# Bylaws of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity



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# Beta Nu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma Bylaws Addendum

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#### LEGAL COMPLIANCE

**Non-Discrimination Statement.** Discrimination based on race, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, color, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, protected veteran status, other basis in accordance with Ohio State University Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines, or other class protected by local, state, provincial, or federal law shall be prohibited. The single-gender nature of Greek-letter social organizations in the United States is recognized by an exemption under the Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

(Written by the 1984–86 Fraternity Council)

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#### PREAMBLE

We, believing a closer union in the bonds of friendship to be for our mutual benefit, appreciating the advantages to be derived from a secret fraternity, and feeling that in union there is strength, hereby form ourselves into a social sorority for the development of nobler qualities of the mind and finer feelings of the heart, and for mutual helpfulness in the attainment of individual and social excellence.

#### BYLAWS OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA FRATERNITY

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, hereinafter referred to as *the Fraternity*.

#### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The Fraternity is formed to function exclusively as an organization described in Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (or corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law) (the "Code"). The purposes for which the Fraternity is formed are:

to unite women, through membership, in a close bond of friendship, seeking to instill in them a spirit of mutual love and helpfulness, to the end that each member and the Fraternity at large may attain social, moral and intellectual excellence;

to establish chapters at various colleges and universities, provide for their proper organization, installation and operation, with each chapter having the right and responsibility to select members of its choice in accordance with Fraternity standards and procedures;

to cooperate with colleges and universities where chapters of the Fraternity are established, advance academic interest and promote higher standards of social conduct;

to cooperate with other organizations in solving mutual problems and building higher standards of womanhood;

to advocate for and seek to address issues of concern for members and women in general;

to provide opportunities for engagement throughout the lives of alumnae and encourage participation of alumnae in the Fraternity programs; and

to have and protect a distinctive and exclusive badge and other insignia of membership and office and keep secret the ritual.



Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(a) as an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(7).

### ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1. Classifications of Members. The Fraternity shall have the following classifications of members:

- **A.** New Member. A new member shall be a woman who has accepted an invitation to join the Fraternity but has not been initiated. A new member shall:
  - 1. Have signed a dated, written pledge to membership witnessed in writing by an active or alumna member of the Fraternity;
  - 2. Remain eligible as a new member for a term of one year before the pledge to membership expires so long as enrolled in the same college or university; and
  - 3. Have the right to attend meetings, speak in debate and present their views to a committee on a referred question but shall not vote on any question. A new member shall not be present at a meeting during ritual for initiated members.
- B. Active. An active member shall be:
  - 1. An undergraduate enrolled at the college or university where initiated;
  - 2. A member enrolled beyond the fourth academic year who chooses to remain an active member;
  - 3. A graduate student who chooses to remain an active member;
  - 4. A graduate student initiated while pursuing graduate courses;
  - 5. An undergraduate member who enrolls in a college or university where a chapter of the Fraternity is located and affiliates with such a chapter; or
  - 6. An undergraduate member who returns to college or university after an absence of two or more years and who has completed at least one academic term and had their active membership restored by a three-fourths vote of the chapter.
- C. Associate. An associate member shall be:
  - 1. An active member who transfers to a college or university:
    - a. With an active chapter and who does not affiliate with the chapter; or
    - b. Where no chapter is located;
  - 2. An active member who has been granted Associate Membership by the District Director after receiving Advisory Board's approval; or
  - 3. An active member who is unable to participate in chapter activities because they are:
    - a. Studying abroad; or
    - b. Completing a full-time co-op or internship.
- **D.** Alumna. An alumna member shall be:
  - 1. An active member who has received a college degree or has left college without receiving a degree;
  - 2. An active member enrolled beyond the fourth academic year who chooses to become an alumna member;



- 3. An active member still attending college when Fraternity Council has deemed it necessary to reorganize the chapter;
- 4. A member of a petitioning group who has been initiated into the Fraternity as an alumna; or
- 5. An individual who initiates through Alumna Initiation.
- Section 2. Qualifications. A woman may be selected to become a member of the Fraternity as a collegiate or alumna initiate provided specific qualifications are met.
  - **A. Collegiate New Member and Alumna Candidate.** To qualify as either a collegiate new member or an alumna candidate, a woman shall:
    - 1. Have demonstrated integrity, respect, and regard for others and an appreciation for the worth of all individuals;
    - 2. Not be pledged to membership or be a member of any similar college or university women's social sorority except honorary or professional organizations;
    - 3. Not have been initiated into any other member group of the National Panhellenic Conference;
    - 4. Be eligible in accordance with the National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements; or
    - 5. Be willing to pledge to uphold the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity *Bylaws, Standing Rules* and *Policies*.
  - B. Collegiate New Member. To qualify as a collegiate new member, a woman shall also:
    - 1. Be enrolled at any college or university having a chapter of the Fraternity; and
    - 2. Have demonstrated academic interest and attained at least a B-plus average or its equivalent under any other grading system from high school or at least a B-minus average or its equivalent under any other grading system for the previous completed term as a full-time student at a college or university or a higher standard as defined by the chapter. In extraordinary cases, the chapter may petition the Membership Specialist for an exception.
  - C. Alumna Candidate. To qualify as an alumna candidate, a woman shall also:
    - 1. Have attended a four-year college or university; and
    - 2. Be at least five years out of a four-year college or university. Exceptions shall be granted for members of a petitioning group.
- Section 3. Initiation. A new member, upon fulfilling the requirements for Initiation, shall be initiated and become a member of the Fraternity. Each new initiate shall receive a certificate of membership.

# A. Requirements for Initiation.

1. A collegiate new member who is registered as a full-time student during the pledge to membership year or during the term in which they pledged, has met all financial obligations and Fraternity standards of conduct, has completed a period of education about the Fraternity, and is in good standing with the educational institution may be initiated. In extraordinary cases, chapters may petition the Membership Director for an exception to these requirements.



