ACADEMIC MENTORING

The tutoring program consists of three areas: academic mentors for each new member, the brothers helping brothers program, and university tutoring assistance. Each of these programs is designed to ensure that any member or associate member that is experiencing difficulties with his academic performance, receives immediate assistance.

ACADEMIC MENTORS

An internal academic mentor program should be created to help brothers succeed academically.

- A list of each member’s major and minor should be compiled and distributed
- If a member is struggling in a subject, he should contact the VP of Academic Excellence
- The VP of Academic Excellence should then reference the major/minor list and find a member who specializes in the subject. If no member is majoring or minoring in the subject, the VP of Academic Excellence should send an e-mail to the house requesting a mentor on that subject. If the student struggling in the subject prefers, the VP of Academic Excellence can keep that member’s identity anonymous until a mentor is identified.
- Once a mentor has been identified, the VP of Academic Excellence should pair the struggling student and the mentor and encourage them to set a weekly meeting to cover the previous week’s assignments. The mentor should also request a calendar of that student’s exam dates and encourage him to prepare in advance and seek his consultation in any areas that might require review.
- If either party has a complaint with the other party, he should inform the VP of Academic Excellence and he should respond to the complaint accordingly.

BROTHERS HELPING BROTHERS

Every person has natural academic strengths and weaknesses. With a diverse brotherhood such as ours, we have the benefit of relying upon the strengths of our brothers to help support those areas where we are weak. The brothers helping brothers program allows brothers to volunteer to tutor in areas where they are strong. It also allows brothers who are struggling to request help in areas where they are having problems. Members of the scholarship review board should help match up brothers with the support that they need. Use the Academic Strengths Survey and the Academic Assistance Request Form that follow to implement this program. These forms should be turned in to the Vice President - Academic Excellence.

UNIVERSITY TUTORING ASSISTANCE

There will be occasions in which no members will be available to help a member who is having academic difficulties. In such cases, the scholarship review board should help that member locate someone within the university faculty or student body to tutor him. The Vice President - Academic Excellence should stay in frequent communication with your university’s academic assistance center (or equivalent) to maintain a list of available tutors. Tutoring services vary from university to university in both availability and expense. The tutoring expense should be paid for by the chapter in the following manner. If the member receiving the tutoring receives an A in the course, the chapter will pay 100% of the tutoring expense, 75% for a B and 25% for a C. If the member gets a D or F in the course, the expense is up to him to pay since it is deemed that he did not use the resources appropriately. This is up to the discretion of the scholarship review board.