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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to examine the leadership practices of students affiliated with fraternities and sororities. In addition, this study explored the differences in leadership practices among members of the four governing councils of the fraternities and sororities present at the host institution. Data were collected by administering the Student Leadership Practices Inventory (SLPI, Kouzes & Posner, 2006) to affiliated members of fraternities and sororities enrolled at a major research institution located in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

This study was designed specifically to address the following research questions:

1. What are the leadership practices, as measured by the SLPI, of affiliated members of the Greek community?
2. What are the leadership practices, as measured by the SLPI, of the affiliated members of IFC chapters?
3. What are the leadership practices, as measured by the SLPI, of the affiliated members of NPC chapters?
4. What are the leadership practices, as measured by the SLPI, of the affiliated members of NPHC chapters?
5. What are the leadership practices, as measured by the SLPI, of the affiliated members of UCFS chapters?
6. What are the differences that exist in leadership practices, as measured by the SLPI, among the four governing councils?

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