- 2. An alumna candidate who has completed a period of education and has met all financial obligations may be initiated.
- 3. The new member or candidate shall make provision for securing a badge before Initiation.
- **B. Special Circumstances.** A college alumna previously pledged to membership may petition Fraternity Council no sooner than five years after the expiration of the pledge to membership. Initiation under these special circumstances shall be granted upon a three-fourths vote of Fraternity Council. Such an alumna shall become a member of the original chapter to which they were pledged.
- Section 4. Affiliation. A member who transfers to a college or university with a chapter may affiliate with the chapter at that college or university provided that a statement of the member's good standing has been received from the original chapter. A majority vote of the affiliated chapter shall be required. Upon leaving college, the member shall be considered a member of both the original chapter and the affiliated chapter.

## Section 5. Voluntary Resignation, Broken Pledge, Resignation and Dismissal.

- A. Voluntary Resignation.
  - 1. **New Member.** A new member wishing to resign from their pledge to membership shall submit the resignation in writing and shall state the reason(s) for the resignation. The chapter shall accept such resignation and notify the new member, the Standards Specialist and Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters.
  - 2. Active, Associate and Alumna Member. An active, associate or alumna member wishing to resign from membership shall submit the resignation in writing and shall state the reason(s) for the resignation.
- B. Broken Pledge, Requested Resignation and Dismissal.
  - 1. **New Member.** A new member's pledge to membership may be broken with or without prior Probation by a three-fourths vote of the chapter.
  - 2. Active Member. An active member may be requested to resign or may be dismissed for violating the purposes and standards of the Fraternity or the regulations of the college or university. A three-fourths vote of the chapter shall be required.
  - 3. **Associate or Alumna Member.** An associate or alumna member may be dismissed for violating the purposes and standards of the Fraternity by a three-fourths vote of the chapter or Fraternity Council depending on the member's classification or affiliation.

#### Section 6. Reinstatement or Renewal.

#### A. Active, Alumna and Associate Member.

1. **Reinstatement After Voluntary Resignation.** Reinstatement shall require a three-fourths vote of Fraternity Council for a former member who voluntarily resigned and is applying in writing for reinstatement no sooner than three years after resignation.



- 2. **Reinstatement After Requested Resignation or Dismissal.** Reinstatement shall require a unanimous vote of Fraternity Council for a former member who was requested to resign or was dismissed and is applying in writing for reinstatement no sooner than five years after resignation or dismissal.
- **B.** New Member Renewal. The expired pledge period of a new member may be renewed by a three-fourths vote of the chapter.

#### Section 7. Direct Fraternity Council Action.

- A. Fraternity Council Action. By a three-fourths vote, Fraternity Council may take direct action against a new or active member in the breaking of a pledge to membership; by requesting a member's resignation; or by dismissing a new, active, associate or alumna member. The member shall be notified of the reason(s) for the proposed action and be provided an opportunity to respond.
- **B. Decision Final.** Fraternity Council's decision shall be final and binding upon the member and the Fraternity and shall not be subject to review by any other body.

#### Section 8. Fees.

- **A.** New Member Fee. Each new member, alumna initiate, active member and alumna of a petitioning group shall pay a member fee of \$175 within one month after signing the pledge to membership and before Initiation.
- **B. Renewal Fee.** A renewal fee of \$50 and new member fee of \$175 shall be required for any woman repledged to membership. The Fraternity Membership Director may grant exceptions under unusual circumstances.

#### C. Annual Per Capita Fee.

- 1. Active member: \$97
- 2. Active member granted Associate Membership: \$97
- 3. Alumna member: \$35
- 4. Alumna member within eight years of their initiation date (excluding alumna initiates) or members who have reached their 65-year member milestone: \$25
- 5. The annual per capita fee shall be calculated each year, as of January 1, by the annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) and shall be calculated utilizing the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The per capita fee shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. If the COLA decreases, the per capita fee shall remain the same as the previous year. If the COLA is more than 10%, the per capita fee increase shall be capped at 10%. Notification that the fee shall be effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year shall be sent to members, chapters, and alumnae associations by February 1. This increase shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1.
- **D. Reinstatement Fee.** The reinstatement fee for a former member shall be \$300, payable upon reinstatement.



#### ARTICLE IV FRATERNITY ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. Districts. The Fraternity shall be organized into districts determined by Fraternity Council for the purposes of providing leadership, membership retention and extension, and development of Fraternity interests.
  - **A. District Directors.** District Directors shall be elected, and their number shall correspond to the number of districts defined by Fraternity Council. Fraternity Council shall assign the director for each district. District Directors shall supervise the operation and management of chapters and alumnae associations within their assigned districts and may report on recommendations to Fraternity Council.
    - Qualifications. Each District Director shall be an alumna who has served the Fraternity within the past 10 years in any one of the following positions: 1) member of Fraternity Council; 2) a former Regional Director or Province Director;
      a District Director or Content Director; 4) a Content Specialist; 5) a member of a Fraternity standing or special committee; 6) a former Fraternity Council Assistant; 7) a Field Representative; 8) a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees; or 9) a member of the Fraternity Housing Corporation Board of Directors.
    - 2. **Term of Office and Term Limits.** District Directors shall take office at the close of the Biennial Convention. A District Director shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successor is elected and shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for two additional terms.
    - 3. **Temporary Absence.** In the event a District Director is temporarily unable to perform the duties of office, Fraternity Council shall assign such duties to another District Director or another member of the Fraternity.
    - 4. **Request for Resignation or Removal from Office.** Any District Director failing to perform the duties of office may be requested to resign from office or may be removed from office when, in the opinion of the President and a three-fourths vote of Fraternity Council, the welfare of the Fraternity demands it. The District Director shall be given the opportunity to provide a defense.
  - **B. District Director Meetings.** The District Directors shall hold at least one meeting in the interim between Biennial Conventions.

