

## BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Dean of Students Division of Student Affairs

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Jerod Breit Executive Director, Delta Chi International Fraternity 3845 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46208

Dear Mr. Breit,

This letter is to provide you notice regarding a change in status for the Delta Chi Fraternity at Bowling Green State University (BGSU).

On July 29, 2021, Michael Botts, Assistant Dean of Students, suspended the BGSU chapter of Delta Chi for a minimum of one year. While BGSU elected to suspend the chapter, the international headquarters allowed the local chapter to retain the charter and to continue operating.

In his letter dated July 29, Mr. Botts stated that the earliest the chapter could petition the university for recognition as a student organization would be the summer 2022 semester. Furthermore, Mr. Botts also communicated that BGSU reserves the right to alter the sanction at any time during the suspension period upon receipt of additional relevant facts.

Since August 2021, BGSU has received information connected to the local chapter of Delta Chi. More specifically, social media posts documented that some chapter operations (e.g., recruitment and socials) occur at the "blue and yellow houses". The addresses for these properties are 217 N. Prospect and 223 N. Prospect in Bowling Green. Reports for incidents occurring at these locations include:

- 8/8/2021- BG City Police responded to a report of littering or illegal dumping at 217 N. Prospect because of trash left in the yard.
- 8/25/2021- An anonymous report was submitted with photographs of an offensive banner being displayed at the residences.
- 8/26-8/28/2021- A flyer posted on social media advertised a three-day party to occur at 217 N. Prospect and 223 N. Prospect.
- 8/26/2021- A Disorderly Conduct/Loud Noise citation was issued by the BG City Police at 217 N. Prospect. One Delta Chi member who resides at the residence was cited and found responsible under the BGSU Code of Student Conduct.
- **8/27/2021** BG City Police responded to a report of littering or illegal dumping at 217 N. Prospect because of trash left in the yard.
- 8/28/2021- An underage BGSU student was found passed out outside of a party occurring at 217
  N. Prospect and was transported to the hospital due to their intoxication level. One non-member was cited.

- 8/28/2021- A Nuisance Party citation was issued by the BG City Police at 217 N. Prospect. Two Delta Chi members who reside at the residence were cited.
- 8/30/2021- A flyer posted on social media advertised that the chapter was planning to use BGSU facilities for recruitment events as well as identifying 217 N. Prospect and 223 N. Prospect as locations for chapter recruitment events.
- 9/9/2021- The BG City Police received a report of a disruptive female at 217 N. Prospect. Upon arrival, officers found that an intoxicated male and female had left the party and were being disruptive down the street.
- 9/24/2021- A report of hazing from fall 2020 in the on-campus chapter facility was received and substantiated involving forced consumption of hot sauce and expectations that new members trespass illegally on private property.
- 10/12/2021- BG City Police responded to 223 N. Prospect for trash left in the yard.
- 10/29/2021- BG City Police issued a Nuisance Party citation at 217 N. Prospect. A Delta Chi member who resides at the residence was cited.

The university's expectation for Delta Chi was that it would take this current academic year to prepare for potential return to the BGSU fraternal community. However, given the totality of the information received since early August (including the number of reports and their associated severity during a short timeframe), the culture of the present membership will not align with our expectations without drastic change. Accordingly, BGSU will not reconsider reinstatement for fall 2022. Rather, the earliest eligibility for consideration of reinstatement of recognition is fall 2026 after a minimum dormancy (i.e., removal of the local charter by the Delta Chi headquarters) of four consecutive years.

BGSU's commitment to a Community of Care emphasizes the responsibility that all members of the campus have to each other's well-being, and the current actions of the local chapter are not aligned with this commitment. An additional stipulation for Delta Chi to return to BGSU is that no current member or local advisor be affiliated with the chapter of Delta Chi Fraternity at BGSU.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cc:

Christopher H. Bullins

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Dean of Students

Stacey Allan, Associate Director, Office of Student Engagement