

Summary of Key Findings from the IFC Focus Group **October 2, 2008**

There seems to be an overall positive feeling about involvement in fraternity life at OWU. Greek life tends to be described in terms of fraternity involvement versus sorority and fraternity involvement underscoring an apparent gulf between Greek women and men at OWU.

- The seven fraternities feel as though they are active and involved on campus as they hold different leadership positions in clubs as well as working in different campus offices.
- The seven fraternities provide different opportunities in each chapter.
- Fraternity life is valuable in several ways including: providing real world experience, time management skills, a home away from home, philanthropic events, and a social outlet for campus.
- Fraternities provide a different housing option that creates a tight knit group of people within each house. It is a living option between the residence halls and the real world experience.
- Fraternities value their alumni as they contribute to the University as well as provide networking opportunities for the active members.
- Academics have a strong presence within the fraternity community, as their overall GPA's are higher than the non-affiliated students. Academics are often a topic in chapter meetings as the fraternity provides a support system for a member(s) and new members.
- There needs to be more visible support from administration and faculty through attendance at events and practicing an effective working relationship.
- Fraternities and sororities need to increase communication on individual levels as well as through IFC and Panhellenic councils in order for collaboration to occur on event planning and implementation.

The future of Greek life can be enhanced by increasing numbers of involved students, meeting capacity of each fraternity house, expansion of number of chapters, improving communication inside and outside of the Greek community.

- Improve communication between fraternities and sororities. The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils need to work together, provide resources, and consistency.
- Promote Greek life more through programs such as Slice of Life and Orientation.
- Try to unite fraternities and sororities into a common Greek community and create tradition.
- The University, fraternities, & sororities need to communicate updates and positive news with the national organizations and alumni on a more consistent basis.
- Use the Hill as a Greek programming venue.

- Fraternities and sororities need to educate on how they plan events to one another and come up with a compromise on timing and programming planning.