THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE GAMMA CHAPTER OF
THE OMEGA TAU SIGMA FRATERNITY

Article I -- Name and Location

Sec. 1 The name of the fraternity shall be the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

Sec. 2 It shall be located in Columbus, Ohio.

Article II -- Purpose and Non Discrimination Policy

Sec. 1 The purpose of this fraternity shall be the promotion of and provision for professional, fraternal, and social interaction among its membership.

Sec. 2 This fraternity and its members shall not discriminate against any individual for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Article III -- Membership

Sec. 1 The fraternity shall be composed of the students of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University, graduate, associate, and honorary members as defined below.

Sec. 2 A graduate member shall be one who has been a member of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity prior to graduation as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Sec. 3 An associate member shall be one who is a graduate of any college of veterinary medicine recognized or accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, and who has been an active member of any chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

Sec. 4 An honorary member shall be any person upon whom this chapter confers honorary membership.

Sec. 5 Membership is open to all members of the College of Veterinary Medicine as stated in the Bylaws. The names of the candidates for membership shall be announced at
the regular meeting preceding initiation ceremonies.

Sec. 6 In order to remain in good standing members are required to fulfill one (1) social and one (1) non-social event including, but not limited to, community service and house clean up events during the calendar year. Fourth year members are excluded from this requirement due to clinical rotation responsibilities. Failure to do so would result in a monetary fine. See Article V Section 1e of the bylaws for fee structure. Priority when volunteering for events will be given to those that have not yet fulfilled this fraternal requirement. Implementation of this amendment will commence Autumn 2015.

A calendar year is defined as the beginning of the academic year until one (1) day prior to the following academic year.

Article IV -- Officers

Sec. 1 The elected officers of this fraternity shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Sergeant-at-Arms, two (2) Recruitment Chairs, two (2) Historians/Webmasters, two (2) Alumni Relations Officers, two (2) Social Co-chairs, two (2) tailgating chairs, one (1) Faculty Relations Officer, two (2) Fundraising co-chairs, two (2) Merchandise co-chairs two (2) Community Service co-chairs, one (1) Public Relations chairs, two (2) Veterinary Explorers co-chairs, four (4) Class Representatives (one for each class year).

Sec. 2 The order of succession shall be as listed in Article IV, Sec. 1.

Sec. 3 The duties of the various officers shall be as described in the Bylaws of this Fraternity.

Sec. 4 The executive committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Treasurer-elect officials.

Sec. 5 Only students in good standing with the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University shall be considered for holding office with the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma.
Article V -- Elections/Impeachment

Sec. 1 All officers except the Treasurer, and one Explorers co-chair shall be elected at the second to last regular meeting of the Spring Semester. Newly elected officers shall assume office following the last day of Spring Semester.

Sec. 2 The Assistant Treasurer shall automatically assume the office of the Treasurer at the time specified by Article V, Sec. 1.

Sec. 3 All elected officers shall serve office for a term of one (1) year except one Explorers co-chair, which will run for two (2) years.

Sec. 4 Vacancies in any elective office shall be filled by the active membership of the fraternity at the second regular meeting after such a vacancy has been declared. The member who serves in such office for the remainder of the term shall be entitled to the full honors of the full term.

Sec. 5 All elective offices of the fraternity shall be filled by a majority vote of those members present at the time said elections are held.

Sec. 6 In the event of an excusable absence as determined by the Executive Committee a fraternity member in good standing may submit absentee ballots received from the executive committee by the start of the meeting at which voting is to take place. Any member who uses an absentee ballot acknowledges the inability to vote for nominations added during this meeting and as such the ballots may not be changed once submitted.

Sec. 7 In the event of unsatisfactory performance of an elected officer, an impeachment motion shall be put forth in writing and signed by 10% of the active membership and one faculty advisor.

Sec 8. A three fourths (¾) majority vote held at the following meeting will confirm impeachment. A new officer for the position will be elected two meetings after the vacancy is confirmed, with the exception of an impeached president, in which case the Vice-
President will assume all duties assigned to the President.

