

Delta Sigma Pi
South Central Provincial Council Meeting
Sunday March 07, 2010
Dallas, Texas

South Central Provincial Vice President Los Ellis opened the South Central Provincial Council meeting according to ritual at 9:13 am Sunday March 07, 2010 at the Marriot Dallas/Fort Worth Solana Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Brother Onuka Ibe served as Chancellor of the meeting and brother Alex Echeveste served as recording secretary.

Brother Onuka Ibe called the meeting to order

Brother Alexandria Echeveste conducted a roll call of delegates. Forty one (41) delegates out of fifty one (57) were present at this meeting. Quorum of the South Central Provincial Council is present. (Appendix A)

Motion to Amend Agenda- Remove one "b" from Kevin Weber

Motion: Gateway RVP

Second: Midwestern RVP

Motion Passed

Motion to adopt agenda

Motion Passed (See Appendix B)

Motion to approve minutes of the previous council meeting.

Motion: St. Louis Alumni

Second: Kansas City Alumni

Motion Passed

Review votes taken since the last meeting

None

See Appendix C for detailed reports:

Los Ellis presented the Provincial Vice President Report

Kevin Weber submitted the Gateway Region report

Jason Campagna submitted the Gulf South Region report

Gilbert Landras submitted the Gulf Western Region report

Henry McDaniel submitted the Midwestern Region report

Christina Wolf submitted the Southwestern Region report

Avery Moore submitted the Tornado Alley Region report

Los Ellis presented the Provincial Financial report
Discussion

Jerry Hotwagner presented the Alumni Development Committee report

Eta Tau has joined the meeting as approved by Provincial Vice President, Los Ellis. Forty two (42) delegates out of fifty one (57) are now present at this meeting.

Kris McDaniel presented the Community Service Committee report

Brandi Taylor presented the Professional Development Committee report Discussion

Amanda Wood presented the Scholastic Development Committee report

Old Business: None

Delta Nu has joined the meeting as approved by Provincial Vice President, Los Ellis. Forty three (43) delegates out of fifty one (57) are now present at this meeting.

New Business:

Los Ellis presented Provincial Budget for 2010-2011

Motion to approve budget

Motion: Lake Charles- Lagniappe

Second: Alpha Chi

Motion Passed (Appendix D)

Determine 2010-2011 Provincial Community Service Option-

Continue Ronald McDonald House

Adopt Reach out and Read

Motion to suspend orders of the day

Point of information- suspend rules for five minutes

Motion to suspend rules for five minutes

Motion- St. Louis Alumni

Second- Beta Epsilon

Motion Passed

Discussion

Resume Orders of the day

Motion to continue Ronald McDonald House

Motion: Lake Charles- Lagniappe

Second: Beta Zeta

Motion Passed

Determine the date & location options for 2012 LEAD Provincial Conference and Council Meeting

Discussion

Motion to suspend order to pass out ballots

Motion: Gamma Epsilon

Second: Zeta Nu

Motion passed

The location for the 2012 Provincial Conference & Council Meeting was decided in the following order by secret ballot: 1st Austin 2nd Houston 3rd Tulsa

Motion for Proposed Dates: Los Ellis

March 2-4

February 17-19

Second: Eta Psi

Discussion

Motion to Amend February Dates to February 24-26: Space City Alumni

Second: Beta Theta

Discussion

Motion to amend the motion to state that the first option is March 2-4 and the second is February 24-26.

Motion Passed

The date for the 2012 Provincial Conference & Council Meeting was decided in the following order: 1st March 4th, 2nd February 26th

The Chancellor entertained any General Announcement

- LeaderShape
Boston, Massachusetts
July 18-23, 2010
- 2010 LEAD School
New Orleans, LA
October 16, 2010
- 2011 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA
February 4-6, 2011
- Grand Chapter Congress
Louisville Marriot Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky
August 10-14, 2011

Motion to adjourn

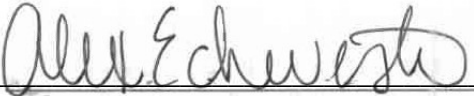
Motion: Iota Nu

Second: Tornado Alley

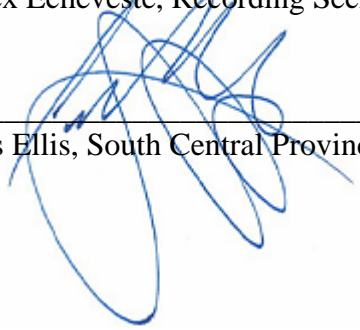
Motion Passed

South Central Provincial Vice President Los Ellis closed the South Central Provincial Council Meeting at 10:16 am according to the Ritual of Delta Sigma Pi.

Signed:



Alex Echeveste, Recording Secretary



Los Ellis, South Central Provincial Vice President

DELTA SIGMA PI
SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCE
Provincial Council Meeting Agenda
March 7, 2010
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX

Present

South Central PVP – Los Ellis
Gateway RVP – Kevin Weber
Gulf Western RVP– Gilbert Landras
Midwestern RVP– Henry McDaniel
Southwestern RVP – Christina Wolf
Tornado Alley RVP– Avery Moore
Iota
Alpha Chi
Beta Epsilon
Beta Zeta
Beta Iota
Beta Sigma
Beta Phi
Beta Psi
Gamma Epsilon
Delta Epsilon
Delta Nu
Delta Upsilon
Epsilon Zeta
Zeta Mu
Zeta Nu
Eta Theta
Eta Nu
Nu Sigma
Eta Sigma
Eta Tau
Eta Psi
Iota Nu
Iota Omicron
Iota Psi
Kappa Omicron
Lambda Nu
Lambda Upsilon
Nu Xi
Nu Omicron
Nu Omega
Omicron Phi
Arlington Area Lone Star
Austin

Corpus Christi
Dallas Area
Fort Worth Cowtown
Kansas City
Lake Charles Lagniappe
Oklahoma City Tornado Alley
St. Louis
San Antonio
Space City Houston
Tulsa- Green Country

Absent

Alpha Beta
Beta Kappa
Beta Upsilon
Theta Omega
Kappa Xi
Baton Rouge- Red Stick
New Orleans- Crescent City
Jason Campagna, Gulf South RVP

**DELTA SIGMA PI
SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCE
Provincial Council Meeting Agenda
March 7, 2010
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX**

- A. Opening Ritual
- B. Call the meeting to order
- C. Roll call of the delegates
- D. Adopt the agenda
- E. Approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting
- F. Review votes taken since the last meeting
None
- G. Receive or distribute the report of the Provincial Vice President, including an update on National Fraternity or Leadership Foundation issues

South Central Province - Los Ellis
- H. Receive or distribute the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents
Gateway – Kevin Weber
Gulf South – Jason Campagna
Gulf Western – Gilbert Landras
Midwestern – Henry McDaniel
Southwestern – Christina Wolf
Tornado Alley – Avery Moore
- I. Receive or distribute a Provincial Financial report
- J. Receive or distribute the reports of the Provincial Committees
Alumni Development – Jerry Hotwagner
Community Service – Kris McDaniel
Professional Development – Brandi Taylor
Scholastic Development and Awards – Amanda Wood
- K. Old Business
None
- L. New Business
Approve the 2010-2011 Provincial Budget
Determine 2010-2011 Provincial Community Service Option

M. Determine dates and location choices for 2012 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting

1. Historical Reference

2011	Baton Rouge, LA	
2010	Dallas, TX	New Orleans, LA
2009	San Antonio, TX	St. Louis, MO
2008	Oklahoma City, OK	Kansas City, MO
2007	St. Louis, MO	Houston, TX

Proposed city locations for the 2012 Provincial Conference.

