

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
DELTA THETA SIGMA- Alpha Chapter FRATERNITY
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

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Article I

The Purpose

Section .1 Purpose of Delta Theta Sigma

We, the members of Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity in order to promote agriculture to obtain a higher degree of scholarship to foster the spirit of brotherhood in our vocation and to insure social and cultural unity do promote our organization to the fulfillment of these ideals.

Article II

The Organization

Section. 1 Organization Name

This Organization shall be known as the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Theta Sigma, National Agricultural Fraternity.

Section. 2 Organization Crest

The Crest shall be that designated by the National Constitution of Delta Theta Sigma, National Agricultural Fraternity.

Article III

University & National Rules

Section. 1 National Chapter Rules

Both the National Constitution and By-Laws of Delta Theta Sigma and the Chapter Constitution and Statutes of Delta Theta Sigma- Alpha Chapter shall constitute the governing rules and policies of Delta Theta Sigma – Alpha Chapter.

Section. 2 Local Chapter Rules

Delta Theta Sigma – Alpha Chapter will abide by the rules and policies of The Ohio State University's Interfraternity Council, the National Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity Risk Management Policy, and the Student Code of Conduct Policies.

- A. When partnered with Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, or Panhellenic Association the alcohol and risk management policies of each council shall be followed.

Article IV

Membership

Section. 1 Types of Membership

Delta Theta Sigma –Alpha Chapter shall be composed of six classes of membership:

- A. Delta Membership
- B. Active Membership
- C. Inactive Membership
- D. Leave Membership
- E. Alumni Membership
- F. Honorary Membership

Section 2. Good Standing

Each member must remain in good standing with the fraternity at all levels. This includes but is not limited to:

- A. Payment of dues
- B. Adhering to Chapter Rules
- C. Adhering to House Rules
- D. Maintaining good Academic Standing
- E. Any other matters as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board

Section 3. Student Status

Any male undergraduate student enrolled as a full-time student at The Ohio State University, interested in agriculture, natural sciences, or rural life may be elected as a member to this fraternity.

Section 4. Delta Members

- A. Potential New Members must attend at a minimum of two recruitment events and/or visits and a minimum of one Monday Night Dinner before he may be extended a bid for membership.
 - a. He shall be proposed and discussed at the first meeting after his second visit, at which time he may be extended a bid, held for further discussion or may be rejected for membership.
 - b. Number of recruitment events and/or visits does not include Monday evening meals.

- B. A potential new member must have a grade point average of 2.50 or better to be considered eligible for potential new membership.
- C. Subsections A and B must comply with Interfraternity Council.

Section 5. Active Membership

- A. An active member must participate in all mandatory house and chapter activities.
 - a. A member may be excused by the Executive Board.
- B. An average semester point hour ratio of a 2.50 or higher must be maintained. If a member falls below the minimum grade point average he will be put on “academic probation”. This probationary term of one semester will be a time of close academic oversight by the Executive Board and Scholarship Chair.
 - a. If a member falls below the minimum grade point average (2.50GPA) for two consecutive academic semesters, he will automatically be deemed inactive by the active chapter and must regain membership by following the criteria stated in Article IV Section 6 Subsection C.
- C. Remain fiscally responsible to the chapter and keep current on house bills. Adherence to this will be policed by the Chapter Treasurer and the executive committee.
- D. All members are expected to maintain high ethics and standards at all times. Any actions deemed unethical or in bad reflection of this organization shall be voted inactive by the organization. If further actions are needed, the advisor and Executive Board will hold a private discussion, and then discuss actions with accused member.
- E. Active membership shall fall under two categories
 - a. Delta Membership, initiation process outlined in Article V. Section ###. Delta Members will be considered active members and part of the DTS roster. They cannot make a motion, hold office, or vote on business matters. They will be considered last for room assignments. They can be dismissed when discussion for new business is to be directed towards new member education and recruitment. They can participate in new business discussion. These parameters shall continue to describe the privileges of Delta Members who have since adopted Educational Leave Membership or Varsity (Club) Sports Leave Membership.
 - b. Sigma Membership, obtained when a Delta Member completes the Theta Process and necessary requirements as determined by the New Member Educators. These Members shall have full rights to voting on matters, making motions, and running for offices that they are qualified for and have been nominated as such.

