**Mu Chapter Bylaws 2016 – The Ohio State University**

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### Mission Statement

The mission of Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. is to maintain its Fraternal existence by instilling values that nurture and perpetuate the continual growth and development of the individual through Academic Achievement, Cultural Awareness, Righteousness, Friendship and Loyalty while fostering ethical behavior, leadership, and philanthropy.

Pi Delta Psi was founded on these principles to help promote Asian Awareness amongst ourselves and throughout the community. We envisioned this to be possible by going out of the boundaries of an organization and creating a Fraternity on the basis of common goals and ideals in the form of a brotherhood. We believe that through education, we can become more knowledgeable about the different Asian cultures, overcome obstacles of racism and discrimination, therefore unifying us as a whole.

This mission statement embodies the purpose of our Fraternity and is set forth as a guide that empowers each member to better himself, the Brotherhood, community, and society as a whole.

We, the Brothers of Pi Delta Psi, are the Fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. We are the means by which the goals and objectives of Pi Delta Psi will be achieved.

**The Objectives**

* Educate others and ourselves about the different Asian cultures.
* Bring men of common goals, culture, integrity and honor together in the bond of friendship.
* Achieve the highest academic excellence.
* Contribute back to the community by offering service.
* Promote honorable achievements in every aspect of human endeavors.
* Development of leadership skills, intellectual achievement, moral and social skills to be utilized in our collegiate and post collegiate years.
* To achieve the highest integrity of an honorable man, To Achieve Excellence Through Brotherhood.

**Article I - The Bylaws**

**Section 1: Introduction**

1. This document describes the bylaws of the Mu Chapter of the Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc.
2. Members of the Mu Chapter must abide by these bylaws accordingly.
3. Any proposed amendments to these bylaws must be approved by the Chapter before adopting the changes.
4. Any approved amendments to the bylaws will be effective the following semester.

**Section 2: Approval Requirements**

1. A quorum of one hundred percent (100%) of all the Brothers eligible to vote must be present to hold a vote.
2. A majority of ninety percent (90%) or greater of eligible Brothers is needed to approve this Bylaw.
3. All voting pertaining to the Bylaws shall be closed ballot and counted by the Warden.

**Section 3: Amendments**

1. A quorum of one hundred percent (100%) of all the Brothers eligible to vote must be present to hold a vote.
2. A majority of ninety percent (90%) or greater of eligible Brothers is needed to approve the proposed Amendments to the Bylaws.
3. All voting pertaining to the Amendments to the Bylaws shall be closed ballot and counted by the Warden.

**Section 4: Drastic and Unusual Circumstances**

1. Only when under the most dire and unusual circumstances, can the Chapter make Exceptions to the Bylaws.
2. A quorum of 90% of all Brothers eligible to vote must be present to hold a vote.
3. A majority of ninety percent (90%) or greater of eligible Brothers is needed to make the Exception to the Bylaws.
4. All voting pertaining to the Exception to the Bylaws shall be closed ballot and counted by the Warden.

**Article II - Chapter Requirements**

**Section 1: Academic Standards**

1. The Mu Chapter, as a whole, shall maintain a chapter-wide minimum GPA of their respective college/university’s requirement for Greek organizations.

**Section 2: Cultural Awareness**

1. Mu Chapter must organize and host at least two (2) cultural workshops per semester.
2. Seventy-five percent (75%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all hosted workshops.
3. Must keep a chronological portfolio of all cultural events completed (date, time, location, description of event, etc.).

**Section 3: Philanthropy/Community Service**

1. The National philanthropy is The Asia Foundation.
2. Mu Chapter’s local philanthropy is Healthy Asian Youth (HAY).
3. Mu Chapter must organize and participate in at least one philanthropic event per semester.
4. Donations earned from the philanthropic event will be given to HAY supported by Mu Chapter brothers.
5. Seventy-five percent (75%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all hosted events.
6. Must keep a chronological portfolio of all service events completed (date, time, location, description of event, etc.).
7. Each active member of the Chapter shall perform a semester cumulative total of 10 community service hours.

**Section 4: Brotherhood**

1. Mu Chapter shall hold a minimum of two (2) chapter-wide Brother unity events to foster brotherhood per semester.
2. Eighty percent (80%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all organized events.

