***THE CONSTITUTION OF***

***THE GAMMA CHAPTER OF***

***THE OMEGA TAU SIGMA FRATERNITY***

Article I -- Name and Location

Sec. 1 The name of the fraternity shall be the Gamma Chapter (herein referred to as the “Chapter”) of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity (herein referred to as “OTS”).

Sec. 2 It shall be located in Columbus, Ohio. The Chapter shall provisionally operate out of the Omega Tau Sigma House located at 4673 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43220, herein referred to as the “House”.

Article II -- Purpose and Non-Discrimination Policy

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

Sec. 2 This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

Article III --Membership

Sec. 1 The fraternity shall be composed of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine candidates, herein referred to as DVM, of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University, alumni, associate, and honorary members as defined below.

Sec. 2 An alumni member shall be one who has been a member of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity through graduation as a DVM.

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

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

Sec. 5 An active member of the fraternity shall be a student member who meets and maintains his or her moral, participatory, and financial obligations to the fraternity. Moral obligations to the fraternity are defined as upholding the OSU student code of conduct ([Code of Student Conduct for April 2012 BOT mtg (00163375).DOCX](https://trustees.osu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/2019/08/CodeStudentConduct_0.pdf)). Any actions that are found to be a direct violation of this code of conduct is grounds for a non-elected position removal or an impeachment proceeding as outlined in Article VIII.

Sec. 6 In order to remain in good standing, active members are required to pay semesterly dues and acquire four (4) attendance points in the categories of: one (1) social, one (1) community service, one (1) non-social, and one (1) house clean-up point

a. The events are defined by the Executive Board.

b. These requirements are to be completed within the academic calendar.

c. Fourth year active members are excluded from this requirement due to clinical rotation

Responsibilities.

 d. Failure to meet point requirements shall result in a monetary fine.

Sec. 7 A member shall have the option to seek financial inactivity during the term of education not including his or her senior year.

a. Financially inactive members shall be free of all financial and social obligations providing

that all balances have been paid in full or arrangements have been met for the former.

b. Members who have chosen financial inactivity will be assessed all social entrance fees.

Sec. 8 An active member can request inactive status upon presentation of a written request to the Executive Board showing sufficient and worthy cause.

a. An inactive member shall be free of all financial and social obligations; however, he or

she shall remain morally obligated to the fraternity.

b. Any member granted inactive status shall be allowed a period of inactivity of not more than two (2) semesters, which shall not include the inactive’s fourth year of Veterinary education.

Sec. 9 Any member wishing to disaffiliate from the fraternity may do so. Disaffiliation denotes a member that has chosen to relinquish all financial, social, and moral ties with the fraternity for their entire professional tenure.

a. All outstanding financial obligations must be met in full prior to granting disaffiliate status. b. Any member wishing to disaffiliate from the fraternity must notify the President and

Treasurer.

c. To be granted disaffiliate status, a 75% majority vote by the quorum must be obtained at

the subsequent general meeting.

Sec. 10 During their fourth year, the active members of the fourth year class are responsible for planning a senior project. The fourth year active members shall choose a project that aides in the betterment of the fraternity and see to its planning, and it shall be completed before the class graduates from the university.

Article IV -- Officers

Sec. 1 The elected officers of this fraternity shall be as follows:

Executive Board: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, and the non elected positions outlined in Sec. 2.

General Chair Positions: Two minimum (2+) Recruitment Chairs, two (2) Historian/Public Relations Chairs, one minimum (1+) Professional Development Chairs, two minimum (2+) Social Chairs, three minimum (3+) Merchandise/Fundraising Chairs, two minimum (2+) Community Service Outreach Chairs, one minimum (1+) Health and Wellness Chair, and Class Representatives (minimum two (2+) for each class year).

Sec. 2 Non-elected officers of this fraternity shall be as follows: one (1) Senior Delegate, one (1) Junior Delegate, and a minimum of one (1+) House Manager(s).

Sec. 3 The order of succession shall be as listed in Article IV, Sec. 1.

Sec. 4 The duties of the various officers shall be as described in Article V.

Sec. 5 The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer-elect, Senior and Junior Delegates, and House Managers.