# Section 2. Chapters.

- **A. Purpose.** Chapters shall be established in connection with colleges and universities to carry out the purpose of the Fraternity.
- B. Members.
  - 1. **Member Classifications**. Chapter members shall be active, associate, and new members of the Fraternity.
  - 2. **Chapter Membership Selection.** Chapters shall have the right to select members of their choice in accordance with Fraternity standards and procedures.
- **C. Chapter Structure.** The structure of a chapter necessary to facilitate chapter operations shall be determined by Fraternity Council and shall include the following departments or



functional areas: internal affairs, external affairs, operations, membership, membership development, finance, and standards.<sup>1</sup>

- **D. Required Officers.** Chapter officers shall be a President and a vice president for each department or functional area. A chapter may combine chapter officer positions and have other officers as needed in the administration of the chapter with the approval of the Leadership Development Specialist.<sup>2</sup>
- E. Officer Eligibility. A chapter member meeting all membership responsibilities and having attained at least a B-minus average or its equivalent in the previous term shall be eligible for election to office and to remain in office if elected. The chapter may establish a higher grade point average for officer eligibility. In either case, an exception for failure to meet the higher of the two standards may be granted by the Academic Excellence Specialist or Standards Specialist, in consultation with the District Director.
- **F. Meetings.** Chapters shall meet regularly during the academic year and shall hold a formal meeting using ritual for initiated members at least once a month.
- **G. Governance.** Each chapter shall adopt bylaws and standing rules for its governance that shall be approved by the Fraternity Bylaws Committee before becoming effective. Bylaws, standing rules, and amendments adopted thereafter, shall be approved by the Fraternity Bylaws Committee before becoming effective.
- **H. Convention Representation.** Each chapter shall elect one delegate and two alternates to attend a Convention. Only the delegate shall represent the chapter with the right to vote.
- I. College Panhellenic Association. A chapter shall be a member of its host institution's College Panhellenic Association, an affiliate of the National Panhellenic Conference, and shall be represented by a delegate from the chapter. If the delegate is unable to provide representation, an alternate shall represent the chapter.
- J. Advisory Boards and Chapter Advisers. A chapter Advisory Board shall assist the chapter in fulfilling its purpose and in the management of the affairs of the chapter. The board shall be composed of a chairman, alumna advisers to Executive Board and vice presidents. Additional advisers may be added on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Advisory Board Specialist, Leadership Development Specialist, and District Director, and in consultation with the Leadership Development and Advisory Board Directors.

# K. Establishing a New Chapter.

- 1. A new chapter may be established:
  - a. By membership selection directed by Fraternity Council.
  - b. Upon receipt of a petition from a qualified group of women. Members of the petitioning group, both current and previous, shall be eligible to become members of the Fraternity.
- 2. Upon establishment, a new chapter shall join the Fraternity Housing Corporation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with the chapter election cycle of 2022–23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ibid



- L. Removal of a Chapter.
  - 1. **Initiating the Removal by Fraternity Council.** By a three-fourths vote, Fraternity Council may initiate the removal of a chapter.
  - 2. Vote to Remove a Chapter. The removal of a chapter shall require a 30-day notice and a three-fourths vote of each District Director, each Content Director, each standing committee chairman, and each Content Specialist in the district where the chapter is located.
- **M. Surrender of Charter.** A chapter may petition to sever connection with the Fraternity by presenting a written request to Fraternity Council stating reasons in full and signed by three-fourths of the active members of the chapter and three-fourths of the chapter Advisory Board.
  - 1. **Fraternity Council Action.** By a three-fourths vote, Fraternity Council may accept the petition and agree to the surrender of the chapter charter or may condition surrender on additional actions before accepting the surrender of the charter.
  - 2. **Chapter Requirements.** If the request to surrender a charter is accepted, the charter shall be withdrawn when the chapter has fulfilled all financial obligations, transferred chapter assets according to the current Fraternity Financial Policies, returned all records and archives, and returned the charter.
- N. Return of Chapter Charter and Archives. Whether a charter is surrendered by the chapter or removed by the Fraternity, the District Director shall take charge of the chapter charter and archives and transfer them to Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters. All remaining financial assets shall be transferred according to the current Fraternity Financial Policies.
- **O. Reestablishment of a Chapter.** Fraternity Council shall appoint a special committee to investigate the request for reestablishment of a former chapter. A three-fourths vote of Fraternity Council shall be required to reestablish a former chapter. All reestablished chapters shall join the Fraternity Housing Corporation.
- P. Reorganization of a Chapter. The reorganization of a chapter shall occur when Fraternity Council deems it is in the best interest of the chapter and the Fraternity. Any current active member of the chapter may be designated an alumna and shall remain an alumna unless otherwise designated by Fraternity Council.

#### Section 3. Alumnae Associations.

- **A. Purpose.** Fraternity alumnae may organize as associations to further the work of the Fraternity and extend friendship to all members.
- **B.** Officers. The officers of an association shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be considered necessary.
- **C. Meetings.** An association shall hold at least four meetings during the year. At least two of these shall be open to the entire membership.
- D. Association Governance. Each association shall adopt bylaws for its governance.
- **E. Convention Representation.** Each association shall be entitled to be represented by one delegate at any Convention.
- **F.** Alumnae Panhellenic Associations. If a local Alumnae Panhellenic Association, which is affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference, exists, an alumnae association of



the Fraternity shall become a member and may send representatives to the Alumnae Panhellenic meetings.

