



Panhellenic Council - Florida International University

October 20, 2017

On September 28, 2017, all Greek Chapter Presidents, FIU Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life advisors, and FIU administration, received a disgusting and obscene email containing screenshots of a group chat from members of Tau Kappa Epsilon. These emails contained nude photos of multiple women, inappropriate photos and comments of female minors, comments of pedophilia, racial slurs, discussion of purchasing and distributing drugs, and hurtful regards towards a sorority woman who tragically lost her life.

By viewing these screenshots, it was clear that these conversations have been accumulated for over a year. TKE never went through any formal judicial hearing nor was charged for any violation of the Student Code of Conduct. By doing so, the board of the Student Code of Conduct failed to demonstrate justice for the individuals and organizations harmed by their actions. More importantly, their lack of action shows that dumb luck is reason enough for dishonorable behavior to be excused. As FIU Greeks, we pride ourselves on holding true to our values. The action of these boys do not present themselves as “better men for a better world”.

Although there are ongoing investigations of some individuals, we believe the chapter as a whole should be held responsible. One screenshot reveals over 100 members in this chat. Although the organization could argue that only a few individuals contributed to the conversations, the majority of the organization remained silent and allowed these heinous acts to occur.

In the words of Edmund Burke, “all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing”. We now see that the brothers of TKE and the Student Code of Conduct have failed the FIU community by doing nothing. We, as the Panhellenic community, refuse for evil to triumph.

From this point until the end of Fall 2018, we vow to exercise our right to abstain from interaction with the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. This includes refraining from partnership of any kind, such as a Mixers, Homecoming, Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, Beta Breakdown, etc. We refuse to represent our organizations through visits to their chapter, nor will we welcome their visits to our chapter. With the exceptions of significant others, members of TKE will not be welcomed to our semi-formal and formal events. We will not support their social events, including tailgates. Although we normally encourage members to become involved in philanthropy, we will not allow for members of TKE to assume roles in our philanthropic programming, to congregate at such events, nor will they be allowed to attend in TKE paraphernalia. Our organizations refuse to support any event hosted by the chapter.

We hope for our message to be very clear: this form of harassment and lack of basic human decency will not be tolerated at FIU. This action does not stem from an area of rash hatred and evanescent anger, but of genuine desire to enact change to the fraternal community. We will stand together to assure that a situation like this will never happen again in this community.

With Integrity,

Alpha Omicron Pi
Phi Mu

Alpha Xi Delta
Sigma Kappa

Delta Phi Epsilon