**Article VI -- Committees**

Sec. 1 The President shall appoint the following standing committees from among the membership of the fraternity: House Committee—should be appointed by house manager, Constitution Committee, Awards Committee. Their duties shall be described in the Bylaws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 2 The President shall appoint a House Manager, whose duties shall be described in the Bylaws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 3 The President shall appoint such other committees he/she deems necessary. Such committees shall serve until revoked by the President until the expiration of his/her term of office.

**Article VII -- Amendments**

Sec. 1 All motions for amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution Committee for its consideration and approval. All motions for amendments must be accompanied by a written petition bearing the signature of not less than ten percent (10%) of the active membership. The Constitution Committee must then read the proposed amendment as to its constitutionality at the next regular meeting of the Fraternity.

Sec. 2 The Constitution may then be amended by three-fourths (3/4) of the members present, the total affirmative votes not to be less than fifty percent (50%) of the total active membership.

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**Article I -- Meetings**
Sec. 1  The regular meeting of the fraternity shall be held at least once a month during the regular academic semester.

Sec. 2  Special meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion or when petitioned to do so by a written request of ten percent (10%) of the membership. No business shall be transacted at special meetings except that for which the meeting is specifically called.

Sec. 3  At all meetings, one fifth (1/5) of the active membership plus a qualified presiding officer shall constitute a quorum.

Article II -- Order of Business

Sec. 1  The meeting shall be called to order by the presiding officer. He shall greet each member present and then proceed with the ritualistic opening. The agenda shall be as follows:
   a. Chaplain
   b. Attendance
   c. Summarizing previous minutes
   d. Financial Report
   e. Committee Reports
   f. Unfinished Business
   g. New Business
   h. Announcements
   i. Date of the next meeting
   j. Motion for adjournment

Article III -- Duties of Officers

Sec. 1  The duties of the President shall be:
   a. To preside at all meetings of the fraternity and conduct said meetings according to Robert’s Rules of Order. His/Her decision shall be subject to appeal by a majority of the members present at the meeting.
   b. To sign all legal documents pertaining to the business of the fraternity when so ordered by the fraternity. He/She shall hold title to all property of the Chapter, both real and personal, but shall have no power to dispose of same unless so ordered by the Chapter.
c. To appoint all standing committees, chairpersons thereof and non-elected officers and other committees; all appointments are to be with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.

d. To officially represent the fraternity, either personally or by a duly appointed representative, on all occasions that might arise and call for such representation.

Sec. 2 The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

a. To preside in the absence of the President.

b. To defend the decisions of the President from the floor.

c. To fulfill, in the event of the death, resignation, or impeachment of the President, all the duties of the President until the next annual elections. In such event, at the next regular meeting a successor, the Vice-President, shall be elected.

d. To represent the Gamma Chapter in all matters pertaining to the foundation of new chapters of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

e. To be responsible for the signing of promissory notes by the graduation senior not later than thirty (30) days prior to such graduation.

f. To be responsible for organization of food for all monthly meetings.

g. In a year Grand Council is hosted by gamma chapter, organize and lead the Grand Council Committee.

h. Order awards for the annual awards ceremony, and obtain white carnations for the outgoing senior class.

Sec. 3 The duties of the Secretary shall be:

a. To keep a correct record of all proceedings of each meeting of the fraternity, to call the roll whenever directed by the President, to read the minutes of any previous meeting whenever so directed, to read and distribute all incoming fraternity correspondence, and to reply to same when so directed.

b. To be responsible for the orderly and safe keeping of all current records, books, seals, papers, etc., except those pertinent to other officers.
c. To keep permanent record of all members joining the Chapter, including full name, home and local address and telephone number, and all changes of address as they are reported by the members.

d. To procure from the Secretary of the Grand Council graduate certificates for graduation seniors of the fraternity. **This is to be accomplished at least ninety (90) days prior to the Senior Appreciation banquet.**

e. Submit nominations for each elective office of the fraternity.

f. To maintain and update the OTS listserv and member roster.

g. To perform such other duties as directed by the President.

h. To maintain record of good membership standing?

