**A close up of a sign

Description automatically generated**

[Date]

[New Member Name]

[Chapter Name]

via email: [New member’s email address per Anchorbase]

Subject: Recent Formal Hearing – Confidential

Dear [New Member Name]:

I have received the documentation from your recent Honor Board hearing with [chapter name] chapter of Delta Gamma. After a thorough review and careful deliberation, I concur with Honor Board’s recommendation and conclusions. Therefore, I will be recommending your expulsion from Delta Gamma Fraternity.

Delta Gamma has definite standards for collegiate chapters and members, and it is tremendously important to the morale of all that each member and new member assumes her personal responsibility. You made a commitment to Delta Gamma to live up to these high standards, and it is evident that your conduct and actions have precluded you from meeting that commitment, and that your interests are not consistent with those of our Fraternity.

**Article VII, Section 1 of the Delta Gamma Constitution states:** “The authority to expel a member/new member…shall be vested in Council….” Only the Council of Delta Gamma Fraternity has the authority to expel a member or new member for conduct and failure to maintain the standards of the Fraternity.

Therefore, I am forwarding this information to the Director: Standards for her review. If she agrees with my recommendation, she will forward this information to the Council of Delta Gamma for a final determination. You will hear by letter regarding a decision.

While your case is processed, the following penalties are effective immediately:

* Loss of social privileges with the exception of anchored (mandatory) events;
* Forfeiture of your elected or appointed office;
* Must attend all anchored events; and,
* Must meet all financial obligations to Delta Gamma.

Lastly, I want to remind you that your Statement of Obligation signed when first joining Delta Gamma is a contract, which is still binding upon you. Under that contract, you are required to hold in confidence the business, including any Honor Board business, and rituals of Delta Gamma Fraternity and of your chapter. Any breach of confidentiality would be actionable in a court of law.

Sincerely,

[RCS/CAC/NCC Name]

[Insert Title: Regional Collegiate Specialist/Council Appointed Coordinator/New Chapter Coordinator], [Insert Region or Chapter Serving]

CC: Director: Standards

Honor Board adviser

vp: social standards

Att: Notice of Rights

**Notice of Rights**

A new member/member being brought before Honor Board has the following rights:

1. At least three days in advance of the formal hearing, the member should receive a letter from the Honor Board indicating the date and time to appear before Honor Board and the Statement of Obligation Review regarding the allegation(s) against the member.
2. At the formal hearing, 4 of 5 Honor Board members must be present. *Other than the member against whom the allegations have been filed, no one else may be present.*
3. Everything discussed **during the formal hearing** is confidential. The member may not discuss the proceedings outside of the Honor Board formal hearing, except as outlined below with a member of Honor Board or the Honor Board adviser (HBA). Honor Board will only discuss the proceedings with the necessary officers and advisers.
4. If the member needs assistance in preparing for the formal hearing, any Honor Board member may be called upon to assist upon request.
5. If the member chooses to discuss these proceedings with anyone other than Honor Board or the Honor Board Adviser (HBA), either prior to or following the formal hearing, the member could face additional sanctions up to and including expulsion from Delta Gamma Fraternity.
6. The hearing may be tape recorded or otherwise memorialized by Honor Board, the contents of which remain confidential and proprietary to Delta Gamma Fraternity.
7. The member has the right to ask and be informed of, **during the formal hearing**, the name(s) of the person(s) who filed the Statement of Obligation Review.
8. Honor Board will vote to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe a violation of the Statement of Obligation has occurred, after the evidence is presented. *Upon an affirmative majority vote, Honor Board may recommend**a warning, penalty, probation or expulsion to the Regional Collegiate Specialist (RCS)/Council Appointed Coordinator (CAC)/New Chapter Coordinator (NCC).*
9. Only the RCS/CAC/NCC may impose a warning, penalty, place a member on probation (other than an automatic probation as outlined in the chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules), or approve a recommendation to Council for a collegiate member’s expulsion
10. Only the RCS/CAC/NCC may approve the delay of initiation for new members.
11. If the member disagrees with the Honor Board's recommendation, the member has three (3) days from the date of the formal hearing to submit a letter of appeal to the RCS/CAC/NCC.
12. If the member requires assistance in writing her letter of appeal, any Honor Board member may be called upon to assist upon request.
13. The RCS/CAC/NCC will review all of the information related to the Statement of Obligation Review and will, when appropriate, notify the member in writing of the decision. If the RCS/CAC/NCC’s decision is to pursue a recommendation to Council for expulsion, she will notify the member in writing.
14. If the RCS/CAC/NCC does not agree with Honor Board's recommendation, she may impose a less severe or more severe sanction.
15. If the sanction imposed by the RCS/CAC/NCC is more severe than Honor Board’s recommendation, the member has three (3) days from the date of the RCS/CAC/NCC’s written notification to submit a letter of appeal to the RCS/CAC/NCC.