

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
Policy on Plots

Preamble

This policy shall govern the manner in which active Pan-Hellenic Greek letter organizations, Inter-Fraternal Council Organizations and Clubs will be allowed to maintain outdoor displays of distinguishing emblems of the respective organizations on the campus of Elizabeth City State University (“ECSU”).

1. Definitions:

Under this policy, the following terms are defined as follows:

- A. Quad.** The term “Quad” refers to university-owned land bounded by Bias Hall, Williams Hall, Johnson Hall and Butler Hall.
- B. Plot.** The term “Plot” refers to a university designated outdoor space, not to exceed 400 square feet (20 ft. x 20 ft.), within the Quad and on the Vaughan Center lawn that is assignable to active Pan-Hellenic Greek letter organizations or grandfathered Inter-Fraternal Council Organizations to maintain outdoor displays of its emblems in accordance with the requirements of SECTION 4 below. Plots do not include nearby trees, shrubbery or other landscaping.
 - i. New Plots.** All plot assignments made after the adoption of this policy shall be located within the Quad and shall be 100 square feet (10 x 10).
- C. Pan-Hellenic Greek Letter Organizations.** The term “Pan-Hellenic Greek Letter Organizations” refers to the following fraternities and sororities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- D. Inter-Fraternal Council Organizations.** The term “Inter-Fraternal Council Organizations” refers to the following organizations or social fellowships: Nu Gamma Psi Fraternity, Inc., Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc., Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Etta Gamma Pi Sorority, Inc., Tuba Phi Tuba Fellowship, and Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc.
- E. Grandfathered Inter-Fraternal Council Organizations.** The term “Grandfathered Inter-Fraternal Council Organizations” refers to the following organizations: Nu Gamma Psi Fraternity, Inc., Etta Gamma Pi Sorority, Inc., and Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc.

- F. Plot Plan.** The term “Plot Plan” refers to a written description and sketch of an organization’s plan for decorating an assigned Plot or modifying an existing plot. The Plot Plan must include all specifications including but not limited to the materials to be used, paint colors, etc.
- G. Paint-Over.** The term “Paint-over” refers to an option the university, in its sole discretion, may exercise to paint an assigned Plot a neutral color due to the suspension of an organization.
- H. Dismantle.** The term “Dismantle” refers to an option the university, in its sole discretion, may exercise to totally remove a Plot.
 - i. Dismantling of Plots Located on the Vaughan Center Lawn.** If the university opts to dismantle a Plot located on the lawn of the Vaughan Center, the Plot will be reassigned to a new location within the Quad.

2. Assignment of Plots

A. Assignment

The Director of Student Activities is responsible for making assignments of Plots.

B. Revocable

The assignment of a plot is a privilege that may be revoked by the university at any time.

C. Maintenance

Organizations that receive plot assignments are expected to properly and safely maintain the assigned plot by insuring it is free from debris and is in compliance with the requirements of SECTION 4 below.

3. Plot Requirements

A. Approval

The Student Affairs Planning Council and the university Property Committee must approve all Plot plans prior to implementation. Failure to obtain the requisite approval will result in immediate dismantling of unapproved Plots and cost of dismantling under these circumstances shall be assessed to the violating organization.

B. Materials

All items used in a Plot design must be safe, stable and properly secured. Loose bricks, hazardous chemicals and other unapproved items are strictly prohibited.

C. Restrictions

i. Trees, Shrubbery and Landscaping

It is impermissible to include surrounding trees, shrubbery and landscaping in plot designs. Trees, shrubbery and landscaping shall not be painted or otherwise modified to reflect an organization’s insignia. Trees,

shrubby or landscaping that have been painted as part of past Plot designs will be painted over by the university.

ii. Artificial Elements

Artificial elements including but not limited to ponds, water devices, flowers are impermissible in Plot designs.

iii. Fencing and Barriers

It is impermissible to include fencing, wall or other barriers.

iv. Elevated Designs

Elevated Plot designs must not exceed 36 inches in height above ground surface.

D. Modifications

Organizations shall not make modifications to existing Plots unless and until the revised Plot Plan is approved by the Student Affairs Planning Council and the university Property Committee.

4. Inspections

A. Without Notice

Plots shall be subject to inspections by the Director of Student Activities, without advance notice, during the first month of each academic semester, prior to Homecoming, prior to Winter Homecoming and prior to Viking Fest.

B. With Notice

Plots shall be subject to inspections by the Director of Student Activities, at other times with three (3) calendar days' advance written notice.

C. Failure to Pass Inspections

i. Warning

A written warning shall be issued to an organization that fails to pass an inspection of its assigned Plot for a first offense.

ii. Probationary Status

An organization will be placed on probationary status for a second offense of failure to pass an inspection of its assigned Plot.

iii. Suspension

An organization will be placed on a 1-year suspension for a third offense of failure to pass an inspection of its assigned Plot. During the term of suspension, the university in its sole discretion may paint over or dismantle a Plot, or reassign the Plot to another organization.

5. Requests for Plot Assignments

Active Pan-Hellenic Greek Letter Organizations or Grandfathered Inter-Fraternal Council Organizations seeking a new or redesigned plot assignment or make modification to a plot must submit a written request to the Student Affairs Planning Council along with a Plot Plan. If approved by the Student Affairs Planning Council and University Property Committee, a new assignment will be made by the Director of Student Activities.