- Austin, TX
- St. Louis, MO
- New Orleans, LA
- Tulsa, OK
- Houston, TX

N. General announcements

1. Review schedule of upcoming meetings and events:

- ⌚ LeaderShape
Boston, Massachusetts
July 18-23, 2010
- ⌚ 2010 LEAD School
New Orleans, LA
October 2010
- ⌚ 2011 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA
February 2011
- ⌚ Grand Chapter Congress
Louisville Marriott Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky
August 10-14, 2011

2. Other chapter announcements

O. Closing Ritual – Los Ellis, South Central PVP

P. Adjournment - Onuka Ibe, Chancellor

**South Central Province
PVP - Fall 2009 Report
Completed by Los Ellis**

Travel(s)

- 09/09 – Beta Kappa Recruitment Event (2)
- 09/09 – Zeta Nu Meeting, Speaker
- 10/09 – National Board of Directors Meeting (Oxford)
- 10/09 – LEAD School (St. Louis)
- 10/09 – Zeta Mu, UNT Joint Initiation
- 11/09 - Beta Iota Meeting, Speaker
- 12//09 - Gulf Western Regional Initiation (Houston)
- 01/10 - National Board of Directors Meeting (Louisville)
- Monthly Austin Alumni Chapter Meetings

Future (Planned) Travel(s)

- 01/10 – Beta Kappa Recruitment Event (2)
- 02/10 – LEAD School (Charlotte)
- 02/10 – LEAD School (El Paso)
- 03/10 – LEAD School (Dallas)
- 03/10 – Beta Epsilon Meeting Speaker
- 04/10 - Gulf Western Regional Initiation (Kingsville)
- 04/10 - Midwest Regional Initiation
- 06/10 – Southwestern Regional Conference
- 06/10 – Tornado Alley Regional Conference
- ??/10 – Gulf South Regional Conference
- ??/10 - Gate Way Regional Conference

Provincial Goals

- To construct an environment that promotes cohesive leadership within the six Regions of the South Central Province
- To identify and promote new leaders to take on the roles of our outgoing Provincial leaders.
- To identify additional educational and employment opportunities for alumni and collegiate.

Provincial Committee	Chair Appointment
First Last	Chair Appointment
Brandi Taylor	Professional Development
Jerry Hotwagner	Alumni Development
Amanda Wood	Scholarship and Awards
Kris McDaniel	Community Service
Peter Chamberlain	Special Projects

CMP Progress

- Over all most chapters are in progress to meet the regional goals and thus the province as a whole is doing well. There are two chapters of concern we will have to keep a close eye on to ensure they meet the regional goals (Gulf South Region)

Region Updates

- Gulf South
 - The region will need to identify additional leaders to fulfill the outgoing leaders in the region. The region is not a sticky region and may have a difficult time attracting graduates to remain in the area for future leadership opportunities. The PVP will focus attention to the region to help identify a solution along with the RVP.
- Gulf Western
 - There are great potentials for this region. However with a young RVP, the challenge of getting up to speed and getting chapter buy-in should be a first goal. I see multiple opportunities for chapter expansion in this region.
- Gateway
 - The Gateway region is in the process of bringing in a new chapter at SEIU. This expansion has been on the horizon for some time now and is finally coming to fruition. The RVP in this region shows a great understanding for process and is a valued asset when I need help with new Regional leaders.
- Southwestern
 - This is a new region that has seen a shift in the number of chapter count/size. I am happy to see a greater effort from the RVP and the three local Alumni chapters to create and host events in conjunction with one another. All three alumni chapters are working to host the Provincial LEAD in Dallas.
- Tornado Alley
 - Tornado Alley is the northern division of the previous Southwestern Region. With new leadership I have seen a greater involvement in chapter events and moral. Mostly due to the increased presence of the RVP and his DD staff to visit more of the chapters this reporting period.
- Midwest
 - This is one of our smallest regions. The RVP has made a great effort to engage his chapters and identify strength options to help increase CMP and recruitment. There will need to be increased leadership involvement to help with future leadership, as many graduates are not remaining in the region to take on leadership roles. The PVP will focus attention to the region to help identify a solution along with the RVP.

Expansion Activity

- **SEIU - This installation will occur on January 30, 2010**
- Other Expansion Opportunities are addressed in the RVP reports

Disciplinary –

- Possible recommendation for Iota to receive warning letter regarding them not turning in Pledge program time, no attendance at Lead, and lack of CMP reporting
- Possible recommendation for Nu Xi to receive warning letter due to pledge program
- Iota Nu Guidance period is up for review. My recommendation is to remove them from Guidance as they have grown through this last year and have done very well in focusing on Risk Management and how to quickly react to any situation that arises. Will be asking Past Grand President Randy Hultz to make a visit to reinforce this and they have planned a campus event around Risk Management for the early part of the semester. The leadership team of Nancy and Steve Pennington and the chapter Advisor Dr. Cartwright have been instrumental with this and feel that going forward, the chapter is on the right path.
- Theta Omega had notices sent in regards to non submittal of the Pledge Program which was followed up with by their president Cristina Silva.
- Beta Kappa had a brief incident with email correspondence involving a boat party which was attended to by their District Director Peter Chamberlain.
- In early November RVP removed Allen Barager as Alumni Advisor of the Eta Psi chapter after his refusal to step down following his relationship with an active collegiate from the same chapter he advises; the root of it being a conflict of interest with regards to his leadership position. He was replaced with John Gray.

Areas of Concern

- Gulf South Region – In the process of identifying additional leaders in the Region. Current RVP may be coming close to a term limit.

Potential National Officers

- Peter Chamberlain (Gulf Western) , Kim Patillo (Southwestern) and Christine Crites (Midwest)

Gateway Region
RVP - Fall 2009 Report
Kevin R. Weber

Travel(s)

- Gateway Region Executive Retreat
- Nu Eta Sigma Meeting
- St. Louis LEAD
- Alpha Chi Meeting
- Alpha Beta Meeting
- Beta Sigma Meeting
- Eta Nu Meeting
- Iota Nu Meeting
- Kappa Omicron Meeting
- Nu Eta Sigma Meeting
- Regional Leadership Meeting
- Career Prep Day
- Kappa Omicron Initiation
- Nu Eta Sigma Meeting
- Nu Eta Sigma Pledge Ceremony

Regional Goals

- More unified Ritual across all chapters
- Work on a Regional Initiation/Banquet
- Joint Chapter events

DD/AA Appointment List

Chapter	District Director	Alumni Advisor
Alpha Beta	Don Fitzgerald	Chris Roeseler
Alpha Chi	Matt Hudson	Aron Frankel
Beta Sigma	Rob McGahen	Derrick Young Jeanette Buie
Eta Nu	Patricia Burke	Emilio Acid Jeremy Young Tasha Penberthy
Iota Nu	Nancy Pennington	Steve Pennington
Kappa Omicron	Wayne Prichard	
Nu Eta Sigma	Lou Maull Matt Hudson	

CMP Progress

- Overall the region is on par with every chapter around the halfway through the year. Would still like to get hard numbers on the attendance of events and the number of events to get a better idea of where the chapters stand. Will see if I can get that from Central Office in the coming month.

	Completed	Approved
Alpha Beta	62.22%	57.78%
Alpha Chi	60.00%	57.78%
Beta Sigma	46.67%	46.67%
Eta Nu	51.11%	46.67%
Iota Nu	64.44%	60.00%
Kappa Omicron	53.33%	53.33%

Chapter Updates

Recruitment

Happy Overall with the recruitment and pledge programs of all the chapters outside of the Kappa Omicron chapter. We dropped last from last year's average by 4 percentage points but will work with my DD's and chapter officers to make sure that we have a good solid program for the spring semester.

	Pledges Recruited	Pledges Initiated	Percentage
Alpha Beta	39	37	94.87%
Alpha Chi	37	36	97.30%
Beta Sigma	18	16	88.89%
Eta Nu	9	8	88.89%
Iota Nu	17	17	100.00%
Kappa Omicron	38	24	63.16%
	158	138	87.34%

Alpha Beta

This is one of the two largest chapters in the region with around 130 members. Completed 7 Professional and 6 Community Service Events this semester. Had good leadership this past semester and they shifted back to a more professional aspect in the chapter from a more social one which was in the past. I see this trend to continue throughout the spring semester.

Alpha Chi

This is the second of the two largest chapters with around 120 members. Completed 7 Professional and 5 Community Service Events this semester. The chapter has done pretty good with motivation of members and has done great with the professional development due to companies targeting them for partnerships for recruitment and professional events, campus recruitment, and see this continue in the future as a great recruiting tool.

Beta Sigma

This chapter is about the right size for the school with 66 members. Completed 3 Professional and 3 Community Service Events this semester. The chapter is coming into its own after rechartering five years ago. They have established themselves on campus and have continued to have great recruiting program where they are choosing quality members.

