



This letter is to inform you that the probation status of Chi Zeta has been extended by Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity. This was due to what the University may consider to be hazing violations last semester by chapter members which, though not of the severity of the past drug issues at the chapter, must be addressed by the chapter alumni board. Chi Zeta has been placed by the International Fraternity Executive Committee on Alumni Control Board status for at least the next 18 months, which means that a new Alumni Control Board (ACB) of volunteer alumni will assume management and full control of all chapter operations during the probation period to facilitate the needed growth and refocus. An alumnus or University official must be present at all chapter meetings, educational sessions and events.

The terms of the new probation also require a full review of the present membership, with interviews to be conducted by ACB members in the coming weeks. Any members who are found to have seriously violated the core values of LCA, or who will not commit to embrace them going forward, will face further sanctions, including possible expulsion. In addition, all members will be required to attend several important educational seminars throughout the probation period, on topics including hazing, alcohol use and personal responsibility.

Relevant to the upcoming Homecoming 2018 reunion on October 13, the LCA probation terms include restrictions on social events for the next two semesters, with no events this semester other than recruitment and brotherhood events. Alcohol may not be served at any such events, and we will be extending this to include the events being planned at the chapter house for Homecoming. We will be asking those attending to join us in setting the best example for our undergraduate brothers, which we are certain will not detract from the great reunions and sharing of brotherhood planned. More details of the probation and future plans for our fraternity will be presented during the important Alumni Association meeting that is part of the day's events.

Please also know that we are waiting for a review process by the University Dean's Office to be completed. The University of Illinois Board of Fraternity Affairs will hold a hearing with chapter officers this fall to discuss the violations, and we will of course keep you advised of any further developments.

Brothers, recent alumni discussions with chapter officers have shown us that while a degree of apathy and disinterest is present with a portion of the membership, the majority of active chapter members express a desire to make the needed improvements in the chapter, which is reassuring. We are also deeply grateful, and inspired, by the open response of those alumni who have stepped up to support the ACB and help get us through this.

The Chi Zeta Alumni Association Board will continue to keep you informed of the chapter situation and welcomes any input and volunteer efforts.

Yours in ZAX,  
Chi Zeta Alumni Association of  
Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity