



FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Tucker Hipps Transparency Act Report

Spring 2024

Pursuant to Act 259, Section 59-101-210 of the SC Code Laws requires that the public institutions, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, report certain violations, contents, availability, and redress for violations. A public institution of higher learning shall submit to the Commission on Higher Education a statement within fourteen calendar days that the reports have been updated as required in subsection (A)(4). The commission shall publish on their webpage a link to your institution's updated reports. http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/4521.htm

Spring 2024

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2023

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2023

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2022

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Violation Date:	Fall 2022
Charge Date:	08/31/2022
Investigation Initiated:	08/25/2022
Incident Description:	University was alerted by FMU Campus Police of an on-campus incident involving several chapter members on August 21, 2022. Organization members hosted a campus gathering in a chapter members assigned housing which resulted in a noise complaint. Upon officers arrival they noticed a large number of individuals gathered outside of the apartment who alleged the party was over. Inside the apartment officers notice a liquid filled container mixed with alcohol.
University Charge(s):	Organization was charged with violations of Alcohol policy & Housing policy (Alcohol & Noise violation).
Findings:	Responsible.
Sanctions/Resolution:	Conduct Probation until 05/31/2023. Organization members required to assist with upcoming campus wide Alcohol Awareness month activities in Spring 2023. Members must also complete a resident student Rights & Responsibilities seminar sponsored by the Dean of Students Office during the fall academic term.

Organization was prohibited from completing Membership Intake Activities for the Fall 2022 academic term.

Spring 2022

Kappa Delta Sorority

Violation Date: Fall 2020
Charge Date: 02/02/2022
Investigation Initiated: 02/02/2022
Incident Description: University was alerted by Kappa Delta National officers on February 2, 2022 of an alleged hazing incident against members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority. According to the information reported during the Spring 2022 semester, members alleged during Fall 2020 recruitment activities that included underage drinking and other incautious behavior at an off-campus location.
University Charge(s): FMU worked with the National Organization who charged the chapter with violations of Sorority protocol and membership development.
Findings: Responsible by National Organization and upheld by FMU.
Sanctions/Resolution: The chapter was placed on an immediate suspension February 2, 2022 during the investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, chapter suspension lifted April 29, 2022. Three chapter leaders were suspended from the organization effective immediately and new officers appointed. Chapter members will work with national leadership team on three year action plan focused on safety, membership/membership retention, and leadership. Chapter members will have to participate in Alcohol Awareness training conducted by National leadership member development officers. They will also assist the Dean of Students Office with campus Alcohol Awareness activities in October 2022.

Fall 2021

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2021

Pi Kappa Alpha

Violation Date: 02/13/2021
Charge Date: 03/26/2021
Investigation Initiated: 02/15/2021
Incident Description: University was alerted by FMU Campus Police of an on-campus incident involving several chapter members. Organization members hosted a campus gathering in chapter assigned housing in

violation of posted COVID policy and included underage consumption.
University Charge(s): Organization was charged with violations of Alcohol policy & Failure to Comply (COVID Policy).
Findings: Responsible
Sanctions/Resolution: Conduct Probation until 12/31/2021. Organization members required to assist with upcoming campus wide Alcohol Awareness month activities in October 2021. Members must also complete a resident student Rights & Responsibilities seminar sponsored by the Dean of Students Office during the first week of the fall academic term.

Fall 2020

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2020

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2019

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2019

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2018

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2018

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2017

No Violations to Report.

Spring 2017

No Violations to Report.

Fall 2016

Kappa Alpha Order

Violation Date: 10/25/2016
Charge Date: 10/26/2016
Investigation Initiated: 10/26/2016 Organization was placed on Interim Suspension

Incident Description: University was alerted by the fraternity advisor of off-campus incident that was verbal with no evidence of physical contact. Due to the nature of the verbal context, the incident met the criteria for hazing activity

University Charge(s): Organization was charged with violation of hazing policy.

Findings: Responsible

Sanctions/Resolution: Suspended until 2/5/17. Nine officers removed from office; extensive risk management and hazing education training imposed.

Spring 2016

Delta Sigma Theta

Violation Date: 2/2016

Charge Date: 3/14/2016 Organization was placed on Interim Suspension

Investigation Initiated: 3/11/2016

Incident Description: University was notified by the South Atlantic Regional Office of alleged hazing activities at an off-campus location. Potential new members were required to attend excessively long meetings and stand for long periods of time and coerced to eat particular foods. Due to the nature of the activity, the incident met the criteria for hazing activity.

University Charges(s): Organization was charged with violation of hazing policy.

Findings: Responsible

Sanctions/Resolution: Suspension effective immediately until 5/31/2019; due to past behaviors, probation for one academic year upon reactivation on campus, if determined the chapter will be allowed to return; educational success planning training.