**Article I: Purpose**

* 1. The Purpose of these By-Laws of the Ohio State Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity is to conduct in

 an organized, effective manner the operation of this chapter.

**Article II: Non-Discrimination Clause**

2-01. The Acacia Fraternity shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, or veteran status.

**Article III: Affiliated Organizations**

3-01. The Ohio State University Association of Acacia will serve as the house corporation of the Ohio State Chapter of the Acacia, and have jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the Chapter House.

**Article IV: Executive Council**

* 1. The Active Chapter shall be composed of the following position groups in ranking order:

 a. Executive Council

 b. House Directors

 c. Committees as delegated through each position.

* 1. The Executive Council shall be composed of and shall rank as follows:
1. Venerable Dean
2. Senior Dean
3. Junior Dean
4. Treasurer
5. Chief Justice
6. Head of Recruitment
7. Secretary
	1. The Executive Council in general shall have the following duties:
8. To adopt a set of quarterly and yearly goals for the approval of the Chapter.
9. To ratify all appointments of non-elected officers.
10. To ensure that each new officer receives an appropriate transition period in order to

fulfill his new duties effectively.

1. To make emergency rulings on house rules as deemed necessary and proper.
2. To assign duties to appointed officers.
3. To create committees under their own elected office.
4. To perform such other duties as prescribed by The Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of the Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.
5. To reside in the chapter house unless excused for a “good and sufficient” reason.
	1. The Executive Council shall be chosen by the third week of Winter Quarter. A vote shall be take

 by secret ballot from all active members considered to be present.

* 1. Nominations for the Executive Council shall be held at least one week prior to elections.
	2. Members must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA to be considered for an elected office.
	3. A majority of the votes cast is required for the election of any Executive Council member. If a clear majority vote is not attained, the top two candidates will be voted upon a second time.
	4. All officers shall hold office until their successor is installed.
	5. An elected officer may be removed from office in accordance with Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Ohio State University Waw Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity. In extreme and extenuating circumstances, an officer may be removed by the Venerable Dean who himself may be removed if they cannot maintain their GPA as specified in Article X of these By-Laws.
	6. A vacant office shall be immediately filled by the Venerable Dean with the advice of and consent of the Executive Council.
	7. The Venerable Dean shall have the following duties:
1. To serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chapter.
2. To preside over all meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Council.
3. To maintain consistent communications with the following:
4. The Ohio State University
5. Acacia International Headquarters
6. Chapter Advisor
7. Interfraternity Council (I.F.C.)
8. Affiliated Organizations
9. As the I.F.C representative he has the following duties:
10. Attend all meetings of the I.F.C.
11. Keep the Chapter informed of all I.F.C. activities.
12. Keep the I.F.C. informed of all Chapter activities.
13. To represent the Chapter in all external matters
14. To keep the Chapter appraised of the state of the Fraternity.
15. To schedule and preside over all elections.
16. To serve as the facilitator for all Executive Council and Director Officers, and make sure that all positions are working together and help out in areas that need help or any additional assistance.
17. To hold weekly meetings with the Executive Council. Executive Council meetings shall serve as the time to discuss administrative, legislative, and some judicial matters.
18. To oversee the performance of the Executive Council and Director Officers with respect to their duties.
19. To remove any elected of appointed officer who flagrantly disregards their duties.
20. To make emergency appointments to an office with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.
21. To have final interpretive authority over the governing documents of the Waw Chapter.
22. To serve as Chairman of the Admissions Committee.
23. To perform such other duties as prescribed by the Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of The Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.
	1. The Senior Dean shall have the following duties:
24. As vice president he shall assume the responsibilities of the Venerable Dean in his absence or disability.
25. As Ritual Master he shall have the following duties:
26. Coordinate and oversee all ritual ceremonies
27. Assign parts in ritual not predetermined by office, allowing sufficient time for preparation.
28. Have the responsibility of always trying to improve the quality of the Ritual ceremonial.
29. As Pledge Educator he shall have the following duties:
30. Maintain a well-structured and progressive pledge education program.
31. Act as liaison amongst the Active Chapter, Pledge Members, and Neophytes.
32. Establish a well-structured and progressive Big/Little Brother program.
33. Coordinate and oversee Initiation Week
34. Exemplify and enforce the Anti-Hazing policy of Acacia
35. Be responsible for administering the National Examination.
36. To serve as Chairman of the Ritual Exemplification Committee.
37. To perform such other duties as prescribed by the Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of the Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.
	1. The Junior Dean shall have the following duties:
38. As the Social Chairman he shall have the following duties:
39. To provide a quarterly social calendar with a wide variety of events at the beginning of each quarter for the approval of the Chapter.
40. To act as chairman of the Social Committee.
41. To perform such other duties as prescribed by the Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of the Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.
	1. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

a. To prepare and submit annual and quarterly budgets, in writing, to the Executive

 Council for approval.

1. To present the Budget to the Chapter by the first regular meeting of the quarter for

ratification.

1. To ensure that all expenditures are in accordance with the approved budget.
2. To be responsible for all receipts and disbursements of the Chapter while maintaining accurate records.
3. To be responsible for collecting dues and fines from the Chapter.
4. To enforce sound financial policies.
5. To plan and organize fundraisers for the Active Chapter.
6. To submit to the Chapter, in writing his financial policies.
7. To serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee.
8. To perform such other duties as prescribed by the Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of the Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.
	1. The Chief Justice shall have the following duties:
9. To act as Parliamentarian for the Chapter.
10. To have a working knowledge of the Constitution, By-Laws, Laws of Acacia, and Roberts’s Rules of Order.
11. To advise the Chapter on proper business procedures and violations thereof in accordance with the governing documents stated above.
12. To enforce probation and suspension due to non-payment of dues or fees.
13. As the Risk Manager he shall have the following duties:
14. Act as chairperson for the Risk Management Committee.
15. Implement risk management education for all members.
16. Develop a written chapter policy on Risk Management.
17. Enforce the Risk Management Policy of Acacia Fraternity.
18. Implement Emergency/Crisis Management procedures at the chapter level and execute them when needed.
19. To perform such other duties as prescribed by the Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of the Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.
	1. The Head of Recruitment shall have the following duties:
20. To be responsible for implementing and maintaining a successful rush program on a

quarterly basis.

1. To preside over all activities related to the bidding process.
2. To be charged with keeping all Recruitment items.
3. To establish a pledge-father program to keep in touch with pledges until a big brother is selected.
4. To serve as Chairman of the Membership Recruitment Committee.
5. To perform such other duties as prescribed by the Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of the Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.
	1. The Secretary shall have the following duties:
6. To be responsible for keeping Chapter Roll and records.
7. To determine for Chapter meetings what is considered to be an excused absence.
8. To keep a concise record of the minutes of the Chapter meetings.
9. To order and care for badges, cards, shingles, and other membership items.
10. To send reports and keep communications with Acacia International Headquarters.
11. To maintain complete updated files for the Ohio State Chapter.
12. To maintain communications with other Greek organizations.
13. To maintain updated and accurate By-Laws.
14. To perform any other correspondence work as deemed necessary by the Executive Council.
15. To serve as Chairman of the Secretariat Committee.
16. To perform such other duties as prescribed by the Laws of Acacia and other governing documents of the Ohio State Chapter and Acacia Fraternity.

**Article V: Standards Board**

* 1. The Standards Board shall consist of the following Executive Council Officers:
1. Venerable Dean
2. Senior Dean
3. Junior Dean
4. Treasurer
5. Chief Justice
	1. The Standards Board shall serve as the Judicial Council and have the following duties:
6. To act as the chief judicial body of the Ohio State Chapter of Acacia.
7. Use the By-Laws to create a series of standards to hold all Brothers and Pledges to.
8. Meet regularly to evaluate members of the fraternity.
9. Deal with grievances between Brothers that are brought to their attention.
10. Assess fines, probation, both social and academic, and the like.
11. To perform other such duties as prescribed by the Executive Council.
12. Make any decisions on cases pertaining to the interpretations and penalties associated with the Chapter House rules.
13. Shall have all of the duties and responsibilities as defined in Article V of the Constitution of the Ohio State Chapter.

**Article VI: Directors/Duties**

* 1. The Active Chapter shall have 8 Directors:
1. Academic Director
2. Service Director
3. House Management Director
4. Chapter Programming Director
5. Brotherhood Director
6. Campus Involvement Director
7. Communications Director
8. Athletic Director
	1. The House Directors are to support the overall operations of the Active Chapter and the Executive

Council as delegated through each Director position.

* 1. Each Director shall be appointed by the Venerable Dean with the advice and consent of the

Executive Council.

* 1. The Academic Director shall have the following duties:
1. To oversee the overall scholastic achievement of the Active Chapter.
2. To make sure all actives are at or above the minimum grade requirements
3. To enforce Academic and/or Social Probation for those who fall below the minimum

Grade requirements.

1. To enforce good study habits among all active members.
2. To enforce the Academic Plan as specified in Article XI of these By-Laws.
	1. The Service Director shall have the following duties:
3. To serve as coordinator for all community service events.
4. To plan philanthropies that the house will host.
5. To involve the Active Chapter in philanthropies hosted by other Greek or Campus organizations.
6. To serve as Chairman of the Human Service Committee.
	1. The House Management Director shall have the following duties:
7. To reside in the Chapter House.
8. To manage the overall maintenance and upkeep of the Chapter House.
9. To assign house jobs and make sure that they are completed and maintained every week.
10. To make sure house supplies are stocked
11. To prioritize and plan house improvements and/or projects.
12. To ensure the completion of house improvement and/or projects in a timely manner.
13. To serve as the point of contact between the Active Chapter and Alumni Board in regards to house repairs and improvements.
14. To organize all house cleanups including after all organized social events and activities held at the house.
15. To make sure all 5 main sections of the Chapter House are clean at all times:
16. Outside

-Front Porch

-Front Patio

-Sides of House

-Back Parking Lot

-Back Stairway

1. Basement

-Kitchen

-Bathroom

-Bar Room

-Work Room

-Laundry Room

-Chapter Room

1. First Floor

-Storage Room

-Rothaar Room

-Formal Room

-Game Room

-Foyer

-Mailbox Area

1. Second Floor

-Hallway

-Network Room

-Bathroom/Shower

-Empty Rooms

1. Third Floor

-Hallway

-Bathroom/Shower

-Empty Rooms

\*All stairways must be kept clean in addition to these 5 sections.

* 1. The Chapter Programming Director shall have the following duties:
1. As the facilitator of the Cornerstones program he shall have the following duties:
2. Insure that all member of the Active Chapter have access to the Cornerstones program.
3. Track the Cornerstones progress of each member.
4. Find suitable alumni mentors for members of the program.
5. Hold a quarterly discussion on the Cornerstones program.
6. To hold a quarterly program for the betterment of the Active Chapter.
7. To serve as Chairman of the Chapter Programming Committee.
	1. The Brotherhood Director shall have the following duties:
8. To serve as Chaplain.
9. To promote the ideals of brotherhood within the chapter.
10. To organize and manage brotherhood events.
	1. The Campus Involvement Director shall have the following duties:
11. To insure that every active member is a part of another organization or club outside of the Acacia Fraternity.
12. To promote involvement in other organizations by informing the Active Chapter of events on campus.
13. To find suitable opportunities for members of the Active Chapter to get involved in on campus.
14. To serve as Chairman of the Campus Involvement Committee.
	1. The Communications Director shall have the following duties:
15. To manage all forms of communication within and outside the house.
16. To serve as the point of contact between in house and out of house members.
17. To inform all out of house members of all events at or outside the Chapter House.
18. To inform all alumni of all events at or outside the Chapter House.
19. To send cards out to sororities on a quarterly basis.
20. To coordinate and send out the Active Chapter Newsletter.
21. To maintain the Active Chapter Website.
22. To serve as Chairman of the Alumni Affairs Committee.
	1. The Athletic Director shall have the following duties:
23. To involve the Active Chapter in intramural sports.
24. To design and order T-shirts for intramural sports.
25. To schedule practices for sporting events.
	1. The General Membership shall have the following duties:
26. To attend all Chapter Meetings.
27. To attend all Ritual functions.
28. To attend all Rush functions.
29. To participate in all Philanthropy and Human Service events.
30. To avoid such actions and attitudes that will bring discredit to the Acacia Fraternity.
31. To strive to exemplify the ideals of the Acacia Fraternity.
32. To understand and follow all house rules.

