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Dear Alpha Eta chapter brothers,

This message serves as written notice that the Executive Committee (EC) of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity has suspended the Alpha Eta chapter charter. The EC voted to approve the charter suspension on Feb. 21, 2022. Therefore, the Alpha Eta chapter is, as a result of this, suspended immediately and for an indefinite period.

A membership review was held at the Alpha Eta chapter, and the review committee concluded that the charter should be suspended. The EC was saddened to learn of the accountability issues within the chapter, including events related to hazing within its Preparation for Brotherhood pledge education program and its members' disregard for risk management policies put in place by the university and International Fraternity. The EC was left with no other option than to close the chapter.

While it is the Fraternity's goal to return the chapter to the University of Iowa, we have not, at this time, produced a timetable for doing so. As you can surely understand, we want to be certain that our next effort to establish a Sigma Chi presence at the university will create an environment that supports the character development of every man who ultimately joins the Fraternity. Most importantly, we will partner with the university to ensure that all future members of the chapter can be successful in their endeavors. Therefore, we will periodically evaluate the university environment and the state of its Greek-letter community to determine the earliest possibility for a return to campus.

The International Fraternity owns the brand, images and trademarks associated with Sigma Chi. Accordingly, under the relationship statement defining the rights and privileges afforded to chapters and the similar statement defining the rights of members of the Fraternity, the members' rights and the chapter to use Sigma Chi's protected marks are now rescinded. Therefore, if the chapter or any of its current undergraduate members engage in any activity that is conceived of as a Sigma Chi activity, the International Fraternity will be compelled to pursue the maximum remedies afforded to us, including potentially taking legal action against those responsible.

Additionally, should any underground activity take place that creates the perception that members of the chapter are engaged in fraternal activities under a different name or banner, Sigma Chi's Executive Committee will act on the terms spelled out in ECR 7.01-3.1, provided below for your convenience.

***E7.01-3.1** The Executive Committee, upon its own motion or upon referral of a Grand Officer or the Chapter and Member Accountability Committee, may suspend or revoke the membership of any member of an undergraduate chapter whose charter has been suspended or revoked if the member of the former chapter continues to engage in activities typical of an undergraduate chapter, whether or not such activities are conducted in the name of Sigma Chi, his former chapter, or under a substitute or underground organization organized or operating for fraternal*

*purposes. Any member of a former chapter whose membership in Sigma Chi is suspended or revoked may request review by a trial board under S7.01 and related Executive Committee Regulations. Such brother shall have the burden of proving that he has not continued to engage in fraternal activities as specified above. This process may also be used to suspend or revoke the membership of any alumnus of the Fraternity who assists, aids or abets the efforts of any member of an undergraduate chapter whose charter has been suspended or revoked in engaging in activities prohibited under this section.*

I hope that you understand why these decisions were necessary for the overall good of Sigma Chi. Please know that it is heartbreaking when the Fraternity loses a chapter, but the severity of these circumstances made our decision. As I encourage the lines of communication between the Fraternity and its members to remain open and honest, please contact our associate executive director at International Fraternity Headquarters, Bill Scott, **ARIZONA 1980**, with any questions you may have. He may be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Fraternally,



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72nd Grand Consul