**Section 5: Alumni Relations**

1. Mu Chapter must organize and participate in at least one alumni-active event per semester.
2. Seventy-five percent (75%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all organized events.
3. A detailed Alumni Newsletter addressing the current and future status of the Fraternity must be written every semester.

Section 6: Financial Dues

1. National Dues are to be paid promptly at the beginning of each semester.
2. Both Actives and Inactives are subject to paying National Dues.
3. MCGC Dues are to be paid promptly at the beginning of each semester.
4. Only Actives are subject to paying MCGC Dues.
5. Alumni with pending dues are prohibited from participating in Fraternity activities.
   1. Prohibited activities include Brotherhood Retreat, Banquet, social events, and new member education.

Section 7: National Meetings

1. National Meetings include Winter Conference and Convention
2. The percentage of chapter attendance required for Winter Conference, Summer Conference and Convention is set forth by Nationals.

Article III - Active Member Requirements

Section 1: Academic Standards

1. As Brothers of Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. we strive for academic excellence.
2. Active Brothers shall maintain a cumulative minimum GPA set forth by their respective college/university’s requirement for Greek organizations.
3. Active Brothers shall maintain a semester minimum GPA set forth by their respective college/university’s requirement for Greek organizations.
4. If a Brother earns a semester GPA below the requirement set forth by his respective college/university’s requirement for Greek organizations, he will be subjected to academic probation.

Section 2: Academic Probation

1. During this probationary period, the Brother is given the chance to raise his grades and earn a semester GPA set forth by the college/university's requirement for Greek Organizations.
2. The offending Brother is not permitted to attend any social events (outside of rush events) hosted by the Fraternity, locally or nationally.
3. The offending Brother is not permitted to attend any brotherhood events (outside of rush events) hosted by the Fraternity, locally or nationally.
   1. Prohibited events include Brotherhood Retreat and Banquet.
   2. Should the offending Brother request an appeal, a vote can be taken by the Judiciary Board to determine otherwise regarding social and brotherhood events.
   3. A majority is required for the appeal to be approved.
4. The offending Brother will be brought before the Judiciary Board, who will determine his Active Status within the Fraternity.
5. Until notified otherwise, all other Active Member Requirements are still in effect.

Section 3: Chapter Dues

1. Each Brother must pay all Chapter Dues.
2. Dues are to be paid promptly at the beginning of each semester.
   1. Payment is to be given to the Chapter Treasurer by the second official Chapter meeting of the semester.
   2. If dues are not paid by the second Chapter meeting, the Brother will be subjected to consequences at the discretion of Warden and Treasurer.
3. Both Actives and Inactives are subject to paying Chapter Dues.
4. Payment plans are available for Brothers who have serious financial difficulties, which is to be determined by the Chapter Treasurer.

Section 4: Chapter Meetings

1. Active Brothers are required to attend all chapter meetings.
2. Chapter Meetings will be held weekly as determined by the President.
3. Two-third (2/3) of the Chapter must be present to reach quorum.
4. If a Brother misses the last chapter meeting of a semester, the Absence would carry over as a Count for the next semester.
5. Three (3) absences are permitted per semester.
   1. The Secretary must be informed at least one (1) hour prior to the meeting.
   2. If the Secretary cannot be reached, the Warden should be contacted.
   3. Brothers who miss more than three (3) meeting will be subject to the Judiciary Board.
6. Late attendance exceeding fifteen (15) minutes will result in a half (1/2) absence count.
   1. The Secretary must be informed at least one (1) hour prior to the meeting.
   2. If the Secretary cannot be reached, the Warden should be contacted.
7. Disruption of meetings will not be tolerated.
   1. Disruptive actions include excessively talking out of turn, side conversations, eating, use of electronics, and chaotic behaviors.
   2. A warning will be given to those who disrupt the meeting.
   3. If the disruption continues after the initial warning, the offending Brother will be expelled from the meeting and considered absent.
8. A Brother may be allowed to leave a meeting early if he meets the following criteria:
   1. The Secretary is informed at least one (1) hour prior to leaving early.
   2. If a position holder, the Brother must update the Chapter of positional announcements before leaving.
   3. The Brother sits near an exit and does not cause a distraction when leaving.
9. The Brother who leaves before attaining one (1) hour of chapter meeting will amass one (1) Absence Count.
   1. If the Brother attains more than one (1) hour of chapter meeting, it is a half (1/2) Absence Count.
10. Cell phones and other electronics are not to be used without permission during meetings.
    1. All devices should be turned off or put on silent during meetings and placed out of sight unless it is needed.
    2. A Brother may ask for permission to keep his phone in sight if he is expecting a call from another Brother, or in the case of an emergency.

