



# Rensselaer

Division of Student Life  
Campus Experience Portfolio  
Dean of Students Office

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Student Organization Officers  
Alumni Advisors and House Corporation Officers  
Rensselaer Society of Engineers

Dear Society Leaders:

I write to respond to the Rensselaer Society of Engineers' request for reinstatement to full recognition following disciplinary suspension. Your request has been reviewed and approved. The society may return to normal operations, and enjoy all benefits of Institute recognition, and must continue to complete all components of the original decision, as detailed in this letter.

Based on the documentation submitted for review, the Rensselaer Society of Engineers has demonstrated contrition for the violations that lead to the period of disciplinary suspension, and has taken adequate steps to address these violations, as demonstrated through the reinstatement documentation, and presented during meetings various representatives have had with me over the past two years. Specifically, the documentation provides a description of the multi-layered education programs the students and alumni volunteers have and will engage in. It also details the organization and planning of these groups to prepare for an active chapter which will operate with protocols to safeguard against behavior which violates Society policy, Institute policy, and local, state, and federal law.

The mission and vision articulated in the documents are commendable. The RSE 3.0 Plan has the potential to not only reshape the Society, but influence a turning point in the purpose and activities of fraternities at Rensselaer. It is our sincere hope that over time the Plan will become incorporated into the culture and spirit of the society, and that it will be a great success for the organization, and the community.

We expect to see Rensselaer Society of Engineers be a strong and positive model of fraternity for the community at Rensselaer. We believe that each fraternity should include in its strategic planning how it will not only positively influence the lives of its members, but how it contributes to the successful achievement of the Institute's mission and goals.

It is clear to us that the alumni presence and their involvement provide significant stability to the undergraduate organization leadership and operations. We commend the commitment and support of alumni to create a stronger organization in collaboration with, and support from, the Institute administration, staff, and faculty.

Effective upon the receipt of this letter, we are granting the Rensselaer Society of Engineers full recognition, in good standing with the Institute, should all of the following condition be met:

1. A live-in advisor, as described by the enclosed Chapter Live-In Advisor Position Description and Expectations, must be appointed and supported by the fraternity. This individual must be active prior to offering students any form of organized housing.
2. The chapter will be placed on a period of Disciplinary Probation, as defined in the *Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities*, effective immediately, through May 31, 2022.

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3. Prior to recruiting new members and/or hosting any social programs or activities, the Society must develop and conduct an event management training, and create and implement a plan specific to compliance with the Rensselaer Alcohol and Other Drug Policy and other applicable risk management policies.
4. The fraternity must immediately provide Student Living and Learning a list of student officers, members, and their contact information. They must do the same for alumni officers (advisors and house corporation).

Be aware, the [Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Alcohol and Other Drug Policy for Students](#) prohibits the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and other drugs considered to be prohibited substances at the residential facilities of any recognized or affiliated student organizations, or groups, including but not limited to fraternities and sororities.

On behalf of the Institute, we welcome the Rensselaer Society of Engineers back to the community. We look forward to much good work together, realizing the Institute mission and priorities, and living up to the values and purpose of the fraternity.

Please schedule a meeting with Dean for Student Living and Learning, John Lawler to review reinstatement progress and develop long-term plans for the fraternity.

Sincerely,



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