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**Kappa Sigma**  
**IFC Judicial Committee Outcome**  
*Tuesday August 23, 2016*

At an IFC Judicial Committee hearing on May 9, 2016, Kappa Sigma was found responsible for the following policy violations:

*FSILG Social Event Policy*

**IV. Social Event Registration**

B. Registration Timeline

1. Events that do not require a paid security detail and/or municipal approval shall be registered by 3:00pm on the Thursday immediately preceding the date on which the event is scheduled to occur. Same day registrations are not permitted.

**V. Management Requirements for House Events with Alcohol**

C. Alcohol

The serving of hard liquor is prohibited. No common source alcohol (e.g. kegs) will be permitted. All alcohol should be maintained in a centralized distribution location, and no other location can be used to distribute alcohol to guests.

*IFC Risk Management Policy*

**Procedures for Events with Alcohol**

**III. Control of Alcohol**

C. Alcohol must be attended at all times

*MIT Mind and Handbook*

**II. Policies Regarding FSILGS**

4. Risk Management Policies: Drugs and Alcohol

4. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to anyone under the legal drinking age.

9. No member or pledge, associate/new member, or novice shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in “drinking games.” The definition of drinking games includes but is not limited to the consumption of shots of alcohol, liquor, or alcoholic beverages; the practice of consuming shots equating to one’s age; “beer pong;” “Beirut;” “century club;” “dares” or any other activity involving the consumption of alcohol which involves duress or encouragement related to the consumption of alcohol.

As a result of this finding, the review board determined the following to be appropriate



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sanctioning taking in regard the specific events of the incident and Kappa Sigma's actions to prevent the incident from happening again:

1. Kappa Sigma must review and revise its risk management policy through consultation with the IFC Risk Manager and submit the revised policy to the FSILG Office for approval by September 30, 2016. A copy of the approval should be submitted to the JudComm Chair and Office of Student Citizenship.
2. Kappa Sigma must present the revised risk management policy to the chapter and turn in a sign-in sheet that shows 75% of chapter attendance at this presentation to the IFC JudComm Chair and a copy to the Office of Student Citizenship.
  - a. Provide the date, time, and location of this presentation to the IFC JudComm Chair and the Office of Student Citizenship in advance of the actual presentation.
  - b. This presentation should occur before Kappa Sigma's "Wet Wednesday" event.
  - c. Kappa Sigma cannot host events with alcohol until the risk management policy is approved and presented to the chapter as outline above.
3. Kappa Sigma must include an educational presentation on the revised risk management policy as a part of its new member education program and turn in a sign-in sheet that shows 50% of new member attendance. This must be done by October 21, 2016.

The Judicial Committee Hearing Review Board appreciated Kappa Sigma's accepting responsibility for several violations. In the sanctions applied, the Review Board sought to ensure efforts were made to prevent the incident from occurring again without obstructing the efforts the fraternity has made on its own to address the issues. The Board noted a disconnect between general members of the fraternity and chapter leadership regarding knowledge of risk management. As such, the sanctions were primarily oriented towards educating general members to prevent future violations.

Respectfully,

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Judicial Committee Chairman  
MIT Interfraternity Council