Sec. 4 The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

a. To be responsible for all collections and disbursements of moneys of the fraternity.

b. To render a financial report of the fraternity when directed to do so by the President or at least three (3) members of the fraternity.

c. To notify in writing any member who may be in arrears for one (1) academic semester, and to arrange with said member for prompt payment, and to report to the Executive Committee when satisfactory arrangements cannot be agreed upon.

d. To ensure that payments to the Gamma Chapter, and annual dues payments to the Grand Council of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity are promptly disbursed when due.

e. To maintain the financial records and procedures in accordance with the directives of the Auditing Office, The Ohio State University, and to submit such records to said office for audit when so directed or requested.

f. The office of the treasurer shall be a compensated position. The semesterly dues shall be credited on his/her behalf.

Sec. 5 The duties of the Treasurer-Elect shall be:

a. To assist the Treasurer

b. To become thoroughly familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the latter office

c. To track attendance of all events and meetings in
order to determine members' current standing and to award dues reductions/fees owed based on participation.

i. Report member standing following dues collection each semester to the secretary for record keeping
d. To submit, upon request, to the Executive Committee after each regular meeting the names of those members of the fraternity not in attendance at said meeting.

Sec. 6 The duties of the Recruitment Chairs shall be:
a. Have the option to appoint a Rush Committee and to serve as its co-chairpersons
b. To plan and direct Events to encourage new members to join. They shall comply with the directives of the fraternity but shall have direct authority in all pledge activities.

Sec. 7 The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be:
a. To serve as chaplain for the fraternity.
b. To maintain order at all fraternity meetings.
c. To prohibit the admission or supervise the removal of all unauthorized persons at any fraternity function they are attend. Option to appoint a substitute in their absence.
d. To be responsible for the preparation of the meeting room prior to and after all meetings.

Sec. 8 The duties of the Historian/webmasters shall be:
a. To be responsible for the orderly and safe keeping of all past records, books, seals, papers, etc. except those pertinent to other offices.
b. To create a Chapter history book for their term of office and post tasteful photos of service and events to the OTS Gamma Chapter facebook and Instagram account.
c. To fulfill all duties as ascribed by the Grand Council of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

Sec. 9 The duties of the Social Chairman(s) shall be the planning, preparation, and supervision of the social program of the fraternity as directed by the Executive Committee and the fraternity (with the exception of tailgates).
a. Communication with the Treasurer for the approved budget, and coordinating with the President and Fundraising officers if additional funding is needed.
b. Coordination with Public Relations for advertisement of social events.
c. Coordination with Sergeant at Arms for securing beverages for social events.
d. Social event themes, decorations, etc.
e. Organization of social event volunteers (set-up, cooking, serving, designated drivers, managing the door, clean-up) from members of the fraternity.

Sec. 10 The Tailgate Chair will consist of two (2) chairpersons elected by the fraternity. The duties of the Tailgate Chairmen shall be:
   a. Planning, preparation, and supervision of all the sports tailgates including, but not limited to, football, basketball, and professional sports as directed by the Executive Committee and
   b. Communication with the Treasurer for the approved budget, and coordinating with the President and Fundraising officers if additional funding is needed.
   c. Coordination with Public Relations for advertisement of tailgate events.
   d. Coordination with Sergeant at Arms for securing beverages for social events.
   e. Organization of tailgate volunteers (set-up, cooking, serving, designated drivers, managing the door, clean-up) from members of the fraternity.

Sec. 11 The duties of the Alumni Relations officers shall be:
   a. To be responsible for all alumni relations of the fraternity as directed by the Executive Committee.
   b. To be responsible for maintenance of the current mailing address for all alumni members of the Gamma Chapter, and to forward any known address changes to the Grand Council Secretary.
   c. To be responsible for the production and mailing of the Golden Gamma.
   d. To organize or appoint a fraternity member to organize professional development activities
The duties of the Faculty Relations Officers shall be:
   a. To be responsible for all faculty relations of the fraternity as directed by the Executive Committee.
   b. To be responsible for informing all faculty and staff of fraternity events.