- **G. Establishing New Associations.** A group of alumnae may form a petitioning group and petition Fraternity Council to establish an association. A three-fourths vote of Fraternity Council shall be necessary to establish an association. The date of Fraternity Council approval of the application shall be considered the date of establishment.
- **H. Surrender of Charter.** An association voting to disband shall give three months' notice in writing of such intention to the District Director, the Alumna Relations Director, and the Alumna Relations Specialist. At the end of this period, provided the request to disband has not been withdrawn, the charter shall be surrendered.
- I. Withdrawal of a Charter. An association that has failed to fulfill its responsibilities or failed to meet the Fraternity financial standards or the standards of conduct shall have the charter of the association withdrawn upon the recommendations to Fraternity Council by the District Director, the Alumna Relations Director, and the Alumna Relations Specialist. A three-fourths vote by Fraternity Council shall be required to approve the withdrawal of the charter.
- J. Return of Association Charter and Archives. Whether a charter is surrendered by the association or withdrawn by the Fraternity, the Alumna Relations Specialist shall take charge of the association charter and archives and transfer them to Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters. All remaining financial assets shall be transferred according to the current Fraternity Financial Policies.
- **K. Reestablishment of an Alumnae Association.** An association that has surrendered its charter or had its charter withdrawn may be reestablished by a three-fourths vote of Fraternity Council.

#### ARTICLE V

#### MEMBER, CHAPTER, AND ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Section 1. Overview. Members and the chapters and associations to which they belong shall comply with all federal, state or provincial laws and college or regulations where applicable and shall be responsible to preserve and advance the Fraternity's purpose, values, and standards of scholarship, finance, and conduct.
- Section 2. Legal Compliance. Members, chapters, and associations of the Fraternity shall adhere to local, state, provincial, and federal laws with a specific emphasis on the following:
  - A. Hazing. Participating in or being involved in any way with hazing defined as any activity or action taken with or without consent of the individual involved that produces mental, emotional, psychological, or physical discomfort, intimidation, humiliation, degradation, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule shall be prohibited.
  - B. Alcohol. The illegal use or misuse of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited.
  - **C. Drugs.** The use, sale, purchase or possession of any drugs or other controlled substance in violation of local, state, provincial or federal law shall be prohibited.
  - **D. Discrimination.** Discrimination based on race, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, or other class protected by local, state, provincial, or federal law shall



be prohibited. The single-gender nature of Greek-letter social organizations in the United States is recognized by an exemption under the Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.

- Section 3. College or University Regulations. Collegiate chapters and their members shall adhere to all rules or regulations stipulated by the college or university even when the rules or regulations are more stringent than the standards of the Fraternity.
- Section 4. Academic Excellence. Chapters and individual members shall meet, maintain, or exceed chapter-specific academic standards.
  - **A. Chapter Standard.** Each chapter shall maintain a scholastic average equal to or higher than the university or college all-sorority average.
  - **B.** Active Member Standard. Each chapter shall establish a minimum GPA requirement for active members. Each active member of a chapter shall meet or exceed the chapter-specific GPA requirement.
- Section 5. Finance. Individual members, chapters, and associations shall remain current with all financial obligations as established by a chapter, an association, or the Fraternity.
- **Section 6. Conduct.** Individual members, chapters, and associations shall act with high standards of ethical conduct that represent the values of the Fraternity.

# Section 7. Accountability.

- **A. Overview.** The purpose of holding a member, chapter, or association accountable for inappropriate conduct shall be established to protect the integrity and prestige of the Fraternity.
- **B. Process.** The Fraternity shall develop and implement procedures for the enforcement of the responsibilities and expectations enumerated herein that shall afford fairness and respect to the member, chapter, or association.
- **C. Outcome.** The outcome of the process may be a Warning of Probation, Probation, Suspension, and in extreme cases, dismissal of a member from the Fraternity or removal of a chapter or association.

# Section 8. Good Standing.

- A. Member. A member meeting all member standards and responsibilities, academic, financial and conduct, and not under any accountability outcome is a member in good standing and, therefore, eligible for any elected, appointed, or volunteer position within the Fraternity.
- **B. Chapter.** A chapter meeting the standards for responsibility, academic and conduct, its financial and reporting obligations and that is not on Probation or Suspension shall be a chapter in good standing, eligible for awards and representation at Convention, and shall have the right to a vote.



- **C. Association.** An association meeting its financial and reporting obligations and that maintains standards of conduct shall be an association in good standing, and eligible for awards and representation at Convention, and shall have the right to a vote.
- Section 9. Conflict of Interest. Any member serving in an elected, appointed or volunteer position with the Fraternity, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, the Fraternity Housing Corporation, any chapter, any alumnae association, or similar entity affiliated or associated with these entities under any chapter, license franchise or similar arrangement shall maintain high standards of ethical conduct in performing their duties and shall avoid situations where their financial or personal interests or professional obligations interfere or appear to interfere with the interests of the Fraternity. They shall not use Fraternity property, information, or position for personal gain or violate Fraternity expectations of confidentiality.

#### ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

- Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Fraternity shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, and a Treasurer.
- Section 2. Qualifications. Officers shall be alumna members who have formerly served the Fraternity within the past 10 years in any one of the following positions: 1) member of Fraternity Council; 2) Regional Director or Province Director; 3) District Director or Content Director; 4) Content Specialist; 5) chairman or member of a Fraternity standing or special committee; 6) Fraternity Council Assistant; 7) Field Representative; 8) member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees; or 9) member of the Fraternity Housing Corporation Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Term of Office and Term Limits. Officers shall take office at the close of the Biennial Convention and shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. The President and Treasurer may be elected to the same office for no more than two terms. The Vice Presidents may be elected to the same office for no more than three terms.
- Section 4. Officer Transition Meeting. Following an election and prior to Convention, outgoing Fraternity Council shall host at least one transition meeting with newly elected Fraternity Council members.

#### Section 5. Vacancies and Temporary Absences.

- A. Vacancies.
  - 1. **President.** At the first Fraternity Council meeting following the Biennial Convention, by a three-fourths vote, Fraternity Council shall designate one of the Vice Presidents to assume the presidency if a permanent vacancy occurs in the office and to preside at meetings if the President is absent.