Section 5: Other Mandatory Meetings

1. All Active Brothers must attend Interviews.
2. All Active Brothers must attend Induction and Initiation.
3. All Active Brothers must attend all Rituals
4. All Active Brothers must attend Elections.
5. Active Neophytes must attend all Functions.
6. Once appointed, active Big Brothers must attend all Functions.
7. Failure to attend the above meetings will result in a one (1) Absence Count unless excused by the Pledge Educator.
8. During rush period, Brothers must:
   1. Attend seventy percent (70%) of all rush events.
   2. If the seventy percent (70%) attendance requirement is not made, the Brother will not be allowed to vote during interviews on bids
9. Other individual requirements are to be decided by the respective position holder by the first official Chapter of the semester.

Article IV - Executive Board - Top Five Positions & Fraternity Functions

Section 1: President

1. Represent the Fraternity on all matters (i.e. Presidents’ Round Table meetings, Presidents’ meetings).
2. Supervises the Executive Major Board - Top Five Positions.
3. Must attend President's training coordinated by the University.
4. Responsible for writing letters, grants, appeals, etc. for the fraternity if it does not fall under a specific positions description.
5. Responsible for creating meeting agendas.
6. Handles the risk management requirements for the Chapter.
7. Power to call special meetings in accordance with the Bylaws.
8. Serve as the main liaison between the Chapter and the National Council.
9. Represent the Chapter at National meetings and conventions.
10. Appoint a secondary fraternity function to Top Five Position, if unfilled.

Section 2: Vice President of External Communications

1. Assist the President in the performance of his duties should the President be temporarily absent or disabled.
2. Create committees as he sees fit.
3. Serve as the secondary liaison between the Chapter and the National Council.
4. Oversee a secondary fraternity function as described in Section 6.

Section 3: Vice President of Internal Communications

1. Serve as the chief judicial officer of the Chapter.
2. Call a Chapter meeting to order.
3. Maintain order in a Chapter meeting in accordance to the Bylaws.
   1. Has the right to, by his discretion, ask a brother to leave a Chapter meeting for excessive rudeness or other conduct unbecoming of a Brother.
4. Set reasonable penalties for the incompletion of the set community service hours.
5. Report any violations of the Bylaws of the Fraternity.
6. Appoint an office chair, if unfilled.
7. Oversee a secondary fraternity function as described in Section 6.

Section 4: Vice President of Finances

1. Receive and expend all monetary matters of the Chapter and shall keep an accurate account.
2. Must attend Treasurer training coordinated by the University.
3. Make budgets according to the financial reports.
4. Set dues (brothers and pledge) accordingly.
5. Responsible for organizing all fundraising events for the Mu Chapter.
6. Must obtain and distribute accordingly all necessary materials for all fundraising events.
7. Oversee a secondary fraternity function as described in Section 6.

Section 5: Vice President of Records

1. Record the minutes of the Chapter.
2. Read all official communications into the minutes.
3. Organizes meeting locations.
4. Handle all correspondence promptly.
5. Maintain Chapter roster (active and alumni).
6. Maintain family trees.
7. Maintain Chapter Listserv and Calendar.
8. Must update the Chapter’s history regularly.
9. Oversee a secondary fraternity function as described in Section 6.

