

Chapter & House Corporation September 23, 2026 Update Key Points

Opening and Meeting Agenda

Participants exchanged informal remarks, confirmed attendance, and addressed recording and meeting logistics. Jeff McKean then introduced himself as the new House Corporation president, explained that the meeting would provide updates on House Corporation and the undergraduate chapter, and outlined the planned speakers.

Opening Remarks and Undergraduate Chapter Update

Rosco Holloway delivered an informal motivational story before Jeff transitioned to Preston Bunch's undergraduate update. Preston described strong rush results, chapter membership, good standing with Sigma Chi Nationals and Purdue, continued social compliance, and increased live-in participation.

Chapter Programming, Philanthropy, and Activities

Preston reviewed the switch to Rosemary Food Service and highlighted upcoming events, including Nashville Formal, Dad's Weekend, the Alumni Honors Dinner on November 14, and Blue Formal. He also discussed Bell Chapter programming, a planned pledge-class retreat, philanthropy results, the potential return of Jubilee Christmas, a Guatemala mission trip, and the chapter's Grand Prix performance.

Undergraduate Chapter Outlook

Preston characterized the chapter as being in a strong position, citing member involvement, leadership opportunities, and the positive contribution expected from the new pledge class. Jeff praised the undergraduate leadership and discussed the addition of Barry Odom's son to the pledge class.

House Corporation Structure and Participation

Jeff outlined House Corporation's 20-member board and committee structure, including finance, property, scholarship, and legal responsibilities. He emphasized the strength of the organization's delegation model and invited alumni, especially younger members, to join as several board members prepare to rotate off.

Financial Position and House Operations

Jeff reviewed housing costs, House Corporation revenue, recent financial deficits, and the improved occupancy that is expected to restore profitability. He also described automated billing and collections systems and the responsibilities of the finance and house committees.

Facility Improvements and Emerging Repairs

Jeff summarized recent facility work, including a new Wi-Fi system, floor repairs, replacement of the ice machine, and additional laundry equipment. He then identified upcoming concerns involving the aging fire system, roof, and attic ventilation, with fire-system repairs expected during winter break at a projected cost of approximately \$30,000 or more.

Future Fund Participation and Fundraising

Jeff McKean emphasized the importance of sustaining annual Future Fund contributions and reported approximately \$69,000 collected toward the \$100,000 goal through August. He identified low participation among younger alumni, including 19 recent classes with no donors, and described a commitment to reach contributions from at least 80% of classes by the end of 2026.

Committee Operations and Undergraduate Support

Jeff reviewed archives work, the transition to a new chapter advisor team, and the team's responsibilities in supporting chapter operations and undergraduate development. He also described the need for approximately 40 alumni mentors and highlighted the scholarship program's distribution of roughly \$42,000 in the prior year.

House Corps, Philanthropy, and Campus Concert Planning

House Corps is monitoring the possible rebuilding and future use of a nearby apartment building damaged by fire, including a potential role housing seniors. Jeff also reported that alumni funded the philanthropy committee's private-project needs and explained that the planned fall concert has been postponed while spring options are evaluated.

Events and Alumni Engagement

Jeff reviewed upcoming alumni and undergraduate events, including the etiquette dinner, honors dinner, homecoming, the Indianapolis Christmas gathering, and the June golf outing. The discussion included dates, venues, sponsorship, attendance goals, and efforts to attract younger alumni.

Bell Chapter Funding and Leadership Programs

Gavin Philipps explained that the Bell Chapter has reached the founders level, providing \$20,000 in additional scholarships in perpetuity and funding leadership programs. He outlined a progressive curriculum by academic year, including a foundational Leadership Journey, career and well-being programming, teamwork development, and a senior-year True North program.

Program Implementation and Executive in Residence

Gavin described a planned retreat, spring programming, and the goal of making the leadership curriculum a recurring part of chapter life. Brian Schultz will support implementation as an executive in residence, contributing approximately 40–50 hours per month through campus engagement, calls, Zoom sessions, and work with the broader Purdue community.

Closing Questions and Future Outreach

Jeff McKean invited final questions and thanked participants for staying on the call. He said the outreach format would likely be repeated two or three times, including a later session in the year, and participants praised the communication effort.

Upcoming Dinner and Sigma Chi Grace

Harold congratulated Preston Bunch on his update and reminded him that he was scheduled to deliver the Sigma Chi Grace at the following evening's dinner. Participants expressed enthusiasm for the event and expected strong support from the university's restaurant and hotel staff.

Mentoring Commitment and Volunteer Recruitment

Gavin Philipps asked about the mentoring time commitment and whether members could make a meaningful contribution. Preston described monthly meetings and as-needed career support, while Steve Smith explained the pairing approach and said the program needed approximately 40 volunteers.

Mentoring Experiences

Mustafa Jamal shared that his mentoring relationship with Ian Colbus had been productive despite their different professional backgrounds. He said monthly meetings were sufficient and that mentoring also helped him stay connected with chapter activities.

Kaminsky Family Loss

Participants discussed the recent death of David Kaminsky's daughter in a tragic accident. Jeff clarified details about the family and encouraged members to contact David.

Closing Announcements and Events

Jeff thanked participants, encouraged contributions to the annual fund, and invited members to upcoming events. He highlighted tailgating three hours before game time in the T lot before the meeting concluded.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Homecoming Tailgate November 7

Alumni Honors Dinner November 14

Delta Delta Holiday Get Together December ??

Old Oakland Golf Club

Delta Delta 36th Annual Golf Outing June 12