The duties of the House Manager shall be:
   a. To be responsible for the general maintenance and day to day upkeep of the house and grounds.
   b. To be responsible for the collection of rent from the house residents.
   c. To serve as chairman of the House Committee.
   d. To fulfill any other duties as ascribed by the Executive Committee or Gamma Club of Omega Tau Sigma
   e. To be responsible for the supervision and placement of the required number of fire extinguishers and any and all other fire detection, warning, and safety devices required by state and/or local fire and building codes. The house manager shall also be responsible for the routine inspection and maintenance of said fire safety devices to ensure their proper function.
   f. The House Manager shall be a resident of the house.

The Athletic Chair shall be responsible for the planning and conduct of the intramural athletic program of the fraternity. These can be both structured and paid for thorough the university of can be self run at a designated location.

The Veterinary Explorer’s Co-Chairs shall consist of one (1) from the first year class and one (1) from the second year class. Only the first year Co-Chair is elected each year. They shall be responsible for recruiting high school students to the program, collecting program fees and providing them to the Treasurer, and ensuring students have filled out a liability waiver. The first year Co-Chair shall be responsible for all communication with students and parents. The second year Co-Chair shall be responsible for communicating with professors, planning meetings,
and securing meeting space. Meetings are generally once a month from October to April in the evening.

Sec. 16 The Class Representatives shall consist of four (4) members, one (1) from each of the four (4) classes of the College of Veterinary Medicine. They shall be responsible for announcements and communications among the members of the fraternity, and be instrumental in coordinating inter/intra class studying and mentoring opportunities.

Sec. 17 Public Relations consist of one (1) chairperson elected by the fraternity. They shall have complete responsibility for announcing and promoting meetings, parties, extracurricular activities, and submitting articles to any Veterinary College publications. They shall also be responsible for any other publicity it deems necessary for the promotion of public relations of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma.

Sec. 18 Duties of the Community Service Chairpersons Community Service will consist of two (2) chairpersons elected by the fraternity. They shall be responsible for surveying the chapter and determining their philanthropic areas of interest and arrange events accordingly.

Sec. 19 The Executive Committee shall appoint a Junior Delegate annually based upon a letter of intent submitted to the Executive Committee of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma, which will convey the applicant’s desire to represent the Gamma Chapter at Grand Council as well as assist, with help of the Vice President and Senior Delegate, in preparation and presentation of the Chapter Presentation and Report at the Grand Council Delegate’s meeting, and to assist with all plans regarding traveling to, or hosting, the Grand Council meeting that year. Those who are appointed Junior Delegate will be charged with a two year commitment consisting of holding the Junior Delegate position for one year and upon completion of their initial term, and approval of the Executive Committee, will be automatically appointed to the Senior Delegate position, with the previous Senior Delegate being relieved of their duties, and a new Junior Delegate being appointed by the Executive
Committee.

a. Due to the senior and junior delegate being required to attend Grand Council in order for the Chapter to remain in good standing, the chapter is responsible for covering the costs associated with sending the delegates to Grand Council. This includes all fees associated with registration, travel, and lodging.

Sec. 20 The Executive Committee shall approve the transference of title, role, and responsibility of the Senior Delegate to the Junior Delegate upon successful completion of a one year term as Junior Delegate, and satisfactory fulfillment of their responsibilities as Junior Delegate. Transference of this title shall occur during the annual elections and will be announced to all members present at the meeting. The Senior Delegate will continue to represent the Gamma Chapter at Grand Council as well as assist the Vice President and Junior Delegate in the preparation and presentation of the Chapter Presentation and Report at the Grand Council Delegate’s meeting that year.

Sec. 21 Unjust inactivation or deactivation of title-bearing officers of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma shall be penalized in the following manner: The offending member may not list on any professional or legal document as being active in their relinquished position, nor having ever been active in their relinquished position, so as to misinform viewers as to the nature of their responsibilities and their leaving. If going on inactive-status during their terms as either an elected or appointed titled-officer, the offending member may not hold office again upon reactivation of their membership, nor may they list on any professional or legal document that they held the aforementioned title in any capacity upon their reactivation. Finally, all title-bearing officers who wish to deactivate or go on inactive-status must contact the current President of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma, and must find a suitable candidate for replacement unless otherwise instructed by the President and Executive Committee. Failure to abide by these regulations will cause the offending member or party to be held responsible for any consequences deemed suitable by the President and Executive Committee of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma.
Article IV -- Duties of Committees

Sec. 1 The House Committee shall consist of three (3) members at minimum of whom at least one (1) must be a nonresident of the house. The chairman shall be the House Manager. The House Manager shall inspect the house, and note general conditions, damages, and repairs made, in the official house log. The House Manager shall report at regular meetings of the fraternity and shall be responsible for complying with the directives of the fraternity.

