

Constitution of The Fraternity of Delta Psi

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Article First

Of the Organization of The Fraternity

Section I

Name

This Fraternity, founded in the year of our Lord 1847, in Columbia College and the University of New York, in New York City, shall be known as The Fraternity of Delta Psi.

Section II

How Composed

This Fraternity shall be composed of a Grand Chapter, Chapters, Chapter Trustees, Graduate Alumni Organization for each Chapter, Area Associations, and such other corporate organization as may from time to time be required to carry out the objects stated in Section IV.

Section III

Government

The government of the Fraternity shall be vested in the Grand Chapter, subject to the provision of this Constitution, the By-Laws of the Fraternity, the Book of Forms, the Book of the Law, the Book of Standing Law and the Book of Decisions. These last five documents, with the By-Laws of each Chapter, shall constitute the sole secret documents of this Fraternity and shall be binding on all its members, except that should ever there exist a conflict, disparity or variance between the aforesaid secret documents, including the said By-Laws of each Chapter, and this Constitution, the provisions of this Constitution shall in all respects control and such confliction provision, disparity or variance shall be null and void and of no effect. All powers not expressly given to the Chapters are hereby reserved to the Grand Chapter.

Section IV

Objects

The objects of this Fraternity are:

First.-To establish a bond of union between collegiate students who by moral, social, and intellectual good qualities have proved worthy of admission into the Order.

Second.-To improve its members by literary exercises.

Third.-To foster excellence and to kindle in its members such a spirit of responsibility and service as will inspire them best to contribute both to their university or college and the community.

Fourth.-To give to its members an extended circle of life-long supporters and brethren. Page 15

Fifth.-To advance each member of the Fraternity by the protection and support of his brother members.

Section V

Religion

This fraternity shall never adopt any set of religious opinions.

Article Second

Of the Brethren

Section I

Qualifications

The race, color, creed, sex or national origin of any candidate shall be no bar to membership in this Fraternity. Candidates for admission of this Fraternity must be undergraduates or graduates of, or otherwise connected with, some university, college, theological seminary or other professional school. No person shall be a candidate who belongs to, or If a member of the Fraternity shall join subsequently, any collegiate secret society, except that this section shall not apply to the academic, professional, literary, or honorary societies of any such university, college, theological seminary or other professional school.

Section II

Students of Other Colleges

No Chapter shall be limited as to the initiation of graduates or undergraduates of the institution at which it is established, nor as to graduates or undergraduates of other institution of higher learning, except that:

(1) No Chapter shall, during any one academic year, initiate more than five persons who are not graduates of or students at the institution where such Chapter is established, and

(2) No Chapter shall initiate any person who is a student attending another institution where a Chapter of this Fraternity is established, without approval signified by the unanimous vote of the active members of such other Chapter. Page 16

Section III

Proposal and Election

When a person appears worthy of admission into the Fraternity through one of its local Chapters, he shall be proposed as a candidate for the same by a brother, and due notice of such candidacy shall be given to all brothers who are full time students at the institution where such Chapter is located. Should any brother who is such a full time student and is present at those deliberative meetings when such person's name is placed in candidacy for such admission, object to such candidacy in the secret ballot held thereon, the proposal shall be considered rejected and shall not be entered on the minutes.

At any time before the actual invitation of a proposed candidate to join the Fraternity, if any brother of the local Chapter knows or had reasonable cause to believe that any brother who is a full time student at the institution where such Chapter is located and who has been absent from such deliberative meetings would object to such candidate he is obligated to give immediate notice of that fact to said Chapter. Such notice shall be equivalent of an objection in person from the brother who has been so absent from said deliberative meetings, and no further proceedings shall be taken on the proposed candidacy until such absent brother can be notified, and reasonable time given to him to avow or disclaim the objection made for him.

If there is no objection, or if an objection made on behalf of a brother previously absent from said deliberative meetings of said Chapter is now avowed by him, the proposed candidacy shall be inserted in the minutes. If an appropriate committee has not already investigated and reported on the qualifications of the candidate, it shall do so at this time.

Prior to the actual invitation of any candidate to join the Fraternity through any local Chapter, any brother of any Chapter of the Fraternity may make objection to such candidate, in person or by writing, and shall be given reasonable opportunity to present to the local chapter the basis of his objection. Should the local chapter, by secret ballot of those brothers who are full time students at the institution where said chapter is located, vote not to confirm such objection, such objection will be considered dismissed and of no effect.

If the report of the committee be favorable, and if any objection made by any brother who is not a full time student at the institution at which the chapter is located is not confirmed by said local Chapter, the brothers who are full time students at said institution and who are present at the meeting when the committee's report is presented shall by secret ballot vote upon the election of the candidate. A unanimous vote in his favor shall be necessary for his election. Upon such a vote, the elected candidate shall be invited by the committee to join the Fraternity through said local chapter, all in accordance with said Chapter's procedure for so doing.

When the policy of a particular educational institution so requires, or where the local chapter with the approval of the chief Officer specifies, the provisions concerning objection by a single brother and the requirements for a unanimous vote contained in paragraphs one, two and five, shall not apply, and instead a person's candidacy shall not be rejected where there is a substantial consensus in favor of his election, such substantial consensus to be determined under rules established by the local chapter and approved by the chief Officer. Page 17

Section IV

Joining Other Chapters

Any brother admitted as a full time student at a college or university at which there is a Chapter of the Fraternity, other than that through which he was admitted to the Fraternity, becomes ipso facto a

member of such Chapter. In all other cases, where a member one Chapter wishes to join another, he may do so only upon his written application in due form to and the consent of both the chapter through which he was admitted to the Fraternity and that which he proposes to join.

Section V

Hazing

Hazing of Pledges is prohibited by the Fraternity of Delta Psi.

Article Third

Of the Grand Chapter

Section I

How Composed

The Grand chapter shall be composed of the Grand and Ex-Chief Officers as shall be more fully specified and provided for in the By-Laws of the Fraternity, together with four delegates from each Chapter, which delegates shall be students at that institution where such Chapter is established and two delegates from the Chapter Graduate Organization of each such Chapter. The Grand chapter shall meet at least once each year, all as shall be more particularly provided for in the said By-Laws.

Article Fourth

Of Amendments

Section I

Notice Thereof

This Constitution, the By-Laws of the Fraternity, the Book of Forms and the Book of the Law, shall not be amended or repealed, except at a Special or Regular Session of the Grand Chapter, and only after notice in due written form shall have been given by first class mail to all those entitled to the same pursuant to the By-Laws of the Fraternity, such notice to be given six weeks prior to the date of the convention of said Session. Such notice shall set forth verbatim any proposed resolution concerning such amendments, or repeals. Page 18

Section II

Authority of Delegates

Subsequent to the receipt of such notice, each Chapter and Chapter Graduate Organization shall separately instruct its delegates who shall be selected pursuant to the By-Laws of the chapter and Chapter Graduate Organization, respectively, and who shall constitute the chapter and chapter

Graduate Organization, respectively, and who shall constitute the Chapter and Chapter Graduate Organizations' delegations, as to the manner in which such Chapter and Chapter Graduate Organization wishes its vote or votes to be recorded by said delegation on said proposed amendment or repeal in the Grand chapter. Such Chapter and chapter Graduate Organization, if it shall see fit, may also authorize its said several delegates to exercise their individual discretion as to the manner in which they personally shall vote upon any such proposed amendment or repeal, which shall have been properly brought before such Session.

Section III

Proposed Amendment or Repeal

At any time prior to a final vote on the proposed amendment or repeal, the language of the resolution in which it is set forth and as to which notice was given pursuant to Section I above, may be revised in a non-substantive manner by a majority vote of the members of the Grand Chapter present at the Session.

The vote upon the resolution as originally noticed or in its revised form shall be taken by Chapters (three-quarters of the delegates present of any Chapter at such Session shall cause such Chapter to be represented at such Session and will control its vote, but if such required fraction of such delegates present cannot agree as to such Chapter's vote, the chapter shall have no vote) and the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Delegations, voting as single Chapter units, of each of the Chapters represented and capable of so voting, together with the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Delegations, voting as single Chapter units, of each of the chapters represented and capable of so voting, together with the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the aggregate of the Grand Officers, the Ex-Chief Officers, and Graduate chapter Organization delegates present and entitled to vote pursuant to the By-Laws of the Fraternity, shall be necessary and sufficient for the adoption of any such resolution. Page 19

Bylaws of the Xi Chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi

Section 1 – Name and Purposes

1.1 Name

This chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi (hereafter "the Fraternity"), first founded in 1854 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, shall be known as the Xi (Ξ) Chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi (hereafter "the Xi Chapter").

1.2 Purposes

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Fraternity (Section IV), the purposes of the Xi Chapter are:

First- To establish a bond of union between collegiate students who, by moral, social and intellectual good qualities, have proved worthy of admission into the Order.

Second- To improve its members by literary exercises.

Third- To foster excellence, and to kindle in its members such a spirit of responsibility and service as will inspire them best to contribute both to their university or college and the community.