Section 6. Inactive Membership

- A. If a member does not meet the minimum GPA requirement for more than one semester then he shall be placed on inactive status.
- B. Inactive members may not participate in official house activities, including, but not limited to, chapter meetings and elections, date parties and social functions, intramural sports, or represent that chapter on any council or board of an organization. Any violation of these is punishable by a fine and is to be discussed when the member tries to regain

active status or when he is being considered for alumni status. This policy is to be upheld by the Executive Committee.

- C. Any member who remains inactive due to academic reasons for more than one academic semester in which they were enrolled as a full-time student can regain active membership by completing the following:
 - a. Has earned an 2.5 cumulative OR has a term GPA at least .3 points higher than the minimum of 2.5 for the current term.
 - b. Pass with a 2/3 majority vote in the active chapter.

Section 7. Leave Membership

A. Educational Leave Membership

- a. This status is for brothers participating in partial semester study abroad trips and brothers participating in student teaching, education major programs, or other academic reasons approved by the Executive Board.
- b. This status will be attained after a written letter of intent is submitted to the fraternity president and passed with a two-thirds vote.
- c. Men with this status will be excused from chapter activities when conflicts related to their educational program or situation arise.
- d. IFC mandated requirements must still be met.
- e. This status cannot be utilized by a member for more than two consecutive semesters.
- f. Fines of the men on Education Leave will be added to the remaining owed dues.
- g. A Member on Educational Leave may return to normal chapter roles and activities at the conclusion of their educational program with approval of the Executive Board.

B. Varsity (Club) Sport Leave Membership

- a. This status is for brothers participating in varsity/club sports.
- b. This status will be attained after a written letter of intent is submitted to the fraternity president and passed with a two-thirds vote.
- c. Men with this status will be excused from chapter activities when conflicts related to their sports program arise.
- d. IFC mandated requirements must still be met.
- e. Fines of the men on Varsity (Club) Sport will be added to the remaining owed dues.
- f. A Member on Varsity (Club) Sport Leave Membership may return to normal chapter roles and activities at the conclusion of their sports program with approval of the Executive Board.

Section 8. Alumni

- A. Any student that graduates as an active member shall become an alumnus.

- B. Any student who does not graduate from the university may become an alumnus member so long as he has been active for two years since his initiation and by written request to the Alumni Board and Active Chapter.
 - a. Requires Alumni Board and 2/3 active chapter vote

Section 9. Honorary Membership

- A. May be awarded to any individual for their efforts in advancing the fraternity and/or living the values of the fraternity in his everyday life.
- B. Is approved by a 2/3 vote of the active chapter.

Section 10. Removal of Membership and Deactivation

- A. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the membership may be deactivated through a majority vote of 2/3 vote of the active chapter.
- B. De-active status is de-affiliation from the fraternity.
- C. A deactivated member must turn in his new member binder, fraternity pin, and all apparel or other items that have the letters of the fraternity on them, whether purchased by the chapter, the individual, or the big brother. This includes but is not limited to: clothing, merchandise, or other items.
- D. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article V

Delta Members

Section. 1 Non-exclusionary Clause

- A. The fraternity of Delta Theta Sigma – Alpha Chapter and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 2. Bids

- A. On voting of bids to Potential New Members, the number of “no” votes eliminating them from becoming a Delta member of the pledge class will be the same as in Article V, Section 3: Subsection B except that no secret balloting is required.

Section 3. Initiation

- A. Eligibility for membership is subject to Article V: Section 2 of the Constitution.
 - a. New rules of the Interfraternity system shall automatically go into effect
 - b. A candidate must have attended all new member education events, unless excused by the chapter President or New Member Trainer to be eligible for initiation.
 - i. Meeting times shall be set in agreement with said parties.

