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## Cal Poly Revokes Recognition of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity Chapter After Alcohol-Related Violations

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly has revoked its recognition of the California Tau chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and requested that the national chapter of the organization dissolve the local chapter, the university announced today.

The move comes after a campus investigation into allegations of sexual assault at a May 7, 2011, party the fraternity held at its house in San Luis Obispo uncovered several alcohol-related violations on the chapter's part.

Those violations included the fraternity providing alcohol to minors; serving alcohol at an open party with unrestricted access by non-members; and purchasing alcohol in bulk quantities.

The dissolution was made effective July 22, following a July 8 administrative meeting where the fraternity's members were allowed to argue the merits of their organization's continued affiliation with Cal Poly.

"During the course of our investigation, we found that this fraternity had played a significant positive role in its members' university experiences and that the chapter as a whole had a history of high academic achievement and participation in philanthropic activities," said Stephan Lamb, Cal Poly's director of Student Life and Leadership.

"Nevertheless, alcohol-related violations such as those we discovered cannot be taken lightly. We were simply left with no choice but to sever our ties with the organization, based on what we'd found."

The chapter appealed the finding to Cornel Morton, the university's vice president for Student Affairs, who upheld the revocation today.

The national Sigma Phi Epsilon headquarters may submit a request for reestablishment of a chapter at Cal Poly no sooner than June 30, 2017.

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