



# *FarmHouse Fraternity, Inc.*

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Dear Tony:

We appreciate your correspondence on behalf of the brotherhood of Alpha Tau Zeta Fraternity dated April 4 in response to FarmHouse Fraternity's International Board of Directors proposal to ATZ from November 2007. In order to keep our discussions on track we felt it important to promptly respond to the points raised in your letter.

**Point #1:** Promotion of the new chapter will include representations of the chapter crest (ATZ) and the national crest (FarmHouse) in order to preserve the rich history of both organizations.

- FarmHouse will allow use of both the ATZ chapter crest and the FarmHouse International crest, so long as the crests are used with equal representation and without cost incurred by the International Office.

**Point #2:** Members of the new chapter will wear the FarmHouse International pin and additionally, will be permitted to wear the ATZ chapter pin should they desire.

- Men of the chapter at Ohio State will wear the FarmHouse International pin and will be allowed to wear the ATZ chapter pin should they so desire.

**Point #3:** If possible, new member certificates should be adorned with both the FarmHouse crest and the ATZ chapter crest.

- The FarmHouse International Office will explore this option and work to accommodate such a request; however, any additional costs associated with the inclusion of both crests beyond the standard certificate fees, will be borne by the chapter or individual member.

**Point #4:** All Ohio-based FarmHouse alumni wishing to be a part of the promotion and support of the new chapter will be made associate members of the local ATZ Chapter Alumni Association with full rights and privileges.

- As stated in FarmHouse International Fraternity's by-laws, by definition, all alumni associations are comprised of alumni residing in the state where a chapter is organized, are automatically members of said chapter's alumni association and are thus granted full rights and privileges accordingly.

**Point #5:** If desired, an Ohio-based alumnus of FarmHouse International will be appointed, as a non-voting member, to the local ATZ Chapter Alumni Association Board for a standard 3 year term.

- FarmHouse appreciates this accommodation and requests this status of a non-voting member be granted for a three-year period of time. Additionally, FarmHouse requests that the chapter allow for an alumni member of FarmHouse to serve on the chapter's advisory team on a rotational basis as prescribed by the chapter's policy for advisor recruitment, retention and rotation. The FarmHouse International Office is able to assist with the recruitment of such alumni advisor from local contacts.

**Point #6:** FarmHouse International will provide funds for the promotion of the new chapter in statewide media during the initial year of existence.

- FarmHouse agrees to assist in jointly coordinating promotional efforts for the new chapter, so long as the efforts are pre-approved, developed in a targeted manner and deemed appropriate by both entities.

**Point #7:** FarmHouse International will partner financially with ATZ, on an ongoing basis, to promote the chapter on campus, at the Ohio State FFA Convention, with local FFA chapters throughout the state, and at other events deemed appropriate by the mutual decision of the Local and International Boards.

- FarmHouse will commit financial resources for a three-year period of time for expanded recruitment efforts as deemed appropriate, approved and at the discretion of the Fraternity's executive director.

**Point #8:** Upon becoming a chapter of FarmHouse International, ATZ requests a grant from the FarmHouse Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for technological upgrades and remodeling of educational portions of the Chapter house.

- FarmHouse Fraternity will provide at 1:1 match donation of up to \$5,000 for educational technology upgrades to the chapter house facility. This grant will be made available at the time of the chapter's chartering.

**Point #9:** FarmHouse initiation fee for current ATZ actives should be waived, in the same manner the initiation fee is waived for Townsend Chapter alumni joining the FH Alumni Association.

- FarmHouse agrees to not assess initiation fees to those men currently recognized as active members on the date of Alpha Tau Zeta's final merger vote decision. Individuals joining the chapter following this date will be assessed initiation fees. If the merger vote is affirmative, all members of the chapter will begin to be assessed the semester membership fees and FRMT insurance premiums beginning in fall 2008, in accordance with the Fraternity's fee structure. All Townsend Chapter alumni will be made members of the FarmHouse Association at no fee, in accordance with International by-laws.

**Point #10:** Chapter name and signage recognition.

- Although not expressly stated as a point of discussion in your response, the International Board did discuss chapter name and signage recognition as a topic during our meeting. As stated in the FarmHouse International Fraternity by-laws, at the International level chapters shall be referenced by the school at which the chapter is organized. In this case, the chapter will be called the Ohio State University of FarmHouse Fraternity. This stipulation on name recognition is open for change through the by-laws amending process at the Fraternity's biennial business meeting, Conclave. At the local level, however, the International Board of Directors continues to be in favor and support of the continuation of the Alpha Tau Zeta name, so long as equal representation is provided to the FarmHouse name. Of the front door signage options presented as possibilities at the February 2008 meeting, the most agreeable to the International Board of Directors is the first option with "FarmHouse International Fraternity" below the ATZ letters.

Please feel free to distribute this response to the alumni and members of Alpha Tau Zeta as part of the final merger vote decision. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your response and look forward to continuing our discussions.

Fraternally,

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