Section 6: Fraternity Functions

1. Event Management
   1. Supervise formal events relating to culture and philanthropy.
   2. Manage Culture Chairs and Philanthropy Chairs.
   3. Create and manage an event calendar.
   4. Create and manage teams as needed for this function.
2. Brotherhood Development
   1. Supervise formal events relating to rush, New Member Education, active brotherhood functions, and alumni relations.
   2. Manage Rush Chairs, New Member Education and Assistants, Academic Chairs, and Brotherhood Chairs.
   3. Create and manage teams as needed for this function.
3. Performance Overview
   1. Supervise formal events relating to lion dance, stroll/step, and other performances.
   2. Manage Lion Dance Chairs and Stroll/Step Masters.
4. Public Relations
   1. Supervise formal events and outreach functions relating to multimedia, public outreach, and social gatherings.
   2. Manages Social Chairs, Fraternity Artist/Webmaster, MCGC Delegate, and Historian.

Article V- Executive Minor Board

Section 1: New Member Educator

1. Facilitates the new member program for the semester.
2. Create and implement a new member program and report to the Chapter of the functions and dates at least a week in advance.
3. Is the main representative of the pledges to the fraternity and vice versa.

Section 2: New Member Educator Assistants

1. Assist the Pledge Educator in all aspects of pledging.

Section 3: Rush Chair

1. Create and implement a rush program for all interested in the Fraternity.
2. Acts as the main liaison between rushes and Brothers.
3. Responsible for obtaining all the necessary information updates for General Interest Meetings from the Secretary.

Section 4: Culture Chair

1. Organize and set up all cultural events for the Chapter to further educate Brothers in Asian culture.
2. Organize and set up a minimum of two (2) cultural events per semester.
3. Seventy-five percent (75%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all hosted events.

Section 5: Philanthropy/Community Service Chair

1. Set a minimum of 10 hours of community service for Brothers.
2. Organize all philanthropic events for the Chapter to give back to the community.
3. Must plan and organize at least one philanthropic event per semester.
4. Must plan and organize at least one community service event per semester.
5. Seventy-five percent (75%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all hosted events.

Section 6: Brotherhood Relations Chair

1. Organize all events to strengthen unity amongst the Brothers.
2. Organize and conduct at least two (2) brotherhood events per semester.
3. Must plan at least one (1) Brotherhood Retreat.
4. Eighty percent (80%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all hosted events.
5. Organizes all alumni events for the Mu Chapter.
6. Must plan and organize at least two (2) alumni event per semester.
7. Seventy-five percent (75%) or greater of chapter attendance is required for all organized events.
8. A detailed Alumni Newsletter addressing the current and future status of the Fraternity must be written every semester.
9. Responsible for contacting alumni to provide information about the Fraternity and all events in case they wish to attend and support.

Section 7: Academic Chair

1. Keeps a record of every Brothers' GPA, cumulative and semester.
2. Maintain and build up the Fraternity's test bank.

Section 8: Social Chair

1. Organizes social events between the Mu Chapter and other organizations.
   1. Social events are not limited to parties. They may include co-philanthropic events, community service, dinner, etc.
2. Is responsible for attending delegate meetings and organizing participation for Homecoming and Greek Week.
3. Must organize one social event per semester with a Chapter from the Multicultural Greek Council.
   1. Seventy-five (75%) percent attendance is required.

Section 9: House Warden

1. Establish, maintain, and revise House Rules regarding the Brothers living at the Pi House.
2. Collect and pay the Pi House's rent and utilities (cable, internet, electricity, etc.) in a timely fashion.
3. Assign and enforce a rotation of trash take out and dish cleaning.
4. Assign and enforce a monthly House Clean Up.
5. Responsible for the up keeping of the Pi House and fill out any Maintenance Request Forms.
6. Maintain a constant supply of Utilities (toilet paper, light bulbs, laundry detergents, cooking oil, etc) in the Common Areas (living room, bathroom, porch, etc.).
   1. The House Warden is permitted to add up the total cost from Maintaining a constant of Utilities and dividing it evenly among the Brothers living at the Pi House.

Section 10: Lion Dance Chair

1. Responsible for choreographing all lion dances and instructing the Brothers.
2. Establishes and maintain connection with local businesses.
3. Assign and enforce mandatory and regular lion dance practices.
4. Assign Brothers to the Lion Dance Team.

Section 11: Stroll/Step Master

1. Responsible for choreographing all strolls and steps and instructing the Brothers.
2. Responsible for teaching the Chapter and National stroll and step to all the Brothers.
3. Assign and enforce mandatory and regular dance practices.
4. Assign Brothers to the Stroll Team.