Sec. 2 The Recruitment Committee shall consist of members of the fraternity and shall advise and assist the Recruitment Chairs in planning and directing the rush program of the fraternity. It shall investigate and submit to the fraternity a roster of candidates for membership at the regular meeting preceding each initiation of the fraternity. Once new members have been invited, the Recruitment Committee shall organize and carry out an informal welcome ceremony for future members to be held during the fall semester of classes.

Sec. 3 The Constitution Committee shall consist of three (3) members minimum who shall acquaint themselves with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity, and shall determine the constitutionality of actions of the fraternity. The chairman of this committee shall act as parliamentarian to the fraternity and shall present constitutional amendments to the general membership.

Sec. 3b The Constitution committee shall review proposed amendments submitted in accordance with the constitution by any members of the fraternity for constitutionality and clarify them if necessary before placing them before the fraternity for ratification procedures.

Sec. 3c The Constitution committee shall maintain a complete and current copy of the constitution and by-laws, and shall make said copies available to the Executive Committee and to any fraternity member requesting said copies.
Sec. 4 The Awards Committee shall consist of ten (10) members, two (2) of whom shall be alumni of the Gamma Chapter. The committee shall serve for one (1) year. This committee is responsible for the planning and conduct of the annual Awards Banquet, including mailing the invitations, procurement of all certificates and awards to be presented thereat, and the procurement and presentation of past officer’s certificates for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Recruitment Chairs, keeping a record of all award recipients and such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5 All immoral or questionable activities considered by any committee or fraternity member must be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee for recommendation of appropriate disciplinary actions. The recommendations of the Executive Committee will be presented to the active chapter for a majority vote, being not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total active membership. It will be the duty of the President to inform the committee or member of the fraternity’s action.

Article V -- Fees, Dues and Property

Sec. 1 a. The fees and dues of the fraternity shall be as follows:
   Active members:
   Chapter dues – 10-23.00 semestery except summers
   Social dues --- 15-30 semestery except summers
   Participation – 10.00 semestery except summers
   House fee ------ 5.00 semestery except summers
   House fund ----- 5.00 semestery except summers
   National Dues = 11.00 Spring semester only
   Pledges:
   Chapter dues – 5 semestery except summers
   Social dues --- 5 semestery except summers
   Participation – 5 semestery except summers
   House fee ------ 5 semestery except summers
   House fund ----- 5 semestery except summers

b. Due bills will be assessed the first week of the semester and are to be paid by the following
sixth week of classes. Exception is made during the Senior year and in the case where previous payment plans are approved by the Executive Committee.

c. All board losses shall be prorated among all fraternity members monthly. All board profits shall be accumulated as a reserve for any future losses.

d. House fund - $6.00 semesterly except summers to provide a renewable fund for the unexpected repairs of the house and grounds. The money collected for this fund will be deposited in a separate savings account. No money can be withdrawn from this account without the express authorization of the active chapter or by authorization of the House Manager and then only for the purpose of paying for maintenance and repairs. Any money that accrues in excess of $1,000.00 shall go into a fund for the betterment of the property. The expenditures of which shall be overseen by the Executive Committee and approved by the active chapter.

e. Members who have failed to meet the requirement of volunteering for one social and one non-social event for the academic year as stated in Article III Sec. 6 of the Constitution will be subject to a fine on the order of $30.00. This shall be paid at the time of dues payment by the third week of classes.

