of retaliation.
- Information provided by new members to DOS throughout the course of this investigation.

The definition of hazing as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and the University's Hazing Policy (SA-204) "means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against a Student, regardless of the Student's willingness to participate"

On April 28, 2026, DOS was provided with a video made up of 21 individual video clips. The individual clips and the video as a whole depicted behavior(s) consistent with the allegations that new members of Sigma Alpha Mu were subjected to hazing.

The alleged hazing behaviors were verified during Sigma Alpha Mu's June 18, 2026, meeting with DOS as having occurred at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house before, during, and after official organizational activities, including chapter meetings and new member education meetings. On at least one date, a new member was injured as a result of these behaviors. Chapter leadership's absence and/or unawareness of the incidents was offered as a rationale for why/how the harmful and hazing behaviors occurred. This explanation, however, demonstrates that hazing behavior is embedded in Sigma Alpha Mu's membership culture. The University's responsibility is to create a safe and welcoming environment on campus for all students. To do so, fraternities are expected to work with DOS and communicate any concerns immediately. Sigma Alpha Mu failed to share information with DOS in an attempt to conceal what occurred, based on a perceived impact to the organization, rather than considering the immediate safety and well-being of its members. This lack of disclosure and communication creates additional risk to UA students and the university at large.

Although UAPD's investigation remains ongoing, preliminary information provided to DOS by UAPD confirms the seriousness of the allegations and conduct. Per UAPD, Sigma Alpha Mu members are being charged with violations of state and federal law. The charges outlined by UAPD include misdemeanor charges for hazing and felony charges for assault and drug violations.

The information provided substantiates the allegations of Code of Conduct item 2. Endangering / Threat / Cause Harm, 4. Other Published Rules, 16. Drug, 19. Hazing, and 26. Violation of State or Federal Law.

The admission that Sigma Alpha Mu had a prior internal disciplinary record related to an active member responsible for a new member's overconsumption of alcohol, and that the J-Board had prohibited that member from interacting with new members, is of serious concern. Information provided by HQ indicated that it was ultimately a J-Board decision whether to expel the responsible member from the organization; however, this does not alleviate the organization's responsibility to ensure that its chapter leaders address behavior that impacts the safety and well-being of its members and/or report this information to DOS for our office to address.

The information provided substantiates the allegations of Code of Conduct item 15. Alcohol.

Furthermore, having an active member of an organization who is not only prohibited from having any interaction with new members but then defies this expectation with no consequence exhibits the organization's blatant disregard for the safety and well-being of its new members and further demonstrates that the organizational culture of Sigma Alpha Mu is not in alignment with the expectations for student organizations at the University of Arizona.

It is equally concerning that, at the time of these alleged incidents, the chapter was led by an individual who was not enrolled as a UA student, and that the local Chapter Advisor is relatively unknown and/or non-communicative with the chapter leaders.

Aggravating Factors:

On November 14, 2025, Sigma Alpha Mu was found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct items: 2. Endangering/Threatening/Causing Harm and 15. Alcohol. Sigma Alpha Mu was placed on *University Probation* pending the completion of all other sanctions.

On April 16, 2026, Sigma Alpha Mu was found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct items: 7. Failure to Comply and 8. Forgery. Sigma Alpha Mu was placed on *Activities Suspension* pending the completion of all sanctions and *University Probation* through January 18, 2027.

Conclusion:

Based on the totality of the information provided to DOS throughout this investigation, I find it more likely than not that there was a violation of the Arizona Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct items:

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Due to the serious and dangerous nature of this finding, along with Sigma Alpha Mu's aggravated status of being on Activities Suspension and University Probation for multiple code of conduct violations, the fraternity is sanctioned with **Loss of Recognition** effective immediately through **May 2031**. Upon the expiration of the loss of recognition, should the organization desire to rejoin the Fraternity and Sorority Community, it must seek recognition in accordance with the Fraternity & Sorority Programs Recognition Policy.

Loss of Recognition means the withdrawal of the fraternity as a recognized student organization due to the dangerous nature of the incident on the university campus. An unrecognized student organization cannot participate in any university-sponsored events and loses all privileges afforded to it, including the use of university facilities, equipment, and services.

A copy of the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Disciplinary Procedures can be found at the following:

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

[Student Disciplinary Procedures](#)

The Student Disciplinary Procedures provide for a formal appeal of this case to a University Hearing Board. **To secure an appeal, go to [\[appeal link\]](#) or submit a written statement of appeal to the Dean of Students Office, within ten (10) business days (August 12, 2026).** Please refer to the disciplinary procedures enclosed. Submit all correspondence to:

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