**Article VII: Committees/Duties**

7-01. The Active Chapter shall consist of the following committees as deemed necessary by the

Venerable Dean:

1. Admissions Committee
2. Ritual Exemplification Committee
3. Social Committee
4. Finance Committee
5. Risk Management Committee
6. Membership Recruitment Committee
7. Secretariat Committee
8. Human Service Committee
9. Chapter Programming Committee
10. Campus Involvement Committee
11. Alumni Affairs Committee

7-02. Each Committee member shall report to the Director of his respective committee with any information pertaining to the Committee’s duties.

7-03. Each Committee member shall be appointed by the Venerable Dean with the advice and consent of the Executive Council and the Director of the respective committee.

**Article VIII: Pre-Membership**

* 1. A bid for pledge-ship may be extended to a rushee in accordance with the regulations of the

I.F.C. at the discretion of the Head of Recruitment and/or 2/3 of the Active Chapter.

* 1. No bid will be extended to any person with a cumulative college GPA of less than 2.5 or less than 12 college credit hours.
	2. A bid is valid for the remainder of the quarter unless the rushee accepts a bid from another fraternity in which case the bid is void.
	3. Formal Pledging ceremonies must take place before the third Tuesday of each quarter unless extenuating circumstances as deemed by the Executive Council require otherwise.
	4. Initiation ceremonies must take place in the quarter of the pledge-ship unless there are extenuating circumstances as deemed by the Executive Council require otherwise.

8-06. In order for any individual who has been duly pledged to be initiated into active membership he

must first meet the following requirements:

1. Comply with the Ohio State University and I.F.C. regulations concerning eligibility.
2. Complete the pledge program to the satisfaction of the Senior Dean and Active Chapter.
3. Have a cumulative GPA of not less than 2.5.
4. Satisfy all other requirements specified in the Constitution.

8-07. A pledge who satisfies all requirements for initiation other than that of the minimum GPA will be considered a neophyte.

* 1. A membership initiation ritual will be held only once each quarter unless extenuating

Circumstances as deemed by the Executive Council require otherwise.

* 1. Roll numbers will be assigned to initiates at the discretion of the Senior Dean according to criteria

established in his pledge program.

**Article IX: Chapter Meetings**

* 1. The regular meetings of the chapter shall be held once a week during the school year at a time and

place to be determined by the Executive Council.

9-02. Chapter Dinners shall precede each regular Chapter Meeting.

9-03. At least one regular meeting each quarter shall be formal and conducted in accordance with the

Ritual. The first regular meeting after an initiation ceremony must be a formal meeting.

9-04. Special meetings may be called by the Venerable Dean or by the request of at least 10 Active

Members provided that 24 hours notice is given and the entire chapter is notified.

9-05. A meeting may be temporarily postponed, cancelled, or changed in time or place by the

Venerable Dean with the approval of the Executive Council.

9-06. Attendance at Chapter Meetings and Dinners is mandatory for all members and pledges, in and out of house, with excused absences being granted by the Secretary for class conflicts, irresolvable work conflicts, up to two emergency study excuses, or for any other good or sufficient reasons. Fines will be levied against those members who have unexcused absences, and those cases will be referred to the Standards Board.

* 1. The cost of Chapter Dinners shall be added to the bill of each members for that quarter. Members

are not required to purchase the dinner, but must be present at the predetermined time. The Standards Board will assess fines.

* 1. Attire for chapter meetings shall be shirt and tie except for at least one Chapter Meeting per quarter, conducted in accordance with the Ritual opening and closing ceremonies. Formal attire can also be required for any other chapter meeting at the discretion of the Venerable Dean.

9-09. Any member with an excused absence, as deemed by the Secretary, may proxy his vote on an

issue through another member. The Secretary must be notified of who has proxy votes, but only by the member who will be absent. The absent member is to be considered in attendance of the meeting when determining quorum. Each member in attendance may only hold one proxy from an absent member.

9-10. Quorum for any meeting shall be 2/3 of the Active Chapter Roll.

9-11. Over 50% of the Active Roll Members considered to be in attendance must vote in favor of a motion in order for it to pass.

