

Villanova University Anti-Hazing Report – August 2022 Update

August 2017 – August 2022

Name of Subject: Sigma Nu
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: N/A – Other administrative action taken
General Description of Violation: In February 2017, Villanova received notice that Radnor Police had responded to incident involving fraternity members, which indicated potential violation of University anti-hazing policy. Anonymous reports also received.
Investigation & Findings: Matter was investigated by Public Safety. Insufficient evidence to support hazing charge. Student Life took administrative action for other unrelated behavior inconsistent with University’s mission as a Catholic and Augustinian institution and not congruent with organization values. Organization placed on Organizational Suspension, pending completion of action plan requirements, including revision of internal procedures and participation in various education and training initiatives.
Date Matter was Resolved: September 27, 2017

Name of Subject: University Band
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: N/A
General Description of Violation: Instructor reported allegations by student indicating potential violation of University anti-hazing policy.
Investigation and Findings: Matter was investigated by Public Safety, which included interviews with several band members. Insufficient evidence to support hazing charge. Student Life imposed educational requirements.
Date Matter was Resolved: December 20, 2018

Name of Subject: Delta Sigma Theta
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: N/A – Other organizational action taken
General Description of Violation: Report of improper intake processes conducted by non-student organization members in violation of policy and organizational rules, including verbal and physical hazing activities.
Investigation & Findings: Matter was investigated by national organization and by Public Safety. Organization activities were temporarily suspended, and changes were made to organizational advising structure. Educational requirements were imposed, and national organization removed affiliation of those involved.
Date Matter was Resolved: January 2019

Name of Subject: Phi Delta Theta
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: November 18, 2019
General Description of Violation: Report of hazing among pledge class, involving forced consumption of food and tobacco products, forced exercise, and other conduct with potential to cause embarrassment.

Investigation and Findings: Matter was investigated by Public Safety and referred to the Office of the Dean of Students for disciplinary review. Organization was charged and found responsible for hazing and dishonesty, and recognition of the organization was terminated.
Date Matter was Resolved: December 13, 2019
Name of Subject: Phi Sigma Pi
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: April 25, 2021
General Description of Violation: Dean of Students Office received report regarding potential hazing activity and a violation of the alcohol policy involving coerced alcohol consumption during the new member process.
Investigation and Findings: Following investigation by the Dean of Students Office, the organization accepted responsibility for violation of University anti-hazing and alcohol policies. Disciplinary sanctions and educational requirements were imposed.
Date Matter was Resolved: April 28, 2021
Name of Subject: Sigma Phi Epsilon
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: May 18, 2021
General Description of Violation: In April 2021, Villanova received notice that Tredyffrin Township Police had responded to an incident involving fraternity members, which indicated potential violation of University anti-hazing policy.
Investigation and Findings: Matter was investigated by Public Safety and referred to the Office of the Dean of Students for disciplinary review. Organization was found not responsible by a Conduct Review Board. Educational requirements were imposed by Student Life.
Date Matter was Resolved: May 27, 2021
Name of Subject: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: N/A – other administrative action taken
General Description of Violation: University received report of potential improper new member practices, including verbal and physical hazing activities.
Investigation and Findings: Matter was investigated by Public Safety. Student Life took administrative action; organization was temporarily prohibited from operating and also required to complete numerous action steps in order to return to good standing.
Date Matter was Resolved: February 1, 2022
Name of Subject: Delta Gamma
Date Subject Charged w/ Violation: N/A – investigation ongoing
General Description of Violation: In June 2022, the University received a report of potential improper new member practices that took place in March 2022, including alcohol violations and verbal hazing activities.
Investigation and Findings: Matter was referred to Public Safety. Investigation is ongoing and final resolution is pending.
Date Matter was Resolved: Pending