Eta Nu

This the smallest chapter in the region with 23 members. Completed 4 Professional and 3 Community Service Events this semester. This chapter was the one chapter that was on the list where they really needed to have two good semesters of recruiting as most of the active members will be graduating at the end of the year. They recruited new outstanding members that have brought new life to the chapter and look forward to seeing how they progress this next semester. With the attitude and energy these new members bring, I have great confidence that the spring semester will be even better and the chapter will be much better off than it was a year ago.

Iota Nu

This chapter is a pretty good size with 87 members. Completed 6 Professional and 6 Community Service Events this semester. Overall happy with the progress they have made over the past year and a half and feel that they have turned the corner on the risk management issues. They have cut out the members that have caused most of the issues and most of the senior members will be graduating. This upcoming semester will be focused on getting the younger members ready to take over the chapter.

Kappa Omicron

This chapter has 66 members. Completed 6 Professional and 3 Community Service Events this semester. The chapter has been on a gradual slide over the past few years but is turning the corner. Am working with their District Director and the chapter officers to reorganize their structure as they are still in the place when they had 80 plus members. The new members that they recruited should bring a good energy and believe that this next semester will give them the time to refocus and bring the chapter back up to where they need to be. The new exec team that is in place has taken on this task and look forward to the progress that will be made.

Expansion Activity

- Nu Eta Sigma colony has been approved for their charter and is in the process of their Pledge Program. Will be looking forward to the completion of the program and rechartering on January 30th and the Eta Sigma chapter joining the Gateway Region.

Disciplinary - Issues If Any

Iota Nu Guidance period is up for review. My recommendation is to remove them from Guidance as they have grown through this last year and have done very well in focusing on Risk Management and how to quickly react to any situation that arises. Will be asking Past Grand President Randy Hultz to make a visit to reinforce this and they have planned a campus event around Risk Management for the early part of the semester. The leadership team of Nancy and Steve Pennington and the chapter Advisor Dr. Cartwright have been instrumental with this and feel that going forward, the chapter is on the right path.

Potential National Officers

{First Last}- {Email Address} {Phone} {Graduation Date} {Graduating Chapter} {Collegiate Offices}
{Volunteer Interest – If Available}

Future/Upcoming Travel(s)

Eta Sigma Installation, Provincial Conference – Dallas

Suggestions and Comments

The CMP is a good start but access for RVP's is limited as to what information we can obtain from it.

Get the Leadership Foundation to send each RVP a list of donors in their region so we can send thank you letters and set up alumni to make calls to them, give another avenue to reach out and keep in touch with them.

GULF SOUTH REGIONAL REPORT

Fall 2009

Jason Campagna, RVP

Travel

September 26th, 2009	Beta Zeta Pledge Retreat
November 10th, 2009	Delta Nu Meeting
November 14th, 2009	Eta Tau Initiation
November 20th, 2009	Beta Zeta Initiation
November 21st, 2009	Delta Nu Initiation
December 4th, 2009	Nu Omicron Initiation

Chapter Summary

Beta Zeta (Louisiana State University); Sumit Jain, District Director

Beta Zeta has been running efficiently this past semester. Sumit Jain, District Director of Beta Zeta, has always done an outstanding job overseeing the chapter. I do not expect any problems in the near future at Beta Zeta. Beta Zeta consistently has had both spring and fall pledge retreats.

Name: Sumit Jain
Chapter: Beta Zeta

Provide a summary of events attended during the **Fall Semester**: I attended the Pledge Ceremony, Initiation, 5 active meetings, 4 pledge meetings, formal and transition meeting.

Please assess the quality of the chapter's operations in the following areas by rating on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent). Provide optional comments as necessary:

Recruiting:	8
Pledge Education:	8
CEI Standing:	10
Professional Program:	9
Fund Raising:	9
Financial Standing / Order:	10
Civic Service:	9
Chapter Transition/Elections:	9
Chapter Morale:	8

Has the chapter discussed attendance at:

LEAD in St. Louis/another city: Yes

Provincial in Dallas: Yes

Grand Chapter Congress in Louisville: No

Has the chapter come to you with any major concerns or issues on a local, regional, or national basis that needs to be addressed? No

What are the chapter 's strengths? Chapter has great leadership and willing members that want to bring the chapter further by improving all aspects of the fraternity, including brotherhood.

What are the chapter 's weaknesses that need to be addressed? Although, the chapter has met all the requirements for CMP, recently the chapter has recognized that the brotherhood among members is not the same as described by various alumni. This is something the chapter will have to address themselves.

To your knowledge, has the chapter discussed/conducted any summer meetings/activities? No

Provide overall assessment of the chapter as for the **Fall 2009**: The chapter did an excellent job in Fall 2009 and I believe that the new leadership has all the tools necessary to continue improving.

Beta Psi (Louisiana Tech); No District Director, No Report

Honestly, I have no clue as to the status of Beta Psi. The last report on them was of Brother Simmons' report earlier this fall semester. I have emailed Brother Mike Luehlfing who has been their District Director for years and more recently their Chapter Advisor. I had advised Beta Psi in the past that it was imperative that a District Director be found. Furthermore, a Chapter Advisor does not have to be a Brother of Delta Sigma Pi, however, they must be if they wanted to be a District Director.

Emails have gone unanswered and I do not know the status of one of my chapters. I know that they are the only chapter in the Gulf South Region that is on the quarter system but I cannot accept that any longer for their lack of communication. Any help you can provide me would be great. Out of the chapters of the Gulf South Region, Beta Psi gives me much concern.

Delta Nu (Loyola University New Orleans); Jeanne Noggerath, District Director, No Report

Delta Nu is doing well. Unfortunately, Jeanne Noggerath, District Director of Delta Nu, failed to provide me her assessment of the chapter 's performance. Fortunately, I have had close contact with Delta Nu over the past semester. I have been to Loyola to meet with the chapter and I am always either on the phone or on Facebook with Jason Barberio, President of Delta Nu. As in the past, Loyola University has imposed strict regulations on all Greek organizations. They are limited in their recruiting. Traditionally, the spring semester is better for recruiting.

Eta Tau (McNeese State); Megan LeBouef, District Director

Eta Tau is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, chapters in the Gulf South Region.

Name: Megan LeBouef

Chapter: Eta Tau

Provide a summary of events attended during the Spring Semester: Pledge Ceremony, Pledge Meeting, Chapter Meetings, Initiation, Executive Meetings, Meetings with Central Office Consultant and chapter advisor, meetings with local alumni chapter, Winter Formal, Fall Social, Professional Event, Grand Chapter Congress, Recruiting events (Meet the Chapter Nights).

Please assess the quality of the chapter's operations in the following areas by rating on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent). Provide optional comments as necessary:

Recruiting:	10
Pledge Education:	9
CEI Standing:	8
Professional Program:	7
Fund Raising:	10
Financial Standing/Order:	9
Civic Service:	10
Chapter Transition/Elections:	7
Chapter Morale:	8

Has the chapter attended or will attend

LEAD no, planning to attend/participate in area conference

Provincial in Dallas, TX: yes

Grand Chapter Congress in Louisville, KY.: yes

Has the chapter come to you with any major concerns or issues on a local, regional, or national basis that needs to be addressed? no

What are the chapter's strengths? brotherhood and new ideas

What are the chapter's weaknesses that need to be addressed? organization

To your knowledge, has the chapter discussed/conducted any summer meetings/activities? yes

Provide overall assessment of the chapter as for the Fall 2009: They did very well. Lacked a little in the professional area, but plans to correct this in the Spring.

Delta Sigma Pi

Semester/Quarter Checklist for District Directors

(This checklist is created for optional use by District Directors or any other leadership to help monitor and advise chapters on basic operational requirements and communications with the collegiate chapter. It may be sent to Regional or Provincial Vice Presidents or Central Office on an optional basis or filed for yearly transition meetings.)

1. I have seen and verified that pledges were provided with the printed copy of the chapter pledge education program from the chapter 's online document well.
2. I have seen and verified that pledges were provided with the current and most recent pledge education manual and that it is new and unused.
3. I have attended the following meetings or events within the current or most recent academic year:
(this is not meant to imply that attendance is required at all these events; merely a checklist of your efforts)

- Pledging Ceremony
- A pledge education meeting
- Initiation
- A chapter business meeting with Ritual
- A chapter business meeting without Ritual
- An Executive Committee meeting
- An Officer Transition meeting
- Meeting with chapter Advisor or other faculty
- A chapter recruiting event
- A chapter professional, service, fundraising or similar event
- A chapter social, banquet, homecoming, Founder ' s Day, or similar event
- LEAD School
- LEAD Provincial Conference
- Grand Chapter Congress
- Area or Regional Conference
- National Officer Training meeting or retreat
- An alumni chapter meeting or event
- Other

4. I have reviewed, discussed, and corrected any terminology mistakes with the chapter.

5. I have recently read and feel knowledgeable about all sections of the Risk Management and Conduct Policy and the Standard Pledge Education Program Policy and other general policies pertaining to collegiate chapters.

