

# **Constitution and By-Laws of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma**

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## **Preamble**

We, as Students, and brothers of Alpha Gamma Sigma, a professional fraternity of agricultural heritage, in order to promote better fellowship, to inspire higher ambitions, to provide a rationalistic environment for succeeding students, and through each others' associations to better develop those talents that God has given to us, do adopt for our organization, hereafter referred to as the fraternity, the following constitution and bylaws.

## **Constitution**

### **Article I** *The Organization*

Sec. 1 This Organization shall be known as the Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Sigma, National Agricultural Fraternity.

Sec. 2 The Insignia shall be that designated by the national constitution of Alpha Gamma Sigma, National Agricultural Fraternity.

### **Article II** *Membership*

Sec. 1 The membership of this organization shall be active, inactive, associate, and honorary.

Sec. 2 In order to deny membership into Alpha Gamma Sigma, a two-thirds disapproval vote is required from the active chapter.

Sec. 3 Any new member who has fulfilled all other qualifications for membership shall become a member in good standing after being given the formal initiation of the fraternity.

Sec. 4 Any member may be expelled from membership by three-fourths vote of the active members at any meeting after a hearing is given, including both the member brought forward for expulsion and the members desiring the expulsion.

Sec. 5 Honorary members may be selected by a unanimous vote of the active members of the fraternity and given the formal initiation of the fraternity.

Sec. 6 Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination 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 basis in accordance with Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines.

### Article III *Officers*

Sec. 1 Any active member in good standing is eligible to hold office, but no member shall hold more than one of the offices stated in Article III, Sec. 2, part (A), at one time.

Sec. 2 (A) The executive officers of the fraternity shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, House Manager-Commissary, Social Chair, and Recruitment Chair.

(B) The other elected officers shall be; Historian, Chaplain, Alumni Coordinator, Athletic Chair, Philanthropy chair, Scholarship Chair, Technology Chair, CFAES Student Council Representative, Ding Manager, Steer Show Committee Chair, New Member Educator, Assistant New Member Educator, and Apparel Chair.

(C) The offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, House Manager-Commissary, Recording Secretary, Social Chair, and Recruitment Chair must live in the house during their term. Unless there are other extenuating circumstances that are approved by the executive committee.

Sec. 3 (A) The executive offices shall be nominated the 10<sup>th</sup> week fall semester and elected the following week of regular meeting. They will be sworn in the last regular meeting of fall semester.

(B) The Historian, Chaplain, Alumni Coordinator, Athletic Chair, Philanthropy chair, Scholarship Chair, Technology Chair, CFAES Student Council Representative, Ding Manager, Steer Show Committee Chair, New Member Educator, and Apparel Chair shall all be nominated at the 11<sup>th</sup> week of fall semester, and elected the following week.

(C) The Assistant New Member Educator will be appointed by the elected New Member Educator.

Sec. 4 The President-elect shall take the oath of office of Alpha Gamma Sigma at the last regular meeting of fall semester and assume the duties of the office at that time. The same shall be of all other executive offices.

Sec. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancies in any office may be filled at any regular meeting.

Sec. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Any officer may be removed from office for nonperformance of duties by two-thirds vote of the active members at any regular meeting.

Sec. 7 \_\_\_\_\_ The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. The Board shall assume their duties when installed.

Sec. 8 \_\_\_\_\_ All officers shall answer to the Executive Committee. Any dereliction of duty shall be punished at the discretion of the Executive Committee with any punishment deemed appropriate by that committee. Any officer may appeal this punishment to the active chapter at any regular meeting. The active chapter may modify or nullify the Executive Committee's decision.

#### **Article IV**

##### *Meetings*

Sec. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ The regular Monday Night meeting (active chapter meeting) of the fraternity shall be held weekly during fall and spring semesters while the University is in session, except for the week of final examinations.

#### **Article V**

##### *Amendments*

Sec. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ An amendment to the constitution shall be presented to the fraternity in writing at any regular meeting. It shall be read in the meeting and then placed in the hands of the Executive Committee for one week. It may then be adopted at the next regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the active members present.

Sec. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ All the amendments to the constitution shall become effective one week after the adoption unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

Sec. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ A Constitutional Convention shall be convened annually under the direction of Article IV, Sec. 22 of the By-Laws with the purpose of revising and updating the Constitution and By-Laws.