- B. Candidates for membership must be nominated at least one meeting previous to being voted upon. There shall be two votes by secret ballot. The number of votes to eliminate a candidate shall be as follows:

0 to 25 active members	2 no votes
26 to 50 active members	3 no votes
51 to 75 active members	4 no votes
76 or more active members	5 no votes

Only the members that are attending the first meeting shall determine the “no” vote. A new vote shall then be held and one vote over the minimum number of “no” votes shall be required to eliminate a candidate. If the member dropping the “no” vote does not give his reasons when asked, the candidate automatically is accepted. In case of a minimum “no” vote and the reasons are not asked for, the candidate is automatically rejected.

- a. The first vote shall determine if the candidate is worthy of initiation.
- b. All eligible candidates must be voted on before any ballots are opened or tabulated.
- c. The second vote shall determine those candidates that shall remain in the pledge class.

Article VI

Officers

Section 1. Fraternity Positions

- A. The Executive Officers of Delta Theta Sigma – Alpha Chapter shall be: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Director(s) of Recruitment, Director of Facilities, Director of Provisions, Director(s) of Member Development, Director of Marketing.
- B. The Executive Board shall include as follows:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary

Section 2. Nominations

- A. The nominations of officers shall be held the third to last Monday of the Fall Term, with the nominations presented to the active chapter one week prior to the elections. Nominations can be made from the floor, and only brothers in good standings are eligible
 - a. If new officers are needed in the spring nominations shall be held during the second to last week of the Spring Semester while still following the appropriate procedures stated in Section 2.
- B. Active members holding elective offices shall live in the chapter house during their office unless the reason falls under those specified by Article XII Section 1 Subsection B
- C. No active shall hold more than one position stated in Article V: Section 1, Subsection A.

Section 3. Elections

- A. The election of officers shall be held the second to last Monday of the Fall Semester, with the nominations presented to the active chapter one week prior to the elections.
- B. The order during the Autumn Semester election shall be: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Director(s) of Recruitment, Director of Facilities, Director of Provisions, Director(s) of Member Development, Director of Communications
 - a. Active President shall create a ballot from received applications of candidates. A ballot shall be given to active chapter members one week prior to elections.
- C. Nominees must obtain majority vote win the election.
- D. The newly elected officers shall be installed and assume their duties by the start of the following school semester.
- E. In case of a vacancy made by an officer participating in student teaching or an internship, or other University activity that requires a long period of leave, the executive committee shall appoint a member to serve temporarily in said office. In case of vacancy of the President office in above said matter, the Vice-President shall automatically take over the

duties of the President temporarily and the executive committee shall appoint a temporary Vice-President. These temporary officers must be approved by the active chapter by a majority vote.

F. President and Vice President shall reside in the “Executive Lounge” room.

G. Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer shall reside the “Vault” room.

Section 4. Removal of Officers

- A. All members and elected or appointed leaders are expected to maintain high ethics and standards at all times. Any actions deemed unethical or in bad reflection of this organization by a member or officer shall be removed from office and put on a probationary period by the organization. If further actions are needed, the advisor and officer team will hold a private discussion among the officer team, and then discuss actions with accused member. If the officer team and advisor believe the member should be removed from the organization they hold all rights and actions to remove them from membership. (See article IV Section 10)
- B. Grounds for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws.

Section 5. Executive Positions

A. The roles of each officer shall be as follows:

a. President:

- i. Be the official representative and lead all Chapter meetings of Delta Theta Sigma Alpha Chapter.
- ii. Enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity.
- iii. Represent one of two Active Member voting positions at all Alpha Controlling Board Meetings.
- iv. Orchestrate annual planning efforts and set goals for the Chapter each year at Officer Retreat and ensure the focus of the Chapter is to achieve these goals.
- v. Represent Delta Theta Sigma at all IFC, Sorority & Fraternity Life, and other University meetings, retreats, and trainings, excluding STEP related functions, unless specifically required, to ensure the Chapter be in good standing with The Ohio State University.
- vi. Orchestra elections at the end of each fall term, as well as special elections for any graduating officers, should the need arise.
- vii. Communicate with all Officers and Committees regularly to ensure that tasks and goals are being accomplished and in an efficient manner

