June 25, 2019

To: The Rensselaer Community
From: Peter A. Konwerski, Vice President for Student Life
Re: Greek Life Update

I am writing to provide an update on the work to enhance Greek Life at Rensselaer. The Executive Sponsor Group reviewed the report of the Greek Life Task Force and submitted their recommendations to President Shirley Ann Jackson.

President Jackson charged me to work with the Executive Sponsor Group to implement the approved recommendations. The implementation process will be multiphased and include specific work plans for each phase. The work plans will contain milestone dates, resource requirements, and staff assignments to ensure timely completion of the approved recommendations of the Greek Life Task Force.

To assist me with the implementation, Mr. Travis Apgar, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, will immediately organize an internal implementation team, which will include several project teams, to develop strategies to accomplish the approved recommendations. The implementation team and project teams will be comprised of Rensselaer student leaders (Greek and non-Greek), faculty, and staff. My next update will include additional information about the work being accomplished by the implementation team and project teams. In addition, I will continue to share progress with, and gain input from, the leaders of the IFC, Panhellenic, and AIGC.

As an additional point of reference, Dean Apgar and the Deans of the Greek Life Commons and I met with representatives of the North American Inter-Fraternity Conference, National Panhellenic Conference, and inter/national representatives of more than 16 Greek Letter organizations in Indianapolis, Indiana. We briefed the group on the approved recommendations and invited their collaboration. After a robust conversation, several organizations indicated their interest in supporting our current efforts and upcoming initiatives.

Thank you to all of the members of the Rensselaer community who have been involved and contributed to the work of the Greek Life review over the past year. I look forward to sharing additional updates as we proceed with our implementation efforts throughout the coming year, as we all strive to enhance our Greek community.