



ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY
VP OF RITUAL & TRADITIONS
OFFICER TRANSITIONS PACKET

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INTRO TO OFFICER TRANSITIONS

LOGISTICS

Officer Transition Meetings are three-person meetings between the incoming officer, the outgoing officer, and a facilitator. The facilitator may be a Fraternity staff member, Fraternity/Sorority Advisor, Grand Chapter Advisor, or Chapter Council member. Up to 10 meetings will occur—one for each officer in the chapter. Plan for each meeting to last approximately one hour.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Officer Transition Meetings may be paired with the Chapter Planning Retreat and/or the Calendar Planning Retreat. Curriculum can be found on the Alpha Sigma Phi website under Officer Resources for the President.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Officer Roles and Responsibilities Handouts
- Copy of the 2020-2021 Annual Report for Accreditation
- Laptop with Wi-Fi access

GOALS

- Outgoing officers will share all knowledge and resources with incoming officers that they need to be successful; the facilitator is present to guide the conversation and facilitate the transfer of this knowledge.
- Incoming officers will get answers to any questions they have about their positions.
- At the conclusion of each meeting, incoming officers will have a complete understanding of their role and responsibilities.

STRUCTURE

- Introductions/Purpose of Meeting
- Officer Roles and Responsibilities
- Annual Report for Accreditation Benchmarks
- Resources
 - From outgoing officer
 - Fraternity website, Youtube videos, and online officer training
- Ask and Share
 - Questions/advice
- Action Items

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INTRODUCTIONS/PURPOSE OF MEETING

OFFICER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Briefly review the officer roles and responsibilities.
 - This can be found on the Alpha Sigma Phi website under Resources
- Ask the outgoing officer to explain the more important points in detail.
 - Which responsibilities did you accomplish well? What was the most difficult aspect of your position?
 - What do you wish you knew about your position on the first day you took office?
- Ask the incoming officer which responsibilities he feels most comfortable and uncomfortable about.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACCREDITATION BENCHMARKS

- Discuss Annual Report metrics related to this officer.
- Ask the outgoing officer to provide some context.
 - What has the outgoing officer already accomplished?
 - Determine what is left to do and what can be improved upon.
- Where are our strengths? Where did we fall short? Why? What should the incoming officer focus on if they want to improve on last year's performance?

RESOURCES

- From outgoing officer:
 - Ritual materials
 - Ritual books
 - Ritual inventory
- Review Vault
 - Ensure the incoming officer has the access needed to complete his tasks. Review the following:
 - Reporting Initiation
- Any additional resources?
 - Discuss any additional resources that the chapter or the outgoing officer uses outside of the resources provided by Fraternity staff.
- Navigate to the Officer Resources section of the Fraternity's website. Show the incoming officer how to get there and what is in his section.
 - Online resources/videos
 - Online officer training on MyAlphaSig
- Other resources to keep in mind:
 - Ritual & Traditions Advisor
 - Fraternity & Sorority Life office/advisor
 - Staff Coach

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ASK AND SHARE

- Topics for discussion:
 - Ritual inventory review/maintenance
 - Developing a plan and budget to order replacement materials if needed
 - Planning a ritual event/reserving space
 - Relevant university policies
 - Conducting Ritual Education
 - Ceremonies
 - Initiation scenes 1 & 2
 - Initiation scenes 3 & 4 (no more than 35 days after scenes 1 & 2)
 - Initiation scene 5 (before graduation)
 - Other Public Ceremonies
 - Black Lantern Processional
 - Memorial Service
 - Officer Installation
 - Scholarship Service
 - Sweetheart Ceremony
- What other questions does the incoming officer have for his predecessor?
 - If you had to start doing your job in full tomorrow, what would you feel most under-prepared for?
- Discuss time-sensitive items
 - What dates have already been set? What dates will we need to set?
- What advice/suggestions does the outgoing officer have for his successor?
 - Outgoing officer may be dismissed at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

- Share contact information for the Ritual & Traditions Advisor. Instruct the incoming officer to send a message to the advisor prior to the conclusion of your meeting.
- Vice President of Ritual & Traditions should conduct and document a ritual inventory review.