Fourth- to give its members an extended circle of lifelong supporters and brethren

Fifth- To advance each member of the Fraternity by the protection and support of his/her brethren.

Section 2 – General Membership

2.1 General Membership

The membership of the Xi Chapter shall be comprised of all individuals who have been fully initiated into the Fraternity in the tradition of the Xi Chapter.

2.1.1 Eligibility

All Students who are undergraduates or graduates of, or otherwise connected with some university, college, theological seminary, or other professional school are eligible for membership.

2.1.2 Anti-Discrimination Clause

The Xi Chapter shall not discriminate against any person who is eligible for membership on the basis of their race, political or religious beliefs, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability or economic standing.

2.1.3 Limitations

No person shall be eligible for membership who belongs to any collegiate fraternity, sorority, or secret society, excluding professional, literary or honorary societies, nor shall any person who has been expelled from the Fraternity. Page 20

2.1.4 Non-Transferability

Membership in the Xi Chapter is by invitation only and is not transferable to other chapters of the Fraternity.

2.2 Active Membership

The active membership of the Xi Chapter shall be comprised of eligible individuals who continue to pay active member dues and regularly attend meetings.

2.2.1 Eligibility

All enrolled students who have been initiated into the Fraternity are eligible for active membership, unless otherwise stipulated in these bylaws. In addition, members of the Fraternity who have been inducted into a chapter other than the Xi Chapter may become eligible for active Xi Chapter membership.

2.2.2 Undergraduate Membership

All undergraduate students who have been initiated into the Fraternity are expected to be active members as long as they are enrolled students.

2.2.3 Graduate Membership

2.2.3.1 Undergraduate students who are initiated during their graduating semester may be active for one semester immediately following their graduation if they so choose.

2.2.3.2 Graduate students who have been initiated into the Fraternity may be active for one semester immediately following their pledge semester if they so choose.

2.2.4 Dues

2.2.4.1 All active members are required to pay dues as levied by the Xi Chapter.

2.2.4.2 The amount of active member dues shall be as agreed by the Xi Chapter.

2.2.4.3 Dues shall be paid to Omega Financial according to the contract between the Xi Chapter and Omega Financial.

2.2.5 Inactivity

2.2.5.1 A member automatically becomes inactive in good standing upon withdrawal from school.

2.2.5.2 Current students may become inactive in good standing by submitting a petition for inactivity to the active chapter. If this passes and the member is in good financial standing with the Chapter then they are inactive in good standing. Page 21

2.2.5.3 A member becomes inactive in bad standing by failing to attend meeting or meet financial obligations to the Chapter, or by becoming inactive without a petition for inactivity or in spite of a failed petition.

2.2.6 Limitations

2.2.6.1 Except as provided in Section 2.2.3 above, students who are not enrolled in classes at the beginning of a given semester shall not be eligible for active membership.

2.2.6.2 Graduates who were initiated during their graduating semester and graduate students who have been initiated into the Fraternity shall not be eligible for active membership after the semester immediately following their pledge semester.

2.2.6.3 No undergraduate student may be an active member for more than eight (8) regular semesters.

2.3 New Members

2.3.1 Recruitment

A formal recruitment period, or “rush,” shall be held once per semester.

2.3.2 Election

New members shall be elected by a vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the active Chapter.

2.3.3 Induction

New members shall be inducted according to the Pledge Process of the Xi Chapter, which is coordinated by the elected Pledge Committee. After new members have elected to pledge, they shall be assigned big siblings to help them through the Pledge Process, and shall be educated in the history and secrets of the Fraternity and Xi Chapter.

2.3.4 Anti-Hazing Clause

Hazing, defined as intentionally or recklessly engaging in any conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical or emotional injury to a Pledge, is prohibited.

Section – Meetings

3.1 Occurrence

Meetings shall be held weekly during the regular school year, except during holidays and examination periods. Special meetings, apart from regular weekly meetings, may be scheduled as needed.

3.2 Attendance

All active members are expected to attend all meetings. If a member fails to attend three (3) meetings in any given semester, they shall become automatically inactive in bad standing. Page 22

Section 4 – Procedure

4.1 Order of Business

The standard order of business at all meetings shall include a time for officers and committees to report on the status of their posts, a time for the introduction of and voting on Chapter business, and a time for sharing of personal artistic and literary endeavors.

4.2 Rules of Order

The Xi Chapter shall conduct all meetings according to a parliamentary procedure loosely derived from *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Section 5 – Officers

5.1 Standing Officers

The standing officers of the Xi Chapter shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Fraternity (Article IV, Section II), and the length of terms for all officers shall be one semester, except for the Treasurer and President whose terms are two semesters.