Article V -- Duties of Officers

Sec. 1 The duties of the President shall be:

a. To preside at all meetings of the fraternity and conduct said meetings according to the Order of Business, detailed in Article XI, Sec. 4.

b. Any decision made by the President shall be subject to appeal by the membership, and can be overturned by a 75% majority of the quorum.

c. To sign all legal documents pertaining to the business of the fraternity when so ordered

by the fraternity.

 d. To hold title to all property of the Chapter, both real and personal, but shall have no power to dispose of said property unless so ordered by the Chapter.

e. To appoint all standing committees, chairpersons thereof and non-elected officers and other committees; all appointments are to be with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board.

f. To officially represent the fraternity, either personally or by a duly appointed

representative, on all occasions that might arise and call for such representation. g. To serve as the liaison between the Chapter and the Alumni Chapter Executive Board, herein referred to as the Gamma Club. h. To oversee the transition of duties between current and newly elected officers.

g. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

h. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

i. To serve as the Parliamentarian and oversee the Constitution and its maintenance.

j. To maintain a complete and current copy of the constitution, and shall make said copies available to the Executive Board and to any fraternity member requesting said copies.

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

a. To preside in the absence of the President.

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

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

d. To oversee the operations of committee chairs, including helping the chairs create

standard operating procedures (SOPs), which shall be reported back to the President.

e. To assist the President with the transition of duties between current and newly elected

officers.

f. To represent the Gamma Chapter in all matters pertaining to the foundation of new

chapters of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

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

h. To serve as the leader of the Events Committee.

i. To serve as the Chair of the Awards Committee, order awards for the Formal Initiation

Banquet, and obtain white carnations for the banquet.

j. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

k. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

Sec. 3 The duties of the Secretary shall be:

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

b. To be responsible for the orderly and safe-keeping of all current records, books, seals,

papers, etc., except those pertinent to other officers.

c. To keep permanent record of all members joining the Chapter, including full name, home

and local address, and telephone number, and all changes of address as they are reported by the members.

d. To submit nominations for each elected office of the fraternity.

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

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

g. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

h. To send out weekly emails with updates from all officers.

i. To be responsible for the preparation of the meeting room prior to and after all meetings.

Sec. 4 The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

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

b. To render a financial report of the fraternity when directed to do so by the President or

with the request by a petition signed by three (3) members of the fraternity.

c. To notify in writing any member who may be indebted to the fraternity for one (1)

academic semester, and to arrange with said member for prompt payment, and to report to the Executive Board when satisfactory arrangements cannot be agreed upon.

d. To ensure that payments to the Gamma Chapter, and annual dues payments to the

Grand Council of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity are promptly disbursed when due.

e. To maintain the financial records and procedures in accordance with the directives of the

Auditing Office, at The Ohio State University, and to submit such records to said office for audit when so directed or requested.

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

a. To assist the Treasurer.

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

c. To track attendance of all events and meetings in order to determine members' current

standing and to award dues reductions/fees owed based on participation.

d. Report member standing following dues collection each semester to the Treasurer for record keeping

Sec. 6 The duties of the Recruitment Chairs shall be:

a. To plan and direct recruitment events to encourage new members to join.

i. They shall comply with the directives of the fraternity, but shall have direct

authority in all Pledge activities.

b. To plan Informal Initiation, including, but not limited to, the disbursement of dates,

venues, and events.

c. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

d. To plan the Formal Initiation ceremony prior to White Carnation.

e. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

f. To be a part of the events committee

Sec. 7 The duties of the Historian/Public Relations Chair shall be:

a. To be responsible for the orderly and safe-keeping of all past records, books, seals,

papers, etc. except those pertinent to other offices.

b. To create a Chapter history book for their term of office and post tasteful photos of

service and events to the OTS Gamma Chapter social media accounts.

 c. To maintain the Gamma Chapter website (if applicable).

d. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

e. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

f. To promote and advertise meetings, parties, extracurricular activities, and to submit

articles to any Veterinary College publications at the discretion of the Executive Board and Membership.

g. To be responsible for all alumni relations of the fraternity as directed by the Executive

Board.

h. To be responsible for maintenance of the current mailing address for all alumni members

of the Gamma Chapter, and to forward any known address changes to the Grand Council Secretary.

i. To be responsible for the production and mailing of the Golden Gamma

Sec. 8 The duties of the Professional Development Chair shall be:

1. To plan at least two events per semester.

b. To coordinate with officers of the Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA) to organize the “Dress for Success” event.

 c. To maintain a professional and working relationship with the faculty and staff of the College.

d. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

e. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

f. To organize review sessions and/or wetlabs with professors for all active members.

g. To be a part of the events committee

Sec. 9 The duties of the Social Chairs shall be:

a. To plan, prepare, and supervise the social program of the fraternity as directed by the Executive Board.

b. To coordinate with Public Relations for advertisement of social events.

 c. To coordinate beverages for social events.

d. To prepare social event themes, decorations, etc.

e. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

 f. To plan and execute Formal Initiation Banquet, also known as White Carnation.

g. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

h. To be a part of the events committee

Sec. 10 The duties of the Merchandise/Fundraising Chairs shall be:

a. To create, order, and sell Gamma Chapter Merchandise.

b. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

c. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

d. To plan at least one fundraising event, open to the whole CVM community, per semester.

Sec. 11 The duties of the Community Service & Outreach Chairs shall be:

a. To survey the Chapter and determine their philanthropic areas of interest, and arrange

events accordingly.

b. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

c. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

d. To coordinate at least one Veterinary Explorer event per semester

 i. To recruit high school students to the program and host one event per semester for these students

Ii. vi. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

vii. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

e. To be a part of the events committee.

Sec. 13 The duties of the Health and Wellness Chair(s) shall be:

a. To plan and conduct the intramural athletic program of the fraternity (if the Chapter holds interest)

i. These can be both structured and paid for through the university, or can be self

run at a designated location.

 b. To provide the Chapter with resources and activities that foster mental/physical health

and wellness.

 c. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

 d. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

e. To be a part of the events committee.

Sec. 14 The duties of the Class Representatives shall be:

a. To create announcements and foster communications among the members of the Fraternity.

 b. To coordinate inter/intra class studying and mentoring opportunities.

c. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

d. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

Sec. 15 The duties of the House Manager(s) shall be:

a. To be responsible for the general maintenance and day to day upkeep of the House and

grounds.

b. To be responsible for the collection of rent from the House residents.

c. To serve as chairman of the House Committee.

d. To fulfill any other duties as ascribed by the Executive Board or Gamma Club of Omega

Tau Sigma

e. To be responsible for the supervision and placement of the required number of fire extinguishers and any and all other fire detection, warning, and safety devices required by state and/or local fire and building codes. The House Manager shall also be responsible for the routine inspection and maintenance of said fire safety devices to ensure their proper function.

 f. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

g. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position’s expenses.

h. The House Manager shall be a resident of the House.

i. This position is compensated, with a salary to be determined by the Executive Board each year.

Sec. 16 The Gamma Chapter delegates are an unelected officer position which will serve on the Executive Board, and the selection and term requirements are as follows:

a. Two delegates, a Junior and Senior, shall serve as representatives for the Gamma

Chapter to the Grand Council.

b. Each year, the Senior Delegate shall appoint a Junior Delegate based upon a letter of intent submitted to the Senior Delegate.

i. This letter shall convey the applicant’s desire to represent the Gamma Chapter at

Grand Council.

ii. They will assist the Senior Delegate with preparation and presentation of the

Chapter Presentation and Report at the Grand Council Delegates meeting.

iii. They will assist with all plans regarding traveling to, or hosting, the Grand Council

meeting that year.

c. The appointed Junior Delegate will be charged with a two year commitment consisting of holding the Junior Delegate position for one year, and upon completion of their initial term will be automatically appointed to the Senior Delegate position. Removal of an unsatisfactory junior delegate is under the jurisdiction of the senior delegate, for reasons deemed appropriate as discussed by the senior delegate, executive board, and advisors.

d. The Senior and Junior delegates are required to attend Grand Council in order for the

Chapter to remain in good standing.

 i. The Chapter assumes the costs associated with sending the delegates to Grand

Council.

ii. This includes all fees associated with registration, travel, and lodging.

e. The Executive Board shall approve the transference of title, role, and responsibility of the Senior Delegate to the Junior Delegate upon successful completion of a one year term as Junior Delegate.

i. Transference of this title shall occur during the annual elections and will be

announced to all members present at the meeting.

ii. Should the Executive Board not approve the transference of this title, they reserve the right to appoint a new Delegate to fill the Senior Delegate vacancy.

 h. In a year that the Grand Council is to be hosted by the Gamma Chapter, Delegates will organize and lead the Grand Council Committee.

d. To procure from the Secretary of the Grand Council graduate certificates for graduating

seniors of the fraternity. This is to be accomplished at least ninety (90) days prior to the Senior Appreciation Banquet.

