

Student Judicial Board
Student Organization Hearing Results
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
June 18, 2010

Complaint:

The formal complaint from Georgia State University alleged that during the period of October 2009 through February 2010, the **Kappa Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** violated the Georgia State University Hazing Policy and Georgia State University's Student Code of Conduct. The alleged violations of Georgia State University's Student Code of Conduct Section III General Conduct Policies and Procedures included:

1. Violation of published Administrative or University policies, rules or regulations, including, but not limited to those contained in this Student Code of Conduct.
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.
12. Making any false statement or misleading information, including by omission, to University officials or committees.
15. Engaging in, supporting, promoting or sponsoring hazing.
18. Commission of any offense prohibited by federal, state or local law.
20. Failure to comply with directions of University officials or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.

Results:

The Student Judicial Board held a disciplinary hearing on Friday, June 4, 2010. The Board found the following:

- Over the course of multiple nights, Georgia State University students interested in joining the fraternity ("interests") were slapped, hit by hand and with a cane, kicked and punched.
- During Fall 2009, "interests" were required to drink an alcohol beverage called "Nupe Juice" and eat a mixture of random food compiled on a plate called "Kappa Koncoction."
- "Interests" were required to complete "missions" that included running errands, picking-up food, and driving members to and from work, school and social events.

- On December 16, 2009 an “interest” was slapped in the face three times and punched in the stomach, an area of his body that had a surgical scar from a previous injury. From the punch to the stomach, the student felt extreme pain, fell to the ground and coughed up blood. To no avail, the student reported the December 16, 2009 incident to the Chapter’s Alumni Advisor who provided him with the name of a physician and later told him that it was up to the pledges to speak with the “Dean of Pledges” if they disagreed with the tactics being used.
- Another student who expressed his concern about the December 16, 2009 incident directly to the Alumni Advisor was also told by the advisor to discuss his concerns with the Dean of Pledges.
- Six students were notified before Christmas that they were to advance to “on line” status and were required to return to campus prior to the end of the University’s holiday break.

The Board concluded that the above listed unlawful acts of hazing by the fraternity “endangered the health and safety of individual(s), and caused them pain, embarrassment, ridicule and harassment.” The Board also concluded that the Kappa Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. failed to comply with the directions of a University official and continued their intake process after being issued a Cease and Desist Notice by the University on December 18, 2009.

In addition, the fraternity made false statements and provided misleading information, including by omission. Specifically, the Alumni Advisor, in various investigative interviews and emails with University officials, did not inform them of his knowledge of the name of the student injured in the December 16, 2009 hazing incident or that he had directly received reports of hazing from students. Further, the President, in his investigative interviews, did not inform University officials that he had “interested” students drive him to and from work.

Based on the information and evidence presented at the judicial hearing, the Student Judicial Board found **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** responsible for violation of Section III A 1, 5, 12, 15, 18 and 20 of Georgia State University *Student Code of Conduct*. The Dean of Students upheld the findings of responsibility by the Student Judicial Board as well as their recommended sanction indicated below:

- **Revocation of University Charter**-*Effective immediately*, the University Charter of the **Kappa Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** *is revoked, permanently severing the organization’s relationship with the University.*