## **By-laws**

### **Article I**

#### *Meetings*

- Sec. 1 A simple majority of all active members must be present to constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 2 The President may call a special meeting at any time.
- Sec. 3 A special meeting for consideration and action upon a question of importance to the fraternity, shall be called by the President having been presented with a petition signed by five (5) active members of the fraternity.
- Sec. 4 A member must have an excuse for absence accepted by the executive committee prior to an active chapter meeting or chapter dinner. A violation of this section will cause a five-dollar ding to be levied for each activity missed. The chair of the Executive Committee shall have discretion to waive this ding under extraordinary circumstance.

### **Article II**

#### *Voting*

- Sec. 1 Nominations of all officers must be made from the floor.
- Sec. 2 All elections of members to executive offices and denial of new members to membership shall be made by ballot.
- Sec. 3 Election of all other offices shall be done by hand.
- Sec. 4 In voting, a simple majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for a decision in all cases not otherwise defined in this document.
- Sec. 5 The method of voting, (by hand, voice, ballot, or roll) shall be up to the discretion of the presiding officer unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or By-Laws.
- Sec. 6 Inactive, Associate, and Honorary members are ineligible to vote.
- Sec. 7 When voting by ballot each member shall deposit his own ballot in the ballot box or other substitute.
- Sec. 8 A member excused by the executive committee may cast his vote by leaving it with the President in a sealed envelope. The President shall open the envelope at the meeting and count it with the other votes.

**Article III**  
*Fees & Privileges*

Sec. 1 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to enforce the collection of the bills by making a member inactive as provided for in Article III, Sec. 3 of the By-laws with the agreement of the Executive Committee. Items eligible to be charged include the following:

- (a) Initiation Fee
- (b) Active Fee
- (c) Pledge Fee
- (d) Active Social Fee
- (e) Pledge Social Fee
- (g) Board
- (h) House Maintenance
- (i) Athletic Fee, if needed
- (j) Technology Fee
- (k) National Dues
- (l) IFC Dues
- (m) Dings
- (n) Monday Night Dinner Fee

Sec. 2 The amount of these items to be charged, specified in Article III, Sec. 1 of the By-laws, shall be set by the treasurer and approved by the active members at any regular meeting.

Sec. 3 (A) All bills will be paid within three weeks of the start of the term. Or have setup a payment plan through the Executive Committee. A failure to do so will result in the following measures:

- (1) All social privileges will be suspended. (Formals, Parties, etc.)
- (2) All voting privileges will be suspended.
- (3) Individuals can not eat house purchased food.
- (4) Bills will be posted on bulletin board and names of outstanding accounts will be read at active meetings.
- (5) A \$100 fine is added to the amount due per week past the third week.
- (6) All other measures set forth by the alumni board in the housing contract.

(B) The Executive Committee reserves the right to petition the university to withhold the diploma of any graduating member with an outstanding bill.

Sec. 4 The Executive Committee may withhold the privileges of the fraternity from any member with inexcusable outstanding bills as set forth in Article III, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws.

Sec. 5 All members shall furnish all his own transportation expenses unless otherwise approved by the active chapter.

#### **Article IV**

##### *Duties and the Officers*

Sec. 1 The President shall; preside at all meetings, uphold and enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Gamma Sigma, attend all university meetings where he is required to attend, and shall look over the fraternity's welfare and perform all duties delegated to him.

Sec. 2 The Vice-President shall act as the chairman of the Executive Committee, and advisor to all other committees. He shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice-President also must serve as Risk-Manager for all university required events and fill out all appropriate semester and annual Standards of Excellence forms in compliance with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Sec. 3 The Treasurer shall receive and disperse all fraternity funds and keep a record of the accounts. He shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions of the fraternity and shall present his books for auditing if necessary. The Treasurer is the official liaison to the Fraternity Managers Association. He shall pay the bills at his discretion summer semester, unless he relinquishes that duty to the President. The Treasurer shall make a comprehensive financial report at each meeting of the fraternity. This report shall include:

1. Fraternity expenditures
2. Outstanding bills
3. Ineligibility to vote due to outstanding bills as stated in Article III, Sec. 3 of the By-laws

Sec. 4 The House Manager shall oversee; the management of the House, the purchase of supplies and equipment at the discretion of the Treasurer, and an accurate record of those expenditures. He shall have a duty to see that the house is prepared for occupancy before each semester which includes assigning house duties. He shall meet with active members and new members during work sessions to direct and assist them in their work and issue dings as needed. He shall also head the House Improvement Committee.