9-12. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the deliberation of the Chapter on all points not covered by

The Laws of Acacia, the Constitution of the Ohio State Chapter, or these By-Laws. The rules of order shall be interpreted by the Chief Justice, and subject to final interpretation by the Venerable Dean.

9-13. The following rules of order shall be enforced during meetings:

1. A member will be referred to a Brother.
2. A pledge will be referred to as Pledge Brother.
3. There is to be no eating, drinking, or use of tobacco.

**Article X: Finances**

10-01. Pledge, Initiation, Per Capita, and National Insurance fees shall be designated by the Acacia International Fraternity.

10-02. Housing fees shall be designated by the Ohio State University Association of Acacia.

* 1. The Active Chapter may combine these and any other fees that it deems necessary in a yearly

 contract to be paid in a quarterly house bill.

* 1. The Venerable Dean shall have his registration, hotel, and reasonable housing expenses paid by the Chapter for his conclave attendance, if it is not paid for by the Ohio State University Association of Acacia.

10-05. The Active Chapter may establish late fees if house bills are not paid by a pre-established deadline

 in the housing contract.

10-06. Any Acacia Fraternity property that is damaged by a person due to misuse or abuse will be

repaired and/or replaced by financial compensation by the person in question.

* 1. A house improvement fund shall be established for purposes of untraceable damage to the house, special house projects, or any other activities or items for the improvement of the house. All fines and penalties assessed by the house shall go towards this fund.
	2. All statements are net 30 days from statement date.
	3. In addition to the penalties outlined in the housing contract, the following list shall contain any and all penalties for non-payment of dues:
1. Both In and Out of house members:
2. Member is not permitted to attend any social functions.
3. Member loses all voting rights at Chapter Meetings.
4. Brother loses any held position.
5. Brother receives status of inactive until payments are made.
6. In house members:
7. Member losses parking spot privileges.
8. Member receives eviction warning.
9. Brother receives eviction notice.
	1. Any statement balance equal to or less than $100 makes that member in good financial standing

with the Active Chapter, and no penalties are incurred.

* 1. Any member who is on a payment plan, and is current with payments shall be in good financial

standing with the Active Chapter, and no penalties are incurred.

* 1. If a member owes money to the Chapter during Spring Quarter other than his current Spring Quarter balance, he must “pay to play”. This means that in order for said member to be admitted to any social function, he must pay. The amount for Greek Week is $50, and the amount for Nile is $175.
	2. A general recruitment fee of $60 will be assessed during Autumn Quarter.
	3. A general social fee of $60 will be assessed during Spring Quarter.
	4. A fee of $15 for Greek Week will be assessed during Spring Quarter.
	5. A fee of $20 for Nile will be assessed during the quarter that it is held.
	6. A general maintenance fee of $50 will be assessed quarterly.
	7. Members who hold parking spaces in the back lot will be charged $20 per quarter.
	8. Our-of-House dues shall be $250 per quarter.
	9. An empty bed fee of $25 multiplied by the number of empty available rooms in the house will be added to any out of house brother’s bill who has not satisfied the live in requirement or does not have a contractual obligation due to another organization due to his quarter of initiation.

10-21. A $10 fee will be assessed for a house key.

10-22. A $100 security deposit must be paid by each member during his first quarter living in the Chapter House. This deposit will be reimbursed at the discretion of the Executive Board.

* 1. A minimum of a $100 fine will be assessed for the unauthorized use of fire extinguishers or emergency equipment and alarms at the discretion of the Standards Board.
	2. It is the decision of the Executive Council to apply the level of penalties to those who do not pay.
	3. The Executive Council is not permitted to discriminate amongst members, only between lengths of non-payments and amount due.
	4. Any member who cannot pay the full balance at the beginning of the quarter, and has asked to be on a payment plan shall be allowed to do so.
	5. The payment plan shall consist of equal monthly payments to the Fraternity Chapter over the course of one quarter. Payment plan terms shall be one quarter in length.

**Article XI: Academics**

11-01. The academic standing of brothers shall be determined by the following scale:

1. Good Standing = 3.00+ GPA
2. Cautionary Standing = 2.50-2.99 GPA
3. Probationary Standing = 2.00-2.49 GPA
4. Suspension Standing = Under 2.00 GPA

11-02. Upon receiving the individual grade report for each member, the Academic Director, along with the Chapter Advisor, will schedule a meeting with members who are not in Good Standing. The Academic Director as well as the Chapter Advisor will work with individual members to determine the best strategy to improve their GPA. Each member will develop his own personal academic plan that will be monitored by the Academic Director and Chapter Advisor. A second academic meeting will be held again about half way through the quarter to assess academic progress.