6. I have reviewed, taught, or counseled the chapter on the following areas of risk management and conduct:

alcohol and drugs

hazing

harassment and discrimination

insurance, large events

overall policy

7. I have reviewed, taught, or counseled the chapter on the proper way to use the Ritual challenge and any other Ritual procedures as needed.

8.a. I have reviewed the chapter budget with the Executive Committee or VP-Finance and President.

8.b. I have ensured that 2 signatures are on check payments (not the VP-F) or any other forms of payment.

8.c. In compliance with 8.b., I have ensured that no credit/debit cards are present in the chapter name or used by the chapter.

9. n/a If the chapter is on Guidance, Probation, or other assistance or discipline actions; I have reviewed the terms of action with them and am aware of their current status in meeting the requirements.

10. I have enough first-hand knowledge about the chapters operations, activities, and leadership to comfortably write a reference letter for their awards applications.

11.a. I have reviewed the chapters bylaws

11.b. I have verified that the annual update/submission of chapter bylaws was completed.

12. I have ensured that the chapter understands that their Advisor position is to be on the election ballot along with collegiate officer positions and have stressed the importance of maintaining good communications with the Advisor and all faculty.

13. I have reminded all officers that each of their positions has an officer packet online outlining important duties about their position and requested that they review it individually and use it during transition discussions.

14. I have reminded chapter members of the attendance obligations outlined on page 52-53 of Ritual and have encouraged them to ensure their local attendance policy reflects these obligations.

15. I have conveyed my support and availability to the entire chapter, pledge class, and Advisor so they are aware they may approach me with any questions or concerns and understand I am here to help them.

Goals:

- ✧ Increase communication with RVP and PVP
- ✧ Ensure chapter is in compliance with the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures
- ✧ Have an active and positive presence with the local chapter

Detailed Event Attendance:

- ✧ Executive Committee Meeting: August, October
- ✧ Meet the Chapter 8/27/2009, *Guest Speaker on Benefits of Networking*
- ✧ Meet the Chapter 9/2/2009
- ✧ Pledge Ceremony 9/14/2009
- ✧ Initiation 11/14/2009
- ✧ Chapter Meeting: October, November, and December
- ✧ Chapter Trials
- ✧ Fall Social: November

Chapter Attendance Records:

As stated in the chapter's bylaws, disciplinary action is taken upon having three unexcused absences. There have been two chapter trials. Seventy-five percent of the brothers have acceptable attendance records and four are near consult.

Financial Management:

The chapter is doing exceptionally well as always.

Fundraising: Eta Tau is bringing in funds monthly through their long-held Fundraiser, Grand Casino Coushatta ' s Special Events Clean Up Crew. To date, they have brought in over \$2500 for this semester alone.

Sponsorship: They received their semester sponsorship of \$1250 from local car dealership.

Professional Development:

This semester their professional activities lacked from that of recent years. I had meeting with the President to discuss and resolve issue.

Pledge Process:

My personal contact information was given to all of the recruits during the recruitment period in case they had any concerns. Their program went well having initiated most of the pledges.

Community Service:

The chapter did extremely well with their community services this semester. In addition, they ' ve established a new relationship with a local women ' s shelter and plan to continue servicing their facility.

Alumni Involvement:

The Lake Charles-Lagniappe Alumni Chapter has been meeting monthly and is in the process of developing there strategic plan. Local alumni presence has increased in the past few months. The chapter is sponsoring a 40th Anniversary in the Spring.

Scholarships & Awards:

The chapter selected Jonathan Rutherford as Collegian of the Year and the chapter applied for 2 awards.

Conflicting Incidents:

Before the last chapter meeting, the President notified me of unusual behavior from the Chancellor. After discussing the issue with him, he handled the situation at the time appropriately. During the chapter meeting and trial, the Chancellor was being disrespectful and rude to the President. At the end of the meeting, I called them both to a private meeting to discuss the animosity. Both shared their feelings and resolved the tension.

The chapter motioned to remove a pledge from the pledge process. The pledge wrote a letter to the chapter for reinstatement and was beginning to start problems. After I sought advice from our RVP and PVP, I advised the Chapter President. The issue was resolved accordingly.

At the last chapter trial conducted this semester, the brother needed an 80% vote(22.4 votes) for approval of the motion. 22 votes received. After a lengthy discussion, the chapter went in favor of the motion. A few brothers spoke up at the end of meeting asking for the chapter to reopen the item because 22 votes were only 78.9%. The executive committee met along with myself and the Chapter Advisor to discuss and majority decided to not support the vote. I have not been in contacted on the plan for this issue due to finals and the Christmas holiday. No further complaints were received.

Honorable Mention:

The Eta Tau Chapter was asked to sponsor a Professional Speaker Day for the College of Business. Fraternity members were recognized during the event and appeared on our local news channel.

Action Items-Spring Semester:

- Review strategic plan, specifically Professional Activities
- Review financials (check signing procedures, and ensure debit card was cut)
- Evaluate chapter knowledge of Risk Management
- Will be in attendance at South Central Provincial Lead – Dallas

Kappa Xi (University of Louisiana at Lafayette); Linel May, District Director, No Report

Kappa Xi has had some significant issues in the past. Kappa Xi has had their 3rd District Director in 3 years. Turnover at that position probably has contributed to their lack luster success. Once a District Director gains knowledge, they're gone.

Linell May has stepped up at Congress in D.C. and was willing to take over the position. He has had issues adapting to his role as District Director. I hope he will remain more than this initial year.

Christon Chaisson is an individual to watch for in the capacity of District Director for Kappa Xi if he remains in the Lafayette area. Along with Brother May, they travel extensively to LEADs, Provincials, and Congresses.

Nu Omicron (Our Lady of Holy Cross College); Beau Read, District Director

Nu Omicron has experienced a Business Program that has been on a significant decline in the past 5 years both in the number of students and their willingness to participate in extra curricular activities. They are still a chapter even if the chapter size is small and their recruiting numbers aren't increasing.

Name: Beau Read, III
Chapter: Nu Omicron

Provide a summary of events attended during the **Fall Semester**: I personally was able to attend a couple of the meetings that I thought were very informative & productive & also the Pledge Ceremony & Initiation, both of which were run very smoothly. I did also attend the College Prayer Breakfast, which counted as one of the Fraternities Community Service Events.

Please assess the quality of the chapter's operations in the following areas by rating on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent). Provide optional comments as necessary:

- Recruiting: 6 – Was able to get students to commit to pledging, but was only able to retain half of them. The chapter did receive a concern letter from Central Office.
- Pledge Education: 5 – Found that those that were initiated were not prepared for the test.
- CEI Standing: 9
- Professional Program: 9 – The chapter had 2 professional speakers & both were well attended.
- Fund Raising: 9 – The T-Shirt Sales were a success.
- Financial Standing/Order: 9
- Civic Service: 8 – Most of the civic service is done through College events. Their needs to be more done on the outside.
- Chapter Transition/Elections: 8
- Chapter Morale: 9 – Looking at the attendance numbers for each event. I would say that the morale is very good.

Has the chapter discussed attendance at:

LEAD in St. Louis/another city: Yes

Provincial in Dallas: Yes

Grand Chapter Congress in Louisville: Not to my knowledge, but they will. This past Grand Chapter Congress in Washington D.C. as well as Grand Chapter Congresses before that were well represented by the Nu Omicron Chapter.

Has the chapter come to you with any major concerns or issues on a local, regional, or national basis that needs to be addressed? No

What are the chapter's strengths? Those Brothers that are active are dedicated brothers and love the Fraternity.

What are the chapter's weaknesses that need to be addressed? The main weakness is retaining pledges when they commit. I know that the number of Collegiate Brothers is low.

To your knowledge, has the chapter discussed/conducted any summer meetings/activities? There was a meeting held in the Summer of 2009 & it was well attended.