- Sec. 5 The Commissary Chair shall be responsible for insuring the preparation of meals, menus, and ordering food and cleaning supplies. He shall also be responsible for appointing kitchen crew for each week. He shall be responsible for recruiting a cook.
- Sec. 6 The Recording Secretary shall keep roll, record the minutes as approved, and shall affix all the amendments to the Constitution and the By-laws in the authorized copies. Additionally, he shall keep an accurate record of all current fraternity policies not provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws. The Recording Secretary shall also record the Executive Committee meeting minutes. He shall also send the minutes to the chapter, the advisors, the Alumni Board President, Alumni Foundation President, and National President.
- Sec. 7 The Social Chair shall arrange all the social events for the fraternity with the goal of developing members socially. Events include but are not limited to: Hog Roast, Homecoming Week, Formal, Family Day, Greek Week, and Luau, assuming they act within their budget.
- Sec. 8 The Recruitment Chair shall be responsible for the new member recruitment program of the fraternity. Responsibilities may include; organizing recruitment events, contacting potential new members, AGS public relations with recruitment, among others. The recruitment chair heads the Recruitment Committee.
- Sec. 9 The Historian shall keep an accurate and interesting record of fraternity events. He shall maintain the herd book. He shall be the Assistant Editor of the Gamma Log and shall assist the Grand National Historian with the history of the National Fraternity. They will also assemble an annual yearbook as well as maintain and update the rolling house awards plaques.
- Sec. 10 The Chaplain shall be responsible for asking blessing at designated meals or when appropriate. He may assign the said duty to certain members for certain days. He will also assist the New Member Educator and Assistant New Member Educator in deciding big brothers for new members.
- Sec. 11 The Athletic Chair shall direct and encourage participation in campus intramural athletics. He shall be responsible for organizing football/basketball ticket seating groups for the following year.
- Sec. 12 The New Member Educator shall chair the New Member Development Committee, direct the new members in the new member education program, which is provided by the active chapter, and he shall report the progress of the new member class at all regular active meetings. The New Member Educator shall have the final-say in all I-Week related decisions.

- Sec. 13 The Assistant New Member Educator shall serve on the New Member Development Committee
- Sec. 14 The Alumni Coordinator will be responsible for faculty and alumni relations. He shall coordinate alumni, faculty, and other associated functions. His duties also include writing thank you notes to the alumni donors each semester and will read the names of donors from the previous week at each regular meeting.
- Sec. 15 The Philanthropy Chair shall be responsible for the house philanthropic functions and shall coordinate and encourage house participation in sorority and fraternity philanthropic events.
- Sec. 16 The Scholarship Chair shall chair the scholarship committee, maintain the house library, conduct steak and beans night, and keep a record of actives scholastic achievements. He shall also coordinate all fraternity study events. The Scholarship Chair is also the official liaison between the active chapter and the academic advisor.
- Sec. 17 The Fundraising Chair shall be responsible for organizing of all fundraising activities.
- Sec. 18 The Technology Chair shall chair the Website Committee. Also, the Technology Chair shall be responsible for maintaining; the computer room and all related supplies, internet access, house televisions, sound systems, and other related electronic devices.
- Sec. 19 The CFAES Student Council Representative shall attend all Student Council meetings, report to Council the activities of the house, and report to the chapter the activities of the council.
- Sec. 20 The Ding Manager shall be responsible for maintaining the list of weekly dings, enforcing collection, assessing ding delinquencies, and reporting any delinquent dings to the treasurer to be added to house bills for the current or upcoming semester.
- Sec. 21 The Apparel Chair shall be responsible for organizing, designing, and ordering all clothing provided for the chapter. He may be responsible for; the initial apparel package for new members, replacement apparel for actives, and any apparel ordered for AGS sponsored events. He shall be assigned a budget determined by the budget committee.
- Sec. 22 The board of trustees acting as a body shall represent the fraternity in all legal transactions, which arise within their term of office.
- Sec. 23 Any officer or committeeman of the fraternity may be required to report his activities and may be subjected to questioning if no report is given.