- viii. Fill out all required Standard of Excellence forms to comply with the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life at The Ohio State University
- ix. Distribute fines to Members, as needed, for misconduct
- x. Encourage Members to stay active and involved with campus and Fraternal activities
- xi. Delegate tasks to representative Officers as needed and seen fit
- b. Vice President:
 - i. In an absence of the President, fulfill all Presidential duties
 - ii. Assist the President with any tasks, as needed
 - iii. Shall be the overseer of the “Scholarship Day”
 - iv. Scholarship:
 - 1. Inform Members of any scholarship opportunities, application deadlines, etc.
 - v. Career Awareness:
 - 1. Inform all Members of any job opportunities or professional opportunities that may increase the Member’s ability to promote agriculture or securing a higher degree of scholarship in their futures
 - i. STEP Representative
 - 2. Act as a point of contact for University STEP Representatives
 - 3. Communicate with Alpha Board STEP contact
 - 4. Reapply for STEP approval annually
 - 5. Maintain current and accurate documentation
 - ii. Encourage Members to stay active and involved in campus and fraternal activities
- c. Treasurer
 - i. Represent one of two Active Member voting positions at all Alpha Controlling Board meetings
 - ii. Construct and annual budget for the chapter, based on a fiscal year beginning at the start of the fall semester
 - iii. Distribute all house bills to Members through Fraternity Management Association (FMA) and collect payments when due
 - iv. Set up a payment plan for Members each semester
 - v. Set up a fine structure for payments that are made late and distribute fines to delinquent payments, as seen fit
 - vi. Apply any fines from any other Officer to a Members house account through FMA
 - vii. Promptly attend to all chapter bills, fees and reimbursements, ranking their urgency at your discretion
 - viii. Visit with FMA on a weekly basis to ensure all bills are paid to date and the chapter accounts remain sustainable
 - ix. Be the account administrator on the house checking and savings accounts

- x. Act as the Director of Fundraising
 - 1. Plan fundraising events for chapter throughout the year
 - 2. Update chapter on fundraising events and track attendance
 - 3. Promote events to public, whether through flyers, social media posts, etc.
- d. Assistant Treasurer
 - i. Assist the Treasurer in the duties and operations of the Chapter's treasury
 - ii. Be and official signer on the house checking and savings accounts
 - iii. Act as the Director of Social Events
 - 1. Plan and direct all social events for the Fraternity
 - iv. Complete clothing and merchandise orders for Fraternity
- e. Secretary
 - i. Keep record of attendance at all chapter meetings and chapter mandated functions
 - ii. Keep record of all business and discussion that occurs during chapter meetings and distribute this record to the Members of the chapter in a timely fashion
 - iii. Distribute records to the Alpha Controlling Board Members and Advisors in a timely fashion
 - iv. Update the chapter contact list each semester and post it to the bulletin board
 - v. Distribute and collect Member Information Sheet
- f. Director(s) of Recruitment
 - i. Responsible for all recruitment events of the Chapter
 - ii. Maintains a directory of all interested potential members and updates the list to be passed on to their successor
 - iii. Plan and coordinate recruitment events that create a safe and enjoyable environment for all
 - iv. Coordinate Bid Night and the distribute of Bids
- g. Director of Facilities
 - i. Purchase and manage all house supplies; including cleaning and maintenance supplies and toiletries, and ensure an accurate inventory is kept and maintained
 - ii. Create a chore rotation each semester
 - iii. Compile list of cars and create parking assignments, keeping people accountable for parking in assigned spots
 - iv. Issues fines to Members who do not complete chore on time and forwards fine to Treasurer
 - v. Report any maintenance needs to Alpha Controlling Board
 - vi. Report any large improvement needs to Alpha Controlling Board
 - vii. Coordinate and execute summer Work Days with both active members and alumni

