Slippery Rock University Hazing Policy

Slippery Rock University prohibits hazing by campus groups, individuals, and/or athletic teams. The university is committed to taking a proactive role in investigating and enforcing the university’s hazing policy. Hazing involving SRU students or student groups is strictly prohibited. This policy is part of the SRU 'Student Code of Conduct' that is applicable to all students, student organizations, and athletic teams.

Slippery Rock University defines hazing as “any action taken, created, or situated which intentionally or recklessly subjects any person to the risk of bodily harm, mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule; or causing or encouraging any person to commit an act that would be a violation of law or SRU's Student Code of Conduct for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.”

Hazing includes but is not limited to the following:

1. any activity that might reasonably bring embarrassment or emotional harm to the individual(s);
2. any activity that might reasonably bring physical harm to the individual(s);
3. any activity that requires an unreasonable or inordinate amount of the individual’s time or in any manner impairs the individual’s academic efforts;
4. any activity that involves forced consumption of any liquid or solid matter;
5. any activity that would degrade or otherwise compromise the dignity of the individual(s), or;
6. any requirement which compels an individual to participate in any activity which is illegal or contrary to an individual's genuine, moral, and/or religious beliefs or contrary to the rules and regulations of the university.

Specific examples of such activities include, but are not limited to:

1. forcing or requiring the drinking of alcohol or any other substance;
2. forcing or requiring the eating of food or anything an individual refuses to eat;
3. calisthenics (push-ups, sit-ups, jogging, runs, knee-bends, etc.);
4. paddle swats
5. line-ups (yelling at people in any formation or harassing them);
6. forcing or requiring the theft of property; (example: street/traffic signs)
7. road trips (dropping someone off to find their way back);
8. scavenger hunts;
9. sleep deprivation;
10. conducting activities which do not allow adequate time for study;
11. nudity at any time;
12. running personal errands of members (driving to class, cleaning their individual rooms, etc.);
13. requiring the violation of University, Federal, State or Local Law;
14. Requiring new members to perform duties not assigned to other members
15. Socially isolating new members
16. Requiring new members to refer to other members with titles (ex.Mr., Miss), while they are identified with demeaning terms (rookie, fresh meat, dogs)
17. Branding and/or burning
18. exposure to the elements

Therefore, all acts of hazing, both on and off campus by any student, organization, or athletic team, are strictly forbidden.
"HAZING." Any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or which willfully destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, any organization operating under the sanction of or recognized as an organization by an institution of higher education. The term shall include, but not be limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health and safety of the individual, and shall include any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual, or any willful destruction or removal of public or private property. For purposes of this definition, any activity as described in this definition upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with or continued membership in an organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be "forced" activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

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