Introductions - Use your resources
How to differentiate being a brother/sister and being a president...

- Hold yourself to the same standards as others.
  - Ex: Rules, bylaws, social policies, etc.
- Show you respect your chapter members, and they will respect you back.
- Understand your duties & responsibilities have changed since you took on this role.
- If you are reaping the benefits of being a president, act like it. :) 
- Don’t let chapter members hold your past over your head.
Scenario

You walk into a chapter member’s room in the sorority/fraternity house on a Thursday night and see two of the chapter members doing shots. They quickly throw the alcohol bottle into their dresser and beg you not to tell Risk Management. They go on and on about how fun and cool you were before you were president, and that they would really appreciate if you acted like you didn’t see anything. Based on your chapter, how would you handle this situation?
How to run an exec meeting

- Structure, structure, structure.
- Stay on task and stick to the minutes.
- Help answer questions or concerns about current issues.
- Open up necessary discussion
  - Exec meetings are meant to go over everyday chapter functions, so talk with your exec board about anything and everything
- *You have the final say.* Try to take all opinions and come to ONE solution.
Confrontation

- Always address issues as soon as they arise.
- Don’t be afraid to call members out when they’re doing something that doesn’t align with bylaws or values.
- Be level headed and respectful about the situation or problem.
- Don’t go into the conversation with your mind already made up.
- Ways to confront...
  - Via email or text
  - Via phone call
  - Small group meeting
  - Individual meeting
  - Entire chapter
Scenario

You see on Snapchat that somebody threw a party bus and many people from your chapter were on the bus. Numerous chapter members were posting pictures of themselves underage drinking, doing beer bongs and keg stands, and acting extremely drunk. You message several of your chapter members and ask them to take down these videos and pictures, and many of them do not open your message. They take it down the next morning, but you know that at that point it is too late because hundreds of people have already seen these inappropriate snapchats. How would you address this problem? Would you have a discussion with just the people involved or the whole chapter? What would you say exactly?
Integrity - following bylaws

- If you don’t follow them, then other chapter members won’t either.
- Hold semesterly by-law reviews if necessary if they seem to be outdated.
- Become well-versed in your national bylaws to make sure they don’t clash with your chapter’s bylaws.
- Be aware of Panhel and IFC bylaws as well.
Delegating

- There are multiple positions on your exec board with different responsibilities for a reason.
- Giving lower tier/cabinet position holders more responsibilities is okay to do.
- Try not to get overwhelmed with the tasks at hand.
Scenario

Your old position was VP Finance/Treasurer. Even though you are president now, people keep asking you questions about finances. It would be very easy for you to answer the questions yourself, but it is not your position anymore. Should you just answer the questions, or direct them to the Finance/Treasurer? Why is it important to delegate tasks that another person can deal with?
Know your chapter culture and values

- Look up your chapter’s core values and stick with them through thick and thin.
- Your values should reflect on your...
  - Bylaws
  - Social Media Policy
  - Ceremonies
  - EVERYTHING else!
- Know your chapter’s current culture.
Motivation/Chapter Morale

- Surveys, surveys, surveys
- Keep seniors involved and POSITIVE!
- Chapter retreats
- Incentives
Stay on top of finances and recruitment!

- These two things could make or break your chapter.
- Includes housing!!!
- Plan ahead, plan ahead, and then plan ahead a little more.
Self Care - Stay “woke!”

- Your problems will still be there in the morning.
- You *can* have fun.
- Don’t take things personally.
- Use friends that are not in Greek Life as a punching bag.
- Be involved in other organizations!
- Everything is always fine in the end.
Questions?