

Student Judicial Board  
Student Organization  
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
October 14, 2011

### **Complaint:**

The formal complaint from Georgia State University alleged that on behalf of the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Mr. Jacob Pridemore, President of the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, submitted a Membership Activity Form on August 21, 2011 to Lucille Whiten, Coordinator of Greek Life, requesting approval to host a membership recruitment event on August 25, 2011 with alcohol present. Ms. Whiten subsequently denied the request because the national standards of Pi Kappa Alpha explicitly state that alcohol is not allowed at recruitment events. On August 25, 2011, an underage Georgia State University student attending the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity off-campus party became so intoxicated that members of the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity transported him to the hospital for immediate medical attention. Further, the chapter provided transportation to the party through a third-party vendor ("The Drunk Tank") in which alcohol was available. The alleged violations of Georgia State University's Student Code of Conduct Section II General Conduct Policies and Procedures included:

1. Violation of published Administrative or University policies...
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.
9. Public intoxication or use, possession, consumption, distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the University's Alcohol Policy (Section IV.C.).
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, October 14, 2011. The Board found the following:

- Pi Kappa Alpha's initial request to the Coordinator of Greek Life to host a membership event with alcohol was denied. Approval of the subsequent request for a membership event was granted by the Coordinator of Greek Life with the restriction of alcohol.
- Pi Kappa Alpha provided students with bus transportation by a third-party vendor to the August 25, 2011 off-campus membership recruitment event. While en route to the off-campus event, an underage Georgia State University student consumed shots of alcohol from a bottle that was passed on the bus.
- Prior to taking the students to the off-campus membership recruitment event, the bus provided students with a stop at an "unofficial fraternity" house where a keg was present.
- At the recruitment event, the bar was opened and served alcoholic beverages to students, according to one of the fraternity members.

The Board concluded that the fraternity did not coerce the Georgia State University student to drink, which the Georgia State University student concurred. The Board also concluded that the fraternity did provide alcohol to a minor and held an event with alcohol, which was not approved by the Coordinator of Greek Life.

Based on the information and evidence presented at the judicial hearing, the Student Judicial Board found the **Epsilon Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** not responsible for the violation of Section III. A.5, yet found the fraternity responsible for the violation of Section III. A. 1, 9, 18, and 20 of the Georgia State University *Student Code of Conduct*. The Dean of Students upheld the findings by the Student Judicial Board as well as their recommended sanctions indicated below:

- Social Suspension: a ban of all social activities including parties or gatherings of a social nature until the end of Spring Semester 2012.
- Educational Sanctions:
  - The Epsilon Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity must implement an Alcohol Awareness Program by December 5, 2011. The program must be attended by at least seventy-five percent of the chapter members.
  - The chapter must also attend an Alcohol Awareness Program by December 5, 2011 with attendance by one-hundred percent of the chapter members.