Sec. 24 Each office shall maintain a Sigma Log, documenting their activity as an officer for the reference of new officers. These Sigma Logs shall be kept in a separate binder and stored in the library.

Sec. 25 The President shall serve as the representative to the InterFraternity Council, attending all meetings and required functions of the InterFraternity Council. If the President is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances or refusal of the position by the President, the position shall be open to the Vice-President to accept. If he should decline the position, it passes on to the Treasurer and then onto Recording Secretary. If none of the above-mentioned officers accepts the said position, the President shall appoint an active to be the Interfraternity Council Representative.

Sec. 26 The Standards Board will be composed of the Secretary, Scholarship Chair, and one additional member with at least one semester of active status chosen by the Secretary and Scholarship Chair. The Standards Board will monitor that each member is upholding the standards of this fraternity. They will have the ability to recommend dings or sanctions as they see fit. The purpose of the Standards Board is to promote the wellbeing of members and that each member is upholding the standards of this fraternity.

## Article V *Committees*

Sec. 1 (A) The Executive Committee, with the power to vote, shall be made up of the following officers: President, Vice-President as Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, House Manager-Commissary, Recruitment Chair, and Social Chair.

(B) The Executive Committee shall act on the excuses for nonattendance at the meetings and other functions of the fraternity. They shall attend to such other business as may be necessary for the welfare of the fraternity. It shall further be the duty of the Executive Committee to report to the active chapter all ineligibilities as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws, to make all suspensions or changes of status as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws, and notifying the active chapter and all persons concerned.

(C) Each Spring semester the incoming executive committee, outgoing executive committee, and any interested active members shall review the Constitution and By-laws of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma by the end of Spring semester and report any changes to the active chapter. These changes are to be approved or rejected by majority vote of the active chapter.

Sec. 2 Standing committees shall be: New Member Development Committee, the Recruitment Committee, the House Improvement Committee, Budget Committee, Steer Show Committee, and the Website Committee.

Sec. 3 The New Member Development Committee shall review the fraternity education program and provide suggestions to improve it as well as to ensure the fraternity education program is carried out for the betterment of the new members and the fraternity. The New Member Development Committee shall also have the power to impose fines as they deem appropriate and to remove active members from I-Week activities at their discretion.

Sec. 4 The House Improvement Committee shall be responsible for the investigation of house improvement needs. They shall report findings to the Executive Committee once a semester. They shall also be responsible for presenting projects to the Alumni Board as well as acquire three estimates per project if possible. Members of this committee are selected by the House Manager.

Sec. 5 The Steer Show Committee shall be responsible for the organization and logistics involved with the Scarlet and Gray Midwest Showdown. This committee is comprised of an elected committee chair and volunteer members.

Sec. 6. The Recruitment Committee shall be responsible for the organization and promotion of recruitment events as well as all other recruitment activities as directed by the Recruitment Chair. Members of this committee are selected by the Recruitment Chair.

Sec. 7. The Website Committee will be responsible for maintaining the chapter's website. This includes updating the content of the website when needed, coordinating the payments of the website with the chapter's treasurer, and teaching the next chairman and any committee members how to access, update, and manage the content of the website. The Technology Chair will be the chairman of this committee.

Sec. 8 Special committees may be formed by the executive committee as the need arises.

## **Article VI**

### *Membership Requirements*

Sec. 1 A member shall be any male student enrolled in The Ohio State University or campuses with transferable credit.

(A) A new member must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point hour ratio, have earned at least 12 credit hours at an accredited university, and be in good academic standing. Any members in subsequent semesters must have a 2.00 grade point hour ratio to maintain active status in the fraternity.

(B) Any first semester transfer student must have left the previous school in good standing and have a 2.5 grade point hour ratio the semester prior to entering the fraternity. All other transfer students must meet the standards in Article VI, Sec. 1 (A), in order to enter the fraternity.

(C) If a student is eligible according to university rulings and if all other requirements are met, he shall be eligible for membership.

