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PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST VIOLENCE AND SANCTIONS  
ON FRATERNITIES AND OTHER STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

TO: CHED Regional Directors  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities  
Presidents of State Colleges and Universities

1. The fundamental law of the land requires the state through its instrumentalities, in particular the educational agencies, to promote the physical, intellectual and social well-being of the youth, the students. They are encouraged to go to schools of all levels to utilize their God-given talents for self-development and, collectively, for nation-building. They are encouraged further to join all kinds of organizations that foster camaraderie and instill brotherhood.
2. Historically, fraternities were founded to promote brotherhood and camaraderie among groups of people, including students in colleges and universities. Fraternities and other student-organizations must serve to forge not only brotherhood as the ultimate bonding of all men and women inside and outside the confines of universities, but must exist to preserve the value of human life. Their talents and energies must be channeled and utilized for collective development.
3. Recent events involving fraternities tend to erode the moral values inculcated by parents and the educational institutions. Students' dedication to study, respect for authority, observance of the rules and regulations of educational institutions are ignored. Existing laws and other administrative issuances seem not enough to deter some students to inflict physical and mental injuries on others and, in so many instances, cause the loss of life of students.

4. In order to have an atmosphere of brotherhood among fraternities and other student organizations, all educational institutions of higher learning are encouraged to promote programs and projects that will produce responsible students and will instill the value of human life for a productive future. The following preventive measures are therefore suggested:

- 4.1 Monthly meetings of heads of fraternities in a Council of Equals.
- 4.2 Regular gatherings of fraternity members through sports, cultural events and joint community projects where there are cross memberships.
- 4.3 Reporting of a potential conflict to the head of the fraternity as a standard procedure. The head in turn will patch it up with his counterpart.
- 4.4 Internal policing by the fraternities themselves.
- 4.5 Long-term re-orientation of role of fraternity to move away from macho conflicts into a society of brotherhood that stresses studies, productivity, creativity, and sense of community and nationhood.
- 4.6 More interaction between the School Administration and the fraternities.
- 4.7 Parents informed about the participation of their children in fraternities.
- 4.8 Use of fraternity alumni members to counsel resident members.
- 4.9 Fraternities be obliged to have an ethical code in their organizational vision and objectives which should include a commitment to solve problems in a peaceful and friendly way.

5. In order to deter violence among Fraternities the following sanctions shall be strictly carried out:

- 5.1 Automatic expulsion of any fraternity member for:
  - a. starting or taking the offensive action that clearly provokes violence.
  - b. carrying of knives, sticks, pipes, guns and other deadly weapons in schools.
  - c. extortion

5.2 60 days suspension of all officers of a fraternity found guilty of starting action that will provoke violence.

5.3 Suspension of guilty fraternity for one year for the first offense and permanent ban for the next offense.

6. Higher Education institutions must fully assume authority and responsibility in dealing with fraternities and other student aggrupations. They are enjoined to closely monitor and supervise the enumerated preventive measures and sanctions herein above-stated.

7. Immediate dissemination for this Order is desired.

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