Be advised that often groups may refer to a steppe or stroll event as a “probate show.” A probate is often connected a student in a probationary or potential new member status going through an educational process for membership. Hosting events where “probationary” or potential new members must perform for membership is strictly prohibited. The college will only approve steppe and stroll shows that include all members of the chapter/organization where participation in the actual performance is voluntary. With this in mind, the following rules apply for hosting a steppe or stroll show on campus:

- Acknowledging the unique, historical, and cultural significance of a steppe and stroll show has on this culture, the sponsoring group(s) must educate attendees of this significance of the performance.
- The explanation outlined above should inform attendees the difference between the cultural significance of the show and observations that are commonly associated with hazing new members (marching in line, uniforms, etc.).
- Organizations may not walk or march in line, excluding stepping or strolling, during the performance.
- Uniforms (outside of wearing similar fraternity and sorority lettered paraphernalia) are not permitted unless the group hosting the event is a theatrical performance club in its core purpose of existence at SUNY New Paltz.
- No masks will be permitted as part of a performance.
- Hoodies, hats, headbands, bandanas, etc. may not cover the face of the participants.
- Canes and staffs that cause damage to a floor will not be permitted as part of the show. If groups need to incorporate these elements into the show, it is the expectation that groups rent a dance floor or similar flooring to protect the floors.
- Only currently enrolled members, graduated alumni, and advisor(s) on record of the SUNY New Paltz chapter/organization may participate in the performance.
- If a group with a new member intake process is participating, potential new members (or interest members) can not be mandated to perform. Participation by potential new members must be optional.
- A performance, or portion thereof, that is made up of only potential new members actively going through an intake process is strictly prohibited.
- A steppe/stroll show performance can not legitimize or serve as rationale that forced calisthenics is acceptable as this is considered a form of hazing. Neither performances, nor their rehearsals, are permitted to violate any provisions of the hazing policy.
- A performance should not involve the degradation and/or belittlement of any member or of another campus organization.
- Each chapter involved in the show must complete a “Steppe/Stroll Show Participation Application” outlining their script, attire, actions, participants, etc. This application is due to the Office of Student Activities and Union Services no less than 10 business days (2 weeks) before the event.
- These events may not take place in locations that will interrupt or disturb classes that are in session and may not take place outdoors past 9:00 PM.
- Chapters and/or guests from other college campuses are not permitted to be invited, attend, or support the SUNY New Paltz program without prior written approval from the Office of Student Activities and Union Services.
- The overall program must go through the regular event consultation process with the Office of Student Activities and Union Services, as do all student coordinated events.
This application must be submitted and reviewed by and with the Assistant/Director of Student Activities and Union Services at least 10 business days (2 weeks) in advance of the show.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: ___________________________________
STUDENT COORDINATOR: ___________________________________
COORDINATOR PHONE:  ___________________________________
COORDINATOR E-MAIL:  ___________________________________

At the time of the proposed performance the member(s) participating are (check all that apply):

___ in the process of new member education for our organization. Participation in this show is optional and is not a requirement for being initiated into the chapter.
___ are all active members of our chapter. We are currently not conducting a new member program.
___ alumni or advisors of the SUNY New Paltz chapter.

Please answer the following questions. Attach details on a separate paper if needed.

1. What is the attire being worn? Please indicate colors, shirts, bottoms, shoes, and accessories, if applicable.

2. What verbal script is being spoken? Please be very clear with all chants, songs, poems, language, and anything else that may be stated by the person(s) participating in the performance. Please also detail out any responses typical by audience members or by other members of your organization.

3. What type of moves and physical action will take place from entry to exit that members will be requested to complete or do as part of the show?

4. What types of objects will be used to accessorize or enhance the program and what is the purpose/historical significance of its’ use?

5. Please attached a roster of all members participating in the show (printed name and signature) acknowledging his/her understanding of the step and stroll show policies.

Signatures

President of the Organization __________________________ Date __________
Advisor of the Organization __________________________ Date __________
(Assistant) Director of Student Activities & Union Services __________________________ Date __________