5.2 Duties

The duties of officers shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Fraternity.

5.3 Eligibility

All active members are eligible for all offices.

5.4 Election

Officers shall be elected by a vote of the active Chapter.

5.5 Inauguration

Officers shall be inaugurated immediately after they are elected at the end of each term.

5.6 Restrictions on Non-Overlap

No member may hold multiple offices at the same time.

Section 6 – Committees

6.1 Standing Committees

The chairs of standing committees of the Xi Chapter and the length of terms thereof are as follows:

- Antoine's - This chairperson is in charge of Chapter meals and Family Dinner.

- Assistants to the President - These two (2) co-chairs assist the President.

- Assistants to the Treasurer - These two (2) co-chairs assist the Treasurer.

- Computer - This committee's two (2) co-chairs manage the Chapter's technology.

- General Activities Fund (GAF) - This committee has three (3) co-chairs responsible for organizing the Chapter's social events.

- Groundskeeper - This chair oversees parking lot and yard management and maintenance, and works with the House Manager to take care of recycling and trash on a weekly basis.

- House Manager - This chair is responsible for the building at 207 Pittsboro st, Chapel Hill, NC. Aspects include fire safety and inspections, maintenance, repairs, stocking house supplies, and organizing cleaning.

- Outreach - This is a three (3) person committee in charge of fundraising, grants, and service & philanthropy for the chapter.

- Pledge - These two (2) co-chairs are responsible for guiding new members through the Pledge Process.

- Rush - These three (3) co-chairs are responsible for new member recruitment.

- Sustainability - This committee is comprised of two (2) co-chairs who are responsible for maintaining sustainable environmental practices.

- SwingOut - These two (2) co-chairs are responsible for organizing the Chapter's annual SwingOut alumni weekend.

Every chair has a semester-long term except for SwingOut, whose term is one school year.

6.2 Eligibility

All active brethren are eligible for all committees. Inactive brethren who will be active the coming semester are also eligible for committees.

6.3 Elections

Committee members shall be elected by a vote of the active Chapter.

6.4 Ad Hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees may be formed by officer appointment or by an approved motion to create such a committee. The length of time for which an ad hoc committee shall exist shall be determined at the time of its formation. Page 24

Section 7 – Judicial Processes

The Xi Chapter shall conduct all judicial proceedings according to the Book of Forms of the Fraternity.

Section 8 – Relationship to Other Groups

8.1 The Grand Chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi

The Xi Chapter submits itself unto the Grand Chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi and its officers in all things lawful.

8.2 The St. Anthony Association of North Carolina, Inc. (SAANC)

8.2.1 Eligibility for SAANC Membership

Except as may otherwise be provided in the bylaws of SAANC, all members of the Xi Chapter shall be eligible for membership in SAANC.

8.2.2 Ex Officio Directors

Pursuant to the bylaws of SAANC, designated officers of the Xi Chapter shall serve as ex officio members of the SAANC Board of Directors. In the event that an inconsistency arises between this bylaw and those of SAANC regarding ex officio director representatives from the active Xi Chapter, the effective SAANC bylaws shall prevail.

8.2.3 Audit of Xi Chapter Financial Statements

The Audit Committee of the SAANC Board of Directors shall have the authority to audit the accounts of the Xi Chapter and to receive information regarding the finances of the Xi Chapter.

8.3 Omega Financial

Pursuant to the contract between the Xi Chapter and Omega Financial, chapter dues shall be paid to Omega Financial and Omega Financial has the authority to levy sanctioned fees and penalties.

Section 9- Miscellaneous

9.1 Mailing Address

The mailing address of the Xi Chapter is 207 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516.

9.2 Third Party Use of Physical Plant

Third party use of the property at 207 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina must be approved by the active Xi Chapter and by the St. Anthony Association of North Carolina, Inc. Page 25

9.3 Archiving

Copies of the Bylaws of the Xi Chapter shall be maintained by the Xi Chapter.

9.4 Contracts and Deposits

The President of the Xi Chapter has the ability to sign documents on behalf of the Chapter.

The Treasurer of the Xi Chapter has the ability to write checks and make deposits and withdrawals on behalf of the Chapter.

9.5 Confidentiality

The Chapter maintains the right to withhold documents referenced within these Bylaws as confidential. These documents include the Book of Forms, the Book of Law, and the Book of Standing Law.

9.6 Amendment

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by the active Xi Chapter.