Provide overall assessment of the chapter as for the **Fall 2009**: A great semester for the Fraternity in regards to events. The number of brothers needs to increase considerably.

Discipline Issues

None

Comments / Concerns / Recommendations / Suggestions

My biggest concerns for the Gulf South Region is that many chapters lack motivation, enthusiasm, and communication.

I need a District Director for Beta Psi.

I need a bigger effort from the District Directors I currently have.

Gulf Western RVP Gilbert Landras

Travel(s):

This past semester I made an impromptu visit to the San Antonio area for a joint initiation between Lambda Upsilon and Omicron Phi in lieu of the weather in Houston. I stayed for their election meeting and visited with the new officers.

This January and February I will be visiting all my chapters before the Dallas Provincial LEAD conference. January I will visit the San Antonio area and see both chapters and the colony. Early February I will visit the Corpus Christi/Kingsville area and Lambda Nu, Theta Omega and Beta Kappa at the end of February before LEAD.

Regional Goals:

My regional goals are more difficult than other regions from what I hear, the most difficult being scholarship endowments and colonizing universities.

Eta Psi, Iota Psi and Omicron Phi either have or are working on an endowment with their universities. Iota Psi has a small one which I am trying to get them to have one fundraiser every semester that is just for that.

I am currently working on multiple expansion opportunities which will be detailed in the expansion efforts section.

DD/AA Appointments:

Many DD appointments remained the same from Brandi Taylor's transition to mine. I had a rule that regionally I wanted the person to just concentrate on one thing. Lucky for me we have a lot of talent in the region to not have to double up any positions/responsibilities.

Beta Kappa – Peter Chamberlain
Zeta Nu – Arnolito “Bubba” Garza
Eta Psi – Chris Kiszkiel
Theta Omega - Joanne Maramadlo
Iota Psi - Musanna Al Muntasir
Lambda Nu – Brandi Taylor
Lambda Upsilon – Faith Hinchman
Omicron Phi – Tony Coe
Trinity Colony – Alex Echeveste & Faith Hinchman

Awards Chairperson – Jason Hinojosa

In regards to AA and committee appointments the DD's made the decision to have an AA or not and in the awards committee case I told the chairperson to reach out and form his committee so

long as it wasn't a person who was already engaged with another responsibility. If Jason is going to chair a committee he should have the authority to decide who is on it.

CMP Status:

Chapter #	Chapter	Complete	Approved
55	Beta Kappa	53.33%	48.89%
136	Zeta Nu	48.89%	46.67%
163	Eta Psi	48.89%	44.44%
180	Theta Omega	31.11%	26.67%
194	Iota Psi	51.11%	48.89%
211	Lambda Nu	51.11%	46.67%
218	Lambda Upsilon	46.67%	44.44%
261	Omicron Phi	44.44%	42.22%
875	Omega Nu Epsilon	24.44%	22.22%

At first glance the chapters are on track to get in the 90-100% range. Beta Kappa, Theta Omega and Eta Psi will be attending a regional conference in February to make up for their non participation in LEAD this past fall.

E Zeta Nu, Theta Omega and Iota Psi have disputes with Central Office over dues and members who are listed as graduating or trialed out. It seems that the chapters are in the right after talking to them about their situations however at the end of the day it is up to Central Office to decide over the couple of dues not paid. I hope that this is resolved because I would hate to have a few percentage points dedicated over the matter of \$100 here or there.

I have spoken with nearly all the chapters this past couple of weeks. There is a lot going on in terms of service and professional meetings. I definitely see all chapters finishing out strong.

Expansion:

I am currently working on two viable colonies in these next few months; Texas Southern University and the University of St. Thomas.

Texas Southern University - A brother from Eta Psi has spoken with the Dean of Students at the Jesse H Jones College of Business and has obtained forms and permission from the university. There was an inquiry about the status of their probation with the AACSB and Southern Association of colleges and Schools with regard to a 2007 incident with the university president at the time. I hope in the coming weeks to get a few students talking about it.

University of St. Thomas – An alumni board member of their Cameron College of Business approached me and Jeff Berlat about a possible colony at UST. They are seeking a student business organization as they are lacking one currently. We spoke with officials from the college of business administration. The idea is to pursue a group of students in the spring of 2010. A brother from Loyola coincidentally has transferred there

Disciplinary Actions:

Iota Psi, Lambda Nu and Lambda Upsilon have had multiple trials that led to expulsions this past Fall 2009. Lambda Upsilon had four while the other had one each.

Theta Omega had notices sent in regards to non submittal of the Pledge Program which was followed up with by their president Cristina Silva. Beta Kappa had a brief incident with email correspondence involving a boat party which was attended to by their District Director Peter Chamberlain.

In early November I removed Allen Barager as Alumni Advisor of the Eta Psi chapter after his refusal to step down following his relationship with an active collegiate from the same chapter he advises; the root of it being a conflict of interest with regards to his leadership position. I replaced him with John Gray.

Areas of Concern:

CMP ratings aside I don't see any too many other problems. Many of the lower ratings are due to non approvals of submissions or a financial dispute between the chapters and Central Office. In saying that I would say a general concern for Theta Omega, Lambda Upsilon for example would be to figure out a way to make sure their submissions are correct?

I will be making visits to the chapters these next couple of months so I will have a more accurate report for you then.

Potential National Officers:

Actives with the potential to be national officers:

Victoria Arellano – Zeta Nu
Gabriel Gonzales – Omicron Phi
Gabriel Salas – Omicron Phi
Chase Alvarado – Iota Psi
Andrew Conachey – Eta psi
Elaine Pachica – Eta Psi
Kinu Mann – Lambda Nu
Cristina Silva – Theta Omega
Scott Marintsch - Lambda Nu
Mushfiqa Jamaluddin – Beta Kappa

These actives are well on thier way to a very robust collegete experience which at least in my experience will keep them involved as alumni when they become alumni.

Midwest Region
RVP - Fall 2009 Report
Completed by Henry McDaniel

Travel(s)

- 8/31/09- Nu Xi Chapter Visit
- 9/12/09 – Iota Omicron Pinning
- 10/13/09 – Nu Omega Alumni Dinner
- 10/16-18/09 – LEAD School
- 10/29/09 – Trial Iota Omicron
- 11/7/09 – Nu Xi Alumni Lunch
- 11/13/09 – Nu Omega Initiation
- 11/21/09 – Iota Omicron Initiation
- 11/10/09 – Nu Omega Alumni Dinner
- 11/19/09 – Iota Initiation
- 12/05/09 – Nu Xi Initiation

This only a Partial list as I didn't keep track of every visit. I can tell you that I attended all Pinning and made at least one regular chapter meeting each month for each chapter and attended at least on social event for each chapter.

Regional Goals

- Have all 4 chapter to be accredited
- Have all 4 chapter present at Provincial Lead and Lead Schools
- Have at least 2 chapter reach Chapter of Excellence

DD/AA Appointment List

Chapter	District Director	Alumni Advisor
Iota	Angie Schelp	
Iota Omicron	Kristen McDaniel	
Nu Xi	Sarah Matthes	
Nu Omega	Nicholas Johnson	

CMP Progress

- {Chapter} {CMP Progress} {Optional details you would like to provide}

Chapter Updates

- Iota
 - This chapter is almost doubled in size the past semester and seems to be a strong group of Brothers with great potential, however I have some major concerns that we will addressing over the next semester.
 - Attendance at Regional and Provincial events
 - Turning in CMP requirements on time
 - Poor ritual memorization
- Iota Omicron
 - The Chapter has grown and is performing above and beyond my expectations. They have been active in the region, province and on the national level. Outside

of DSP they are an active in the campus and in the community. I am concerned that the current leadership is starting to graduate and the new members will be taking over soon and they may not be prepared. We are working on preparing for this significant change, but I believe that the chapter will continue to grow.

- Nu Xi
 - This chapter needs a lot of work. They had a poor recruiting for the fall and only retained 50% of the pledges. The DD and I have had frank conversations with the leadership about what is going on with the chapter and have shared our concern of what will happen if the chapter doesn't begin a turnaround soon. I believe they are aware of the situation and are making moves to correct the problem. They have elected a group of new office that I believe will be a major improvement for the chapter.
- Nu Omega
 - There is no concern for the chapter at this time. The chapter has been working hard to expand and grow and looking for ways to improve brotherhood. They have hosted several successful campus wide events and are active in their community. They have established plan for future leadership transitions and I believe they will continue to grow.