Sec. 17 Inactivated or deactivated title-bearing officers of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma shall be penalized in the following manner:

a. The offending member may not list on any professional or legal document as being

active in their relinquished position, nor having ever been active in their relinquished position, so as to misinform viewers as to the nature of their responsibilities and their leaving.

 b. If going on inactive-status during their terms as either an elected or appointed

titled-officer, the offending member may not hold office again upon reactivation of their membership, nor may they list on any professional or legal document that they held the aforementioned title in any capacity upon their reactivation.

 c. All title-bearing officers who wish to deactivate or go on inactive-status must contact the

current President of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma, and must find a suitable candidate for replacement unless otherwise instructed by the President and Executive Board.

d. Failure to abide by these regulations will cause the offending member or party to be held

responsible for any consequences deemed suitable by the President and Executive Board of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma.

Article VI -- Committees

Sec. 1 The President has the authority to appoint the following standing committees from among the membership of the fraternity: House Committee, Constitution Committee, and Awards Committee. Their duties shall be described in Article VII.

Sec. 2 The President shall appoint a minimum of one (1+) House Manager(s), whose duties shall be communicating with residents, upkeeping the house, assuring the bill and dues of the house are in order, maintain cleanliness of the house, and reporting house functions to the Executive Board. Other duties are as assigned by the President. Removal of a person appointed to the house manager position is also under the jurisdiction of the president for reasons deemed necessary by the executive board and advisors.

Sec. 3 The President has the authority to appoint such other committees if deemed necessary. Such committees shall serve until revoked by the President, or until the expiration of his or her term of office.

Article VII -- Duties of Committees

Sec. 1 The House Committee is an elective committee, consisting of three (3) members at minimum of whom at least one (1) must be a nonresident of the House.

a. The chairman shall be the House Manager(s).

b. The House Manager(s) shall run the Committee as they see fit to address the needs of the House and it’s residents.

c. The House Manager shall report at general meetings of the fraternity and shall be

responsible for complying with the directives of the fraternity.

Sec. 2 The Constitution Committee is an elective committee, and shall consist of three (3) members at minimum who shall acquaint themselves with the Constitution of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity, and shall determine the constitutionality of actions of the fraternity.

a. The Secretary acts as the chair of this Committee and shall present

constitutional amendments to the general membership.

 b. The Constitution committee shall review proposed amendments submitted in accordance

with the Constitution by any members of the fraternity for constitutionality and clarify them if necessary before placing them before the fraternity for ratification procedures.

Sec. 3 The Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President, and consist of a minimum of seven (7) members, two (2) of whom shall be alumni of the Gamma Chapter.

a. The Committee shall serve for one (1) year.

b. This Committee is responsible for accepting nomination and selecting award recipients,

procurement of all certificates and awards to be presented there at, and the procurement and presentation of past officer’s certificates for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Recruitment Chairs,

c. The Committee is also charged with keeping a record of all award recipients and such

other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4 The Events Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President, Recruitment chairs, Social chairs, Health and Wellbeing chair(s) and Professional Development chair(s) and the Community Service & Outreach chair(s).

1. The committee shall be led by the Vice President and shall serve for one (1) year.
2. This committee is responsible for organizing most social and professional events that occur during the year. Each chair has their respective responsibilities, but the committee serves to create a collaborative and supportive environment to aid in the planning of said events.
	1. See individual chair descriptions for chair responsibilities (article V).
3. This committee will be responsible for planning/holding at least one tailgate (a Big 10 game).
4. This committee can share resources (excess supplies, etc) to assist in planning and budget conservation.

Sec. 5 Any other committees may be formed at the request of an officer to aid and assist in the functions of that officer’s position.

a. These auxiliary committee positions may be elected, delegated, nominated, or

volunteered for by the membership or the Executive Board.

