

# *Lambda Psi Honorary* Constitution

## **Preamble**

The undergraduate students enrolled in The Ohio State University at the Columbus Campus desire to combine our efforts for the purpose of:

- A. Increasing the academic performance of ethnic minority groups at The Ohio State University, with a primary focus within the College of Engineering.
- B. Promoting academic excellence and service in the community.

Do ordain and hereby establish this Constitution.

## **Article 1 - Organization**

### **Section 1: Name**

The name of this organization shall be: Lambda Psi Honorary.

### **Section 2: Mission**

To promote and achieve the highest level of academic excellence.

### **Section 3: Government**

This student organization shall be governed by this constitution, bylaws, and the rules and regulations of The Ohio State University. In all situations not otherwise covered, Robert's Rules Of Order, revised is the Parliamentary Authority.

## **Article 2 - Qualifications**

### **Section 1: Membership Criteria**

Membership in this organization shall be limited to:

- A. All students attending The Ohio State University within the stated boundaries who prescribe to the purpose of the Lambda Psi Honorary, as stated in the preamble, whom have either:
- a. Completed their freshman year with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5
  - b. Is an upperclassman that has attained a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for any two consecutive or nonconsecutive semesters prior to application
  - c. Is an upperclassman and has attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the semester prior to application  
shall be eligible to become members of this organization.
  - d. Prospective applicants must be in the process of applying for or already admitted into their engineering major.
- B. Membership shall be open to all students irrespective of race, creed, color or national origin.
- C. Anti-Discrimination policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

## **Section 2: Loss of Membership**

Infractions that merit the loss of membership include; actions that are made in behalf of the Lambda Psi Honorary which are in gross disregard of the purposes of the organization, as stated in the preamble. Members shall be expelled with a 4/5 vote of the membership.

## **Article 3 - Dues**

Annual membership fees shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Board. Membership fees shall be approved by a majority vote of the membership.

## **Article 4 - Membership and Voting**

### **Section 1 - Membership Status**

A member with "active" status will be eligible to:

1. Vote in elections.
2. Be nominated for executive board positions.
3. Accept scholarships and awards reserved for members of Lambda Psi.

A member will attain "active" status if he/she attends a majority of the yearly meetings and programs.

## **Section 2 - Grade Point Average Maintenance**

Each member is expected to maintain a yearly grade point average of 3.5. If this requirement is not met, the member has to present a 3.5 in at least one of the two subsequent academic semesters. Failure to do so may result in expulsion of the member from the Lambda Psi Honorary.

## **Section 3 - Voting**

In order to participate in voting a member must:

- A. Pay annual dues.
- B. Attain active status during the semester preceding elections.

# **Article 5 - The Executive Board**

## **Section 1 - Board Members**

The executive board is responsible for the execution of the decisions made by the membership. The executive board consists of: the President, Vice-President, Finance and Accounting Chairperson, Recording Secretary, Communications Chairperson and the Parliamentarian-Historian.

## **Section 2 - Duties of Office**

The officers of the Lambda Psi Honorary shall uphold the following duties:

### **A. President**

1. Shall preside over the general meetings of the Lambda Psi Honorary.
2. Shall implement the decisions of the membership.
3. Shall set agenda for general meetings.
4. Shall serve as the spokesperson for the Lambda Psi Honorary.
5. Shall recommend replacements of officers.

### **B. Vice-President**

1. Shall perform the duties of the President in his absence

2. Shall oversee all standing committees

#### C. Recording Secretary

1. Shall compose and maintain complete minutes of all general meetings.
2. Shall compose and maintain an attendance record of all general meetings.
3. Shall preside over general meetings in the absence of the president and vice-president.

#### D. Academic Chairperson

1. Shall design and maintain academic programs.
2. Shall compose and maintain records

#### E. Finance and Accounting Chairperson

1. Shall keep an accurate record of all financial transactions.
2. Shall maintain a semester budget.
3. Shall prepare an annual financial and budgetary report for the approval of the membership.
4. Shall compose and administer letters of corporate and private solicitation.

#### F. Communications Chairperson

1. Shall disseminate information to the membership.
2. Shall compose and maintain membership directories.
3. Shall promote events and programs.

#### G. Parliamentarian-Historian

1. Shall maintain order during general meetings.
2. Shall maintain an historical record the activities of the Lambda Psi Honorary.
3. Shall implement Robert's Rules of Order, revised.

### **Section 3 - Election of Officers**

A. Nominations and election shall take place before the end of the academic year.

B. Elections shall be presided by the Parliamentarian/Historian or the Vice-President.

C. In the event that all of the offices are not filled, the elected executive board shall take on the additional responsibilities as they see fit.

D. Newly elected members are eligible to run for an executive board position if they have attended the majority of meetings since their induction.

## **Section 4 - Succession of Officers**

A. If the President should leave office or otherwise be unable to perform his duties, the Vice-President will assume the position and all said responsibilities.

B. If any of the members of the Executive Board should leave office or otherwise be unable to fulfill their duties, the Executive Board shall approve replacements for the unoccupied positions until elections can be held.

C. Nominations and elections for unoccupied Executive Board positions shall be held no later than two general meetings following the departure of an officer.

## **Section 5 - Impeachment of Officers**

A charge against an officer must be recorded during a general meeting. A majority vote is required for impeachment proceedings to occur. An officer shall be impeached with a 2/3 vote of the membership.

# **Article 6 - Meetings**

## **Section 1 - Meeting Times**

Meetings shall be held bi-weekly.

## **Section 2 - Rules of Order**

General meetings shall be conducted in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

## **Section 3 - Quorum**

Two-thirds of the Executive Board and one-third of the membership, not including officers of the Executive Board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any legal business which may come before any meeting is properly called.

## **Article 7 - Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership, provided that the amendment was proposed at least one general meeting prior to the time of voting.

## **Article 8 – Non-Discrimination Clause**

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.