

# **Constitution of Alpha Beta Chapter of Chi Psi Fraternity**

## **Preamble**

We, the members of Chi Psi Fraternity, to fully realize our purpose, do hereby adopt and establish this constitution as the guiding instrument of our organization.

## **Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be known as Alpha Beta Chapter of Chi Psi Fraternity. The purpose of this organization is to promote brotherhood and cultural and social interaction as defined in the National Constitution of this organization.

## **Article II Membership**

Section I. Membership in Chi Psi Fraternity shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of South Carolina- as faculty, staff, or full-time students. Students enrolled in the spring semester under the above conditions who have pre-registered for the fall semester, as well as students enrolled in summer classes, are eligible for summer membership.

Section II. Membership in Chi Psi Fraternity shall not be limited to persons based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status. It is policy of the University that an individual's sexual orientation be treated in the same manner.

Section III. Active membership in Chi Psi Fraternity shall be conferred upon those members who, in addition to the above requirements, have paid the semester dues in full by the last day of classes for the present semester.

## **Article III Finances**

The financial responsibility shall be borne by the members of the organizations. Chi Psi Fraternity reserves the right to levy dues or to sponsor fund-raising as deemed necessary by the membership. This is a non-profit organization

## **Article IV Leadership/ Organization**

Section I. The elected officers of this chapter shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

Section II. The elected officers of this chapter, with the exception of President, shall be chosen once a term by a majority of the undergraduate members voting at the last meeting of the first term and at the last meeting in April. All officers shall take office at the next regular meeting following their election. The President shall be chosen once each year by a majority of the undergraduate members voting at the last meeting in April. Each shall take office at the next regular meeting thereafter and shall serve for one year or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. The President shall appoint the Treasurer and Lodge Manager.

Section III. Nominations of candidates for Chapter office shall be opened at least five days prior to the election date.

Section IV. The President shall preside at the meetings of the chapter and the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the chapter or these By-Laws. He shall preserve order at all times in the meetings and shall be responsible for the observance of the Fraternity's purposes and ideals by the members. He shall be the Senior Delegate to the National Convention of Chi Psi Fraternity. The President shall be the official spokesman and representative of the chapter and a member of ex-officio of all committees.

Section V. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in absence or disability of the latter, and shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the conduct and performance of the Scholarship, Rushing, Pledge Education, Intramural, Social and Campus Activities Committees, and such other special committees as may be created.

Section VI. The Secretary, with the aid of the Librarian and the Historian, shall keep a record of the proceedings of the chapter, the Executive Committee, the chapter Financial Review board, and other Review Boards. He shall maintain a copy of the Chapter By-Laws with all amendments; shall compile a list of Chapter policies, which have been enacted; and shall maintain the chapter membership rolls. He shall also maintain such other records and files as shall be of interest or value to the chapter and the National Fraternity.

Section VII. The Treasurer of the chapter shall have charge of all financial matters relating to the chapter, subject to the supervision and under the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall report once per week to the Executive Committee with a correct statement of the financial conditions thereof; and upon request of the Committee on Undergraduate Activities of the International Fraternity he shall make a like report to it. He shall be responsible for the annual submission of a budget; yearly reports and the regular audit of the books to the National Fraternity. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account, in accordance with the chapter Advisory Board. The Treasurer shall train his Assistant Treasurer in the duties and responsibilities of this office. He shall be chairman of the Finance Committee. He shall be responsible for the securing bonding for all those who handle chapter funds.

Section VIII. The officers of the organization shall be elected from the active members. Any student seeking to hold or holding office must maintain the GPR requirement for graduation and remain in good standing in their respective college.

Section IX. The Faculty/Staff Advisor of Chi Psi Fraternity shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of a quorum of active members. The Faculty/Staff Advisor must be selected from full-time faculty or administrative staff members of the University. The Advisor shall serve as a liaison with the University, and help in the transition period between officers. The Advisor will be invited to and notified of all Chi Psi meetings and activities. If the Faculty/Staff Advisor is unavailable for activities said above, the Alumni Advisor shall take his place as his liaison.

Section X. The Alumni Advisor of Chi Psi Fraternity shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of a quorum of active members.

## **Article V Operations**

Section I. Regular meetings of the undergraduate chapter shall occur every Monday at 8:00 pm. Special meetings may be called by the President or by special request to the President by a quorum of members. Business may be transacted at a Special Meeting the same as a regular meeting, except the business, which these By-Laws state, shall be transacted at a regular meeting. The President must give posted and announced notice before a special meeting.

Section II. The presence of three-fourths majority of the undergraduate membership shall constitute a quorum, which must be present before any business may be transacted at a regular or special meeting.

Section III. There will be a fine for missing a meeting without a good excuse unless the President subject to the approval or disapproval of the Executive Committee excuses the absence. The fine will double throughout the semester. 1<sup>st</sup>- \$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$10.00, 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$20.00, 4<sup>th</sup>- \$40.00, etc.

Section IV. There will be a fine (just as absence) if a member leaves early or comes in after roll call. Two tardies shall constitute one absence and will be subject to a fine.

## **Article VI Amendments**

Section I. These By-Laws are amendable by the following procedure: At a regular meeting, a proposed amendment in writing shall be read, discussed, and re-read by the recording Secretary. It shall be voted upon in the manner of any other motion, except it shall be deemed to have passed upon the affirmative assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting. If the proposed amendment receives the necessary two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment shall be placed upon the agenda of the following regular

meeting for second reading and passage. The second reading shall take place at the next regular meeting and the proposal amendment to these By-Laws shall be read in the identical wording. When passed by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the members voting at this second meeting, it shall become a part of these By-Laws.

**Article VII  
Ratification**

The undersigned student of the University of South Carolina, after a three-fourths affirmative vote of active members, do hereby agree to follow the guidelines of this Constitution.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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