Expansion Activity

- **None at this time**

Disciplinary –

- Possible recommendation for Iota to receive warning letter regarding them not turning in Pledge program time, no attendance at Lead, and lack of CMP reporting
- Possible recommendation for Nu Xi to receive warning letter due to pledge program

Southwestern Region
RVP - Fall 2009 Report
Completed by Christina Wolf

Travel

Date	Day	Chapter	Event	Location
8/20/2009	R	Cowtown Alumni	3rd Thursday	Mercardo Juarez UTD Business Building
8/27/2009	R	Upsilon Tau Delta	Info Meeting	J. Gilligan's
8/27/2009	R	Zeta Mu	Recruitment Event: Meet the Chapter	Texas-Arlington
8/30/2009	Su	Zeta Mu	Exec, Chapter	
8/30/2009	Su	Alumni	Presidents Re: LEAD/Founders Day	J. Gilligan's
9/4/2009	F	Dallas Alumni	Frisco Roughriders Game	Pepsico Park
9/10/2009	R	Cowtown Alumni	Downtown Cowtown Lunch Chapter, Faculty Initiation, Dinner	Jake's Hamburgers North Texas, Poorhouse
9/13/2009	Su	Delta Epsilon	Pledge Ceremony, Pledge Meeting	Texas-Arlington Thunderbird Riding Stables
9/19/2009	S	Zeta Mu	PA: Speaker (Los Ellis)	Texas-Arlington
10/2/2009	F	Beta Epsilon	Chapter	Baylor
10/4/2009	Su	Zeta Mu	Chapter	
10/8/2009	W	Beta Iota	Chapter	
10/14/2009	W	Beta Phi	Chapter	Southern Methodist
10/17/2009	S	St. Louis, MO	South Central Provencial LEAD School	Westport Piazza Sheraton
10/18/2009	Su	Delta Upsilon	Pledge Meeting	Texas Christian
10/21/2009	W	Delta Upsilon	Chapter	Texas Christian
11/7/2009	S	Dallas Alumni	Mud Run	La Grave Field
11/7/2009	S	DFW Alumni	Founders Day Celebration	Main Event
11/13/2009	F	Delta Upsilon	Initiation	Texas Christian
11/14/2009	S	Zeta Mu/Delta Epsilon	Joint Initiation	Texas-Arlington
11/20/2009	F	Beta Phi	Initiation	Southern Methodist
12/4/2009	F	Epsilon Zeta	Senior Send Off/Christmas Party	Midwestern State

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Regional Goals

- Continue annual Leadership Retreat
- Continue progress with colony at UTD
- Joint initiation hosted by TCU

DD/AA Appointment List

Chapter	District Director	Alumni Advisor
Beta Phi (SMU)	Bron Deal	Andy Ochoa
Beta Iota (Baylor)	J. Craig	Justin Swearingen
Delta Epsilon (UNT)	Amanda Wood	N/A
Delta Upsilon (TCU)	Lindsay Egan	Traci Robison
Zeta Mu (UTA)	Bron Deal	Shane Danner
Eta Theta (Angelo)	Julia Valles	Ryan Mathews
Upsilon Tau Delta	Brian Powell	Andy Ochoa

CMP Progress

Chapter	% Complete	% Approved
Beta Iota (Baylor)	48.89%	46.67%
Beta Phi (SMU)	48.89%	48.89%
Delta Epsilon (UNT)	46.67%	44.44%
Delta Upsilon (TCU)	40.00%	33.33%
Zeta Mu (UTA)	33.33%	33.33%
Eta Theta (ASU)	42.22%	40.00%

- At this time Delta Upsilon will not achieve minimum requirements for accredited chapter.
- Beta Phi will not attain any upper tiers because of their failure to submit a COY nominee.

Chapter Updates

- Beta Iota (Baylor)
 - Overall the chapter is doing well and is on track to receive accredited chapter status with CMP. Beta Phi has completed and reported 4 professional events and 3 community service activities. Beta Phi has traditionally had a strong presence with Homecoming activities they constructed a float for the parade, nominated a chapter member for Queen and held a tailgate prior to the game. The chapter only initiated 9 new brothers this semester falling short of their goal of 15 for the semester. Their District Director attributes this to the short recruitment period and is working with the chapter to improve this in the upcoming semester.
- Beta Phi (SMU) –
 - Overall the chapter is operating at levels consistent to the history of Beta Phi. They will meet qualifications for accredited chapter and have no desires to achieve beyond that. The chapter did not nominate a COY, it was explained to them by both myself and their District Director they needed to do so for CMP, yet they still declined to do so. This is a very large chapter (100 plus) and all chapter decisions are made solely by the exec committee. This has produced feelings of discernment for those not on exec as they feel their voices are not being heard. Although there are some difficulties, the chapter operates very efficiently. The chapter has a lot of strong professional activities and their business sense is keen.
- Delta Epsilon (UNT)
 - The chapter had a great semester and they accomplished everything they needed to and then some. They had five service events meaning they only have to do one next semester but I anticipate they will have at least three next semester. The chapter does adopt a block on campus, so once a month they go and clean up a part of campus. The chapter also participated in the provincial service activity at LEAD (coke tab drive), and they sponsored a campus wide blood drive. The chapter only completed 3 professional events this semester so they will have to do at least 5 next semester. That is alright since they were

heavy on the service in the Fall they will flip flop and be heavy on the professional in the Spring. The chapter held a professional dress fashion show during recruitment that went really well. The chapter plans to make this an annual event. They also had a police officer come and talk about alcohol and hazing to the chapter as a risk management professional. In regards to Brotherhood, the chapter went to Lake Murray in Oklahoma for their brotherhood retreat. The chapter seems to be adopting this as a tradition. They go and do team building exercise similar to the stuff at leadership retreat during the day and camp out over night. The members that go to the retreat seem to come back more bonded and I have seen this improve overall brotherhood within the chapter. Also at the end of the semester the chapter brought back families. Over the years all of the families died out except for one so the chapter reinvented a family system. The chapter plans to use families as their committees. Meaning each family will be assigned as a special committee. This will encourage the families to work together on an ongoing basis and hopefully help improve brotherhood even more. As far as fundraisers go the chapter does Texas Motor Speedway as their main fundraiser, they also do several of the taco cabana/pizza inn fundraiser where they get a portion of the food sales that night, and they sell T-Shirts at LEAD. They have plans to expand this and sell other merchandise at the upcoming Dallas LEAD, like maybe portfolios or decals or some other small items. For next semester the chapter is working on getting permission form the college of business to place a gum ball machine in the business building, where they will be able to collect profits from it for the long term future.

- Delta Upsilon (TCU)
 - The chapter is doing well although they will not qualify for accredited chapter status. The chapter had issues getting their Pledging Ceremony, Initiation Report and Tax Form submitted on time. Outside of that the chapter is improving. Delta Upsilon's main goal for the semester was to become more cohesive and improve financial responsibility. Delta Upsilon held initiation on their own for the first time in almost three years. The chapter has always participated in joint initiations held at other campuses. For their first initiation in three years, the chapter did a great job. I have mentioned to the chapter, and they are interested, in hosting a joint initiation on their campus for the Spring. So far the chapter has submitted 3 Professional Events and 2 Service Activities. On a side note, the chapter has been very receptive to their new DD and ADD. In years past they have not responded well to outside leadership.
- Zeta Mu (UTA)
 - Zeta Mu is doing well and is on track for qualifying for Chapter of Excellence. UTA continues to improve with many events. Garage Sales, bake sales, and candle sales have been popular for UTA. They continue to host events that are new and innovative, ex. Casino night. They are strongly present at Alumni events, ex. Mudrun and Lone Star Luau. Brothers attended many pledge meetings and that core group truly made up the chapter meetings. They were a small group but were always present at events through the semester including joint initiation with UNT. I would like to see them continue to build on stronger professional events with a wide array of guests. I would also like to see them open these events to their business college. Although the chapter has held several Community Service and Professional Activities they have reported none in both categories.

