



Stephen F. Austin State University Hazing Report

For incidents occurring between January 01, 2022 and January 01, 2025

Per Texas Education Code Sec. 51.936 Hazing, each postsecondary educational institution shall develop and post in a prominent location on the institution's Internet website a report on hazing committed on or off campus by an organization registered with or recognized by the institution. The report must include information regarding each disciplinary action taken by the institution against an organization for hazing, and each conviction of hazing under Section 37.153 (Organization Hazing Offense) by an organization, during the three years preceding the date on which the report is issued or updated.

Case 1: Sigma Lambda Beta

Name of Organization:

Sigma Lambda Beta

Date of Incident:

December 2, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

December 3 2024

Description of Incident:

It was reported new members were being bullied and emotionally abused.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

This is an ongoing investigation

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

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Case 2: Sigma Tau Gamma

Name of Organization:

Sigma Tau Gamma

Date of Incident:

September 14, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

September 17, 2024

Description of Incident:

It was reported new members were being required to kiss each other.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

The evidence and report submitted originated from 3 calendar years prior. In addition, both parties pictured were current members not acting in any capacity affiliated with the chapter, therefore charges against Sigma Tau Gamma were dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

October 4, 2024

Case 3: Pi Kappa Alpha

Name of Organization:

Pi Kappa Alpha

Date of Incident:

September 14, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

September 16, 2024

Description of Incident:

It was reported there an unresponsive male that was seizing due to alcohol consumption, that was being transported from the Pi Kappa Alpha House.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing
- Article V, Section A: Alcohol – Furnishing
- Article V, Section M: Joint Responsibility

Findings of Case:

There was sufficient evidence to support a finding of responsibility, mainly to the student in question being transported by ambulance to the hospital due to alcohol consumption and the student was underage, brought their own alcohol, and the organization facilitating the consumption by hosting the gathering and not monitoring who was drinking. There was no evidence to support the hazing charge, thus the finding of not responsible.

Sanctions:

- Placed on Behavioral Conduct Probation effective September 26, 2024 through September 26, 2026
- Risk Management Education - Facilitated by the Pi Kappa Alpha National Office, educate all men in the organization on PIKE and NIC risk management standards, particularly in reference to hosting events. Must have at least 90% of brother in attendance. Submit proof of completion to DSO. Due date January 01, 2025.
- Host educational event where law enforcement and first responders attend to educate on host liability laws, impact of alcohol, etc. 90% of brothers must be in attendance. Due date January 01, 2025.
- Complete any and all sanctions assigned by PIKE national office

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

September 26, 2024

Case 4: Theta Chi

Name of Organization:

Theta Chi

Date of Incident:

September 11, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

September 12, 2024

Description of Incident:

It was reported members of the organization exposed their genitalia while another chapter member was sleeping. Additionally, it was reported that members were being forced to perform fellatio on other members, among other activities that would constitute hazing.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

University found there to be no evidence the activities in question were formal or informal chapter activities. While the photo and activity may have been in poor taste, there was not a preponderance to warrant a finding of responsibility for the hazing charge. It should also be noted that all individuals in the picture willingly engaged, so there are no violations of any other university policies, therefore Theta Chi was found not responsible.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

September 25, 2024

Case 5: Chi Omega

Name of Organization:

Chi Omega

Date of Incident:

August 10, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

August 19, 2024

Description of Incident:

It was reported members are being required to stay extra time, potentially not eating, undergoing verbal abuse, and required to pay monies for recruitment.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

\$50 dollars was requested for food and snacks as the org was preparing for recruitment during work week. Chapter furnished several announcements about the use of those funds. Additionally, Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner was provided to all members regardless if they were able to pitch in or not, therefore charges against Chi Omega were dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

August 28, 2024

Case 6: Theta Chi

Name of Organization:

Theta Chi

Date of Incident:

March 25, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

March 26, 2024

Description of Incident:

It was reported new members are being required to consume alcohol, perform chores, wear degrading clothing, among other activities that would constitute hazing.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing
- Article V, Section S.i: Theft or Improper Possession - Property
- Article V, Section K.ii: Harm - Endangerment
- Article V, Section M.ii: Joint Responsibility - Others Action
- Article V, Section A.vi: Alcohol - Common Source