- 2. **Other Officers.** By a three-fourths vote, a vacancy in any office other than the President shall be filled for the unexpired term by Fraternity Council.
- **B. Temporary Absences.** In the event an officer other than the President is temporarily unable to perform the duties of their office, Fraternity Council shall assign such duties to another member of Fraternity Council or to another member of the Fraternity who shall have the right to vote.
- Section 6. Request for Resignation or Removal From Office. An officer may be requested to resign from office or shall be removed from office when the welfare of the Fraternity necessitates it. A three-fourths vote of Fraternity Council shall be required. The officer shall be given the opportunity to provide a defense.

#### ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1. Nominations. Nominees for each officer and District Director shall be determined by the Leadership Selection Committee.
  - A. Committee Composition. The Leadership Selection Committee shall be composed of a chairman, a vice chairman and an equal number of alumnae association and chapter representatives. One member, collegiate or alumna, shall be appointed from each district.
    - 1. **Chairman and Vice Chairman.** Fraternity Council shall appoint the Leadership Selection Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman following the Convention. These positions shall be nonvoting members of the committee except in the case where the chairman may vote to break a tie.
    - 2. **Members.** Fraternity Council shall appoint chapter and association representatives as members of the committee in February following Convention based on applications. The Leadership Education and Development Committee shall receive and review applications and make recommendations to Fraternity Council.
    - 3. Equal Number of Collegiate and Alumna Representatives. One representative, collegiate or alumna, shall be appointed from each district with an equal number of collegiate and alumna representatives.
    - 4. Alternating Each Biennium. In one biennium, one chapter representative shall be appointed from districts Alpha, Beta, Delta, Eta, Theta, Mu, and Pi and one alumna representative appointed from districts Gamma, Kappa, Lambda, Epsilon, Zeta, Xi, and Rho. In the next biennium, chapter representatives shall be appointed from the second group of districts and the alumna representative from the first group, subsequently alternating each biennium.
  - **B.** Nominee Selection. The Leadership Selection Committee shall nominate one candidate for each officer and District Director position based on recommendations received from members and applications received from candidates.
  - **C.** Nominations Report. The report of the Leadership Selection Committee shall be prepared and communicated to eligible voters no less than 12 weeks prior to the Convention.



**D. Open Nominations.** Following the publication of the report, open nominations from eligible voters shall be accepted for at least 10 days, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained and the member is qualified.

**Section 2. Elections.** Fraternity Council shall determine the dates and times for the election. The election shall be completed at least eight weeks prior to the Biennial Convention.

- **A.** Eligible Voters. Members eligible to vote in an election shall be those members who are eligible to vote according to Article VII, Section 2, E., and who have been credentialed as delegates for the purpose of voting in the election of officers.
- **B.** Voting. The election shall be conducted electronically utilizing an online voting and election software application. The candidate for each officer and District Director position receiving the most votes shall be elected provided such candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that position.
- **C. Election Committee.** An Election Committee comprised of nonvoting members and appointed by Fraternity Council shall oversee and coordinate the election process in conjunction with the Executive Director. The report of the election results shall be sent electronically to the membership within five business days following the close of voting and shall be published on the Fraternity website.

# ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings. Membership meetings shall be a Convention at which the rights and authority of members shall be vested in the voting members of the Convention.

# Section 2. Convention.

- A. Regular Meeting. The regular meeting of the membership of the Fraternity shall be a Convention that shall be held biennially in even-numbered years. Fraternity Council shall determine the date, time, and place.
- **B. Special Meeting.** A special meeting of the membership may be called by a unanimous vote of Fraternity Council and shall be called upon the written request of a majority of the chapters and alumnae associations.
- **C.** Notice of Meetings. Notice of meetings, both regular and special, shall be sent to all voting members, chapters, and alumnae associations entitled to representation at such meetings.
  - 1. **Regular Meeting.** The notice shall state the date, time, and place, and shall be given not less than three months prior to the meeting date.
  - 2. **Special Meeting.** The notice shall state the date, time, and place, and shall be given not less than one month prior to the meeting date. Notice of a special meeting shall include the purpose of the meeting.
- **D. Postponement or Cancellation of a Meeting.** In cases of emergency, Fraternity Council, by a unanimous vote, may postpone or cancel a previously noticed Convention meeting. When a meeting is canceled, it shall become the duty of Fraternity Council to reschedule the canceled meeting as soon as conditions permit.



- E. Voting Members. The voting members of the Convention shall be composed of the following Fraternity members who are registered delegates, entitled to one vote and voting in person:
  - 1. Fraternity Council members
  - 2. District Directors
  - 3. Chairmen of standing committees
  - 4. Content Directors
  - 5. One delegate from each chapter
  - 6. One delegate from each alumnae association
- **F.** Alumnae Associations Vote Value. If the total number of registered alumnae association delegates present exceeds the total number of registered chapter delegates present, the value of the alumnae associations' total votes in any vote taken shall be reduced by the proportion of registered chapter delegates to registered alumnae association delegates.
- **G.** Vote and Voting. A majority vote shall decide in all cases except where otherwise specifically provided. There shall be no absentee voting or voting by proxy.
- **H. Quorum.** The quorum at any meeting of any Convention shall be a majority of the eligible voting members.
- I. Nonvoting Members. The privilege of speaking may be granted to a nonvoting member of a Convention at the discretion of the President.
- Section 3. Enacted Business. Any item of business brought before and acted upon by any Convention shall not be changed with the exception of emergency powers granted to Fraternity Council.