(D) An active member must live in the fraternity house for at least one academic year during their tenure at The Ohio State University, unless there are extenuating circumstances that are approved by the executive committee.

Sec. 2 (A) A new member shall attend all fraternity education meetings and all new member functions unless an excuse is accepted by the New Member Educator. He shall also attend two fraternity functions not otherwise requiring his attendance during his new member period, and perform all duties specified by the New Member Development Committee. Exceptions are left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

(B) A two-thirds vote is required to disapprove a new member for admission. During the regular active meeting in the week preceding I-Week, the active chapter may discuss and vote on membership of all new members if necessary.

Sec. 3 A unanimous approval vote of members present during any active meeting is required to extend a bid. A bid shall be good for a period of one year at the end of this time a new bid can be extended. No person, excluding legacies, can pledge without receiving a bid.

Sec. 4 (A) A member automatically becomes inactive providing he fails to have a cumulative grade point hour ratio of a 2.00, if he has an inexcusable unpaid bill, or if his semester point hour ratio is not satisfactory as deemed by the Executive Committee.

(B) Any inactive member in school is required to attend all meetings and meet all fraternity obligations of an active member. He is ineligible to vote or hold office.

Sec. 5 (A) Any member enrolled in The Ohio State University attending The Columbus campus may be placed on associate status by submitting a written request to the Executive Committee and then to the Active Chapter. Both groups must approve of the request by simple majority of the active members in attendance. The reasons stated in the request must be specific and include:

- (1) Personal reasons.
- (2) A monetary budget illustrating a lower financial obligation than the fraternity can offer.
- (3) Other extenuating circumstances.

(B) An associate member will be assessed an amount set by the Executive Committee.

(C) An associate member may resume active status upon submitting a written request to the Executive Committee and the Active Chapter. Both groups must approve of the request by simple majority of the active members in attendance.

(D) An associate member retains the following privileges:

- (1) Continued affiliation with the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma.
- (2) A key card to the 1918 Indianola House
- (3) Attending Formal Chapter Dinners
- (4) Attending social events (must pay social assessment)

Sec. 6 (A) Any member entering graduate school, or any other college may be placed on alumni status by submitting a written request to the Executive Committee and the active chapter. Both groups must approve of the request by simple majority of the active members in attendance.

(B) Any Alumni automatically becomes active upon request, upon entering graduate school or any other college at The Ohio State University.

Sec. 7 A member who has resigned may regain active status by submitting a written request to the executive committee and the Active Chapter. Active status can be regained only by a unanimous approval vote of all active members.

Sec. 8 Any member who resigns his active membership in the fraternity forfeits continued affiliation with the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

Sec. 9 Upon entrance of an active member's final semester as an undergraduate student, they have the right to apply for a senior status with the fraternity. No member who will be serving on the executive board can apply, nor does any member who owes money to the organization. Members who wish to apply must do so verbally before the chapter at meeting and must list the reasons for doing so. The active chapter will then vote on the applicant's status. Should they approve the application with a two-third vote, senior status shall be granted immediately. Members granted senior status are expected to pay a sum of dues determined by the executive committee. They are also expected to work at the Midwest Showdown Steer Show

and attend, at a minimum, 10 fraternity events during their final semester.

**Article VII**  
*Conduct of Members*

Sec. 1 All members shall conduct themselves when about the house in a gentlemanly manner. They shall observe all house rules drawn up by the house committees. They shall observe the rules of etiquette and so govern their voice and language to raise rather than lower the standards of the fraternity. Any serious violation of these house rules shall be a sufficient reason for expulsion.

Sec. 2 If any new member, active, associate, honorary, alumni, or anyone else associated with the fraternity show evidence of intoxication to the point that two or more actives feel a fine should be imposed, that said person and the accusers shall be brought before the Executive Committee to state and discuss the offense, and with a majority vote of the Executive Committee, the said person will be fined ten dollars for the first offense, and twenty-five dollars for each subsequent offense. If any new member, active, associate, honorary, alumni, or anyone else associated with the fraternity, appearing at a dry fraternity function with intoxicating liquor on his person shall be fined twenty-five dollars. Any fraternity function outside of the house, except for rush events, may be voted wet by a two-thirds majority of the active chapter. No alcoholic beverage will be permitted to be consumed or opened in the 1918 Indianola House. No house funds will be directly used to purchase alcoholic beverages for parties for any reason.