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any findings of responsibility, therefore charges against Theta Chi were dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

May 20, 2024

Case 7: SFA Cheer and Dance Team

Name of Organization:

SFA Cheer and Dance Team

Date of Incident:

March 11, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

March 11, 2024

Description of Incident:

Cheer and Dance Team members and coaches allegedly engaged in abusive behaviors to current and former team members which may constitute harm, bullying, and/or hazing.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing
- Article V, Section S.i: Theft or Improper Possession - Property
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Findings of Case:

There was no evidence to substantiate any charges under the Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, therefore charges were dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

March 20, 2024

Case 8: Sigma Tau Gamma

Name of Organization:

Sigma Tau Gamma

Date of Incident:

February 19, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated:

March 18, 2024

Description of Incident:

It was reported new members are being required to consume alcohol. Additionally, it was reported that a new member suffered an injury as a result of hazing.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any hazing allegation, therefore charge against Sigma Tau Gamma was dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

March 28, 2024

Case 9: Kappa Alpha Order

Name of Organization:

Kappa Alpha Order

Date of Incident:

November 9, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

November 9, 2023

Description of Incident:

It was reported new members are being required to exercise. Additionally, it was reported that a new member suffered an injury as a result of hazing.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any hazing allegation, therefore charges against Kappa Alpha Order – Delta Kappa Chapter was dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

December 14, 2023

Case 10: Sigma Tau Gamma

Name of Organization:

Sigma Tau Gamma

Date of Incident:

November 3, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

November 7, 2023

Description of Incident:

It was reported that a witness overheard a male, who was identified as a "pledge" of Sigma Tau Gamma, stating he almost had alcohol poisoning and he was bruised from being paddled.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any hazing allegation, therefore charges against Sigma Tau Gamma – Gamma Pi Chapter was dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

December 7, 2023

Case 11: Sigma Chi

Name of Organization:

Sigma Chi

Date of Incident:

October 31, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

November 2, 2023

Description of Incident:

It was alleged that hazing was occurring at the Sigma Chi house at night.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article III, Section 2c: Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any hazing allegation, therefore charges against Sigma Chi – Eta Tau Chapter was dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

December 7, 2023

Case 12: Alpha Tau Omega

Name of Organization:

Alpha Tau Omega

Date of Incident:

September 24, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

October 9, 2023

Description of Incident:

Fraternity members allegedly being yelled at and required to perform planks.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing
- Article V, Section Q: Retaliation

Findings of Case:

The Alpha Tau Omega – Eta Iota Chapter was found not responsible for violating Article V, Section I: Hazing and Article V, Section Q: Retaliation.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

December 5, 2023

Case 13: Phi Delta Theta

Name of Organization:

Phi Delta Theta

Date of Incident:

October 3, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

October 9, 2023

Description of Incident:

Fraternity members allegedly required pledges to participate in scavenger hunts, “call outs”, and reciting information upon command. Additionally, pledges were deserted into the woods, forced to perform physical activities, and forced to consume alcohol.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any hazing allegation, therefore charges against Phi Delta Theta – Eta Chapter was dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

November 29, 2023

Case 14: Kappa Sigma

Name of Organization:

Kappa Sigma

Date of Incident:

September 23, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

September 27, 2023

Description of Incident:

It was reported the members of Kappa Sigma are seen tossing a student into the fountain of Surfin Steve.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any hazing allegation, therefore charges against Kappa Sigma – Nu Tau Chapter was dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

November 16, 2023

Case 15: Theta Chi

Name of Organization:

Theta Chi

Date of Incident:

October 13, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

October 17, 2023

Description of Incident:

It was reported that Fraternity members were hazing potential new members during a car wash event.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing

Findings of Case:

There was not enough substantial information to support any hazing allegation, therefore charges against Theta Chi – Epsilon Tau Chapter was dismissed.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

November 16, 2023

Case 16: Delta Tau Delta

Name of Organization:

Delta Tau Delta

Date of Incident:

September 20, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

October 5, 2023

Description of Incident:

It was reported on September 20th, that the members of Delta Tau Delta were at the Frogs sports bar with their new members present. It was also reported that several of their new members have been seen sleeping outside of, and have checked in every morning at the Campus Rec Center around 6:00 AM.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article V, Section I: Hazing
- Article V, Section A.i: Alcohol - Use/Possession Under 21
- Article V, Section K.ii: Harm - Endangerment
- Article V, Section O.ii: Obstruction of Student Conduct Process - False Information
- Article V, Section M.ii: Joint Responsibility - Others Action

Findings of Case:

The Delta Tau Delta – Zeta Psi Chapter was found responsible for violating Article V, Section I: Hazing, Article V, Section K.ii: Harm – Endangerment, Article V, Section O.ii: Obstruction of Student Conduct Process - False Information. Additionally, the Delta Tau Delta – Zeta Psi Chapter was found not responsible for violating, Article V, Section A.i: Alcohol - Use/Possession Under 21, Article V, Section M.ii: Joint Responsibility - Others Action.

Sanctions:

- Suspension: The Delta Tau Delta – Zeta Psi Chapter is suspended effective November 15, 2023 through November 15, 2026.
- Placed on Behavioral Conduct Probation, effecting November 16, 2026 and ending November 16, 2031.
- Membership review of any currently active members that may still be a registered student once the term of the suspension has expired.
- Completion of any and all sanctions assigned by the Delta Tau Delta national office.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

November 15, 2023

Case 17: Alpha Phi Omega

Name of Organization:

Alpha Phi Omega

Date of Incident:

February 28, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated:

March 1, 2023

Description of Incident:

Fraternity members allegedly required pledges to participate in scavenger hunts, “call outs”, and reciting information upon command. Additionally, pledges were deserted into the woods, forced to perform physical activities, and forced to consume alcohol.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article III, Section 2c: Hazing – Sleep Deprivation, Exposure, Confinement, Calisthenics, or Similar
- Article III, Section 2h: Hazing – Intentionally, Recklessly, or Knowingly Permitting Hazing to Occur
- Article III, Section 1b: Harm to Others – Endangerment
- Article III, Section 5d: Disorderly Conduct – Facilitation of Student Misconduct

Findings of Case:

The Alpha Phi Omega – Nu Sigma Chapter was found responsible for violating Article III, Section 2c: Hazing – Sleep Deprivation, Exposure, Confinement, Calisthenics, or Similar and Article III, Section 2h: Hazing – Intentionally, Recklessly, or Knowingly Permitting Hazing to Occur. Additionally, the Alpha Phi Omega – Nu Sigma chapter was found not responsible for violating Article III, Section 1b: Harm to Others – Endangerment and Article III, Section 5d: Disorderly Conduct – Facilitation of Student Misconduct.

Sanctions:

- Suspension: The SFA Nu Sigma chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is suspended effective April 13, 2023 through April 14, 2025.
- Membership review of any currently active members that may still be a registered student once the term of the suspension has expired.
- National representatives must meet with the Office of Student Engagement to develop a strategic plan for future success of the organization.

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

April 13, 2023

Case 18: Alpha Tau Omega

Name of Organization:

Alpha Tau Omega

Date of Incident:

On or around August 25, 2022

Date Investigation Initiated:

September 15, 2022

Description of Incident:

Fraternity members allegedly provided shots of alcohol to potential new members at an off-campus event.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article III, Section 2d: Hazing – Consumption of Food, Drug, Alcohol, or other Substance
- Article III, Section 8b: Prohibited Possession or Use of Alcohol – Distribution

Findings of Case:

All charges dismissed as the event occurred off-campus and did not meet the standard of adversely affecting the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives (from the Student Code of Conduct, Article II: Jurisdiction).

Sanctions:

None

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

September 26, 2022

Case 19: Zeta Tau Alpha

Name of Organization:

Zeta Tau Alpha

Date of Incident:

On or around August 17, 2022

Date Investigation Initiated:

September 19, 2022

Description of Incident:

New members to Zeta Tau Alpha were allegedly physically harmed as part of the initiation process.

Alleged Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Article III, Section 2b: Hazing – Physical Brutality

Findings of Case:

The charges were determined to be unfounded after interviews with the majority of the potential new members. Hazing charge was dismissed.

Sanctions:

None

Resolution Date of Student Conduct Process:

September 27, 2022