## ARTICLE IX FRATERNITY COUNCIL

- Section 1. Composition. The members of Fraternity Council shall be the officers of the Fraternity: the President, the four Vice Presidents, and the Treasurer.
- Section 2. Duties. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws, all of the authority of the Fraternity shall be exercised by Fraternity Council. Fraternity Council serving hereunder shall have the power, authority and responsibilities of and shall perform the functions provided for directors under the Ohio Nonprofit Corporation Law. Fraternity Council shall:
  - **A.** Exercise the rights of the Fraternity as a shareholder, member, holder, or other ownership interest in any other entity;
  - **B.** Elect representatives to serve on the Board of Trustees as provided for in the Code of Regulations of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation; and
  - **C.** Elect representatives to serve on the Board of Directors as provided for in the Code of Regulations of the Fraternity Housing Corporation.
- Section 3. Emergency Powers. If Fraternity Council determines in the interval between Biennial Conventions that an emergency exists that ordinarily requires action by a vote of the



Convention, Fraternity Council may exercise the voting power vested in the Convention. Any such action shall be reported to the next Biennial Convention.

#### Section 4. Meetings.

- **A. Called Meeting.** A Fraternity Council meeting may be called by the President and shall be called upon the request of a majority of its members. Reasonable notice of date, time and place of a meeting shall be sent to each Fraternity Council member.
- **B. Quorum.** A majority of the members of Fraternity Council shall constitute a quorum.
- **C. Business Without a Meeting.** Fraternity Council may conduct business without a meeting as long as the decisions are written, signed, and unanimous.
- **D.** Voting. There shall be no absentee voting or voting by proxy.

#### ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Standing Committees. The standing committees of the Fraternity, appointed by and under the supervision of Fraternity Council, shall be Bylaws, Convention, Finance, *The Key* Publication, Leadership Education and Development, and Panhellenic.
- Section 2. Special Committees. Special committees may be established by the membership meeting in Convention or by Fraternity Council.

#### Section 3. Composition of Committees.

- **A. General Composition.** Each committee shall be composed of a chairman and members appointed by Fraternity Council.
- **B.** Finance Committee Composition and Term. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the committee chairman, the Fraternity Treasurer, the Fraternity Facilities Director, and at least three other persons, one of whom may be a nonmember qualified by experience in financial operations. Members shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are appointed. One-third of the appointees shall be appointed each year. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.
- Section 4. Appointment and Term of Office. Except as otherwise specifically provided here, standing committee chairmen and members shall be appointed by Fraternity Council, shall take office immediately upon appointment following the Biennial Convention, and shall remain in office for a term of two years, except for Finance Committee members, who serve for three years or until their successors are appointed.
- Section 5. Qualifications. Alumnae who have previously given their consent and have been active in Fraternity work shall be eligible for appointment as a standing committee chairman.
- Section 6. Removal. Any standing committee chairman or committee member failing to perform the duties of office may be removed from office by Fraternity Council. A



standing committee chairman or committee member shall be notified of pending removal and given the opportunity to respond.

Section 7. Member *Ex-Officio*. The Fraternity President shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees except the Leadership Selection Committee.

#### ARTICLE XI CONTENT AREAS

- Section 1. Content Areas. The content areas shall be academic excellence; Advisory Board; alumna relations; diversity, equity, and inclusion; facilities; leadership development; membership; Panhellenic; philanthropy; programming; public relations; risk prevention; ritual and history; and standards.
- Section 2. Content Directors. Content Directors shall lead the work of the Fraternity in the appointed content area, collaborate with Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters staff, and guide the Content Specialists to provide support to alumnae and collegians.
  - A. Appointment and Term of Office. A Content Director shall be appointed by Fraternity Council for each content area. Content Directors shall take office immediately upon appointment following the Biennial Convention and remain in office for a term of two years or until their successors are appointed.
  - **B. Qualifications.** Alumnae who have previously given their consent and have been active in Fraternity work shall be eligible for appointment as a Content Director.
  - **C. Removal From Office.** Any Content Director failing to perform the duties of office may be removed from office by Fraternity Council. A Content Director shall be notified of pending removal and given the opportunity to respond.
- Section 3. Content Specialist. Each district shall have at least one Content Specialist in each content area who shall work with the District Director and the Content Director to foster growth of chapters and associations within the district.
  - A. Appointment and Term of Office. Content Specialists shall be appointed by Fraternity Council to serve a two-year term with no term limits. Content Specialists shall begin their terms at the beginning of the fiscal year in non-Convention years and shall remain in office until their successors are appointed.
  - **B. Qualifications.** Alumnae who have previously given their consent and have been active in Fraternity work shall be eligible for appointment as a Content Specialist.
  - **C. Removal From Office.** Upon recommendation of the Content Director, a Content Specialist failing to perform the duties of office may be removed from office by Fraternity Council. A Content Specialist shall be notified of pending removal and given the opportunity to respond.



#### ARTICLE XII ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

#### Section 1. Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters.

- A. Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters Office. The Fraternity shall maintain a headquarters office as its principal place of business.
- **B.** Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters Staff. A professional staff shall be employed to conduct the business of the Fraternity at the direction of Fraternity Council. This staff shall be under the direct supervision of an Executive Director.
- Section 2. Executive Director. An Executive Director, employed by the Fraternity, shall serve as the chief administrative officer and corporate secretary of the Fraternity and perform such duties as defined by Fraternity Council.
- Section 3. Financial Director. A financial director, authorized by Fraternity Council, shall be in charge of the finances and accounts of the Fraternity. The financial director shall report to the Executive Director.

#### ARTICLE XIII FINANCE

- Section 1. Investment of Fraternity Funds. The investments and securities performance shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee for compliance with the Fraternity's investment policy statement.
- Section 2. Financial Drives and Campaigns. No chapter, alumnae association, Advisory Board, House Board or individual member shall undertake any financial drive or campaign of more than local extent in the name of the Fraternity without first securing the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approval of Fraternity Council.
- **Section 3. Audit and Tax Returns.** An audit of the Fraternity finances shall be conducted annually by a certified public accountant and appropriate tax returns filed annually.
- Section 4. Insurance. The Fraternity shall maintain a master insurance program.
- Section 5. Liabilities. Total current liabilities, including contingent liabilities and mortgage notes payable assumed by the Fraternity, shall not exceed 50% of the assets of the Fraternity.