- Eta Theta (Angelo)
 - Eta Theta is doing well and is on track to receive accredited Chapter tier with CMP. The chapter has submitted 2 Professional Events and 3 Community Service activities. These activities included an etiquette dinner, a speaker, toys for tots, annual eco fair and shoes for orphan soles. The chapter has appointed a social chair to work on improving Brotherhood and chapter cohesiveness. The only area of concern is the continued use of cell phones for texting and web browsing during meetings and ritual. Eta Theta approximately 25% of their chapter to St. Louis LEAD and have a goal of getting all their members to Dallas Provincial LEAD.

Expansion Activity

- Upsilon Tau Delta (UTD colony)
 - As a colony their goal is to maintain membership, raise funds, and complete events prior to petitioning for a charter. So far the colony has 7 (+/-) members, \$0 raised, and no events reported. The colony will be planning multiple events for the Spring 2010 semester, including a professional event, various social events, regular colony meetings, and a faculty breakfast/lunch session, all of which will start during the recruitment/early semester period. President Ben Rasson was thrust into the position when former President Jalaj Joshi resigned at the election meeting, at which time the then current colony members elected Ben to take over; Ben found out about his appointment afterwards. Since that time, nearly all of the colony members/interested students (60-70) have disbanded or joined Alpha Kappa Psi, which started their own colony during the Fall 2009 semester. Although the colony has been around for at least a year, there are no reported events evident in CMP and all information is outdated. Multiple changes in leadership and little follow-through with the group has led to their poor performance. Nonetheless, the small handful of current members seems driven and the future looks promising. The Spring 2010 semester will be spent starting from square one, rebuilding the group and ensuring successful events. The immediate goals of the colony will be to submit an up-to-date officer report, host regular meetings and events, and create a brand image of Delta Sigma Pi at UT-Dallas.

Disciplinary - Issues If Any

None

Areas of Concern

None

Potential National Officers

- Nick Rew from TCU
- Kim Pattillo from UNT – graduated in December
- Lisa Jellison from UNT
- Troy Brown from Baylor
- Sarah Kelsven from UTA – graduated in December

Future/Upcoming Travel

Regional Leadership Retreat in Broken Bow, OK – May 21-22

Suggestions and Comments

CMP

1. Is it possible to make it to where the upper tiers are color coded as well? It actually does make it easier to read the reports. Or just make the boxes green once something is turned in and approved.
2. Please, Please, Please. Is there a way to change the viewing rights of DD/RVP's so that when we login and look at CMP when we click on a professional/community service event that has been turned in we can see the description of what they wrote.

Awards

1. Has the board given any thought to change qualifications for Most Outstanding Chapter Award due to change from CEI to CMP? i.e. Can we make it a requirement, to be eligible for Most Outstanding chapter, that a chapter must attain Chapter of Excellence (Tier 3)?
2. Also the idea of video applications has been suggested. Meaning that instead of a COY turning in a 10-15 page applications they upload a video of themselves answering the questions on the application. More like they are telling a story about themselves.

Other

1. In the future the PVP should make an effort to communicate their visits to individual chapters to the RVP and DD for that chapter. That way no one is surprised and they can plan accordingly.

**Tornado Alley Region
Fall 2009 Regional Vice President Report
Completed by: Avery Moore**

My first semester as Tornado Alley Regional Vice President is under my belt. The semester started off with the appointment of my District Directors. Amanda G. Wood was appointed DD for Epsilon Zeta. Laura E. Thompson was appointed DD for Beta Epsilon. Cheyenne Friend was appointed DD for Beta Upsilon. Jerry Hotwagner was appointed DD for Gamma Epsilon. With my team in place the semester began.

With my region residing in the middle of the Big 12 conference, I knew chapter visitations were going to be a task. Three of my chapters are high profile Big 12 football schools and the other is a high profile subdivision football school.

I took my first chapter visit to Beta Epsilon first executive meeting. I prefer to visit the executive team at the beginning of the semester to see what direction the chapter is going to go. This allows me to see who the chapter voted to be the leaders.

Travel:

August 26th – Beta Epsilon Executive/Planning Meeting
August 28th – Tornado Alley Alumni Looney Bin Comedy Night
August 29th – Tornado Alley Alumni Game Night
September 1st – Gamma Epsilon Chapter Visit
September 2nd – Beta Epsilon Chapter Visit
September 16th – Beta Epsilon Chapter Visit
September 18th – Tulsa Green Country Happy Hour
September 25-27 National Leadership Retreat
October 2nd Beta Epsilon Hayride Attended by Epsilon Zeta, Delta Upsilon, Tornado Alley Alumni, Dallas Area Alumni and Fort Worth Alumni
October 3rd – Beta Epsilon - Family Olympic and picnic
October 3rd – Epsilon Zeta Battle of the Bands Fundraiser and community service
October 12th – Gamma Epsilon Chapter Meeting
October 16th-18th St. Louis L.E.A.D.
November 6th -7th – Tornado Alley Alumni Chapter Campout (T.A.C.O.) Founders Day
November 10th – Gamma Epsilon – Pledge Meeting and Membership Presentations (Risk Management and Alumni)
November 11th – Beta Epsilon Chapter Meeting
November 15th – Epsilon Zeta Meeting and Election
November 21st – Gamma Epsilon Initiation and Lunch and Alumni Event Basketball Outing
November 22nd – Beta Epsilon Initiation and Luncheon
December 2nd – Beta Epsilon Holiday Dinner
December 4th – Beta Epsilon's 80th Birthday Party – Alumni Event

I will make my visits to Beta Upsilon in the Spring Semester

Tornado Regional Goals

Appoint DD's and ADD's

- Beta Epsilon – Laura E. Thompson
- Gamma Epsilon – Jerry Hotwagner
 - Katie Nicholas - ADD
- Epsilon Zeta – Amanda G. Wood
 - Kim Pattillo - ADD (hasn't been announced)
- Beta Upsilon – Cheyenne Friend

CMP:

Epsilon Zeta is on target to reach Accredited Chapter status with a 53.33% completed with 53.33% approved.

Beta Epsilon is on target to reach Accredited Chapter status with a 51.11% completed with 48.89% approved.

Beta Upsilon is on target to reach Accredited Chapter status with a 46.67% completed and a 44.44% approved.

Gamma Epsilon is on target to reach Accredited Chapter status with a 48.89% completed and a 40.00% approved.

Support Chapter in there Activities

Not only do I want to show my support of the chapter's event I want the chapters to support one another event. This semesters Hayride given by Beta Epsilon was attended by Epsilon Zeta. Also brothers from the Gulf Western Region were in attendance as well as brothers from the Southwest Region.

Beta Epsilon VP Collegian Relations is responsible for such activities. On one of my visits to Gamma Epsilon, Beta Epsilon sent five brothers to attend there meeting. This allowed me the opportunity to emphasize that even though we are at different Universities, we are all still brothers. This show of support was well received by both chapters and the alumni that were present.

One voice/Communication

With the launching of Delta Sigma Pi Facebook application, we are utilizing Facebook to communicate with one another on a daily basis. Each chapter has chapters Facebook Page and brothers of each chapter are joining the fan page. This is one way for me to keep up with Chapter events throughout the region and province.

Brotherhood

The Christmas Season always presents opportunities to promote brotherhood. Various members from the Tornado Alley Alumni Chapter attended Christmas Parties with brothers from other chapters and regions. Tornado Alley held its own Christmas Party in conjunction with its semi-annual business meeting on Dec. 11th. A lot of the chapter held Holiday parties to promote brotherhood. It seems that at times, chapters feel guilty when they have social events. We as a

Fraternity need to emphasize that although we are a professional business fraternity, social activities help build the on breakable bonds. I believe this is very apparent in our province.

Leadership Retreat

The Leadership Retreat is in the planning phase. The tentative dates are May 21-23rd. The Leadership Retreat will be co-sponsored with the Southwest Region and there RVP Mrs. Christina Wolf. We are in the process of trying to assemble funding.

Expansion Activities Efforts and Status

No report

Disciplinary Issues If Any

There are no issues to report. If there are no new issues, January 15th will serve as the date where the Province will have ZERO disciplinary issues.

Chapter Updates:

Gamma Epsilon: *Submitted by Jerry Hotwagner*

I am very pleased that Gamma Epsilon initiated their Chapter Advisor, Don Mitchell. Don has been very active with the chapter since he became Chapter Advisor this semester. I look for him to be very helpful to Gamma Epsilon and Delta Sigma Pi. Don has suggested and offered to “re-introduce” Delta Sigma Pi to the business Faculty as Oklahoma State. With and advocate.

