



# Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Officers and Appointees Relationship Policy

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## **Policy Purpose:**

To address situations in which a Grand Council Officer or National Appointee have an apparently voluntary romantic or sexual relationship with an Active, Pledge or Colonist of the fraternity.

## **Policy Statement:**

Alpha Rho Chi has a tradition of commitment to providing an environment that, without discrimination, fosters professional, personal and fraternal growth of students. Central to the preservation of this environment is the trust that should characterize all interactions among those working toward the common goals of the fraternity. This trust is put at risk when members of the Grand Council and National Appointees engage in consenting romantic or sexual relationships that involve persons of unequal power, namely our Actives, Pledges, Colonists. Because Alpha Rho Chi strongly disapproves of consenting relationships where such an extreme power differential exists, this policy statement is being set forth”

## **Policy:**

A romantic or sexual relationship between a Grand Council Officer/National Appointee and an Active, Pledge or Colonist, will not be tolerated. Should a Grand Council Officer or National Appointee choose to enter into a romantic or sexual relationship with an Active, Pledge or Colonist, that officer will be obligated to step down from their position or terminate the relationship.

Should a Grand Council Officer or National Appointee choose not to observe this obligation, or choose to conceal a romantic or sexual relationship with an Active, Pledge or Colonist, it will be considered an act of malfeasance. National Appointees will be removed from their position, and Grand Council Officers be removed from office as described in Article 2 Section 03 of the national constitution.