- viii. Act as Risk Management Chairperson
 - 1. Attend all Risk Management trainings, as needed
 - 2. Ensure that the chapter has an updates Alcohol Policy and has met all standards required by IFC and Sorority & Fraternity Life
 - 3. Ensure that the chapter is aware of all safety measures in conjunction with the Director of Facilities
- h. Director of Provisions
 - i. Acts as the liaison to Fraternity Managers Association Food Services Department and the house cook
 - ii. Provide the Treasurer with the correct number of participants for each meal plan option, prior to the distribution of house bills
 - iii. Make weekly purchase of drinks for those on meal plan
 - iv. Ensure the timely communication of meal plan changes or cancellations to the house cook and/or FMA
 - v. Prepares or ensure the safe preparation of food for all chapter mandated events, excluding social events
 - vi. Create a Dish List and ensure that the dishes are cleaned each night, assuming responsibility to clean dishes that are not cleaned on time
 - vii. Issues fines to Members who do not complete dishes when scheduled and forwards fines to Treasurer
 - viii. Plan and execute winter Holiday Dinner
 - ix. Plan and execute spring Family Picnic
- i. Director(s) of Member Development
 - i. Ensure that all potential new members meet IFC requirements for joining a fraternity before starting their New Member Education Program
 - ii. Advise changes of New Member Education Program to the chapter
 - iii. Orchestrate meetings with the New Members during the New Member Education Program
 - iv. Plan and orchestrate all Initiation Week rituals and activities
- j. Director of Communications
 - i. Director of Social Media and Alumni Relations
 - 1. Utilize social media outlets to post about Chapter events, accomplishments and Member achievements
 - 2. Keep Alumni and Faculty up to date on the state of the Chapter and our accomplishments through social media publications
 - 3. Take pictures at Chapter events and gatherings
 - 4. Reflect the Chapter in a positive, upbeat and professional manner
 - 5. Ensure social media posts do not contain profanities of any kind
 - 6. Post 'Member of the Month' and 'Birthday Highlights' on social media outlets
 - 7. Assist other officers in advertising for Chapter mandated or sponsored events, as needed

- ii. Act as Director of Chapter Publications
 - 1. Ensure that the Chapter publications are created and distributed in a timely fashion, at least once per semester
 - 2. Take pictures at Chapter events and gatherings
 - 3. Reflect the Chapter in a positive, upbeat and professional manner
 - 4. Assist other Officers in advertising for Chapter mandated or sponsored events, as needed
 - 5. Ensure IFC, University and other websites are accurately and frequently updated

Section 6. Committees and Appointed Positions

- A. The Non-Executive Positions of Delta Theta Sigma –Alpha Chapter shall be: Director of Philanthropy, Director of Community Service, Director of Athletics, CFAES Student Council Representative, Conclave Coordinator, and as needed
 - a. The president shall decide and appoint who he sees fit to hold the positions stated in Article V: Section 1. Subsection A.
 - i. If at any point the president feels the active member(s) that he previously appointed is not fulfilling their role, the president shall have meeting to discuss his concerns. If the trend continues the president holds the power to dismiss the active member and select a new active member for the position
 - b. These positions shall make a report at each meeting.
- B. The President shall appoint special committees as necessary from time to time.
- C. The chairman of each standing and special committee shall keep a record of all business transactions. This record, plus any recommendations for future chairman shall be typed or written in ink, in the form of a report to be turned into the Vice President at the termination of that committee. These reports shall be placed in the permanent fraternity files.
- D. The role of the appointed positions shall be as follows:
 - a. Director of Philanthropy
 - i. Coordinate philanthropic fundraisers and events with Members of the Chapter
 - ii. Shall explore new opportunities for philanthropic events
 - b. Director of Community Service
 - i. Coordinate community service events with Members of the Chapter
 - ii. Shall explore new opportunities for community service events
 - c. Director of Athletics
 - i. Coordinate athletic events and intramural teams with the Members of the Chapter
 - d. CFAES Student Council Representative
 - i. Represents the chapter in a positive and professional manner at all CFAES Student Council Meetings