#### ARTICLE XIV PROPRIETARY MATERIALS

Section 1. Trademarks. Fraternity Council shall determine which Fraternity marks shall be registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. All Fraternity marks are owned by the Fraternity and shall not be used or reproduced except as authorized by Fraternity Council.



- Section 2. Copyrights. All written material created in the name of the Fraternity is automatically copyrighted and shall not be used outside of the Fraternity unless approved by Fraternity Council.
- Section 3. Secret Materials. Secret materials, such as the *Book of Ritual* and related materials, shall be kept secret and shall not be disclosed to nonmembers or used outside of the Fraternity. Reproduction of the secret materials shall be prohibited except as authorized by Fraternity Council.

#### ARTICLE XV NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE

- Section 1. Membership. The Fraternity shall maintain the Fraternity's membership in the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC).
- Section 2 Membership Requirements. The Fraternity shall follow NPC Unanimous Agreements, policies, and procedures.
- Section 3. Representation. The Fraternity shall be represented at the annual meeting of the NPC Council of Delegates by a Fraternity member appointed by Fraternity Council who shall be empowered to act and vote on behalf of the Fraternity.

### ARTICLE XVI INDEMNIFICATION

The Fraternity shall indemnify, to the maximum extent permitted by law, any person who is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that they are or were a member of Fraternity Council, an elected officer, a member serving in an appointed position, a volunteer, an authorized agent, or an employee of the Fraternity against all expenses, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement incurred by them if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Fraternity and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. The Fraternity may pay expenses incurred by any person covered by this section in defending any action, suit or proceeding in advance of final disposition on such terms and conditions, as shall be determined by Fraternity Council. The indemnification provided by this section is not exclusive and the Fraternity may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person covered by this section, whether or not the Fraternity would have the obligation or power to indemnify them under this section.

#### ARTICLE XVII DISSOLUTION

If for any reason the Fraternity shall be dissolved, all assets not otherwise disposed of shall be transferred to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, an Ohio nonprofit corporation.





#### ARTICLE XVIII ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Section 1. Meetings. The biennial or a special convention, Fraternity Council, all committees and subcommittees and any other Fraternity sub-group is authorized to meet through any communications equipment that provides a transmission, including, but not limited to, telephone, telecopy, or any electronic means, from which it can be determined that the transmission was authorized by, and accurately reflects the intention of the members involved and, with respect to the meeting, allows all persons who may attend and participate in the meeting to contemporaneously communicate with each other.
- Section 2. Voting by Ballot. An anonymous vote conducted through a designated internet meeting service or electronic means such as audience response devices or computer software shall be deemed to be a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement that a vote be by ballot.
- **Section 3. Communications.** Unless a member indicates otherwise, all communication required in these bylaws, including required notices, may be sent electronically.

# ARTICLE XIX NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The Fraternity is an Ohio nonprofit corporation. The Fraternity *Bylaws* shall constitute the code of regulations of the Fraternity. The Fraternity shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the state of Ohio, without giving effect to the choice of law or conflicts of laws principles thereof.

## ARTICLE XX KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA FOUNDATION

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, as established, shall be maintained as a separate, nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE XXI FRATERNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

The Fraternity Housing Corporation, as established, shall be maintained as a separate, nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income tax in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(7).

#### ARTICLE XXII

# CHAPTER HOUSE CORPORATION AND CHAPTER HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Chapter House Corporation. A chapter house corporation shall own or lease and maintain all property, including land, buildings, furnishings and equipment for the use and benefit of a chapter. Members of a house corporation shall be members of the Fraternity, shall have paid a membership fee in the corporation, and shall agree to be bound by the regulations of the corporation and the Fraternity *Bylaws, Standing Rules* 



and *Policies*. The Fraternity shall be a member of each chapter house corporation, and if necessary, representation shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Section 2. Chapter House Association. All rental property, furnishings and equipment shall be managed and maintained by a chapter house association provided the chapter was chartered before July 1, 1976, and the house association has not incorporated. Members of a house association shall be a member of the Fraternity, shall have paid a membership fee in the house association, and shall agree to be bound by the regulations of the house association and the Fraternity *Bylaws, Standing Rules* and *Policies*. The Fraternity shall be a member of each chapter house association, and if necessary, representation shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### ARTICLE XXIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Fraternity in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Fraternity may adopt.

# ARTICLE XXIV AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

- Section 1. Amendment. The Fraternity *Articles of Incorporation* and *Bylaws* may be amended by a Convention by a two-thirds vote provided notice of the amendment indicating its exact content has been sent to the voting members of the Convention three months prior to the Convention.
- Section 2. Submitting Proposed Amendments. An amendment may be proposed by Fraternity Council, a District Director, a standing or special committee, a Content Director, a Content Specialist, a chapter, or an alumnae association. Proposed amendments shall be submitted no later than six months prior to the date of the Convention and only amendments approved by Fraternity Council shall be submitted to the Convention for a vote.

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#### **PROVISOS RELATING TO TRANSITION**

#### I. Effective with the Chapter Election Cycle of 2022–23.

The following two provisions of Article IV. Fraternity Organization shall become effective with the chapter election cycle of 2022–23.

#### Section 2. Chapters.

- **C. Chapter Structure.** The structure of a chapter necessary to facilitate chapter operations shall be determined by Fraternity Council and shall include the following departments or functional areas: internal affairs, external affairs, operations, membership, membership development, finance, and standards.
- **D. Required Officers.** Chapter officers shall be a President, and a vice president for each department or functional area. A chapter may combine chapter officers and have other offices as needed in the administration of the chapter with the approval of the Leadership Development Specialist.