Sec. 3 New members, actives, associates, honorary, alumni, or anyone else associated with the fraternity will adhere strictly to The Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct. This code states that there shall be no "possession or keeping of a firearm of any description in the University Residence halls, premise, or University related premise." This fraternity shall be considered a University premises. Any violation of this rule by any person will be reported to the Executive Committee for disciplinary action.

Sec. 4 Possession of illegal drugs on the 1918 Indianola Property is strictly prohibited and members in violation of this section are subject to expulsion.

Sec. 5 New members, actives, associates, honorary, alumni, or anyone else associated with the fraternity that is accused of misusing the property of the 1918 Indianola Ave. house or damaging property of the fraternity causing undue expense to the active chapter should be brought before the Executive Committee to state and discuss the offense, the Executive Committee shall determine guilt and assess a fine appropriate for the damage, and may include withholding of fraternity privileges.

Sec. 6 New Members, Actives, Associates, Honorary, Alumni, or anyone else associated with the fraternity shall be deemed responsible for any guest that they allow on the 1918 Indianola Property. They shall be responsible to clean or pay for any damages made by their guests.

### **Article VIII**

#### *Order of Business*

Sec. 1 The order of business for regular meeting shall be: Call to order, opening ceremonies, introduction of special guests, approval of the last meeting's minutes, treasurer's report, officer reports, period of bids, executive committee report, committee reports, period of elections, old business, new business, advisor comments, suggestions for the betterment, and closing ceremonies.

### **Article IX**

#### *Miscellaneous*

Sec. 1 The table waiters are not the Board of Trustees of the fraternity. The Commissary Chair shall appoint them, and they shall be responsible to him in the discharge of their duties. Any active or new member is eligible to be a waiter on duty. The week(s) that an active or new member is assigned by the Commissary Chair will be posted by the end of the first week of the semester. Anyone who has a conflict with their assigned week is responsible to find a replacement. Noncompliance of waiter duty will result in a fine of fifteen dollars for chapter dinner and ten dollars any other dinner.

Sec. 2 Any active or inactive member absent from a new member activity that is mandatory, without providing an acceptable written excuse to the Executive Committee, shall be fined as decided by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3 Room assignments shall be made according to the number of active semesters that a member has lived in the 1918 Indianola Ave. house, with special considerations made for graduating seniors.

### **Article X**

#### *Advisors*

Sec. 1 The chapter shall interview many possible candidates including:

1. Faculty
2. Staff
3. Alumni

Sec. 2 The chapter shall attempt to show some variance in the departmental work of each advisor for the good of the fraternity.

Sec. 3 Each advisor shall understand the duties associated with becoming an advisor of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity and should indicate a willing capacity to serve. He/she should be abreast of functioning of the chapter and gain the contact and confidence of its members and assist them always.

Sec. 4 Each advisor should work closely with the officers, alumni, and possibly with the other chapters, especially the alumni board.

Sec. 5 Each advisor shall be aware of the scholastic status of the chapter and keep close accord with them.

Sec. 6 The fraternity must maintain at least two advisors, one Live-in Advisor selected by the Alumni Board, and an Academic Advisor.

## **Article XI**

### *Dings*

Sec. 1 This section shall supersede any ding defined both in this section and in another section of the Constitution or By-Laws. A ding listed in another section of the Constitution or By-Laws and not contained in this section shall still be enforceable. This article shall serve as a list of all dings of the Alpha Chapter. The Recording Secretary shall keep a list of additions, subtractions, and modifications. These dings shall be given effect from their date of acceptance until the next meeting that the constitution is revised. At that time, the Recording Secretary's list of changes shall be proposed and voted on as an addition to this section of the Constitution.

Sec. 2 All dings shall be issued at chapter meetings.

Sec. 3 All ding totals outstanding will be assessed another ding equal to the amount of the initial ding each week after the ding is past due. All unpaid dings at the end of the semester will be added to the upcoming semester's house bill.

Sec. 4 The following is a list of official house rules enforceable by dings:

(A) \$1 Dings

1. Swearing or cursing during Monday night dinner and meeting.
2. Swearing or cursing while in the front room.
3. Failure to be in the front room 15 minutes prior to for Monday Night Chapter Dinner without an excuse from the Executive Committee.

