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## **NEWS RELEASE—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **SIGMA CHI INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY RESPONDS TO SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Evanston, Ill.** — The Sigma Chi International Fraternity was made aware that an alleged sexual assault took place on or near the campus of San Diego State University on Dec. 7, 2014, and was somehow connected to a local group calling itself “Sigma Chi.” First and foremost, the International Fraternity implores local authorities to swiftly investigate and adjudicate the allegations so that the survivor may be appropriately cared for and the perpetrator brought to justice if the allegation proves to be true.

The Sigma Chi International Fraternity officially closed its Delta Xi chapter at San Diego State University on May 16, 2013, by unanimous vote of its board of directors, and rejects the assertion that the alleged sexual assault was in any way connected to the Fraternity. Sigma Chi also confirmed that it has no record of the individual named as the alleged assailant being connected to the International Fraternity in any way.

International President Michael Greenberg, **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1982**, issued the following statement shortly after the story was released in the local media: “The members who comprised our former chapter leading up to its suspension engaged in activities that we found reprehensible and in gross violation of our values system. The action by the board of directors to close the chapter [in May 2013] specifically forbade the former members from engaging in any activities that could possibly be construed as being those of a Sigma Chi chapter. That message was communicated broadly to the undergraduate members and alumni of the chapter.”

Sigma Chi International Fraternity is currently attempting to confirm if an illegal underground group of students is purporting themselves as a chapter of Sigma Chi. If confirmed, Greenberg continued, “the Fraternity intends to pursue all legal remedies afforded to it under applicable law in order to hold those individuals appropriately accountable for violations of the directives issued by the Fraternity and for illegally using registered marks of Sigma Chi.”

Greenberg personally spearheaded the Fraternity’s development and subsequent rollout of cutting-edge sexual misconduct prevention education. Developed in partnership with the Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative, Sigma Chi is now using the program to educate all of its chapters and is taking a leading role in addressing the issue of sexual assault on college

campuses. Said Greenberg, “Sexual assault [on college campuses] is an issue that must be addressed through high-quality, proactive education that is coupled with appropriate adjudication so that those who are confirmed to be responsible are held accountable for their heinous actions. Sigma Chi will take the lead on this issue by partnering with our host institutions to make sustainable changes to the culture that perpetuates these terrible crimes.”

Sigma Chi is one of the largest collegiate fraternities with undergraduate chapters at 244 universities and colleges and more than 240,000 alumni members. Sigma Chi provides a welcoming environment for young men of different temperaments, talents and convictions to enjoy a unique lifelong bond that extends far beyond college. Through world-class leadership training, extensive mentoring programs, and a strong focus on academic achievement, Sigma Chi sets itself apart as the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization, challenging its members to live by its core values and exemplify Character-in-Action™ in every aspect of their lives, and the lives of others.

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