

Final Session

Facilitator Guide

Program Information	
Core Value (s)	No specific core value
Length of Program	125 minutes
Recommended time to hold program	Last meeting prior to Initiation
Recommended Facilitators	Any or all advisory team members would be great to invite to this meeting.

Logistics		
Room Set-Up		
Audio Visual Needed	Laptop, A/V, Internet	
Collateral Materials	Participant Handouts	YES
	PowerPoint	NO
	Video	NO
Supplies Needed	New Member Binders, ball of string, scissors, pillow	

Session Notes
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recap of education and focus on brotherhood2. Also a time to give a final quiz if you choose to do so.

Facilitator Reminders
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This is a longer session, but goes a long way in helping them get to know each other (beyond the surface) before Initiation.

Session Outline

10 min	Review of Learning Outcomes
	<p>Over the past several weeks, we've taken a dive into Beta history and lore as well as our values. We've gotten to know each other a lot better, and had the opportunity for self-reflection as well as critical analysis of challenges facing the Greek community as a whole. Let's go back and take a look at the goals of the New Member Program to see if we have accomplished what we set out to do.</p> <p><i>Have new members turn to the goals of the new member program in their binders.</i></p> <p>Do you feel that we accomplished or at least got started on all of these goals?</p> <p>What did we do particularly well?</p> <p>Where could we have improved?</p>

15 min	Synthesis of Values
	<p>Throughout the course of education, we spent a session on each value and really diving into what it means to Beta and how our fraternity believes we live them out. We're now going to take some time to reflect on what these values mean to each of us personally. Take a few minutes and write about what you've learned about each of these values in your own personal life throughout your time as a Beta thus far.</p> <p><i>After 5-10 minutes, bring the group back together.</i></p> <p>Now, find a partner and share some highlights of what you wrote with him.</p>

15 min	Review of Membership Expectations
	<p><i>Facilitators should remind new members about what their expectations were as new members that they established earlier in the program.</i></p> <p>Why do you all think we've hit on the membership expectations several times throughout this education?</p> <p>How can we continue to make sure the membership expectations are something we value even after initiation?</p> <p><i>Lead a conversation in regards to living by the values/expectations.</i></p>

	The values should drive our actions, and the expectations are the way we have realized these actions. They don't stop once you are done with new member education, in fact you should hold yourself to an even higher standard as an active brother.
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20 min	A Web of Brotherhood
CUSTOM	<i>Facilitator Note: This is a great activity, but is optional since this is a longer meeting. It's very rewarding for them to experience together and for the facilitator to witness.</i>
	<p>(Adapted from the North-American Interfraternity Conference)</p> <p><i>You'll need a ball of string, pillow, and scissors for this activity.</i></p> <p><i>Ask participants to sit in a circle. Have one member hold one end of the string tightly. As he does, have him explain what the fraternity means to him and one thing he is going to do uphold the principles/obligations, mission/vision of Beta Theta Pi.</i></p> <p><i>When he is finished have him toss the ball of string across the circle still holding tightly to his end. Have the person who catches it wrap it around his finger and provide an answer to the same question mentioned above. When the second person is finished, have him toss the ball of string to another member, until all members have a piece wrapped around their finger (Be sure a web is being created).</i></p> <p><i>Once complete, have the members pull the string taut to create the "web of brotherhood." The facilitator should place an (non-breakable) item important to the chapter in the center of the web (perhaps on a pillow) and ask for hypothetical examples of times when brothers have not upheld the principles/obligations/mission/vision of Beta Theta Pi. For each example, cut one of the strings with scissors. Soon the web will become weak and the item will fall to the ground.</i></p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to create the web? • What comments made by brothers impressed you? • How did it feel to hear the negative examples • Why is it important to uphold the principles of Beta Theta Pi?

60 min	Significant Object
	<p><i>Complete this activity if you are not doing a final exam and if you don't plan on doing this activity during a brotherhood retreat. Alternatively, you can put in other team builders.</i></p> <p><i>Have all participants sit in a circle. Each one will need to bring something of significance to them to share.</i></p>

	<p>For our final activity tonight, we're going to do something called 'significant object'. I've asked each of you to bring an object that has some sort of significance to you. We are going to go around the circle, in no particular order, and each of you will have the opportunity to share the object and the story behind it. For example – you may have brought your grandfather's watch. He may have passed away, but the watch is what ties you to him and reminds you of memories, etc. You can share for as long or as short as you would like.</p> <p>Please be respectful of everyone else. This is meant to be a serious activity, and we want to create a space where everyone can feel comfortable sharing.</p> <p><i>Facilitator needs to set tone by either starting with a serious and heavy share, or make sure to have one of the participants ready to share who you know will set the group off in a good way. The first couple people really set the tone and culture for the remainder of the night.</i></p> <p><i>After everyone has shared:</i></p> <p>Thank you all for going through that activity with me. I want you to remember tonight and what has been shared, because this is what exemplifies our brotherhood and values.</p>
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5 min	Wrap Up/Conclusion
	<p>Thank you all for being awesome participants in education for the last few weeks. I've learned a lot from you, and hope that you had a lot of experiences that will help you to be a better member of Beta Theta Pi. Initiation is [<i>information about initiation/ceremonies</i>]. It will be a special night, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all become official brothers!</p> <p>Give any other relevant announcements about initiation prep.</p>