Sec. 2 The funds and property of the fraternity having been accrued for the defrayment of all proper and legal liabilities of the fraternity, they shall not be divided in any manner among the members individually, nor between this fraternity and any other that may stem from it without the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the fraternity membership. Upon the written proposals to donate a specific sum of money to aid in the establishment of a new chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity, said proposal shall be read aloud not less than two (2) regular meetings preceding that at which a vote shall be taken.

Sec. 3 Whenever a brother/sister ceases to be a member by reason of death, expulsion, suspension, or withdrawal, his/her right, title and interest in and to the property or funds of this fraternity or any part
thereof, thereby becomes null and void, and shall be reported to the Grand Council Secretary.

Sec. 4a Any indebtedness to the fraternity shall be handled in an appropriate business manner. All semesterly dues shall be considered due on the 21st calendar day following the billing date.

Sec. 4b A prompt payment discount of $10 (ten dollars) shall be allowed for those whose payment is made on or before the fourteenth calendar day following the billing date.

Sec. 4c A grace period of thirty (30) days will be automatically granted to any member needing one, provided they contact the Treasurer before the due date of payment. The Treasurer shall record all extensions granted.

Sec. 4d Payment plans waiving late fees may be made at the Treasurer’s discretion

Sec. 4e Failure to contact the Treasurer before the due date will enact the following:
1. A $5/month late fee on all balances below $200
2. An additional 1.5%/month fee on any amount over $200.
3. Any amount uncollected for six (6) calendar months without Treasurer’s extension will be referred for collection, at the member’s cost.

Sec. 4f All of the above said fees will be compounded on the monthly anniversary of the due date.

Sec. 4g A payment discount of $5.00 (five dollars) shall be allowed for participation in approved events. Participation as an elected officer of the fraternity will receive a discount of $5.00 (five dollars). The discount may not exceed $15.00 (fifteen dollars) per academic semester. Record of participation in these events shall be kept by the Secretary and passed to the Treasurer to be applied to the following semester due bills. Any event that applies for an applicable discount shall be approved by the Executive committee.

Sec. 4h Pledges shall automatically receive a payment discount of $25.00 fall semester only. Dues must be paid in
full prior to formal initiation.

**Article VI -- Pledgeship**

Sec. 1 A pledge shall be any student with class rank of either freshman, sophomore, junior or senior enrolled at the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University who has been invited by the members of this fraternity, and has been accepted for candidacy by optionally participation in the formal pledging ceremony.

Sec 2 Pledges shall be assessed an amount not greater than the sum of the social dues and house fee as stated in Article V, Sec. 1, and the full amount of all authorized assessments of the fraternity.

Sec. 3 The pledge class shall be under the jurisdiction of the Recruitment Chairs.

Sec. 4 A pledge must meet both the requirements of the office of the Dean of The Ohio State University and Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity before being formally initiated into the membership of this fraternity. Any pledge failing to meet these requirements may continue as a pledge till said requirements are fulfilled, such time not to exceed three (2) additional semesters. Initiation to active membership and assumption of active obligations, financial and otherwise, is mandatory at the next formal initiation.

Sec. 5 The length of pledgeship shall be not less than one (1) semester.

Sec. 6 All pledges of the fraternity shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of the fraternity.

Sec. 7 Active membership will be granted to a pledge that has met all assessed and authorized financial obligations as stated in Article V, Sec. 1.

Sec. 8 All those seeking pledgeship will be granted the opportunity to become an active member of the fraternity and will not be discriminated against based on race, religion, sex or physical handicaps.
Article VII -- Gamma Awards

Sec. 1  Annually during the first four (4) weeks of the academic Spring Semester at a specific time to be selected by the Executive and Awards Committees, the fraternity shall sponsor an initiation and recognition banquet. During the banquet proceedings, recognition shall be given to members of the fraternity, alumni of the Gamma Chapter, and to an outstanding member of the veterinary profession, regardless of fraternal affiliations. These recipients of the Gamma Award Certificates shall have established themselves as outstanding in promoting the objectives of the fraternity or the veterinary profession.

