DISTRICT VI ARCHON REPORT
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Brother SWGP and Brothers,

Another Executive Council meeting is upon us and I am as excited as ever for the direction that the Fraternity is moving. A year and a half ago, this Archonate came into these positions as the Fraternity faced many difficult decisions. Turning around an organization of this size is no easy task, but I believe that we are making significant progress and I am encouraged by the successes that we have shared since the last Executive Council Meeting. I hope to share where I believe we are acting successfully as well as where I believe we can be more efficient and provide a better service to our membership.

The most obvious success since our last meeting has been the inaugural Regional Officer Training. I had the pleasure of attending the training in Los Angeles along with SWGP Boyle and I was excited to see the effective programming, high level of professionalism, and engagement with both undergraduates and alumni. Since being elected, we have had many conversations as a council regarding the need to get in front of undergraduates and talk. We have emphasized the importance of being face to face with our membership, exposing a greater percentage of our membership to the national organization, and truly providing relevant training. I truly believe that Regional Officer Training accomplished all of these objectives. I received feedback from both alumni and undergraduates that this was the most applicable, interactive, and helpful training that they have experienced. We reached more members than ever before for a training event and all while being very cost effective. I want to thank the staff for all of their hard work and time invested to make these events not only possible, but a great success.

I also believe that we are making progress in our effort to provide this “for a service” model. It is my personal belief that it is the responsibility of the National Fraternity to provide our chapters with the resources to succeed. As we have seen in Brother Ransom’s report, we have an increase in chapters utilizing our third party vendors such as OmegaFi which should provide chapters with more efficient collection policies and in turn more flexible operating budgets.

Finally, I am excited for the new business mentality of the staff and the way that we are analyzing out investments, out spending, and our progress with actual metrics that mean something. I feel that we are no longer afraid of these numbers and are utilizing these data points to drive the way we shape certain programs and services in the future. After moving to this “for a service” model, many individuals had questions about costs and if we were spending money in the right places. I feel that after looking at analyses such as the cost of closing a chapter versus sending staff to help speaks volumes. The more that we invest in truly supporting our chapters, the more stable and successful we will be as a national organization.

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Chapter Updates

Cal Beta:
Cal Beta is preparing for spring rush, and making sure all members in charge go through the newly instituted university approved training for rush chairs. We are planning two big philanthropies for the spring, one a partnership with XO for 4/20 brownie sales, the other a Pledge-Driven event.

Cal Gamma:
Your brothers at Cal Gamma have come into this semester with 23 newly initiated brothers and just finished rush with 14 prospective new members. We celebrated this Founders Day with an Advisory team - Officer joint retreat/BBQ. Looking forward at the rest of the semester, we have weekly volunteer trips to the local Boys and Girls club in Oakland and a new large scale philanthropy event, "Greek Games". The recent officer transitions have been smooth and there is a lot of excitement among the brothers for the next year.

Cal Delta:
Cal delta will be hosting a Founders Day celebration next weekend. We have a solid new pledge class of 19 guys. And one of our active brothers has organized an effort in which fraternities on the row donate their unused food to a local food bank. The effort was recognized by the school and he received $3K from USC's student government to start the initiative.

Cal Epsilon:
California Epsilon: we just finished hosting our Founders Day yesterday which went great and was held at the LACC. We had the honor of hosting many Cal Ep Alumni including Jerry Nelson and Cal Nu brothers! Our chapter just initiated 36 members last fall quarter and now have 16 prospective new members. We are currently at 80 active brothers and our goal in the next year or so is to reach around 120 brothers. We currently are planning our very first Phi Psi 500 chariot race philanthropy which all proceeds will go to the boys and girls club.

Cal Eta:
Cal Eta wrapped up Fall Recruitment and initiated 19 new members into our Brotherhood. We held our annual Sorority Soccer Cup raising $2500 for the Boys and Girls Club of America. Tonight we are hosting our Founders Day date party.

Cal Mu:
Cal Mu has welcomed 14 new members to the chapter just two weeks ago. We've been pretty busy with a fundraiser for Adopt a Future, which is a UN humanitarian effort to help get basic needs to refugees. We raised about $6K which will be matched by one of our school's trustees.

Cal Nu:

Zach Dunn (a pledge brother) was recognized with a $300 scholarship this quarter for keeping above a 3.9 GPA since his 1st year (he's a 3rd year now).

We have our annual Philanthropy event coming up at the beginning of April, "Phi Psi's Powderpuff Bowl"-- a flag football tournament with all the sororities on campus and all the proceeds going to The Boys and Girls Club of America.

We're predicting a 500 people in attendance and approx. $5000 raised.

Cal Xi:

California XI : The brothers of Long Beach State are currently still working on recruitment, we'll be reaching the conclusion of this rush by the end of this upcoming week. We're currently working on getting background checks for all of our current active brothers, so that we can start a regular schedule of working with the Boy and Girls Clubs based in Long Beach. We're looking forward to attending the Founders Day Event at the Queen Mary this upcoming weekend and celebrating such a historic date in our history!

Washington Alpha:

Washington Alpha has recently initiated 15 new members and will be initiating another 14 come the end of winter quarter. We have partnered with Special Olympics of Western Washington and officiated a basketball tournament last Sunday. Our major goals for the coming year are to become more involved with on and off campus organizations and to take a more active role in promoting Sexual Assault education in the Greek and College Communities