



# Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Student Chapter and Colony Advisors Policy

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Each student chapter or colony of Alpha Rho Chi is required to be represented by an advisor of record at all times. Student chapters that fail to retain an advisor of record may be considered for suspension for denial of the authority of the Grand Council of the Fraternity. Colonies that fail to retain an advisor of record will be disbanded for denial of the authority of the Grand Council of the Fraternity.

This advisor must be a full-time member of the university staff and must be physically present on campus for the majority of the academic year during which he or she serves as the advisor of record. In addition, the advisor must be able to fulfill the university's requirements for advising student groups.

The advisor is responsible for reviewing, understanding, and complying with the information included in the document "Expectations for Alpha Rho Chi Student Chapter or Colony Advisors," which is located on the national website. The advisor must acknowledge that he or she has read and understands positional expectations and must provide current contact information to the Worthy Grand Architect no later than October 15th each calendar year. The contact information will be included for publication on the fraternity's Master Directory.

# **Expectations for Alpha Rho Chi Student Chapter or Colony Advisors**

Effective January 2015

## **Overview**

Alpha Rho Chi (APX) relies on its advisors to provide sound guidance and direction to student members within the scope of university policies and rules, and fraternity governing documents and policies. These expectations provide guidance for advisors to adhere by APX's standards and affirm the advisor's commitment to understanding and applying the same.

## **Definitions**

**Advisor** – A full-time faculty or staff member of the university hosting a student chapter or colony of Alpha Rho Chi who is responsible for providing guidance and direction of student activity in compliance with all university and fraternity policies.

**Alumni association** – An incorporated entity of Alpha Rho Chi composed of alumni members (those whom have attained a undergraduate or graduate degrees), non-graduate members (those whom left college prior to graduating), and faculty members (see definition below) from a chapter. While alumni associations and their members provide guidance to and interact with student members, the association has no authority to direct the activities or decisions of a chapter.

**Chapter** – An entity of Alpha Rho Chi – generally incorporated in the university's state – that is composed of students enrolled in university course work leading to undergraduate or graduate degrees in architecture or the allied arts.

**Colonist** – A colonist is a student, currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate university course work, who is formally associated with a colony of Alpha Rho Chi and desires membership, but has not completed the fraternity's ritualistic work.

**Colony** – A student group seeking formal recognition and standing as a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi that is composed of students enrolled in university course work leading to undergraduate or graduate degrees in architecture or the allied arts.

**Colony Director** – A national appointee responsible for the education and oversight of colonies. The Colony Director reports to the Grand Lecturer.

**Faculty member** – A member of the university faculty or staff that has been initiated into Alpha Rho Chi, meaning he or she has completed the fraternity's ritualistic work. A faculty member may or may not be the advisor. While associated with the local student chapter, faculty members are not voting members of the student chapter nor are they eligible to hold office or responsible for paying chapter dues. Faculty members are equivalent to alumni members of the fraternity and are responsible for paying annual alumni national dues. Faculty members may associate with and be active in their local alumni association if one exists. "Faculty member" is one of six classifications of membership in Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Grand Council – The fraternity’s national board of directors.

Grand Lecturer – A national appointee and member of the Grand Council responsible for oversight of the fraternity’s ritualistic work, colony operations, and expansion to new universities.

National Director – A national appointee and member of the Grand Council responsible for overseeing and coordinating the work of the Regional Directors.

Pledge/Apprentice/Candidate – A pledge, apprentice, or candidate is a student, currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate university course work, who is formally associated with a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi and desires membership, but has not completed the fraternity’s ritualistic work.

Regional Director – A national appointee who serves to coordinate the efforts of chapters, provide guidance and training for student members, and who resolves conflict or concern regarding chapter activities. Regional Directors report to the National Director.

Student member (Active) – A student member (Active) is an undergraduate or graduate student, currently enrolled in university course work, who is an initiated member of Alpha Rho Chi, meaning he or she has completed the fraternity’s ritualistic work. “Active” is one of six classifications of membership in Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Worthy Grand Architect – The national president of Alpha Rho Chi. The Worthy Grand Architect leads the Grand Council.

## **Expectations**

Advisors provide general guidance and perspective to chapters about how to safely and meaningfully conduct business, hold events, collect dues, and recruit new members. Advisors provide guidance and advice in compliance with university and APX governing documents, policy, standards, and expectations. Advisors do not dictate chapter operations, rather, they offer considerations and counsel to further the stated goals and purpose of the chapter without undue burden or intrusion.

Advisors provide fiscal input and authority as defined by the university regarding the collection and expenditure of funds in the name of the student organization.

Advisors may or may not be “members” of the fraternity, meaning the person has completed the fraternity’s ritualistic work via initiation. Only initiated members may participate in and/or observe initiation, training, discussion, or any other esoteric activity as described in *The Ritual of Alpha Rho Chi*. Only people invited by the chapter may become members. The advisor does not select or approve students or others for membership.

Each student chapter or colony of Alpha Rho Chi must retain an advisor of record. While the student chapter or colony may invite additional faculty or staff to interact with the chapter or colony, or initiate faculty members, only the advisor of record is authorized to provide guidance and represent the student chapter as its university and fraternity recognized advisor.

The advisor must be a full-time member of the university faculty or staff and meet the university’s requirements for advising student groups.

The advisor must be physically present on campus for the majority of the academic semester/quarter/year during which he or she serves as advisor. University faculty or staff on extended travel (local or foreign), sabbatical, or other extended leave, study, or instructional assignment, who are not readily and physically available to attend to student chapter or colony needs, cannot serve as the advisor of record.

The advisor will take responsible and good faith measures to assure that student members, colonists, or pledge/apprentice/candidates abide by law and policy and that chapter/colony action reflects in a positive way on Alpha Rho Chi and the university.

The advisor is responsible for reading and complying with all APX governing documents and policies, including –

- *National Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity*  
(<https://alphanhochi.org/documents/2014/03/apx-national-constitution.pdf>);
- *National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity*  
(<https://alphanhochi.org/documents/2014/03/apx-national-bylaws.pdf>);
- *Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Risk Management Policies*  
(<https://alphanhochi.org/documents/2014/03/risk-management-policies.pdf>);
- *Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Handbook for Members*  
(<https://alphanhochi.org/documents/2014/03/handbook-for-members.pdf>); and

- *Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Policies on Suspended Actives*  
(<https://alpharhochi.org/documents/2014/03/policies-on-suspended-actives.pdf>).

The advisor must immediately notify the Worthy Grand Architect, or another member of the Alpha Rho Chi Grand Council in the absence of the Worthy Grand Architect, of any suspected, observed, or reported violation of any federal, state, local, university, or fraternity law, governing document, or policy.

The advisor must meet with the student chapter president (Worthy Architect) or colony president no less than once per semester/quarter during the regular academic year.

The advisor must not engage in a romantic or sexual relationship, of any type, length, or period, with any student member, colonist, or pledge/apprentice/candidate of the chapter or colony.

The advisor must review these expectations and discuss the fraternity's risk management policies with the student chapter or colony within 30 days of the start of the fall academic semester/quarter.

The advisor must possess the most current copy of the student chapter or colony by-laws. The student chapter or colony by-laws are available from the group's executive board.

No later than October 15 of each calendar year, the advisor will provide current contact information and a signed copied of these expectations to the national fraternity via the Worthy Grand Architect or his or her designee.