Senate Resolution 6-2016
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Resolution

Approving the Task Force on Sororities & Fraternities recommendations for University policies and actions toward fraternities and sororities on campus.

Whereas approximately 20% of sophomores and upperclassmen are in sororities and fraternities at Princeton University and even more students have interacted with Princeton’s unofficial Greek System during their time at Princeton,

Whereas the Princeton Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Senate established the formation of a Task Force on Sororities and Fraternities to further examine and assess student experiences with sororities and fraternities since the freshmen ban and the Report of the Working Group on Campus Social and Residential Life by the University.

Whereas the USG Senate recognizes the University’s non-recognition of fraternities and sororities; however, Princeton University students and students at Princeton University in sororities and fraternities are not mutually exclusive and USG recognizes the critical need for a change in the approach the University takes toward fraternities and sororities with respect to a variety of other campus issues, including, but not limited to sexual misconduct, mental health, safety, mentorship, and community building. Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government,

SECTION 1. Task Force Recommendations.

In accordance with § 305. Ad Hoc Committees and § 301. Advisory Power of the USG Senate Constitution, the USG Task Force on Sororities & Fraternities recommends a number of changes to the University, USG, and ODUS policy with regards to sororities and fraternities:

1) Recommends that there is more data collected about the experiences of students in fraternities and sororities. The number of students in fraternities and sororities has been rising since the freshman ban and there has been an increase in demand from students to join sororities and fraternities. Due to
the non-recognition of fraternities and sororities by the University, there is a lack of data of these student experiences. The Working Group on Campus Social and Residential Life by the University used data from USG’s 2007 Committee on Background and Opportunity (COMBO) Survey. There is a need for more recent data about these student experiences and a greater understanding of why students find that their experiences with fraternities and sororities are important or not to their campus experiences.

2) Calls Upon the University administration to allow SHARE to, in an official capacity, offer bystander intervention and sexual assault awareness training to Greek Life organizations at Princeton University.

   a. This recommendation was also listed in Resolution 5-2016 from the student Task Force on Sexual Misconduct.

3) Recommends that any future decisions and policy changes about fraternities and sororities and the University includes students, including students in fraternities and sororities, in the decision making process.

4) USG does not have an official stance on recognition of fraternities and sororities.

SECTION 2. Approval.

In accordance with § 301. Advisory Power of the USG Senate Constitution, the USG Senate adopts an approving position and endorses the recommendations of the USG Task Force on Sororities and Fraternities for undergraduates at Princeton University. The USG Senate calls upon the relevant University Offices, Staff, USG Administration, and Partners to swiftly implement the Task Force’s recommendations in all appropriate manners in line with the report.

Approved May 15, 2016.

With __ Voting Members of the Senate present and
By a Vote of __ In Favor, __ Against, and __ In Abstention

JEREMY BURTON ’18,
Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and
Presiding Officer of the Senate.

Attest:

DANIEL QIAN ’19,
Executive Secretary of the Senate.