Sec. 2  Gamma Award Certificates shall be awarded as follows: a maximum of five (5) certificates shall be distributed with the National Award being presented to any member of the veterinary profession regardless of fraternal affiliation, and a maximum of four (4) Gamma Award Certificates being presented to alumni and regular members of Gamma Chapter, with the minimum of one (1) award being presented to an alumnus.

Sec. 2a  Gamma award certificates shall be awarded as follows: A maximum of five (5) certificates shall be distributed with the National Award (1) being presented to any member of the veterinary profession, every other year being outside of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, regardless of fraternal affiliation, and a maximum four additional Gamma Awards may also be given: two (2) to Senior members of the fraternity, one (1) to an alumnus of the fraternity and one (1) honorary selection. The selections shall meet the criteria laid out in Article VII Sec. 1.

Sec. 2b  Four (4) additional awards shall be given; two (2) going to 3rd year members and being called the “Buckeye Award”, two (2) going to 2nd year members being called the “Scarlet and Gray Award.” Criteria require outstanding and dedicated participation in the happenings of the fraternity. Nomination and selection shall be done on the same basis as the Gamma awards.
Sec. 3  An Awards Committee shall be appointed annually to consider all nominations and to select the recipients based on merit.

Sec. 4  A person to be nominated must receive at least seven (7) of the ten (10) votes of the committee. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and the number of recommendations to the committee shall have no bearing on the committee’s decision.

Sec. 5  Any member of the fraternity may submit as many names to the committee as desired, each name is to be accompanied by a written statement containing supporting evidence for nomination.

Sec. 6  To receive a Gamma Award Certificated, an alumnus must have graduated from the Chapter in good standing.

Sec. 7  All recipients are expected to be present at the presentation ceremonies. All nominations shall be kept confidential by the committee except for notifying members so elected to ensure their presence at the presentation ceremonies.

Sec. 8  Copies of the Gamma Award Certificates shall be maintained by the Awards Committee chairman.

Article VIII -- The Gamma Plaque

Sec. 1  An award to be known as the Gamma Plaque shall be awarded annually at the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association’s recognition banquet. This award shall be presented to a member of the graduating senior class who is also an active OTS member in good standing, selected as outstanding by a committee of clinicians appointed by the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University. The basis for selection shall include character, adeptness, scholarship and personality during your clinical year.

Sec. 2  The inscription of said plaque shall be as follows: "The Gamma Award, Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity, is awarded to (name), a member of the Senior Class or 20XX, in recognition of outstanding character, adeptness, scholarship and personality as determined by the Clinical Staff of the College of Veterinary
Medicine at The Ohio State University."

Sec. 3 It shall be the duty of the President of the fraternity to ensure timely selection of said recipient of this award, as well as the purchase and engraving of an appropriate plaque for said presentations.

Article IX -- Status of Membership

Sec. 1 An active member of the fraternity shall be a student member who meets and maintains his moral and financial obligations to the fraternity, or previous payment plan arrangements have been signed and approved by the member and the Treasurer.

Sec. 2 A member shall have the option to seek financial inactivity during the term of education not including his or her senior year. Financially inactive members shall be free of all financial and social obligations providing that all balances have been paid in full or arrangements have been met for the latter. Financial inactivity may be granted following Article IX, Sec. 1. Members who have chosen financial inactivity will be assessed all social entrance fees.

Sec. 3 An active member can request inactive status upon presentation of a written request to the Executive Committee showing sufficient and worthy cause. Inactive status shall be granted upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present at the first meeting [of the Semester] providing all monies due the fraternity have been paid in full.

Sec. 4 An inactive member shall be free of all financial and social obligations; however, he/she shall remain morally obligated to the fraternity.

Sec. 5 Any member granted inactive status under the provisions of Article IX, Sec. 2, shall be allowed a period of inactivity of not more than one (1) year which shall not include the inactive’s senior year of Veterinary education.

Sec. 6 Any member wishing to disaffiliate from the fraternity may do so following Article IX, Sec. 2, and Article IX, Sec. 3. Disaffiliation denotes a member that has
chosen to relinquish all financial, social and moral ties with the fraternity for their entire professional interim. All financial obligations must be met in full prior to granting disaffiliate status.

------------------------AMENDMENT RECORD-----------------------

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