



Proposed 2024 Constitutional Amendments

Council-Endorsed

ARTICLE V. SELECTION OF MEMBERS

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

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1. The qualifications stated in Section 1 of Article IV.
2. Be sponsored by a member of Delta Gamma.
3. Receive the approval of the chapter members in a manner aligned with the Fraternity's approved voting model and in alignment with the objects of the Fraternity as outlined in Article II of this Constitution.
4. Be registered in the college or university where she is to be pledged and have achieved a minimum of a "C" college grade point average. If college grades are not available, an equivalent minimum grade point average of a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from secondary school may be used.

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RATIONALE:

Use of sponsor forms by both alumnae and collegiate chapters have been on the decline for several years. Removing the sponsorship requirement allows for our collegians to remove a procedural hurdle and make decisions on membership invitations based upon their interactions with potential new members.



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Section 2. Selection of alumnae initiates

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RATIONALE:

Alumnae initiates are approved by meeting a certain set of criteria, and once they are met, it becomes a transaction that does not require Council oversight. By allowing for alumnae initiates to be accepted by their designees, Council then has the authority to delegate this task to staff or volunteers for more efficient execution.



ARTICLE VI. FEES, DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 1. Financial Administration

A. On an annual basis, Council will approve and publish a schedule of dues and fees including any adjustments by May 1. Any annual adjustments of individual dues and fees exceeding 8% of the prior amount shall require a membership vote to become effective. The Fraternity shall collect membership income consistent with this published schedule.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

Section 1. Financial Administration

A. On an annual basis, Council will approve and publish a schedule of dues and fees including any adjustments by May 1. Any annual adjustments of individual dues and fees exceeding ~~8~~**10**% of the prior amount shall require a membership vote to become effective. The Fraternity shall collect membership income consistent with this published schedule.

RATIONALE:

While alumnae dues have seen modest increases, collegiate dues have not been raised in four years, which is a decision that was made by Council in consecutive years to help with affordability. By raising the annual adjustment amount, it allows the Fraternity to make those decisions without fear of falling behind on the costs to operate the Fraternity and not being able to catch back up when economic conditions change. This percentage has not been raised since it was established at the 2006 Convention.



ARTICLE VII. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 1. Authority for resignation

The authority to accept a resignation from membership shall be vested in Council.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

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The authority to accept a resignation from membership shall be vested in Council **or their designees.**

RATIONALE:

At the acceptance level, a resignation is a near-automatic transaction that does not require Council oversight. By allowing for resignations to be accepted by their designees, Council then has the authority to delegate this task to staff or volunteers for more efficient execution.



ARTICLE VII. CONVENTION

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 3. Distribution of votes

A ratio for assigning equally weighted vote values for collegiate chapters in relation to alumnae chapters and other official voting members of the Convention shall be determined immediately following the first Credentials Committee Report at each Convention. The ratio will be calculated jointly by the Fraternity President, the Fraternity Constitution Chairman and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. The Fraternity ratio shall remain in effect for all General Session votes taken for the duration of Convention. Regional ratios shall be calculated jointly by the Fraternity President, the Fraternity Constitution Chairman and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee for Regions as provided in ARTICLE XIX. The regional ratios shall remain in effect for all votes taken during regional meetings for the duration of the Convention.

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RATIONALE:

The addition of “and Elections” to the position Fraternity Constitution Chairman reflects the correct title for this position in the Fraternity. The term “Chairman” implies a male occupant of the position.



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CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 5. Credentials Committee

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The term “chairman” implies a male occupant of the position.



ARTICLE X. ELECTION, TERM AND VACANCIES

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 1. Nominating Committee

A. A Nominating Committee of eight alumnae members, preferably with Council/Cabinet level experience, shall be elected at each Convention. Election of one representative each shall be in separate meetings of voting members of the eight geographic regions as defined by ARTICLE XIX Section 1. Members who have submitted an application to Executive Offices by two weeks prior to the Opening General Session of Convention are eligible for election. From these eight so elected, Council shall appoint the Chairman. A plurality vote shall elect.

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ARTICLE XVI. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

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RATIONALE:

Early Alumnae Status is a member status change that, under the parameters set by Council, is a paper transaction that does not require Council oversight. By allowing for member status changes to be approved by their designees, Council then has the authority to delegate this task to staff or volunteers for more efficient execution.



ARTICLE XXV. AMENDMENTS

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 2. Required Notice

Notice in writing of any proposed amendments shall be sent by December 1 preceding Convention to the Fraternity Constitution and Elections Chairman who shall refer them to Council by February 1. By April 15 she shall submit the proposed amendments to the chapters, noting those approved by Council. Any proposed amendments to the amendments in the committee's report must be sent by June 1, preceding Convention, to the Fraternity Constitution and Elections Chairman. This provision shall not operate to prevent any amendment arising at Convention to these amendments sent as of June 1.

Section 3. Amendment by mail

The Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution may be amended between Conventions by mail, an electronic voting method, or any other method deemed acceptable by the Fraternity Constitution and Elections chairman and Council, by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the chapters, the members of Council, the Executive Director, the Regional officers, and those chairmen and/or directors as may be designated by Council; the vote value to be as provided in Article VIII. Section 3 and provided that the Fraternity Constitution and Elections Chairman shall have been given thirty (30) days prior to mailing. In order to be counted, votes must be received within six weeks of the date on which they were mailed by the Fraternity. Return is to be by ordinary US mail postage pre-paid to the Treasurer.

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