

Student Judicial Board
Student Organization Hearing Results
Sigma Gamma Rho
January 24, 2005

The Student Judicial Board held a disciplinary hearing on Friday, January 14, 2005, regarding Student Code of Conduct charges against a chartered student organization, Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc Omicron Gamma Chapter. The charges were based upon a formal complaint from a student. The student alleged, that at various times, during required "set" meetings, members of the sorority required her to stand with her arms held to her chest for 2 hours or more, hold a brick or stand in strenuous positions, and hold a lit match while reciting information. Additionally, the complainant alleged that upon leaving a set, a sorority member cursed at her and blocked the complainant from leaving the member's home. The organization was charged with allegedly violating Sections III(A) 5 and 15 of the Georgia State University Student Code of Conduct ("The Code").

Specifically, the alleged violated codes are as follows:

Section III(a)5: Verbally threatening, physically abusing or threatening physical abuse, intimidation, coercion and/or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of self, other students, other members of the University community or campus visitors.

Section III(a)15: Engaging in, supporting, promoting or sponsoring hazing.

Based upon the information and evidence presented at the judicial hearing, the Student Judicial Board found Sigma Gamma Rho not responsible for violation either Section III(a)5 or Section III(a)15 of Georgia State University Student Code of Conduct. The Dean of Students concurred with the finding of the Student Judicial Board.