GSED WEEKLY
The Official Newsletter of Greek Student Engagement & Development

SPRING 2021 CALENDAR DATES
THE DEFAMATION EXPERIENCE
ADVISOR RETREAT AND PRESIDENTS MEETING

OFFICER ELECTION SEASON

GSED wants to remind everyone that chapter elections are upon us for some chapters in the Fraternity/Sorority community. Once your chapter has completed elections, and the positions are solidified, please be sure to update your roster on Engage and send GSED the new list of officers ASAP! Also remember that some form of officer transitions is required for R&R.
ICA’s The Defamation Experience begins with a riveting courtroom drama that explores the highly charged issues of race, class, religion, gender, and the law with a twist—the audience is the jury. Combined with an audience deliberation and facilitated discussion, this is a unique opportunity to engage in civil discourse about the most pressing social issues of our day.

Wednesday, October 14th from 3-5pm and additional follow up conversations on Wednesday, October 21st from 4-5pm, both on zoom.

Links to register are on the ICA website – and you must individually sign up if you’d like to attend (not as a chapter). This counts as a R&R requirement!

GSED will be hosting an Advisor Retreat via Zoom on Saturday, October 17 from 9AM-12PM. We will have a few guest speakers come in to talk about important information, discuss R&R and the removal of deferred recruitment, and provide an opportunity for questions and guidance throughout this semester.

Please email Shelby Gerwin (sgerwin@wcu.edu) by 5pm on October 12 to let her know if you will be in attendance.

So far Shelby has only received responses from Belinda Steinel (Alpha Chi Omega), Brenda Wilkerson (Alpha Kappa Alpha), George Hudson (Kappa Alpha Psi), David Roberts (Kappa Alpha Psi), and Tina Joyner (Delta Sigma Theta). If you have tried to reach out and weren’t listed, please reach out again.

Per the institution-wide email that went out this past Wednesday, the Spring 2021 semester will begin on Monday, January 25th and the last day of classes will be Friday, May 7th. At this point in time, There will be no Spring Break period, but there will be an extended period around Easter. GSED does not have any confirmation of dates for Spring recruitment, but we promise we’re working on it.

Please be sure that someone from your chapter is regularly coming into the GSED Office (UC 334) to check your mailbox. We have quite a few organizations with bank statements and other important documents in there.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller
You are what you do, not what you say you’ll do.
- Carl Gustav Jung

**Major Highlights and Announcements**

**NPHC Plot/Garden History**
For those who are unaware of what NPHC Plots or Gardens are, the development of plots can be traced back to the history of times of slavery. After the Civil War, confederate land was divided into 40 acre plots for homestead development. NPHC organizations construct plots to symbolically and physically represent each organization’s place on a campus, and to give members and alumni a place to reflect and gather.

**REMaining in Phase 2**
Per the institution-wide email that went out this past Wednesday, WCU will remain abiding by the Phase 2 regulations that have been set in place for the past few months. This means that there are to be no more than 10 people gathering indoors and no more than 25 people gathering outdoors for events unless the capacity regulations indoors state otherwise.

**CATAMOUNTS CARE**
GSED would like to remind you that all students, faculty, and staff must be wearing their masks, physically distancing, washing their hands, and doing what they need to in order to keep everyone safe. You should not be gathering in groups of more than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, unless specified capacity regulations allow more people.

**Date Reminders**
- The Defamation Experience: 10/14 from 3pm-5pm via Zoom
- Advisor Retreat: 10/17 from 9am-12pm
- National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week: 10/19-10/25
- CPC Town Hall: 10/28 at 7pm via Zoom
- New Member Education: due 11/15 at 5pm on Engage and will be opened soon
- Last Day of In Person Classes is 11/20

**New Member Education**
The New Member Education PowerPoint and Training are now available on the GSED Branch Engage page. This must be completed by all new members from this semester, and those who didn’t complete the training last semester, by November 15th at 5pm.

**Presidents Meeting**
GSED will be holding a mandatory presidents meeting for all chapter and council Presidents on Wednesday, October 7th at 4pm via Zoom. If you are unable to attend, email LC (lcarmody@wcu.edu) by October 6th at 5pm with a valid excuse and replacement.