#### II. Remain in Effect Until the Election Cycle of 2022–23.

The following sections from Article XII of the 2018 Kappa Kappa Gamma *Bylaws* remain in effect until the chapter election cycle of 2022–23 when Article IV, Section 2. C and D shall become effective.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### CHAPTER ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Section 2. Officers. The officers of a chapter shall be: President, Vice President-Standards, Vice President-Organization, Vice President-Academic Excellence, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Marshal. Chapters may combine chapter offices and duties.
- Section 3. Standing Committee Chairmen The standing committee chairmen shall be: Education, Event, House, Membership, New Member, Panhellenic, Philanthropy, Public Relations and Risk Management. Chapters may combine standing committee chairmen and duties.
- Section 4. Standing Committees. The standing committees shall be: Academic Excellence, Catalog, Organization, Education, Event, Finance, House, Membership, New Member, Panhellenic, Philanthropy, Public Relations, Risk Management, Ritual, and Standards. Chapters may combine standing committees and duties.

#### Section 5. Qualification of Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen.

- A. Eligibility. Only members meeting all financial obligations and standards of conduct and attaining at least a B-minus average or its equivalent for the previous term shall be eligible to be nominated for or hold office unless the relevant Content Specialist (Academic Excellence Specialist or Standards Specialist), in consultation with the District Director, grants an exception.
- **B.** Maintaining Eligibility. If an officer or standing committee chairman fails to maintain the qualifications to hold office, she shall become ineligible to remain in office unless the Academic Excellence Specialist or **Standards Specialist**, in consultation with the District Director, grants an exception.



#### Section 6. Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen.

## A. Nominations.

- The Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the Chapter Council and at least four additional members, including representation from each academic class, elected one month in advance of the chapter election. A member of the Advisory Board shall act as an adviser to the committee without vote.
- 2. The committee, by majority vote, shall nominate one candidate for each office to be filled and one for each standing committee chairmanship. Written suggestions for candidates from members of the chapter shall be carefully reviewed. The committee shall secure the consent of the nominee prior to placing her name in nomination.
- 3. The committee shall report the slate of nominees to the members at the chapter meeting one week prior to election.
- 4. Nominations from the floor shall be called for following the report of the Nominating Committee and before the election.
- **B.** Election. Chapter election of officers and standing committee chairmen shall be held annually between Nov. 1 and March 31 unless the District Director grants an exception. Voting shall be by ballot and a majority vote of the members present at the meeting and voting shall elect.
- **C.** Installation of Officers. All chapter officers and standing committee chairmen shall be installed at a formal meeting following a satisfactory period of officer training.
- Section 7. Chapter Council. The Chapter Council shall be the Executive Committee of the chapter.
  - A. Membership. The Chapter Council shall consist of the following members: President as Chairman, Vice President-Standards, Vice President-Organization, Vice President-Academic Excellence, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Marshal, Education Chairman, Event Chairman, House Chairman, Membership Chairman, New Member Chairman, Panhellenic Delegate, Philanthropy Chairman, Public Relations Chairman, Risk Management Chairman and special committee chairmen as necessary.
  - **B.** Duties. The duties of the Chapter Council members shall be:
    - 1. To be responsible for the proper functioning of the chapter.
    - 2. Other duties as assigned in the current *Leadership Guides*.
    - 3. To administer the chapter finance program according to the guidelines approved by and under the direction of Fraternity Council.
    - 4. To send representatives to the College Panhellenic organization in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements and according to the structure of the respective College Panhellenic.
    - 5. To make reports as specified in *Leadership Guides* or as requested.



- 6. To ensure that the archives of the chapter are properly maintained including an alphabetical roll and chronological index of chapter initiates, proxy initiates and affiliates.
- Section 9. Removal of Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen. The Chapter Council, with the approval of Advisory Board, may recommend to the chapter the removal of any officer or standing committee chairman failing to adequately perform the duties of her office, failing to maintain Fraternity standards, or falling below academic requirements. The officer or standing committee chairman shall be given the opportunity to defend herself.
  - **A. Vote.** A three-fourths vote of the chapter members present at the meeting and voting shall be required to remove an officer or standing committee chairman. If the officer or chairman is not removed by chapter vote, Advisory Board may remove her with approval of the District Director.
  - B. Vacancies.
    - 1. After a nomination made by the Chapter Council, a majority vote of the chapter members present at the meeting and voting shall fill a vacancy. Following Chapter Council nomination, nominations from the floor shall be in order.
    - 2. In the event the chapter President is permanently unable to perform the duties of her office, Chapter Council shall assign such duties to a vice President until a new chapter President is elected.
    - 3. In the event an officer or standing committee chairman is temporarily unable to perform the duties of her office, the Chapter Council shall assign such duties to another member of the chapter who shall have the right to vote.
- Section 10. Chapter Advisers and Advisory Boards. Alumna advisers in good standing shall be selected annually as a board with the joint approval of the chapter and the Executive Board of the local alumnae association. Advisers to each of the chapter officers, standing committees, Chapter Council and the Panhellenic Delegate shall serve in an advisory capacity without vote. In the absence of a local alumnae association, the board may be selected with joint approval of the District Director, Advisory Board Specialist, and Alumna Relations Specialist.
- Section 11. Chapter Archives. The archives of the chapter shall consist of the items listed in the Fraternity manuals. All archive properties pertaining to ritual, except when in use, shall be kept in a locked place suitable for security of these materials. All archived documents, records, resources and memorabilia that are not secret in nature shall be maintained in a secure manner.

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# Beta Nu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma Bylaws Addendum

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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#### LEGAL COMPLIANCE

**Non-Discrimination Statement.** Discrimination based on race, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, color, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, protected veteran status, other basis in accordance with Ohio State University Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines, or other class protected by local, state, provincial, or federal law shall be prohibited. The single-gender nature of Greek-letter social organizations in the United States is recognized by an exemption under the Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.