BIGGER PICTURE
FRATERNITY VALUE: HONOR AND RESPECT
SUGGESTED FACILITATOR: VICE PRESIDENT EVENT PLANNING

Goals:
• To discuss the bigger picture of the Fraternity beyond your campus and how that plays a part in the actions of all chapter members.
• To educate chapter members on the Fraternity structure.

Room set-up/materials needed:
• Make sure you have enough room for participants to sit comfortably in small groups. It is recommended you have one member of Executive Council in each small group to act as a guide. They should not lead the conversation, only help give direction to those members who need help understanding the discussion questions.
• A pen or pencil for each member
• Copies of “Fraternity Facts vs. Fiction” handout, found at the end of this seminar, for all members

Getting Started

Talking points are indicated with a callout bullet (†). Please use these as speaking guidelines, but be sure to jazz up the presentation with your own personality. Facilitation instructions are indicated with an arrow (→) and serve as hints you might find helpful when administering the material. Most importantly, have fun!

Instructions

† Introduce the activity.

Sometimes we get so caught up in our day-to-day lives and obligations to our campus we forget why we joined Pi Phi in the first place, and what makes up this organization on the international level. No, Grand Council does not live at Headquarters, and yes, they are volunteers, but more than that, there is a world of Pi Phi beyond college that all members should consider as equally important as their own chapter and collegiate experience. This Leading with Values seminar will help members understand just how big our Fraternity is.

Fraternity Facts vs. Fiction

→ Pass out the “Fraternity Facts vs. Fiction” handout. You may complete this section one of two ways. First, have each member read and work through each question on her own writing down her own answers. Then, have members break up into groups to discuss their answers to each question. Bring all of the groups back together and share what the groups came up with for each question. Or, break members up into groups, have each member answer the first question, discuss their answer with their small group, bring everyone together to discuss as a big group and then move on to the second question. Whichever option you choose, make sure it is time and logistically appropriate.

→ Below are some helpful answers you might want to make sure are included when the big group is sharing:
  • What are some parts of chapter life that are the same for all chapters?
  • You’re looking for answers such as: All ceremonies including Initiation, philanthropic partners, expected adherence to the Pi Beta Phi Constitution and Statutes, Executive Council structure and Ritual.
• What are some parts of chapter life that are different among chapters?
  • You are looking for answers such as: Recruitment themes, bylaws, social functions and committee chairs.

• How is a collegiate chapter supported by the Fraternity?
  • You’re looking for answers such as: AAC, Regional Teams, Grand Council, LDCs, alumnae organizations, etc.
  • Remind members that all these women are working on your behalf.
  • See the Fraternity Information Packet for contact information for all collegiate regional specialists and directors. This is located under “All Collegiate Officers” in the Resource Library.

• What does AAC stand for and what is their purpose?
  • AAC stands for Alumnae Advisory Committee
  • Remind members that AAC is your chapter’s direct resource. They are there to guide and coach you through chapter life from their own training and personal experience.

• What collegiate region is your chapter in and what are two other chapters in your region? What is the purpose of the Collegiate Regional Team?
  • Reference the map on the worksheet to show you which region your chapter is located in.
  • The regional team is the next resource after AAC to help your chapter, answer questions and guide you to be a more successful chapter!

• What does LDC stand for and what is her purpose while visiting your chapter?
  • LDC stands for Leadership Development Consultant. This woman is a recent college graduate, so she knows what you’re going through as she just went through it herself! She has visited several other Pi Phi chapters and will be able to give you fresh ideas and a new perspective, so reach out to her as much as you can! (For more information, visit the LDC Visitor Guide located on the Resource Library under Vice President of Event Planning.)

Discussion Questions

After the small groups have come up with their answers, have everyone get back together in the large group to share their thoughts.

• During the large group discussion, you may want to ask a few of these follow-up questions
• Why is it important to know which chapters are in our region?
• How can we reach out to some other chapters this semester for new ideas?
• How can we appreciate our AAC once this semester?
• What will you personally do to get the most out of your LDC or Fraternity visitor?
• SENIOR QUESTION: What is one way you are going to stay involved in the Fraternity after graduation, in addition to joining an alumnae organization?
Final Wrap-Up

Closing statements

As we leave here today and go back to our day-to-day lives, it is important for us to remember the thousands of Pi Phi’s just like us all over the country. There is a network of sisters that stretches from coast to coast, so what are some ways we can connect with our sisters across the country?

- Register to take part in Pi Beta Phi’s biennial convention held on odd numbered years.
- Become a fan of Pi Beta Phi on Facebook and make connections with thousands of other fans. Or, follow Pi Beta Phi on the Blog, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and join the Linked In group.
- Update your profile on Pi Beta Phi’s website.
- Wear your Pi Phi letters proudly while traveling and look for others doing the same!
- These are just a few ways we can connect with the Pi Phi bigger picture to understand just how big the Fraternity structure reaches and how important it can be to each one of us.

Thank everyone for coming.

Evaluation: Don’t forget to help the Fraternity assess this program! The program facilitator as well as a member of each class should be asked to visit the Leading with Values website, www.pibetaphi.org/leadingwithvalues, to fill out a quick survey. Remember, the name of this seminar is Bigger Picture.

The chapter’s Vice President of Member Development should remember to record the presentation of this program in the chapter’s monthly regional report.
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