(B) \$5 Dings

1. Consumption of tobacco, food, or drinks in the front rooms.
2. Failure to be in business professional attire on Monday night dinner unless otherwise stated. Business professional attire includes: Suit jacket, dress shirt and slacks, tie, dress shoes, and dress socks.
3. Throwing of water inside the chapter facility.
4. Failure to control the conduct of personal guests. Any additional damages will be incurred by the member responsible for the guests.

(C) \$10 Dings

1. Parking between the hours of 9AM and 5PM in the cook's designated parking spot Monday thru Thursday and 9PM- 1PM on Fridays.
2. Parking in the designated parking spot for the live-in advisor.
3. Smoking of any substance within the Chapter house.

(D) \$25 Ding

1. Any intentional breaking of glass on chapter property.

Sec. 5

The following is a list of dings 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 Committee for them to decide if a motion should be brought before the Active Chapter for that member's expulsion.

1. Any active fighting on chapter property or at a chapter function.
2. Discharging any firearm or fireworks inside the chapter facility.
3. Consumption of alcohol inside the 1918 Indianola house.
4. Discharging of a fire extinguisher when no fire is present.  
Charges associated with recharging the discharged extinguisher will be added to the \$50 ding.
5. Firing an airsoft rifle anywhere on the 1918 Indianola property.

Sec. 6

The following is a list of dings associated with an office of the fraternity. All dings are issued at the discretion of the officer which they are assigned.

(A) House Manager

1. \$5 Ding

- a. Failure to do one's house duty to the expectation of the house manager.
- b. Failure to have one's room clean to the expectation of

the house manager by Monday night at 5pm.

2. \$10 Ding
  - a. Failure to clean a self-caused mess on the 1918 Indianola property.

(B) Commissary Chairman

1. \$1 Ding
  - a. For each item removed from kitchen and dining room at the discretion of the Commissary Chair. Examples include but not limited to cups, silverware, and plates.
2. \$5 Ding
  - a. Failure to do kitchen duty on assigned days to the expectations of the Commissary Chair (per person per day).

(C) Corresponding Secretary

1. \$5 Ding
  - a. Failure to submit gamma log articles to the Corresponding Secretary by the second Friday of the semester and each subsequent Friday until the article is submitted.

(D) Vice-President

1. \$5 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from the executive meeting.
2. \$10 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from Standards of Excellence events or other IFC events that are mandatory.

(E) Philanthropy Chair

1. \$50 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from any philanthropic event or community service event.

(F) Fundraising Chair

1. \$50 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from any fundraising event.

(G) Social Chair

1. \$25 Ding
  - a. Missing a shift at any house social function.
2. \$50 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from social function.

(H) Recruitment Committee

1. \$50 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from a previously announced recruitment event.

(I) Steer Show Committee

1. \$50 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from Steer Show on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (ding per day).

(J) House Improvement Committee

1. \$50 Ding
  - a. Unapproved absence from Housework Day or failure to complete make-up duties as assigned by the House Manager.

**Ratification**

*This Constitution and By-Laws of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma was crafted by the AGS Constitutional Convention on the Fifteenth Day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020. The steadfast devotion of these 11 brave souls has insured the future of this fraternal organization.*

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*Hayden Bowlin, 1633-A*

*Tristan Ward, 1618-A*

*Jimmy Stickley, 1638-A*

*Zak Jones, 1619-A*

*Austen Wood, 1640-A*

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2 **Section 6, Removal from Office**

3 Any member of the National Executive Council may be removed from office by the two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote  
4 of the other members. Any vacancies may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the  
5 National Executive Council.

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20 **Section 7, Expulsion**

21 A brother of the Fraternity may be expelled from membership by a three-fourths (¾) vote of his chapter  
22 or the National Executive Council after the appropriate hearing for any cause the chapter or Council may  
23 deem worth of such punishment. The chapter shall notify the National Executive Director of a brother  
24 who has been expelled in writing, stating the reason(s). The brother expelled can never use the name  
25 Alpha Gamma Sigma for any purpose or wear any articles, which represent, resemble, or symbolize the  
26 Fraternity.