Section 12: Webmaster/Fraternity Artist

1. Responsible for updating and maintaining the Chapter Website.
2. Responsible for making flyers for events and promoting Pi Delta Psi.
3. Make and maintain Fraternity Rush Trifolds, GIM PowerPoint, and Stave.

Section 13: Historian

1. Responsible for taking pictures at all Fraternity related events.
2. If the historian is unable to attend, he must assign the duty of taking pictures to someone who will be at the event.
3. Maintain the Chapter photo album (Fotki, Flickr, etc.) every semester.
4. Archive every event

Section 14: MCGC Delegate

1. Shall represent the Chapter at school council meetings as council representatives.
2. May run for the Executive Board positions as stated in the school council constitution.
3. Report to the Chapter findings of such meetings.

Section 15: Banquet Committee

1. Plan and organize the annual banquet.

Article VI - Eligibility, Voting, Elections, and Term Lengths

**Section 1: Executive Board - Top Five Positions Eligibility**

1. The Brother must have first served a full term on Minor Board.
   1. If there are extenuating circumstances, a Brother who has not held a minor board position may run for Executive Board.
   2. Exceptions are to be determined by all Brothers.
2. All Executive Board positions can only be held by one member at a time.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA and semester GPA of at least 2.5.

**Section 2: Executive Minor Board Eligibility**

1. The Brother must be a current active member of the Mu Chapter to hold a position.

Section 3: Voting

1. All Brothers hold voting privileges except for those absent, inactive, or alumni.
2. A quorum of eighty percent (80%) of members who hold voting privileges must be present to hold a vote.
3. In a circumstance where an issue is heavily debated:
   1. A “pro-and-con” session is held.
   2. A majority, above fifty percent (50%) is required before the decision falls upon the President.
   3. Should the President veto the issue, a two-third (2/3) majority is required to overturn the veto.
   4. Secret ballots are used to cast votes and will be counted by the Warden.
4. There are no re-votes allowed on the same issue. Once an issue has been voted on the decision is final unless there are new, significant information that the Chapter deems worthy to hold another vote. In such instances, refer to Article I, Section 4.

Section 4: Elections

1. A quorum of eighty percent (80%) of members who hold voting privileges must be present to hold elections.
2. A question and answer session follows.
3. A “pro-and-con” session is held. The candidates are not permitted to attend this session.
4. This session is expected to be constructive and professional in nature at all times.
5. Secret ballots are used to cast votes and will be counted by the Warden.
6. A majority vote is required to be elected into a position.

Section 3: Election Timeline

1. Elections for Executive Major Board - Top Five Positions will be elected by the third week of the Spring semester.
   1. This allows the Top Five Positions to have a transitional semester.
   2. They will shadow the current Top Five Positions on school policies and procedures, paperwork, and chairing meetings.
2. Elections for all Fall Executive Minor Board positions will be held in April.

**Section 4: Term Length**

1. All Executive Board positions are held for one academic school year.
2. All of Executive Minor Board position holder have the option to recede their positions after one academic semester. If no Brother fills the position, the Vice-President can appoint a Brother to fill that position.
3. All Executive Minor Board position holders with one (1) warning for not completing position requirement will have their option forfeited and their position are subject to open election.
4. For all positions held, each member will get two (2) warnings for completing position requirements. After that, with the discretion of the Judiciary Board, the person may be impeached from their position.

**Article VII - Upholding Brotherhood**

**Section 1: Divulging Brotherhood Secrets**

1. Fraternity secrets may not be divulged under any circumstances. You must uphold and respect the secrets of Pi Delta Psi outlined below:
   1. Any and all meanings of Fraternity standards and symbols.
   2. Information obtained about the fraternity during the new member process.
2. If accused of divulging secrets, the Brother shall be brought to the Judiciary Board.
   1. If proven guilty of sharing secrets by the Judiciary Board, the offending member will be dealt with by the Judiciary Board.

**Section 2: Slander**

1. Slander is defined as behavior that publicly embarrasses or is detrimental to the reputation of a Brother or the Fraternity as a whole.
2. If a Brother is caught performing slanderous acts, he shall be brought before the Judiciary Board with his offense.
3. If found guilty, the Brother must write a letter of apology to those offended to present at Chapter. Additional punishments are up to the discretion of the Judiciary Board.