- ii. Ensures that important news and events happening in the college are shared with the chapter
- e. Conclave Coordinator
 - i. To be appointed spring semester before Alpha Chapter hosts Conclave
 - ii. Coordinate with Treasurer and Conclave Host to reserve hotel rooms, coordinate transportation, pay National dues and assist with any other Conclave logistical planning
 - iii. Act as main point of contact for all chapters
 - iv. Work with other Officers, along with National Officers, to plan and coordinate events during the Conclave
- f. And the others as needed

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1. Meeting Dates

- A. The regular meetings of this fraternity shall be held on every Monday evening of each week at a time deemed by the president during the regular University school year. There shall be no meeting during the week of final examinations. On a University Holiday that falls on a Monday, meetings shall be Tuesday.
 - a. Special meetings may be called by the President or in his absence by the Vice President when deemed necessary for the good of the Fraternity.

Section 2. Dress Attire

- A. The dress code shall be determined by the President or in his absence by the Vice President
 - a. All members not wearing suitable apparel as designated by the President to a meal and subsequent meeting will be assessed fine. Suitable dress is as follows:
 - i. Formal Business: Suit coat, collared shirt, tie, slacks, dress socks and dress shoes.
 - ii. Business: Formal Business minus suit coat.
 - iii. Business Casual: Collared shirt/polo, dress socks and shoes.
 - iv. Casual: Everyday Attire

Section 3. Meeting Order

- A. The order of business of each regular meeting shall be as follows:
 - a. Call to order
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Officer Reports
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Standing Committees

- ii. Special Committees
 - e. Roll Call
 - f. Reading of Minutes
 - g. Old Business
 - h. New Business
 - i. Nomination & Discussion of new men
 - j. Criticism & Praise
 - k. Traditions
 - l. Closing Ode
- B. The business meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- C. It shall be the duty of all active members to be present at all regular and special meetings of the fraternity.
- D. If a simple majority of regular members at any regular or special meeting are present they shall be considered a quorum.
- E. Any active member shall be penalized by the Executive Committee for being absent from a regularly scheduled meeting unless excused by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary for University activities or other legitimate reasons.

Article VIII

Finances

Section 1. Budget & Fees

- A. Each active member shall pay to the Alumni Board, through the Chapter Treasurer all national fees and national dues.
- B. A budget for the college year shall be formulated by the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and approved by the active chapter by a 2/3 vote.
- C. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited each month by the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.
- D. The chapter fees may be changed by the Executive Committee whenever such changes become necessary subject to approval of the active chapter.
- E. House bills are to be paid by the first Monday of the term or by payment plan previously set up by the active member and the treasurer. After this deadline, an interest of \$50 shall be added to the bill when paid late

Section 2. Officer Stipends

- A. Stipends eligibility shall be determined at the end of the semester and will be determined by the active chapter if the officer has done sufficient work and has earned his stipend.
- B. The following stipends shall be received by these elected officers:
 - a. President shall receive \$650/term during the school year while in office.
 - b. Vice President shall receive \$300/term during the school year while in office.
 - c. Treasurer shall receive \$450/term during the school year while in office.

- d. The Director of Facilities shall receive \$150/term during the school year while in office.
- e. The Director of Provisions shall receive \$150/term during the school year while in office

Section 3. Initiation Fees

- A. The initiation fee shall be \$135.00 dollars. The fee shall be dispersed as follows:
 - a. Fifteen dollars to the local chapter for the recognition pins.
 - b. Seventy-five dollars goes to the local Alumni Organization for the lifetime membership in the fraternity and mortgage payment.
 - c. All remaining money covers expenses while pledging.
- B. The payment must be in one payment once the pledge class goes through and added to the following semester's dues.
- C. If bills are left unpaid after a member's graduation, the fraternity hold the right to take legal action via debt collector or other suitable legal actions.

