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Fraternity / Sorority Chapter Arrest & Citation Accountability Process Fall 2021

The Arrest & Citation Policy values self-governance for fraternity and sorority chapters and meaningful accountability for members of our chapters. The process outlines the following steps for chapters.

Chapters must create strong messaging around expectations of ALL members (both new and active). Changing the culture around illegal behavior (such as using a fake id, being in bars after 10 pm, etc.) as well as the internal outcomes of the chapter's accountability process must begin in chapters. It is important to discourage (new) members from participating in risky behaviors as well as assuring them, should they choose to make these choices anyway, that accountability processes will be utilized. Below is the expected sequence for handling arrests and citations:

1. Chapter (new) members who are arrested or cited are expected to report the issue to their chapter's executive officer responsible for accountability within 24 hours.
2. The chapter must follow their internal accountability process within their specified timeline (presumably no more than 1-2 weeks).
3. The chapter will report the outcome of the accountability board process via the form within 5 days of completing the process.

It is the University of Iowa's expectation, that (new) members are not removed from chapters (or at least rosters, for a time) as a matter of course or due to a single incident. In fact, chapters who simply remove members, without process, explanation, and cause, are not engaging in self-governance in the majority of cases. Meaningful action that holds a (new) member accountable, supports their growth, self-reflection, and change, is the intended outcome of this policy.

Resources are available to assist your chapter in utilizing (or enhancing) your chapter accountability process. Dr. Anita Cory, Office of Student Accountability, (319.335.1527 or anita-cory@uiowa.edu) is available to consult with chapters on internal accountability processes, as are the Fraternity & Sorority Life Programs staff.

Chapters that do not engage in active self-governance and meaningful accountability with their members, those that do not participate in this process, may have the opportunity to appear before their respective Council's Judicial Board or with the Office of Student Accountability once Arrest & Citation reports are compiled after the end of the semester.

Reporting out regarding your chapter's process is simple. Complete the form for each (new) member arrest or citation (<https://dos.uiowa.edu/fsl-reporting-form>) **after** the chapter's accountability process is completed. It is important that the information provided is clear, thorough, and accurate. Falsification of any part of the report may result in individual accountability under the Code of Student Life.