The Chapter Officers have done an excellent job this semester. They have stepped up and followed through with their goals to bring Gamma Epsilon to the next level. Chapter has put programs into place that will help bring the chapter closer together and allow the Brothers to “actually know one another”. Committees have been re-introduced to the Chapter. I look for this program to be essential and effective for more interaction between Brothers in chapter meetings. I am very impressed with their efforts and look forward to the future.

I am also hopeful for more Ritual / “better Ritual” this upcoming semester. Their Chancellor is very ambitious and appears to take very seriously all challenges she encounters. I truly expect she will change the outlook on the position and help make chapter stronger.

During officer transitions, each outgoing officer completed a self evaluation / survey that touched on various topics and how they did or did not meet the goals for their position. Also, each incoming officer completed the same survey; listing their goals and expectations for the position. This is a great tool to help the new officers do a better job in their positions.

Areas of concern:

I understand that CMP is still in its infancy, but I am concerned about the lag-time in posting to the online status reports. Several times this semester I have brought CMP deadline concerns to GE Execs. I have been told each time that the requirements were submitted to Central Office but the update does not show on the CMP report. Execs have been in contact with Central Office about their submissions.

Beta Epsilon: Exerts Submitted by Laura E. Thompson

When it comes to professional activities, Beta Epsilon is not lacking. They have hosted a multitude of speakers from various backgrounds. I do think they may benefit from having a less conventional professional activity, such as a tour or mock interviews (in order to prevent monotony). That said, I do recall the VPPA (Brother Jones) mentioning a program wherein a mock-interview (with OU Career Services) may be substituted for required attendance of one professional activity. I am eager to see 1) if this happens and 2) how well it works.

The fall 2009 Beta Epsilon pledge class could be defined as explosive (in a good way). While small in number, they demonstrated professionalism and brotherhood from pledging ceremony to initiation. With the high quality demonstrated during their pledge-ship, I have high expectations of these Brothers now that they are in chapter. If I recall correctly, no pledge scored less than a 95 on any single quiz or the final exam. Most averages were right at 100%.

Concerns raised by chapter

A few members of the executive committee have raised concerns with me regarding morale, or motivation for chapter attendance.

Also, Brother Stewart has raised a concern with entering data for CMP credit. He stated he had additional events which he could not enter as there were only three spots for "additional events." I agree with him that, if they did something, they should receive credit for it. They would like to see an open ended option or additional spots for activities to remedy this situation.

DD Recommendations

In the upcoming semester, Beta Epsilon should focus on a high percentage of participation, recruiting another quality pledge class and maintaining the level to which they hold themselves accountable. I would like them to continue improving on getting CMP information submitted accurately and in a timely manner.

Epsilon Zeta: Submitted by Amanda G. Wood

Overall Epsilon Zeta is doing very well. They had a very good semester overall. They completed 5 service events and 5 professional events. They are on track to obtain Chapter of Excellence for CMP. They have turned in all CMP info on time thus far and have a plan to make sure they reach Chapter of Excellence. They take ritual seriously. They did an outstanding job of memorizing both pledging ceremony and initiation ritual. Both ritual events were done by the book and very professionally. I only had two areas of concern for the chapter during the semester. Both I feel at this point have been more or less resolved.

First... The chapter had some issues with one brother feeling like she was being discriminated against. This led to some division between the Caribbean students and the other students. In my opinion Kristen and Mark did an outstanding job trying to resolve this problem. In the end the student dropped her complaint, but she is not happy.

Second... The chapter only initiated four people this semester and they had eight graduate which means the chapter is shrinking in size. This was a major concern for me for the

chapter. The chapter had some problems with recruitment and only voted on 10 people and offered bids to 6. I am somewhat not as concerned about this because they have a plan for heavy recruitment for next semester. Their goal is to get 40 applications and accept somewhere around 23 people. I think they will be able to do this and then they will meet the central office goal of 24 initiates for the year.

CMP Concerns:

1. Is it possible to make it to where the upper tiers are color coded as well? It actually does make it easier to read the reports. Or just make the boxes green once something is turned in and approved.
2. Please, Please, Please. Is there a way to change the viewing rights of DD/RVP's so that when we login and look at CMP when we click on a professional/community service event that has been turned in we can see the description of what they wrote.
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Beta Upsilon: *Submitted by Cheyenne Friend*

Beta Upsilon initiated 34 pledges. The pledge class was of great quality, full of many outstanding eager members. The recruitment was very affective this semester. I attended one of the recruitment events and there were 15 prospective pledges in attendance. A large number of brothers were there as well. 50 prospects signed up for more information about DSP overall.

Beta Upsilon has completed more than required for professional events this semester. The chapter completed 5 professional activities. Beta Upsilon also successfully completed all of the community service requirements.

Goals of Beta Upsilon

VPPA - Create professional event open to all business majors

Intramurals - Execute a new intramurals program

PR - Create focus on university-wide PR programs. Have PR chair assist in committees w/ other chairs to optimize marketing of our fraternity.

VPSA – aggregate all job/internship opportunities and fraternity scholarships and present to chapter

VPCS – focus on one charity to concentrate efforts and maximize impact

Finance – organize expenditures to more effectively design and execute budgeting in the future.

Webmaster – revamp website. Research a domain move that would allow a dedicated, chapter e-mail domain system thereby easing future officer transitions and external communication goals

Chancellor – learn Roberts Rules of Order and conduct chapter meetings accordingly
Alumni Relations – collaborate with Bron Deal and Allen Schuster to ease the transition from collegiate chapter to alumni chapter for our brothers. Slowly build active alumni network through better contact paths.

Pledge Education – implement new presentations into the pledge process.

Fundraising – fix issues with our previous Skeet Shooting Tournament fundraiser by changing the venue and corporate partnerships.

Concerns Raised by Chapter

The chapter always seems to get confused when it comes time to turn in the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual. They feel that some areas of these two items have too much gray area.

They also wish that Central Office could send an email every semester to the whole chapter at the beginning of the semester with a list of approved majors before recruiting starts. They had a prospective pledge that was an Ag Business major and had a hard time in finding if he could join or not.

Beta Upsilon needs more alumni support and hope to change that with the Alumni Relations chair.

Lastly, the chapter must focus on professional events with direct benefits to brothers. I would like to see Beta Upsilon affiliate with other chapters in our region. I feel they are missing out on the national side of brotherhood. The same members usually attend LEAD and Grand Chapter Congress. More involvement from all members would have a great impact for the future of Delta Sigma Pi and Beta Upsilon.

For such a large chapter, I figured the chapters' funds would have been a lot larger. They rely on the money from membership dues and less on fundraising. The chapter just makes it by every semester. I would like to see the chapter increase their funds just in case anything ever happened or they would like to do something special for the chapter members.

Last area of concern is that the chapter is using the word "Rush" instead of "Pledge". The chapter is aware of this error and is going to correct it for the spring semester.

The chapter did improve on a stronger connection between Big Brother and Little Brother but it's another area of concern that I have. This bond and interaction still needs work.

Potential Officers by Chapter:

Beta Epsilon

- Deborah Hendrix
- Edward Jones
- Darius Williams
- Cameron Broussard
- Heath Thompson

Gamma Epsilon

- Wayne Harber
- Rachel Withrow

Epsilon Zeta

- Mark Wernette - markrw86@hotmail.com

Beta Upsilon

- Andrew Wilson
- Jace Makenzie

The state of the Region is good. Now it is time to get ready for Dallas LEAD.

**South Central Province
2010-11 Budget
Approved 3/10**

RVP Travel Allowance	
Gateway, seven chapters	\$ 1,085
Gulf South, six chapters	930
Gulf Western, eight chapters	1,490
Midwestern, four chapters	620
Tornado Alley, four chapter	750
Southwestern, six chapters and one colony, Upsilon Tau Delta	<u>1,300</u>
RVP Travel Sub-Total	\$ 6,175
Speculative Colonies (1)	150
Provincial Vice President Travel Allowance	2,500
Provincial Leadership Training	500
Winter Provincial Leadership Meeting Travel Allowance*	1,400
Provincial Committee Chairs (5 chairs)	125
Summer Leadership Meeting*	-
Provincial Leadership Travel to Provincial Conference**	<u>1,150</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 12,000</u>

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