Section 4. Fines

- A. This section shall serve as a list of all fines of the Alpha Chapter. The Secretary shall keep a list of additions, subtractions, and modifications. These fines shall be given effect from their date of acceptance until the next meeting that the constitution is revised. At that time, the Secretary's list of changes shall be proposed and voted on as an addition to this section of the Constitution.
- B. All fines must be brought up at chapter meetings
 - a. Failure to bring up for discussion results in the fine being null and void.
- C. All fines will be added to the bill of the person(s) and must be paid at the end of the semester
- D. The following is a list of fines:
 - a. \$1 Fines
 - i. Swearing or cursing during Monday night dinner and meeting.
 - ii. Swearing or cursing while in the front room in the presence of guests
 - iii. Failure to be on time for Monday Night Chapter Dinner without an excuse (put in expectations)
 - b. \$5 Fines
 - i. Throwing water in the Chapter Room
 - c. \$10 Fines
 - i. Parking between the hours of 9AM and 5PM in the cook's designated parking spot Monday thru Thursday and 9PM- 1PM on Fridays.
 - ii. Parking in the designated parking spot for the live-in advisor.
 - d. \$25 Fines
 - i. Consuming tobacco, food, or drinks (other than water) in the Chapter Room and Music Room

- e. Cost of replacing or repairing broken furniture will be added to the bill of the member responsible. In case there is more than one man involved, the cost will be divided accordingly.
- E. The following is a list of fines that must be accompanied by two witnesses with a punishment of \$50 + for the first offence and any subsequent offences. After the second offence a member will be referred to the Executive Board for them to decide if a motion should be brought before the Active Chapter for that member's expulsion.
 - a. Any active fighting on chapter property or at a chapter function.
 - b. Discharging any firearm or fireworks inside the chapter facility is prohibited.
 - c. Discharging of a fire extinguisher when no fire is present
 - i. Charges associated with recharging the discharged extinguisher will be added to the \$50 fine.
 - d. Firing an airsoft rifle anywhere on the 80 East 13th. Avenue property
 - e. Going onto the sundeck for any reason results in an \$100 fine
- F. If the fire alarm is pulled/setoff in the case of a false alarm, the person responsible for it going off shall be fined the amount determined by the fire department. If the trend repeats the person in question, with 2/3 vote including all who live in the 80 East 13th property and the active chapter shall be removed from the property.
- G. The following is a list of fines associated with a specific officer position. All fines are issued at the discretion of the officer which they are assigned.
 - a. President
 - i. \$10
 - 1. Unexcused absence/tardiness from dinner and/or meeting after written warning
 - 2. Unexcused absence from mandatory SOE functions
 - ii. \$20
 - 1. Incorrect dress for meeting
 - b. Vice President
 - i. \$20
 - 1. Unexcused absence from scholarship day interviews
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. \$50
 - 1. Late payment for chapter dues/bills
 - d. Assistant Treasurer & Social Chair
 - i. \$25 Fine
 - 1. Unapproved absence from social function.
 - ii. \$50 Fine
 - 1. Missing a shift at any fraternal social function
 - e. Director(s) of Recruitment
 - i. \$25
 - 1. Unapproved absence from a previously announced recruitment event

- ii. \$30
 - 1. Consuming or possession of alcohol at a recruitment
 - 2. Intoxication at a recruitment event
- f. Director of Facilities
 - i. \$20
 - 1. Failure to complete ones chore to the expectation of the director
 - 2. Failure to clean ones room when it is required for a tour
- g. Director of Provisions
 - i. \$20
 - 1. Failure to complete ones dish duty to the expectation of the director's expectation
- h. Director(s) of Member Development
 - i. \$50
 - 1. Any unexcused absence from required new member education events
- i. Philanthropy Chair
 - i. \$20
 - 1. Any unexcused absence from required philanthropy events
- j. Community Service Chair
 - i. \$20
 - 1. Any unexcused absence from required community service events

Article IX

Conduct of Members

Section 1. Expectations

- A. All members shall conduct themselves when about the house in a gentlemanly manner. They shall observe all house rules drawn up by the active chapter. They shall observe the rules of etiquette and so govern their voice and language so as to raise rather than lower the standards of the fraternity.