11-03. The five brothers with the highest GPAs of the quarter will each receive $50 off his current quarter’s billing statement.

11-04. The brother with the most improved GPA from the previous quarter and who obtains a minimum quarter GPA of 2.5 will receive $50 off the current quarter’s billing statement.

11-05. Once Big Brothers are assigned to the pledges the Big/Little pairings will work together to

encourage each other to achieve academic success. The Big/Little pairing with the best combined GPA will each receive $50 off their billing statement. A brother who does not have a Little Brother during a quarter, and wishes to participate, can pair up with another active brother who also does not have a Little Brother and work together, also with the option of winning $50 off their respective billing statements.

11-06. Starting with the second week of the quarter, brothers not in Good Standing must submit a detailed report by e-mail to the Chapter Advisor, Academic Director, and Venerable Dean informing them of their current status in their classes. These reports should mention how the brother did on tests and quizzes, the successful completion of any homework, as well as any problems they are currently having. Any other pertinent information is encouraged. These reports are required every week there after and failure to submit a report by 6 PM of that Monday will result in a $10 fine.

11-07. Any brother not in Good Standing with an exam the following day will not be allowed to consume alcohol the night before. A fine of $20 will be assessed to any brother found to be in violation of this policy.

11-08. At the end of every week, each brother not in Good or Cautionary Standing must meet with the Academic Advisor and show him some proof of class attendance for each class. The most effective option would be the dated notes for each class, though any other material will be acceptable, such as worksheets or lab reports. Other options include having professors sign off on a daily schedule or discussing the material covered in each class with the Academic Advisor at the end of the week. Further options may be accepted at the discretion of the Executive Board and Academic Advisor. This must be completed by Monday before 6 PM. For each class not accounted for a fine of $5 will be assessed.

11-09. Brothers in Suspension Standing are not allowed to consume alcohol at all house parties during the quarter and must work double party jobs. These brothers are required to be at all house parties unless a sufficient excuse is provided. Fines will be assessed by the Standards Board.

11-10. If a brother fails to achieve Good Standing with the fraternity for two consecutive quarters he must sit down and discuss with the Chapter Advisor, Venerable Dean, and Academic Director new strategies and possible further sanctions and incentives to help him succeed academically.

11-11. Any brother not in Good Standing with the fraternity for two consecutive quarters will be deemed inactive on the chapter’s university roster.

11-12. If a brother fails to achieve a 3.00+ GPA for three straight quarters his membership will be reviewed by the Executive Board and Chapter Advisor.

**Article XII: Priority**

* 1. Room selection priority for Autumn through Spring Quarter shall go as follows:
1. Venerable Dean
2. Senior Dean
3. Junior Dean
4. Remaining rooms are chosen according to number of quarters each member has lived in the Chapter House.
5. In the case of ties in tenure, room selection shall go according to Roll Number.
6. “Squatting Rights” will be granted year to year, but only to those who have improved their room and petitioned the chapter to retain their room.

12-02. Room selections shall take place in Spring Quarter, and rights to rooms shall begin seven days before Autumn Quarter, and extend through seven days before the following Autumn Quarter, assuming that there is a signed contract for that term.

12-03. Individuals moving into the house in Summer Quarter shall select rooms as follows:

1. Open rooms
2. Rooms being used by a member as summer storage. In the event that more than one room is being used as summer storage, the member with the higher Roll Number shall concede his right to said storage.
3. Any individuals that move in during the summer who are not members shall be given a room in the order in which they sign a summer contract.

12-04. Parking space selection priority shall go as follows:

1. Venerable Dean
2. Senior Dean
3. Junior Dean
4. Treasurer
5. House Management Director
6. Remaining spaces are then chosen according to the number of quarters each member has lived in the Chapter House.
7. In the case of ties in tenure, parking space selection shall go according to a member’s Roll Number.

12-05. Selection of house jobs will be allocated to active members in ascending order according to their Roll Number.