Sec. 6 All immoral or questionable activities considered by any committee or fraternity member must be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee for recommendation of appropriate disciplinary actions.

a. The recommendations of the Executive Committee will be presented to the active

Chapter for a majority vote, being not less than 50% majority of the quorum.

 b. It will be the duty of the President to inform the committee or member of the fraternity’s

action.

Article VIII -- Elections/Impeachment

Sec. 1 All active members in good standing, as defined in Article III, Sec. 6, with the fraternity are eligible to run for an officer position and vote in elections. New members, meaning students who have been OTS Gamma members for less than one academic school year, are exempt from the requirements to be a member of good standing and are therefore eligible to run for an officer position and vote in elections. Members who have been removed from a non-elected position, or impeached from an elected position, are no longer eligible to apply for a new position of any type in the future.

Sec. 2 All elections shall be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order. A quorum is defined as 25% of the active membership. A majority is defined as greater than 50% of the quorum.

Sec. 3 All officers except the Treasurer and Delegates shall be elected at the second to last general meeting of the Spring Semester. Newly elected officers shall be in a transition period and officially assume office following the last day of Spring Semester.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer-elect, at the end of their term, shall automatically assume the office of the Treasurer following the transition period as previously described in Article V, sec. 1.

Sec. 5 All elected officers shall serve office for a term of one (1) year except for the delegates.

Sec. 6 Vacancies in any elected office shall be filled by the active membership of the fraternity at the second general meeting after such a vacancy has been declared. The member who serves in such office for the remainder of the term shall be entitled to the full honors of the full term.

Sec. 7 A fraternity member in good standing may submit absentee ballots, received from the executive committee, by the start of the meeting at which voting is to take place. Any member who uses an absentee ballot acknowledges the inability to vote for nominations added during this meeting and as such the ballots may not be changed once submitted.

Sec. 8 In the event of unsatisfactory performance of an elected officer, an impeachment petition shall be put forth in writing and signed by 10% of the active membership and one faculty advisor.

Sec. 9 A 66% 75% majority vote of the active membership, held at the following meeting, will confirm impeachment. A new officer for the position will be elected at the following meeting after the vacancy is confirmed, with the exception of an impeached president, in which case the Vice-President will assume all duties assigned to the President.

Article IX -- Pledgeship

Sec. 1 A Pledge shall be any student with class rank of either first, second, third, or fourth year enrolled at the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University who has been invited by the members of this fraternity, and has been accepted for candidacy by optional participation in the informal and formal pledging ceremony.

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

Sec. 4 Initiation to active membership and assumption of active obligations, financial and otherwise, is mandatory following Formal Initiation.

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

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

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

Sec. 8 All those seeking Pledgeship will be granted the opportunity to become an active member of the fraternity and will not be discriminated against based on race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender, nationality, age, handicap, political affiliation, or veteran status.

Article X -- Fees, Dues and Property

Sec. 1 The fees and dues of the fraternity shall be determined by the Treasurer. Membership dues shall account for the following: Chapter dues, Chair budgets, House usage fee, House beautification fund, National Dues (spring semester only). Pledge dues shall be adjusted to reflect their time as an active member per semester.

Sec. 2 The Treasurer and Executive Board reserves the right to adjust dues according to the needs of the Chapter.

Sec. 3 Dues will be assessed the first month of the semester and are to be paid by a date agreed upon by the Treasurer and Executive Board. An exception is made during the Senior year, as well as in the case where payment plans are approved by the Executive Board.

Sec. 4 Dues reduction credits are accrued per semester, and are applied to the following semester in which the member is active. Dues reduction credits are determined by the Executive Board and are announced prior to each opportunity. Each active member is eligible to receive up to $5 in dues reductions per semester. Officers are offered a standard $10 dues reduction per semester.

Sec. 5 All fraternity losses, not accounted for in dues, shall be prorated among all active fraternity members monthly. All fraternity profits shall be accumulated as a reserve for any future losses.

Sec. 6 The house beautification fund is assessed semesterly to provide a renewable fund for maintenance, repairs, and improvements of the house and grounds. The money collected for this fund will be deposited in a separate savings account. No money can be withdrawn from this account without the express authorization of the active membership or by authorization of the House Manager. The expenditures of which shall be overseen by the Executive Board and approved by the active membership.