Section 2. House and Fraternal Rules

- A. Under no circumstances shall a woman be brought into the chapter house for immoral purposes as determined by the active chapter.
- B. All active members must live in the chapter house. Those not living in the chapter house due to the below reason shall pay local and national dues, Chapter Dinner expenses, social expenses and \$100.00 to the general fund. Exemptions shall be made for:
 - a. Members living with relatives in the Columbus area and commuting to campus.
 - b. Members having a contract to live at a prescribed residence given the contract was agreed upon before his initiation

- c. Members participating in student teaching programs, internships and other University functions requiring a member to be away from the chapter house.
- d. If the house is filled to capacity as determined by the chapter
- e. Any reason deemed acceptable by the Executive Board
- f. Out of house member are exempt but have the option to purchase Monday night meals for the semester
- C. The evening study hours shall be from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Sunday thru Thursday.
 - a. Special occasions exempt.
- D. There shall be no eating or drinking (except for water) in either the Chapter Room or Music Room except during chapter approved functions.
 - a. Refer to fines
- E. Sun deck off limits to all members, guests and alumni.
- F. Weekly houses chores shall be completed by 10 p.m. on the Sunday before chapter unless otherwise specified by the director of facilities.

Article X

Awards

Section 1. Founders Day Awards

- A. The awards for founders day shall be as followed
 - a. Presidents Gavel
 - b. Outstanding New Member Award
 - c. Outstanding Brother Award
 - d. Blue and Gold Award
 - e. The Helping Hand Award
 - f. Recruitment Award

Section 2. Award Criteria

- A. The specific criteria for each award shall be as follows
 - a. Presidents Gavel- A gavel plaque shall be awarded to the retiring President at the end of his term of office. A man shall receive this award only once.
 - b. Outstanding New Member Award - An outstanding Pledge ring donated during the 1978 Founders Day by the basketball team of 1974 at one time presented to the outstanding pledge award winner. This award shall be determined by the members of the active chapter for the person whom they feel has been most outstanding for the annual period between Founder's Day. The associate member must have been initiated prior to receiving the award. This award shall be presented at Founder's Day and shall be a plaque for the winner and his name be added to the perpetual plaque in honor of the award at the chapter house.
 - i. One New Member form each class shall receive this award

- ii. Selection shall be by popular vote at a regular active meeting and will be based on the following criteria:
 - 1. Scholarship
 - 2. Leadership
 - 3. Work in activities outside the fraternity
 - 4. Contribution to the fraternity and or new member class
 - 5. Character and Personality
- c. Outstanding Brother Award - This award is sponsored by the National Chapter of Delta Theta Sigma. The selection shall be by the active chapter. Those eligible Include graduated members from the fall semester before Founder's Day and seniors in the spring semester of Founder's Day. The selection shall be based upon the following criteria:
 - 1. Service to the fraternity
 - 2. Work in activities outside the fraternity
 - 3. Satisfactory grades
 - ii. Candidates for this award shall be nominated one week prior to the selection of the Outstanding Brother Award.
 - iii. Voting shall be done by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed in an envelope which will be presented to a member of the Alumni Board.
 - iv. The award shall be presented at Founder's Day.
- d. Blue and Gold Award- This award is given to alumni for outstanding service, contributions and/or commitment to the active chapter. The selection shall be by the active chapter
 - i. Candidates for this award be nominated one week prior to voting.
 - ii. A minimum of one winner and no more than two shall be awarded annually.
 - iii. This award shall be presented at Founder's Day and shall be a plaque for the winner(s) and his name be added to the perpetual plaque in honor of the award at the chapter house.
- e. Helping Hand Award- Awarded to the active who, according to the active chapter, has been the most helpful brother between the previous Founder's Day and the present Founder's Day
- f. Recruitment Award- Awarded to the active who, according to the active chapter, has had the greatest impact on recruitment between the previous Founder's Day and the present Founder's Day

Article XI

Revisions

Section 1. Revisions

- A. This Constitution may be revised or amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members, provided the proposed revision or amendment has been submitted to the chapter at least one week before voting. Constitutional amendments shall be reviewed by the Alpha Board at the following Alpha meeting.