

FMA Drive Urges 100% Participation

The Board of Trustees of the Fraternity Marketing Association last night took the first steps in a drive to bring about 100 per cent membership among fraternities in FMA, in a situation which could lead to disbandment of the organization if the goal is not reached.

In a letter sent this week by the FMA board to presidents of the Interfraternity Council and the Association of Fraternity Counselors, Assistant Dean of Men Harold W. Perkins, board president, said "The Board feels a clear mandate from individual fraternities, both member and non-member, is needed before continuing the program beyond February 1, 1957 . . . Any number short of 100 per cent (participation) must be viewed with concern relative to continuing the program."

Perkins last night appointed a three-man committee to "draft a resolution which can be presented to the Interfraternity Council for action, contingent upon a decision of the FMA Board of Trustees at its November meeting after due consideration of responses from AFC and IFC to the FMA board's letter of September 19."

Committee Appointed
David Hamrick, senior in business administration, was appointed chairman, and Dr. Robert K. Murray, assistant professor of history, and Robert Krakoff, senior in business administration, were appointed members of the committee, after the resolution calling for appointment of the group was unanimously passed by the board.

In his letter to the IFC and AFC presidents, Perkins said, "Your elected FMA Trustees are insistent upon a strong and secure endorsement of the principle of joint buying backed up by actual participation. The present Board believes the current level of success is unsatisfactory and eventually futile unless a major advance is achieved in the immediate future."

Change in Board
In answer to the last question, the letter said one desirable change would be to give the presidents of IFC and AFC voice and vote on the FMA board "in order to enhance understanding and to establish clear lines of communication between the concerned organizations."
William L. Kjelgaard, instructor in agricultural engineering and president of the Association of Fraternity Counselors, told the board he will bring the questions before AFC when the organization meets October 18.

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Questions Asked

"1. Do the fraternities at Penn State really WANT a joint buying program?"

"2. What steps can and will be taken by IFC and AFC toward 100 per cent membership and participation by all fraternities on or before February 1, 1957?"

(Unsatisfactory response to this question will lead to introduction before IFC of a resolution drafted by the committee appointed last night, it was indicated.)

"3. Should any changes be made in the present organized effort to achieve the necessary results?"

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