

Dear Greek Alumnus:

On Tuesday, October 2, President Grey Dimenna hosted a discussion inviting all Greek alumni to address the recent suspension of non-educational Greek activities on-campus. This event was held at 6:30pm in Wilson Hall Auditorium with 33 alumni and 5 Greek student leaders in attendance for a 1.5 hour discussion.

Although the majority of alumni understood the university's suspension in order to create a safe Greek Life community, there were multiple questions surrounding the proposal deadline date and institutional resources to support Greek Life progress. Below you will find a summary of key points made by President Dimenna, Greek alumni, and student leadership.

As a result of this discussion, Monmouth has designed a webpage dedicated to this topic, so you can [view the draft proposal](#) and see the progress towards creating a safe Greek Life community.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the [Homecoming Alumni Tailgate Party](#) on Saturday, October 20.

Fellow Hawk,
Amanda

Greek Alumni Discussion Summary

- Alumni expressed enrollment and retention concerns if Greek Life is no longer an option; many shared personal testimonies and positive Greek Life experiences
- Concern for chapters who were not in violation, but were suspended were voiced; President Dimenna stated that over 50% of the chapters were in violation of risk management and university policies, signaling the Greek system as a whole needs to create a safer community
- Alumni expressed concern regarding the timing of the initial action as it required the students to work on a plan over the summer when the students are generally not on campus. President Dimenna explained that it would have been difficult to start the process before the end of the academic year as the full extent of the issues were not apparent before that point in time. He also explained that he didn't want to wait to address the issue until the fall as he was concerned that it would not have given the students time to develop and gain approval of a plan before the spring semester. He acknowledged that the timing wasn't ideal, but everyone was attempting to address the issue on a timely basis
- With the growing number of Monmouth students involved in Greek Life, President Dimenna and Vice President Mary Anne Nagy are studying options to restructure the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life including possibly creating a more senior level position to manage the program and/or to increase the number of assistant personnel as well as other ideas

- National offices are working closely with Vice President Nagy and their chapters to ensure a safe community; National offices request that Greek alumni contact their national representatives versus offering direct assistance to their chapters
- As a part of the proposal, Alumni suggested incentivizing the Greek excellence packets (designed and distributed to celebrate Greek Life accomplishments) to further encourage positive academic success, philanthropy, and a safe Greek Life community
- Greek Senate President, Henry Tran '19, delivered a heartfelt apology on behalf of the Greek Life community for their actions, sharing “we knew the suspension was coming”, and mentioning how the suspension has brought the chapters closer than ever before
- Greek Senate is confident they will submit a thorough revised proposal with a goal of lifting the suspension by spring 2019; President Dimenna and Vice President Nagy are working closely with Henry to assist Greek Senate with this process