**Section 3: Disaffiliation**

1. Involuntary disaffiliation:
   1. A Brother who joins more than one social or cultural fraternity:
   2. A Brother who commits an act so heinous against society or against the Brotherhood:
      1. Is subject to a Judicial Board hearing.
      2. If proven guilty, he shall be removed from the Brotherhood and he must return all Fraternity property within thirty (30) days of such notification.
2. Voluntary disaffiliation:
   1. A Brother who wishes to terminate her affiliation with the Fraternity:
      1. Must notify the Mu Chapter President in writing.
      2. Once finalized, he must return all Fraternity property within thirty (30) days of such notification.
   2. An ex-brother who voluntarily disaffiliated himself and wishes to re-affiliate himself, must undergo the Process of Re-Affiliation.

**Section 4: The Process of Re-Affiliation**

1. Only ex-brothers who have voluntarily disaffiliated himself may undergo the Process of Re-affiliation.
2. The Person will not be able to begin the process of Re-affiliation until two (2) whole academic years after the date of disaffiliation.
3. The Person must notify the Mu Chapter President with a Letter of Intent to Re-affiliate.
4. The Person must attend at minimum seventy percent (70%) of the rush events of the academic semester.
5. The Person must attend all of the Cultural, Philanthropy, and Community Service events hosted by the Chapter within the same academic semester.
6. A quorum of eighty percent (80%) of all eligible voters must be present for the deliberation to reinstate the Person.
7. Secret ballots are used to cast votes and will be counted by the Warden.
8. A majority of eighty percent (80%) or greater is required to reinstate the Person.

Article VIII - Clothing and Behavior

Section 1: Letters

1. Non-members of Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. are forbidden from wearing any Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. letters. Letters are for Brothers exclusively.

Section 2: Behavior

1. Members of Pi Delta Psi are considered to be wearing their letters at all times and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is decorous, respectful and representative of the Fraternity. Conduct that is especially disgraceful and/or embarrassing to the Fraternity will not be tolerated.
   1. A warning will be issued after the first incidence of disorderly conduct.
   2. After the first warning, continuance of disorderly conduct will result in disciplinary action decided by the Judiciary Board.

Section 3: Double Lettering

A. Doubling letters is forbidden.

1. Only one item of clothing bearing the Greek letters of the Fraternity may be worn at one time.
2. Multiple accessories are allowed to be worn more than one at a time.

Article IX- Discrimination

Discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap or veteran status will not be advocated or tolerated by the Brothers of the Mu Chapter of the Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Article X - The Judiciary Board

The Judiciary Board process provides a system of judicial review for the Brothers of the Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. This system governs all disciplinary proceedings or actions proposed, initiated or implemented against any Brother that is alleged to have violated any rule or regulation within the purview of these procedures. The Judiciary Board process adjudicates complaints and/or violations of the Mu Chapter Bylaws and procedures by or against Brothers.

The Judiciary Board committee is created to support the continuity and maintenance of order of the Fraternity and is based on two premises:

1. Discipline is implemented as a step toward the continuity and maintenance of order in the Fraternity.
2. Discipline is a route to Brother development.

Section 1: Board

1. The purpose of the Board is to determine the guilt and penalty of any and all disorderly conduct, lies, etc. brought forth by the Brothers of the Mu Chapter.
2. The Judiciary Board consists of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Warden.
3. In the case members of the Top Five are under review, Pledge Educator, Brotherhood Chair, and House Warden, in the following succession, will replace them on the Judiciary Board.

Section 2: Procedure

1. Judicial Board hearings are open to all of the Brothers of the Chapter to attend.
2. All of the Top Five Positions must be present to reach quorum.
3. The Accused Brother has the right to be present during the hearing.
4. If the Accused is not present, and has not presented a reasonable excuse to the Judiciary Board prior to the hearing, the hearing is held in the Accused absence. The Judiciary Board considers the evidence available and bases its decision on such evidence. The absence of the Accused charged is not an admission of culpability.
5. Sixty percent (60%) of the Judiciary Board must vote guilty for the accused to be given a verdict of guilty.
6. Once given the verdict of guilty, the Accused is not permitted to be present during the deliberation of the Sanctions.

