



### **Positional Statement on the Discontinued Usage of Paddles as Gifts**

Delta Gamma policy strictly forbids hazing. Delta Gamma acknowledges that the paddle is a symbol of hazing in the Greek Community. Paddles continue to be misused and used in hazing rituals today, and, although Delta Gamma has not had any instances within our own organization as such, we stand in support of the Greek Community on this issue. Delta Gamma supports the integrity and dignity of women; basic human rights; decency, honor, gracious living and positive reinforcement of each other. By discouraging the purchase of paddles for decoration and their usage as gifts, Delta Gammas unite in their support against hazing and lead by example. Delta Gamma recognizes that our chapter members share gifts and symbols of sisterhood. In furtherance of this position, Delta Gamma encourages the use of decorated anchors or other alternative symbols as gifts, thus creating something uniquely Delta Gamma.