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Request for Information

November 5, 2017

From: Arjun Mithal, IFC Judicial Committee Chair

To: Alexander Derry, Delta Tau Delta President

CC: Liz Jason, Associate Director, FSILGs
Tessa McLain, Assistant Director for Student Conduct
Daniel Gonzalez Cunningham, IFC Judicial Committee Secretary

Dear Alex,

This letter serves to inform you of the outcome of an IFC Judicial Committee hearing from this past Friday, November 3, 2017. Thank you for your attention to the matter at hand. After reviewing the complaint and your response, the Judicial Committee Review Board has found Delta Tau Delta responsible for the following policy violations:

FSILG Social Event Policy

III. Social Event Gathering Provisions

B. House Events with Alcohol

5. No lines or crowds are permitted outside the door.

IFC Risk Management Policy

II. Alcohol

- G. Fraternities shall not have a tap system or kegs present in their house at any time.

III. Control of Alcohol

- C. Alcohol should not be served to any individual who does not have a proper wristband, whose hand has been marked as an underage guest, or who is not of the age of 21.

MIT Mind and Handbook

II. Policies Regarding Student Behavior

(6). Disorderly Conduct

MIT prohibits disorderly conduct. Disorderly conduct is defined as any unreasonable or reckless conduct by an individual or group that is

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inherently or potentially unsafe to other persons or to their real or personal property, and/or any behavior that disrupts the peace or interferes with the normal operation of the Institute or Institute-sponsored activities.

Disorderly conduct includes making unreasonable noise, disrupting a lawful meeting, obstructing pedestrian or vehicle traffic, or creating a hazardous situation.

The Review Board determined that Delta Tau Delta was more likely than not responsible for charges listed above. In particular, on the night of September 16, Boston Police officers approached the Delta Tau Delta residence and noticed a large crowd of people gathered outside. The crowd was responsible for excessive noise which triggered a noise complaint from a neighboring resident. During their check of the event, the officers found a keg system present in the house. Finally, the officers also concluded that many guests consuming alcoholic beverages were under the age of 21. Given the structure of the chapter's bartender position, the apparent lack of wristbands at the event in question, and all other available evidence, the Review Board determined on the basis of 'more likely than not,' that Delta Tau Delta was responsible for serving alcohol to underage guests. Delta Tau Delta was found not responsible for the remaining charges.

As a result of this finding, and per the suggestions of the Delta Tau Delta chapter leadership, the Review Board has determined the following to be appropriate sanctions for specific events in question and Delta Tau Delta's response to the incident. Please note that failure to comply with any of the listed sanctions is grounds for additional Judicial Committee action.

1. Delta Tau Delta must remain **dry** for the remainder of the semester and through the end of IAP (until February 2, 2018). Delta Tau Delta may not have any alcohol present in their residence for the duration of this period. This sanction will be enforced by means of the following stipulation:
 - a) The IFC will send a Risk Management Consultant (RMC) once per week to conduct an alcohol inspection of the Delta Tau Delta house. These inspections will be in accordance with the procedures of similar IFC inspections during CPW and Rush, although they will be unannounced.
2. Delta Tau Delta will not be permitted to hold social event of any kind for the duration of the Fall semester, with the exception of Special Events (which must be explicitly approved by IFC and the FSILG Office).
3. Following the events ban, Delta Tau Delta will be held on social probation until the end

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of the Spring 2018 semester. Note that this does not explicitly impose any loss of rights or privileges on Delta Tau Delta.

4. Delta Tau Delta must review and revise its internal Risk Management documentation with the following conditions:
 - a) A new event duty should be introduced with the function of both checking guests for alcohol upon entrance and preventing guests seeking entrance from consuming alcohol directly outside the premises. This duty can be incorporated into an existing position, and prevents situations where would-be-guests are consuming alcohol in public outside the premises.
 - b) The revised document should be sent to the IFC Judicial Committee Chairman and the Assistant Director of FSILG's (Liz Jason) by November 13.
 - c) Upon approval of the document by the aforementioned parties, Delta Tau Delta must hold a risk management presentation to the entire chapter outlining the new policies and general best risk management practices for the chapter moving forward. At least 75% of active members must be present at this presentation. A signed attendance sheet must be submitted to the IFC Judicial Committee Chairman and the Assistant Director of FSILG's. This presentation must be held within two weeks of the approval of the document.

The Review Board appreciated that Delta Tau Delta suggested sanctions and had already begun to self-impose some of them prior to the Judicial Committee hearing. In general, the Review Board upheld these suggested sanctions, adding certain stipulations to formalize that these are implemented effectively. The Judicial Committee believes that Delta Tau Delta will learn from its Risk Management shortcomings with the aid of these sanctions, and hopes that the chapter will embark on an upward trajectory within the IFC Community.

This concludes any Judicial Committee action with regard to this incident. You have until November 10, 2017 if you wish to appeal this decision. Grounds for appeal may be found in Article VII of the IFC Judicial Committee Bylaws. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at ifc-judcommchair@mit.edu

Respectfully,

Arjun Mithal
Judicial Committee Chair

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