

Constitution

of Phi Sigma Nu



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PREAMBLE

We, the brothers of Phi Sigma Nu, come together to enlighten ourselves and all others about American Indian rituals, traditions, culture, history and practices.

NAME

The name of the organization shall be Phi Sigma Nu herein referred to as “the Fraternity”.

FOUNDING FATHERS

The Founding Fathers of Phi Sigma Nu are Earl Evans, Chadwick “Chad” Hedgepeth, Greg Richardson and Marvin “Marty” Richardson of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe; Clarence “Bo” Goins, III and James Worriax of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and Sandon Jacobs of the Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe of Indians. As the originators and founders of the Fraternity, the title of “Founding Fathers” is so conferred on them and shall be continued in perpetuity to them exclusively.

The Founding Fathers shall continue to have, hold and enjoy all of their rights and privileges of membership as officers of every level of the Fraternity for their lifetime without the requirements, obligations and duties of membership. Notwithstanding, the Founding Fathers vest the governing authority of the Fraternity in the Chief Council of Phi Sigma Nu.

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

The Founding Fathers have built the fabric of our Fraternity on the founding principles of Leadership, Individuality, Community, Honesty, Wisdom, Pride and Unity. As such, the founding principles are vital in our efforts to bring social, health, spiritual, cultural, economic, educational, and financial opportunities to our membership and others.

SEVEN SACRED PHILOSOPHIES

The wisdom of our elders is contained in the seven sacred philosophies of Phi Sigma Nu so that we may be better fathers, sons, husbands, family members, friends, brothers, leaders and tribal citizens. These sacred philosophies manifest the values of our founding principles through the vows we take to be a vessel of the Creator, the responsibility we have to provide for our Family, the role we have in our Community, the manner in which we must respect our Earth, the tenderness with which we must cherish our Women, the duty we have to protect and nurture our Children, and finally the obligation we have to ourselves for our own individual walk with the Creator in manifesting His plan.

SEVEN SACRED CEREMONIES

RESERVED

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Brothers of Phi Sigma Nu, empower Native men to collectively engage in academic, social, cultural and physical realms to promote and inspire growth in tribal families, tribal communities, the United States of America and the world at large.

MOTTO

The Fraternity motto shall be “Men of Valor, Men of Pride”.

ARTICLE I *Brothers*

Section 1 The Fraternity’s brothers shall be those persons who have completed the Fraternity’s Membership Intake Process and have been duly initiated into the Fraternity. The Fraternity’s brothers shall be divided into three types Undergraduate, Graduate, and General.

(a) Undergraduate

Active Brothers of the Fraternity who were initiated into or transferred into an Undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity and enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for certification of a degree.

(b) Graduate

Active Brothers of the Fraternity who were initiated into or transferred into a Graduate Chapter of the Fraternity and have completed a post-secondary degree conferred by an accredited college or university.

(c) General

Active Brothers of the Fraternity who have met the obligations of membership and who are not participating as a member in an Undergraduate or Graduate chapter.

Section 2 The brothers shall be further divided into two subclasses, active and inactive, each with distinct obligations and privileges.

a) Active Members

Active Members include brothers who are in good standing as a member, regardless of Type or Class, that do not have or owe any outstanding obligations to the Fraternity or any of its Chapters.

b) Inactive Members

- i. any member who doesn’t meet the requirements of an Active Member under Article I, Section 2(a)
- ii. An inactive member forfeits all membership privileges outlined herein except he may wear the letters and paraphernalia of the Fraternity and may attend social functions upon paying applicable dues. Should an In-active member fall into bad standing, he shall not enjoy any rights or privileges of membership until his outstanding obligations are honored.

Section 3 The term *in good standing* shall designate those Brothers, active or inactive who do not have any outstanding obligations to any entity of the Fraternity.

Section 4 All brothers, active or inactive, shall be obligated to refuse membership with another Greek letter organization, except those of a professional or honorary nature, and to hold in the strictest of confidence all matters deemed confidential by the Fraternity.

ARTICLE II

Obligations and Privileges of Membership

Section 1 The membership obligation of all members shall be the following:

- (a) to adhere to this constitution and the policies of the Fraternity;
- (b) to pay the Fraternity's Chief Dues;
- (c) to attend no less than one function or meeting of the Fraternity per year;
- (d) and any other obligations specified in this constitution.

Section 2 The membership privileges of an active member in good standing shall be the following:

- (a) to elect officers of the Chief Council, provided that he is registered and attended the Chief Convention;
- (b) to hold an office of the Chief Council provided he meets the eligibility requirements and is elected;
- (c) to receive a copy of the minutes of the Chief Council;
- (d) to attend the social affairs of the Fraternity;
- (e) to participate in the ceremonies of the Fraternity;
- (f) any other privileges specified in this constitution.

Section 3 The membership obligations of a undergraduate chapter member shall be the following:

- (a) to attend no less than one function or meeting of the Fraternity or one of its chapters per year;
- (b) to pay the chapter's dues and the Fraternity's Chief Dues;
- (c) to complete the individual community service hour requirements of the Fraternity;
- (d) to attend the chapter's meetings;
- (e) to adhere to this constitution and the policies of the Fraternity;
- (f) to adhere to the rules outlined in the chapter's constitution, special rules of order and standing rules;
- (g) to attend one-half of his chapter's membership intake activities;
- (h) to maintain no less than a 2.0 cumulative grade point average;
- (i) to be enrolled at the College or University that the chapter was chartered; or with special provisions from each chapter unless otherwise approved by majority vote of the Chief Council;
- (j) to be considered a full-time student by the standards set by the College or University at which the chapter is chartered, unless otherwise approved by a majority vote of the Chief Council; and any other obligations specified in this constitution.

Section 4 The membership privileges of an active undergraduate chapter member in good standing shall be the following:

- (a) to vote at chapter meetings;
- (b) to hold an office within the chapter, if elected;
- (c) to elect the officers of the Chief Council, provided that he is registered and attends the Chief Convention;
- (d) to attend the social affairs of the chapter and Fraternity;
- (e) to participate in the ceremonies of the Fraternity;
- (f) any other privileges specified in this constitution.

Section 5 The membership obligations of a graduate chapter member shall be the following:

- (a) to attend no less than one function or meeting of the Fraternity or one of its chapters per year
- (b) to pay the chapter's dues and the Fraternity's Chief Dues;
- (c) to complete the individual community service hour requirements of the Fraternity;
- (d) to attend the chapter's meetings;
- (e) to adhere to this constitution and the policies of the Fraternity;
- (f) to adhere to the rules outlined in the chapter's constitution, special rules of order and standing rules;
- (g) to attend one-half of his chapter's membership intake activities;

Section 6 The membership privileges of an active graduate chapter member in good standing shall be the following:

- (a) to vote at chapter meetings;
- (b) to hold an office within the chapter, if elected;
- (c) to elect the officers of the Chief Council, provided that he is registered and attends the Chief Convention
- (d) to hold an office of the Chief Council provided he meets the eligibility requirements and is elected;
- (e) to attend the social affairs of the chapter and Fraternity;
- (f) to participate in the ceremonies of the Fraternity;
- (g) any other privileges specified in this constitution.

Section 7 The membership obligations of a general member shall be the following:

- (a) to attend no less than one function or meeting of the Fraternity or one of its chapters per year;
- (b) to pay the Fraternity's Chief Dues;
- (c) to adhere to this constitution and the policies of the Fraternity;

Section 8 The membership privileges of an active general member in good standing shall be the following:

- (a) to serve as a delegate at the Chief Convention;
- (b) to elect the officers of the Chief Council, provided that he is registered and attends the Chief Convention ;
- (c) to hold an office of the Chief Council provided he meets the eligibility requirements and is elected;
- (d) to attend the social affairs of the Fraternity;
- (e) to participate in the ceremonies of the Fraternity;
- (f) any other privileges specified in this constitution.

Section 9 The term *in good standing* shall designate those chapters who do not have any outstanding obligations to any entity of the Fraternity.

ARTICLE III *Undergraduate Chapters*

Section 1 Undergraduate Chapters are the first of the two subsidiary organizations, and shall be subordinate to the Fraternity in all cases.

Section 2 The obligations of an undergraduate chapter's affiliation with the Fraternity shall be the following:

- (a) be convening of no less than two chapter meetings per month from September to April inclusive;
- (b) the enrolled chapter membership numbering no less than four;
- (c) the approval by the Chief Council of the chapters constitution and any amendments thereof;
- (d) the adherence of the undergraduate chapter to this constitution, policies of the Fraternity and the Chief Council;
- (e) the reporting of information deemed necessary to the function of the Fraternity and the Chief Council;
- (f) the maintenance of a chapter cumulative grade point average of a 2.3 or better;
- (g) the adherence of the policies established by the College or University at which the chapter is chartered;
- (h) the successful completion of the program, community service, fundraising and philanthropic requirements of the Fraternity;
- (i) the approval by the Chief Council of the chapter's faculty/staff advisor and community advisor;
- (j) to submit chapter reports to the Chief Council by specified deadlines;
- (k) to maintain an off campus bank account and submit budgets as an addendum to chapter reports;
- (l) and to send a minimum of two (2) delegates to the Chief Convention annually.

Section 3 The privileges of an undergraduate chapter's affiliation with the Fraternity shall be the following:

- (a) the use of the Fraternity's name;
- (b) the sponsorship of social functions in the name of the chapter as an affiliate of the Fraternity;
- (c) the sponsorship of Membership Intake Processes;
- (d) the administration of business in the name of the chapter as an affiliate of the Fraternity.

Section 4 Undergraduate chapters may adopt their own special rules of order and special rules provided that those rules do not conflict with this Constitution, the chapter's constitution, the Bylaws, the chapter's bylaws, the acts of the Fraternity or the Chief Council, the Fraternity's parliamentary authority or any applicable federal or state statutes.

Section 5 Undergraduate chapter shall be named after the letters of the Greek alphabet in the order of their charter, i.e., Alpha, Beta, Gamma, etc., until the twenty fourth chapter is chartered and the twenty four letters of the Greek alphabet are exhausted; then Alpha will precede each letter, i.e., Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, etc. Each succeeding letter shall like wise precede letters in alphabetical sequence as needed, i.e. Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, etc.

Section 6 No chapter may be named after a Greek letter combination that is or was previously the name of a chapter of the Fraternity.

Section 7 The official name of a chapter of the Fraternity shall be “ _____ Chapter of Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity,” with the appropriate Greek letter or Greek letter combination inserted in the blank.

ARTICLE IV

Graduate Chapters

Section 1 Graduate Chapters are the second of the two subsidiary organizations, and shall be subordinate to the Fraternity in all cases.

Section 2 The obligations of a graduate chapter's affiliation with the Fraternity shall be the following:

- (a) be convening of no less than one chapter meeting quarterly from September to August inclusive;
- (b) the enrolled chapter membership numbering no less than four;

- (c) the approval by the Chief Council of the chapters constitution and any amendments thereof;
- (d) the adherence of the graduate chapter to this constitution, policies of the Fraternity and the Chief Council;
- (e) the reporting of information deemed necessary to the function of the Fraternity and the Chief Council;
- (f) the successful completion of the program, community service, fundraising and philanthropic requirements of the Fraternity;
- (g) to submit chapter reports to the Chief Council by specified deadlines;
- (h) to maintain a bank account and submit budgets as an addendum to chapter reports; and,
- (i) to send a minimum of two (2) delegates to the Chief Convention annually.

Section 3 The privileges of an graduate chapter's affiliation with the Fraternity shall be the following:

- (a) the use of the Fraternity's name;
- (b) the sponsorship of social functions in the name of the chapter as an affiliate of the Fraternity;
- (c) the sponsorship of Membership Intake Processes processes;
- (d) the administration of business in the name of the chapter as an affiliate of the Fraternity.

Section 4 Graduate chapters may adopt their own special rules of order and special rules provided that those rules do not conflict with this Constitution, the chapter's constitution, the Bylaws, the chapter's bylaws, the acts of the Fraternity or the Chief Council, the Fraternity's parliamentary authority or any applicable federal or state statutes.

Section 5 Graduate chapters shall be named after the letters of the Greek alphabet in the order of their charter, i.e., Nu Alpha, Nu Beta, Nu Gamma, etc., until the twenty fourth chapter is chartered and the twenty four letters of the Greek alphabet are exhausted; then Nu Alpha will precede each letter, i.e., Nu Alpha Alpha, Nu Alpha Beta, Nu Alpha Gamma, etc. Each succeeding letter shall like wise precede letters in alphabetical sequence as needed, i.e. Nu Beta Alpha, Nu Beta Beta, Nu Beta Gamma, etc.

Section 6 No chapter may be named after a Greek letter combination that is or was previously the name of a chapter of the Fraternity.

Section 7 The official name of a chapter of the Fraternity shall be "Nu _____ Chapter of Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity," with the appropriate Greek letter or Greek letter combination inserted in the blank.

ARTICLE V

Chapter Omega

Section 1 The Fraternity reserves the use of the name "Chapter Omega" for those Brothers who have passed away and gone to join the Creator. The names of the members of Chapter Omega shall be listed in the *Wallum Ollum* with the chapter they were initiated, the semester they were initiated, and dates of birth and death. No undergraduate or graduate chapter of the Fraternity shall be named "Omega Chapter."

ARTICLE VI

Chapter Expulsion

Section 1 The Fraternity reserves the use of the name "Chapter Expulsion" for those individuals whose membership has either been suspended or expunged indefinitely. The names of the individuals of Chapter Expulsion shall be listed in the *Wallum Ollum* with the chapter they were initiated, the semester they were initiated, the beginning and ending dates of suspension, and dates of expulsion.

ARTICLE VII

Revenue

Section 1 Each member shall pay to Phi Sigma Nu annually, and no later than August 31st, his Chief Dues which, shall cover his membership for the next fiscal year.

Section 2 At such time as an inactive brother submits a request to become a general member, he shall pay to Phi Sigma Nu his Chief Dues for the current year, which shall cover his membership until August 31st.

Section 3 A chapter shall not offer an interested man a bid or accept an inactive brothers' transfer into the chapter, if the interested man or inactive brother has not paid their Chief Dues for the current fiscal year.

Section 4 If, during the fiscal year, the Fraternity has received Chief Dues for a chapter member who withdraws from the chapter during the same year, then, at such time as the member applies for and is granted general membership, then the Fraternity shall consider the member's general membership paid for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Section 5 A member's Chief Dues may not be prorated or reduced, and may not be refunded, whether in part or in whole.

Section 6 The chapters or brothers shall pay to the Fraternity any fine imposed upon them by the Fraternity or the Chief Council no later than 30 days following the date of the imposition of said fine unless some other type of arrangements have been made with the Chief Treasurer.

Section 7 Each member of a chapter shall pay to the chapter such membership dues as are fixed by the constitution of said chapter.

ARTICLE VIII

Finance, Accounting, and other Sources of Revenue

Section 1 The fiscal year of the Fraternity and its chapters shall commence on September 1st and terminate on August 31st.

Section 2 The Chief Council shall install and maintain an efficient accounting system for the Fraternity.

Section 3 No later than the first day of May of each fiscal year, the Chief Council shall submit a draft budget for the Fraternity's administration for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget shall be considered for approval during the business meeting at the annual Chief Convention. Should a budget fail to be approved during the Chief Convention the Chief Council shall be authorized to operate off of the draft budget as submitted or amended by the Chief Council.

Section 4 All disbursements shall be made by check, cash, money order or debit/check card. An adequate proof of payment (receipt, invoice, etc.) should be obtained for financial purposes.

Section 5 The Chief Council shall designate the depositories of all funds of the Fraternity.

Section 6 The Chief Council shall have the power to authorize officers to execute and sign checks and to perform other acts to carry out the purposes and objects of this Article.

Section 7 The Chief Council may raise revenue from sources in addition to those specifically authorized in the Bylaws; however, the Chief Council may not levy assessments upon chapters or members, or commit Fraternity assets for business purposes, except as provided in this Constitution and in the Bylaws.

Section 8 A revenue raising activity, which does not conform to ethical and sound business, practices, or which is inconsistent with the purposes of the Fraternity, or which impugns the good name of the Fraternity shall be expressly prohibited.

ARTICLE IX *Chief Convention*

Section 1 The Fraternity's annual convention shall be called the Chief Convention, and shall convene on the last full weekend in July.

Section 2 The purpose of the Chief Convention shall be to receive annual reports of officers and committees, to elect officers and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3 The Chief Communications Committee shall send the call to convention, which shall include registration materials, to all brothers, no later than May 1st.

Section 4 Registration shall be open to the general members, the chapter members, and those inactive brothers who submit their Chief Dues in advance of, or with, their Chief Convention registration.

Section 5 In advance of the call of the convention, the Chief Council shall approve the location, budget, general program, registration fee, refund policy and inclement weather policy for the Chief Convention.

Section 6 The Chief Council shall approve the invitation of any guests invited for the purpose of addressing the assembly at the Chief Convention.

Section 7 Admission to the Chief Convention shall be restricted to those members who have registered and paid the applicable registration fee for the convention.

Section 8 The voting members of the Chief Convention shall be the incumbent elective officers, the duly elected and certified delegates from each chapter, and the duly elected and certified delegates from the general members in attendance.

Section 9 Following the call to the Chief Convention, each chapter shall elect 2 delegates and a first, second, third, and fourth alternate, who must be members in good standing within their chapter and the Fraternity.

Section 10 Undergraduate chapter delegates must have not earned a bachelor's degree to serve as a delegate at the Chief Convention.

Section 11 The general members shall convene prior to the Chief Convention to elect 4 delegates and a first, second, third, and fourth alternate.

Section 12 The manner of filling vacancies arising in a delegation shall follow that listed in the Fraternity's parliamentary authority.

Section 13 The location of the Chief Convention shall be determined one year in advance by a majority vote of the Chief Council by May of each year. Chapters that wish to host the Chief Convention are to submit a Chief Convention Bid Request as outlined in the *Nu Code* to the Chief of Communications by April 30th, one year before the proposed Chief Convention will be held. In the event that no proposals are received, the Chief Council will determine the location of the Chief Convention by a majority vote.

Section 14 In honoring the history of the Fraternity, the Chief Convention shall be held at the founding institution, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke every year ending in one and six. In the event the institution is not in session, the Chief Convention shall be held in Robeson County, North Carolina. Chapters submitting Chief Convention Bid Requests during these years should do so knowing the location has been predetermined by this Constitution.

ARTICLE X
Officers

Section 1 The officers of the Fraternity shall be the Chief Council and shall be a Chief President, a Chief Vice President, a Chief Secretary, a Chief Treasurer, a Chief of Communications, a Chief Dean of Ma'enos and a Chief Elder Brother.

Section 2 The Chief Council shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Fraternity, and shall perform such other duties as specified in this Constitution and the Bylaws. The Chief Council shall be subject to the orders of the Fraternity, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Fraternity, this Constitution and the Bylaws.

Section 3 Meetings of the Chief Council shall be called Gatherings of the Chiefs.

Section 4 Unless otherwise ordered by the Chief Council in a particular case, regular Gatherings of the Chiefs shall be held bimonthly from September to July, inclusively.

Section 5 Special Gatherings of the Chiefs may be called by the Chief President, and shall be called by the Chief Council upon the written request of four members of the Chief Council.

- (a) Notice of the special Gatherings of the Chiefs shall be delivered by the Chief President by electronic mail or by first class mail no later than ten days prior to the meeting, and shall include the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting.
- (b) Business during the special Gatherings of the Chiefs shall be confined to the purpose stated in the notice.

Section 6 All Gatherings of the Chiefs shall be closed to the general public. An invitation issued to a guest for the purpose of that guest making a presentation shall be approved by a majority vote of the Chief Council, provided that all guests are excused following their presentations; however, the Chief Council may approve through a unanimous vote the presence of non-members during Gatherings of the Chiefs.

Section 7 All Gatherings of the Chiefs shall be open to the active members, excepting that the Chief Council may go into executive session by a majority vote.

Section 8 The Chief Council may appoint such special committees as are needed to assist the Chief Council. Special committees of the Chief Council shall report only to the Chief Council.

Section 9 Four-sevenths of the elected or appointed Chief Council shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special Gathering of the Chiefs.

Section 10 In the case that an office, except that of the Chief President, is vacated prior to the end of an officer's term, the Chief Council shall appoint a successor by a two-thirds vote, who shall serve the remainder of that officer's term. If the appointee is not present at the time of appointment, the Chief Secretary shall notify the appointee in writing no less than ten days following the Gathering of the Chiefs at which the appointment was made.

Section 11 No member shall hold more than one office of the Fraternity at a time.

Section 12 No officer shall hold a parallel office on the chapter level.

Section 13 All officers shall serve for terms of 2 years or until their successors are selected and qualified.

Section 14 On even years the following offices will be up for election: Chief President, Chief Elder Brother and Chief Treasurer. On odd years the following offices will be up for election: Chief Vice-President, Chief Dean of Ma'enos, Chief of Communications and Chief Secretary.

Section 15 If an office of the Chief Council fails to be elected at the Chief Convention, the Chief Council shall at the next Gatherings of Chiefs, appoint a successor by a two-thirds vote, which shall fill the remainder of the term of office.

Section 16 The Chief Council shall convene annually during the last full weekend of August for a working retreat to prepare for the upcoming fiscal year. In the event of a scheduling conflict each officer shall notify the Chief President via electronic mail no later than thirty days prior to the retreat in the event special arrangements can be made.

ARTICLE XI *Eligibility for Office*

Section 1 Provided that a member has met the financial obligations of the Fraternity and the requirements for active membership, he may qualify for the office based on the following requirements: the Chief President, the Chief Vice President, the Chief Treasurer, the Chief Dean of Ma'enos, the Chief Secretary, the Chief of Communications and the Chief Elder Brother must be a member who has been awarded an undergraduate degree. The Chief President, the Chief Dean of Ma'enos, and the Chief Elder Brother must have a minimum of two years active membership with the Fraternity.

Section 2 Nominees for office must have met the eligibility requirements provided for in this Constitution at the time of their nomination.

Section 3 If an officer of the Chief Council has not paid his Chief Dues by the November council meeting, his office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the Chief Council.

ARTICLE XII *Tribunal*

Section 1 In recognizing the need to evoke internal mechanisms of dispute resolution and enforcement of the governing documents and laws of the Fraternity, all judicial authority of the Fraternity is vested in the Tribunal. The Tribunal is responsible for upholding this Constitution as the supreme law and to ensure equal justice under the laws of the Fraternity to all who may come before it.

Section 2 The judicial processes of the Fraternity shall be open to every member either active or inactive, and all persons who shall enter into the jurisdiction of the Fraternity, and all activities occurring within the responsibility of the Fraternity. Speedy and certain remedy shall be afforded under the terms of this Constitution for every wrong and injury to person, property or reputation wherein said remedy does not conflict with the laws of the Fraternity. The Chief Council shall prescribe the laws pertinent thereto.

Section 3 The Chief Council shall have no power to deprive the Tribunal of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a branch of the government of Phi Sigma Nu under this Article.

Section 4 The Tribunal shall be organized into one superior body called the Chief Tribunal, and a number of inferior bodies among the chapters of the Fraternity.

(a) The Chief Tribunal shall be comprised of a Chief Justice and two (2) Peace Chiefs. The Chief Elder Brother shall serve as the Chief Justice by virtue of his election to the office of Chief Elder Brother and shall hold this position concurrent with his elective term in office. The Peace Chiefs shall

each be nominated by the Chief Elder brother and confirmed, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of, the Chief President.