Section 3: Grounds for Judiciary Board

A Brother may be brought forth before the Judiciary Board for the following charges:

1. Failure to meet the Academics Standards of the Mu Chapter.
2. Failure to meet his financial obligations despite repeated warnings by the Treasurer and the Warden.
3. Failure to fulfill Active Member Requirements.
4. Has an absent count exceeding three (3).
5. Failure to meet Executive Board Position Requirements.
6. Divulging Brotherhood Secrets.
7. For Slander (refer to Article VII, Section 2).
8. A Brother who joins more than one social or cultural fraternity.
9. A Brother who commits an act so heinous against society or against the Brotherhood.
10. A Brother who conducts himself in a manner that is especially disgraceful and/or embarrassing to the Fraternity.

Section 4: Sanctions

1. All Sanctions for the Offender are accompanied by a letter to be sent to the Chapter addressing the issue on why he was under Judiciary review.
2. A reasonable fine to be determined by the Warden. Failure to pay fines will lead to further sanctions.
3. Inactive Status.
4. A mixture of Active and Inactive status to be determined by the Judiciary Board.
5. Restitution or Reimbursement – In cases of damage, destruction, defacement, theft or unauthorized use of property, restitution to the Fraternity or to an individual may be required. This may include reasonable administrative costs. Restitution may also include payment for medical bills. Failure to make restitution may lead to further charges.
6. Impeachment of Executive Board positions.
7. Involuntary Disaffiliation.
8. More than one sanction can be levied.

Article XI - Brother Statuses

Section 1: Active status

1. A Brother is considered “active” within the Chapter if he:
   1. Pays one hundred percent (100%) of the Chapter Dues.
   2. Has voting privileges.
   3. Qualifies to hold a position.
   4. Fulfills Chapter and Active Brother Requirements (refer to Article II – Chapter Requirements and Article III – Active Member Requirements).

Section 2: Inactive Status

1. A Brother is considered “inactive” within the Chapter if he does not fulfill Chapter, and Active Member Requirements.
2. Brothers are eligible for inactivity for the following reasons: study abroad, full-time internship or co-op, family problems, financial difficulties, or educational/grade issues.
3. Automatic inactivity will be granted for the following reasons: study abroad, full-time internship or co-op, prolonged illness, no longer attends The Ohio State University.
4. Brothers who are seeking to be inactive will be considered after presenting a formal Letter of Intent to the Judiciary Board as to why such status is desired.
5. The Inactive Status is only effective for one (1) semester. The Judiciary Board can grant additional periods of inactivity.
   1. Brother desiring another term of inactivity, will be considered after presenting another formal Letter of Intent to the Judiciary Board.
6. While inactive, the Brother:
   1. Has to pay one hundred percent (100%) of his Chapter Dues.
   2. May not vote during the duration of his inactivity.
   3. May not hold a position.
   4. Is ineligible for a Little Brother.
   5. Has to pay for events he chooses to attend that cost the Fraternity money to host. This includes social events, Brotherhood Events, Brotherhood Retreat, and Banquet.
   6. Is permitted to attend Induction, Functions, Rituals, and Initiation. However, the Brother is not allowed to pledge.

Section 3: A Mixture of Active and Inactive Status

1. Under extenuating circumstances, a Brother can have a Mixed Status.
2. The Mixed status consists of the requirements to be determined by the Judiciary Board.
3. The Mixed Status is only effective for one (1) semester.
4. Additionally periods of Mixed Status must be considered and approved by the Judiciary Board in conjunction with a Letter of Intent before it is granted.
   1. The terms and requirements of the Mixed Status can be changed from the original ones set forth by the Judiciary Board.

Section 4: Transfer Students

1. Brothers of the Fraternity who transfer to a non-affiliated, undergraduate school are not responsible for fulfilling any of the requirements. They are eligible for automatic inactivity.
   1. The transfer Brother will not be recognized by The Ohio State University as an active member of the Mu Chapter.
   2. He may be considered active if he is able to fulfill the requirements of an active Brother of the Mu Chapter and the National Rules and Regulations.
   3. Transfer Brothers at a non-affiliated, undergraduate school are allowed to take Little Brothers, assuming he is able to fulfill the duties of being a Big Brother.
2. Any member of the Fraternity who transfers to an affiliated, undergraduate institution must declare at the time of transfer whether he will be an active or inactive member of that Chapter or Colony.
3. In the case that a Brother from a different school transfer to The Ohio State University, in order to grant an active status, the transferring Brother must be voted into the respective Chapter by a three-fourths (3/4) vote from the active body.
   1. A quorum of ninety percent (90%) must be present to hold elections.
   2. The transfer Brother can be given a Mixed Status.