Sec. 7 Active Members who have failed to maintain their good standing, as stated in Article III, Sec. 6, will be subject to a fine up to $30.00. A $10 fine shall be assessed for each missing attendance point. This fine shall be paid at the time of the collection of dues.

Sec. 8 The funds and property of the fraternity having been accrued for the defrayment of all proper and legal liabilities of the fraternity, they shall not be divided in any manner among the members individually, nor between this fraternity and any other that may stem from it without the approval of 67% of the active membership. Upon the written proposals to donate a specific sum of money to aid in the reestablishment of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

Sec. 9 Whenever a brother/sister ceases to be a member by reason of death, expulsion, suspension, or withdrawal, his or her right, title and interest in and to the property or funds of this fraternity, or any part thereof, thereby becomes null and void, and shall be reported to the Grand Council Secretary.

Sec. 10 A late fee of $10 shall be added to the price of dues for members that fail to pay their dues by the date outlined by the Treasurer and Executive Board.

Sec. 11 A grace period of thirty (30) days will be automatically granted to any active member needing one, provided they contact the Treasurer before the due date of payment. The Treasurer shall record all extensions granted.

Sec 12 A $10 late fee is applied when dues are delinquent according to Article V, Secs. 10 and 11.

Sec. 13 Payment plans waiving late fees may be made at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Sec. 13 Failure to arrange payment with the Treasurer by the third general meeting will enact the following: Any amount uncollected for six (6) calendar months without Treasurer’s extension will be referred for collection, at the member’s cost.

Article XI -- Meetings

Sec. 1 The general meeting of the fraternity shall serve as the official forum for all fraternity business. The general meetings shall be held at least once a month during the regular academic semester.

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

Sec. 3 Order of Business: The meeting shall be called to order by the presiding officer. The agenda shall be as follows:

a. Invocation

b. Summarization/Approval of previous meeting minutes

c. Financial Report (Treasurer)

d. Officer Reports

i. Old/New Business

e. Announcements

f. Date of the Next Meeting

g. Motion to Adjourn

Article XII -- Amendments

Sec. 1 All motions for amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution Committee for its consideration and approval. The Constitution Committee must present the proposed amendment(s) to the active membership at the next general meeting.

Sec. 2 The Constitution may then be amended by a quorum of 25% of the active membership, with a greater than 50% majority vote of the quorum.

Article XIII -- Gamma Awards

Sec. 1 Annually, during the first four (4) weeks of the academic Spring Semester, at a specific time to be selected by the active membership, the fraternity shall sponsor an initiation and recognition banquet, referred to as “White Carnation”.

Sec. 2 During the banquet proceedings, recognition shall be given to members of the fraternity, alumni of the Gamma Chapter, and to an outstanding member of the veterinary profession, regardless of fraternal affiliations. These recipients of the Gamma Award Certificates shall have established themselves as outstanding in promoting the objectives of the fraternity or the veterinary profession.

Sec. 3 Gamma Award Certificates shall be awarded as follows:

a. National Gamma Award (1 award) - a nationally recognized veterinarian (not necessarily an OTS member) who has made significant contributions to the field. This person will be the honorary speaker at White Carnation. The recipient of this award rotates between local and national individuals, with the local recipients falling on the even numbered years. b. Gamma Award (1-2 awards) - fourth year student(s) who has/have shown dedication to

the fraternity throughout their entire membership. c. Buckeye Award (2 awards) - third year students who have shown dedication to the

fraternity throughout their third year of membership. d. Scarlet and Gray Award (2 awards) - second year students who have shown dedication

to the fraternity throughout their second year of membership. e. Gamma Alumni Award (1 award) - a Gamma alumnus who has made significant

contributions to the Gamma Chapter over the past year. f. Honorary Gamma Award (up to 5 awards) - members of the Ohio State University

community, not necessarily veterinarians, who are not OTS members and who are not current students, but have shown considerable dedication to students and uphold fraternal standards.

Sec. 4 A person to be nominated must receive a majority of the Awards Committee’s votes. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and the number of recommendations to the committee shall have no bearing on the committee’s decision.

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

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

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

Article XIV -- The Gamma Plaque

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

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

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

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