12-06. If a room or parking space becomes vacant at any point during the school year, any member may

Petition to gain it. Petitions will be granted according to a member’s Roll Number.

**Article XIII: House Rules**

* 1. The following house rules shall apply within the Acacia Chapter House:
1. No illegal drugs are permitted within the Chapter House or on house property.
2. No one is permitted on the roof of the Chapter House.
3. No weapons are permitted within the Chapter House.
4. No construction, paint, damage, or change of physical property is permitted without the consent of the Executive Council, and if necessary, the Ohio State University Association of Acacia.
5. No personal garbage may be placed in common areas of the Chapter House or grounds.
6. No pets are permitted in the Chapter House without the consent of the Chapter, and if necessary, the Ohio State University Association of Acacia.
7. No Acacia property may be taken for personal use without the consent of the Active Chapter.
8. No Acacia property may be taken off the premises without the consent of the Active Chapter.
9. No smoking of any kind is permitted within the Chapter House.
10. No personal property may be stored in common areas or left there for an extended period of time.
11. The television in the basement may not be on during chapter dinners or chapter meetings.
12. All house dishes and silverware are to be rinsed and placed in the green racks after use.
13. Quiet hours must be observed between 6:00pm and 9:00am from Sunday evening through the following Friday morning.
14. Members are not permitted to unlock and/or enter another room of another member when that member is absent from their room unless one or more of the following apply:
15. The house is under a state of emergency or is considered to be a hostile

environment.

1. There is a situation resulting in potential and/or direct harm to a member

and/or others.

1. The occupant has in their room a possession that is needed immediately and

is either belonging to the house or is crucial to the benefit of the house and the same or identical possession cannot be obtained by any other logical means.

1. The occupant has in their room a possession that is needed immediately and

belongs to the member unlocking and/or entering the room.

1. The occupant is presumed to be in a state of emergency such that their

whereabouts are unknown and they are presumed to be missing or their health and/or life are presumed to be in potential jeopardy.

1. Written or verbal permission from the occupant is given. If more than one

Member resides in a room, permission is only needed from one of the occupants.

 15. Members unlocking and/or entering the room of another member whether in

violation of these rules set forth or not, take full responsibility and are liable for any damages and/or stolen possessions of the occupant(s).

16. No persons shall be permitted on the second and third floor fire escapes unless in

 case of an emergency, or at the discretion of the Venerable Dean.

* 1. Beginning with the most recently initiated members, highest Roll Number to lowest Roll Number, members are required to fulfill their brotherly obligation to live in the Chapter House unless they provide a “good and sufficient” reason to be excused. After the amount of members who wish to live in is established, the rest of those that will be required to live in the Chapter House will be selected from the active roll of the Chapter until the house reaches at least 25 tenants.
	2. All members and pledges must be involved in at least one extracurricular campus group or

activity.

* 1. Any member or pledge that signs up for any function (setup/cleanup, events, etc…) must attend

the event on time unless they notify whoever is in charge in advance and receive proper approval.

* 1. Any unauthorized vehicle parked in the back parking lot or driveway without “good and sufficient” reason(s) will be penalized on a quarterly basis as such:
1. First offense resulting in an official warning.
2. Second offense resulting in a $5 fine.
3. Third offense resulting in a $10 fine.
4. All subsequent offenses resulting in a fine of $20.

Interpretation is subject to review by the Standards Board.

13-06. The Internet Usage Policy shall be the official document concerning Internet usage within the Chapter House, and any rules, privileges, and violations associated with that usage shall be dealt with as prescribed by this Policy.

13-07. All house rules are to be followed by all active members, pledges, neophytes, and alumni

members. House rules also apply to any boarder or visitor of the house.

13-08. A breach in house rules by any active member, or personal guest of that active member, may result

in financial and/or non-financial penalties for said member at the discretion of the Standards Board.

13-09. The Active Chapter shall set a maximum penalty for the breaking of any house rule.

**Article XIV: Amendments**

* 1. These By-Laws may be amended in part or in whole by a two-thirds vote of the Active Chapter, said changes having been submitted in writing for consideration of the chapter.

**Article XV: Approved Amendments (motions passed during regular Chapter**

 **Meetings)**