

**The Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life
Student Fees Advisory Committee
SSF Request for FY2018
One-Time Funding Request**

The Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life (CFSL) is requesting a FY2018 one-time funding request of \$18,762 to initially fund the stipend, insurance, and professional development costs of a new **Graduate Assistant for Risk Education and Safety** for the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life. Growing our graduate student team within CFSL allows for CFSL to better meet its long term objectives of providing both chapter and council support, increasing programming interventions, and growing the quality of the fraternity/sorority experience on campus. Additionally, partnerships for additional graduate assistant opportunities allow for increased engagement with multiple graduate programs within the College of Education, most notably the Master's in Higher Education Administration program.

In adding to our graduate assistant team within CFSL, it is our intent to provide specific focus areas to our graduate staff. Our currently funded graduate assistant position will transition to a **Graduate Assistant for Leadership Development**, focusing on the planning and coordination of CFSL's leadership development programs, including but not limited to the Future Greek Leaders Academy, the Fraternity/Sorority Presidents' Leadership Summit, and other future leadership programs. This requested position will become the **Graduate Assistant for Risk Education and Safety**, focusing on risk management programming and policy within CFSL.

The addition of additional graduate staff within CFSL would also allow for a decrease in 'Chapter Coach' load for other staff in the Center. Currently, CFSL staff are assuming chapter coaching loads of up to 13 chapters, and this load is expected to increase as our portfolio of chapters nears 50+.

The **Graduate Assistant for Risk Education and Safety** responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Risk Management Education** – This GA position will focus on programs, initiatives, and partnerships related to risk education and safety. This includes community programming surrounding alcohol use, social event planning, sexual health, and hazing prevention. This will also include consultations for chapters and councils looking to increase their risk management policies, procedures, and expectations.
- **Chapter Coaching** – Graduate staff in CFSL serve as 'Chapter Coaches' for approximately 7-10 individual chapters in our fraternity/sorority community, providing direct advising and coaching support to chapter leaders and members.
- **Council Advising** – All CFSL staff serve as the staff advisor or co-advisor for one of our governing councils. Currently CFSL houses five (5) governing councils, with additional co-advising responsibilities for council special program and special projects (i.e. Houston Panhellenic Formal Recruitment).

The total estimated cost for funding the Graduate Assistant is as follows:

CFSL Graduate Assistant Monthly Stipend:	\$1,200.00 x 12 months
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CFSL Graduate Assistant Insurance Stipend:	\$1,800.00
CFSL Graduate Assistant Professional Development:	\$1,500.00
UH Administrative Charge	\$1,062.00
Total =	\$18,762.00

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The Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life (CFSL) is requesting a FY2018 one-time funding request of \$10,600 to continue to fund educational and social programmatic initiatives provided by the Fraternity/Sorority Program Board, an organization housed within the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life.

The mission of the Fraternity/Sorority Program Board is to “provide for effective management, positive and constructive program implementation, and worthwhile service to the community. The organization will provide quality, educational and entertaining programs that enhance fraternity/sorority life at the University of Houston. This organization shall be a learning laboratory where students develop leadership skills and acquire knowledge that will benefit their overall academic experience.” The creation of a central programming entity that meets the unique needs of fraternity/sorority members was outlined as a priority action item within both the CFSL departmental external review (which occurred in Spring 2014) and the Greek Life Task Force final report (completed in Fall 2014).

FSPB has set the following goals for their 2016-2017 academic year:

1. **Academics:** Provide programs and resources to assist with increasing council GPAs.
2. **Education:** Starting in October, host bi-monthly educational meetings with the presidents of the five councils, utilizing assessment tools and attendance records to determine their level of engagement.
3. **Outreach:** Assist in the process of increasing fraternity/sorority membership by 10% by the end of the 2016-2017 academic year through various university and FSPB sponsored programs, targeted marketing efforts, and collaboration with external partners.
4. **Service:** Reestablish the one-day fraternity/sorority service event called Greek Give during the fall 2016 semester.
5. **Engagement:** Increase athletic involvement through fraternity and sorority attendance at athletic events and increase alumni engagement working directly with the UH Alumni Association.

CFSL is committed to seeking funding sources for the Fraternity/Sorority Program Board that do not include asking fraternity/sorority members for additional funding and uses already established student fee structures. Since FSPB’s creation, they have been provided access to CFSL funds through an overflow cost center that assists them in their first two (2) years of operation (FY2016 & FY 2017).

Since the inception of the Fraternity/Sorority Program Board in Summer 2015, the Fraternity/Sorority Program Board has implemented multiple initiatives designed to increase the sense of community within Greek Life at the University of Houston. Programming/marketing initiatives, with their approximate program cost, for Fiscal Year 2016 are listed below:

It’s All Greek To Me Weeks of Welcome Event	\$200.00
FSPB Holiday Bash	\$415.00

Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) Annual Conference	\$750.00
60 th Anniversary of Greek Life Mini-Celebration	\$220.00
FSPB Games Night	\$550.00
FSPB Printing/Promotion/Marketing	\$650.00

The total estimated cost for funding the FSPB is as follows:

FSPB Major All-Greek Educational Keynote Speaker:	\$3,500.00
Funding for Fraternity/Sorority Awareness Week(end)/Greek Week:	\$3,000.00
Officer funding for Greek Leadership Conference [2 attendees]:	\$1,500.00
Additional funding for the following programmatic initiatives, including but not limited to:	\$1,500.00
-Greek-a-Palooza Weeks of Welcome Event	
-Greek 101 Educational Program	
Promotional Items for FSPB Marketing:	\$500.00
UH Administrative Charge	\$600.00
Total =	\$10,600.00