Section 5: Alumni Status

1. A Brother is granted “Alumni” status within the Chapter if he:
   1. Has received a bachelor’s degree
   2. Has finished his education as he sees fit.
2. A Brother who does not graduate after the fourth year of their undergraduate studies has the option to stay active or obtain an Alumni Status.
   1. A formal Letter of Intent must be presented before the Judiciary Board and the Judiciary Board must approve the request before the Brother is granted Alumni Status.
3. If a Brother becomes an Alumni during the middle of the academic school year, he is still eligible for all of the banquet awards, given the rightful merits.
   1. Should a Brother desire to remain Active for the rest of the Academic Year, the Judiciary Board can grant him permission.
4. Alumni of the Mu Chapter does not pay chapter dues.

Article XII - New Member Process

Section 1: Voting

1. Every member of the Chapter must be initiated according to the rituals of Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. and shall have taken the entire oath of allegiance as provided therein.
2. A quorum of ninety percent (90%) or greater of all Brothers eligible to vote must be present to hold elections.
3. Active Brothers who did not attend seventy percent (70%) of the rush events are not eligible to vote.
4. The prospective member is automatically given a bid if he receives eighty percent (80%) of the votes. To ensure against mistakes, should a prospective member receive less than eighty percent (80%) of the votes but seventy percent (70%) or more, a second vote shall immediately be taken. At this point, the prospective member only needs a seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes from good standing, present and voting Brothers.
5. Should the name of the prospective member be rejected by the Chapter, the name shall not be proposed again until the next semester.
6. Should the name of the prospective member be proposed and rejected a subsequent time, the name shall never again be proposed in any Chapter.
7. All voting pertaining to membership shall be closed ballot and counted by the Warden.

Section 2: The Bid

1. All prospective members who have been granted a bid for membership into Pi Delta Psi, Fraternity Inc. shall be educated in accordance with the requirements of Pi Delta Psi Fraternity.
2. A new member may discontinue his education process at any time prior to initiation, of his own accord, due to personal agendas. This new prospective member may still be eligible for membership in the future.

Section 3: Dropping a Pledge

1. Any time prior to the date of initiation, the Chapter can vote, by Brothers in good standing, on the worthiness of a new member.
2. A quorum of ninety percent (90%) or greater of all Brothers eligible to vote must be present to hold a vote.
3. The prospective member is automatically dropped if he receives eighty percent (80%) of the votes. To ensure against mistakes, should a prospective member receive less than eighty percent (80%) of the votes but seventy percent (70%) or more, a second vote shall immediately be taken. At this point, the prospective member only needs a seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes from good standing, present and voting Brothers.
4. All voting pertaining to membership shall be closed ballot and counted by the Warden.
5. If the Chapter has received the required number of votes to discontinue the education process of a new member, the individual will no longer be eligible for future bid of membership into Pi Delta Psi Fraternity.

Article XIII - Hosting a New Colony

In the rare occasion where the Mu Chapter has been selected and asked by the National Executive Board to host a new colony of Pi Delta Psi, the Brothers of the Mu Chapter should strive to take the high road and accept the prestigious invitation. It should be only when under the most extreme conditions that the Mu Chapter should decline an invitation to host a new colony.

1. A quorum of ninety percent (90%) or greater of all Brothers eligible to vote must be present to hold elections.
2. The prospective colony is automatically given a bid if it receives eighty percent (80%) of the votes. To ensure against mistakes, should a prospective colony receive less than eighty percent (80%) of the votes but seventy percent (70%) or more, a second vote shall immediately be taken. At this point, the prospective colony only needs a seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes from good standing, present and voting Brothers.
3. There is no limit on the number of new colonies the Mu Chapter can host.