5 fraternities at the University of Louisiana of Lafayette have been either placed on suspension or expelled from campus since the summer, the majority of which were shuttered during a statewide assessment of individual hazing policies following the death of a Louisiana State University student.

Theta Xi, Kappa Alpha Order, Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon were placed on suspension in mid-to-late September following the death of LSU freshman Maxwell Gruver, according to Margarita Perez, UL Lafayette's dean of students.

Perez said university administration began receiving reports following Gruver's death.

"We would get allegations from sources, and then we would kind of look into them enough to know that the allegations had some merit — that it was possible that the allegation could've happened," she said.

Following a "preliminary investigation" of the reports, Perez said, her office notified fraternities' national leadership headquarters, chapter advisers and regional fraternity offices to discuss its findings and investigations.

Perez described the suspensions as a "pause" until the university further investigates complaints surrounding the fraternities. The organizations are not prohibited from hosting chapter-affiliated events such as socials, meetings or philanthropy events.

UL Lafayette's chapter of Kappa Sigma, noted as the largest fraternity on campus, was expelled on July 14 for "participating in activities that are inconsistent with the values of the
fraternity,” according to records obtained by The Vermilion.

None of the chapters’ Facebook pages has been updated since September, with the latest post coming from Sigma Nu’s account on Sept. 15. Although Kappa Sigma’s page on the university Greek Life website has been removed from the list of Interfraternity Council organizations, the page still shows up in Google searches.

A member of one of the fraternities, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Vermilion the fraternities were notified via email. Although some fraternities, he said, were given reason for their suspension, such as lack of a new member plan or allegations of member misconduct, others were left unsure of why they were suspended, and, in some cases, unable to learn more of their suspension.

“They haven’t been quick to schedule meetings with chapter advisers or even informing chapters of what is going on,” he said.

He said new members have met with leadership in the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership to discuss how their chapters treat newly minted members during initiation.

The student called the treatment of