(1) Provided that a member has met at minimum, the financial obligations to the Fraternity, the requirements for active membership, and has been awarded an undergraduate degree, he shall be qualified for nomination and appointment as Peace Chief.

(2) A Peace Chief shall have the authority to exercise police powers under order of the Chief Justice throughout the entirety of the Fraternity without regard to the subordinate authority or jurisdiction of a chapter.

(b) Inferior bodies among the chapters shall be comprised of a Chapter Justice of the Peace and two (2) Peacekeepers. The Chapter Elder Brother shall serve as the Chapter Justice of the Peace by virtue of his election to the office of Elder Brother and shall hold this position concurrent with his elective term in office. The Peacekeepers shall each be nominated by the Chapter Justice and confirmed, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Chapter President.

(1) Provided that a member has at minimum, met the financial obligations to the Fraternity, the requirements for active membership, he shall be qualified for nomination and appointment as Peacekeeper.

(2) A Peacekeeper shall have the authority to exercise police powers under order of the Chapter Justice throughout the jurisdiction of his chapter, shall assist under the charge of another chapter while in that chapter's jurisdiction or by order of the Chief Justice.

Section 5 It shall be the obligation of the Tribunal to ensure fair and speedy disposition of alleged offenses and accusations against the members, chapters and government of the Phi Sigma Nu as allegedly committed by or against the members, chapters and government of Phi Sigma Nu. Each member of the Fraternity shall adhere to and enforce the judgment orders of the Tribunal. Further, any member of the Tribunal which is a party to, has knowledge of or witnesses an allegedly unlawful act committed by or against a member, chapter or government of the Phi Sigma Nu has the duty to bring forth charges to be heard by the Tribunal. Any Tribunal member not doing so may be charged himself by other members of the Tribunal.

Section 6 Any final judgment order issued by the Tribunal which is inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Fraternity shall be rendered null and void.

Section 7 The Chief Council does not and shall not have the authority to overturn or change a decision or final order of the Tribunal and must enforce a final order of the Tribunal, except that no member shall be expunged, ostracized or have letters permanently stripped by a chapter, and no chapter shall be permanently dissolved, without benefit of automatic appeal to the Chief Tribunal to be heard in a trial by jury, with the majority vote of the jury comprised of the Chief Council, seven (7) Brothers in good standing, and the Chief Tribunal, exercising one collective vote each, determining the final fate of the member or chapter.

Section 8 The Tribunal, upon approval of authorization by resolution of the Chief Council, shall be responsible for the filing of a civil or criminal action in a public court of law on behalf of the Order.

Section 9 If a chapter has less than ten (10) active members, the governing officers of the chapter shall have the power to act as the chapter tribunal in a separate meeting held for purposes of resolution of disputes.

ARTICLE XIII

Committees

Section 1 The committees of the Fraternity shall be the Chief Foundation Committee, Chief Intake Committee, Chief Rules Committee, Chief Communications Committee, and Chief Financial Committee. The duties of these committees are specified in the Bylaws.

Section 2 The Chief Council shall establish any ad hoc committees it deems necessary. In the event of the establishment of an ad hoc committee, a chair of the committee shall be appointed by the Chief Council. The duties of said committee shall also be determined by the Chief Council.

ARTICLE XIV

Marks and Emblems

Section 1 The Fraternity Symbol shall be the snapping turtle.

Section 2 The Fraternity Mascot shall be the caricature of a turtle known as “Speedy”.

Section 3 The Fraternity Colors shall be in the following order: red, yellow, black and white.

Section 4 The Fraternity’s Greek Letters shall be in the combination of “ΦΣΝ”.

Section 5 The Fraternity prohibits the use of any version of its name, seal, flag, crest, mascot or Greek letters on paraphernalia which is used for the primary purpose of consuming alcohol or drugs.

Section 6 The official corporate seal of the Fraternity shall be used by the Chief Council only to validate official papers and documents issued by the Fraternity.

Section 7 The Chief Council shall grant permission to its chartered and provisional chapters, general members, Chief Committees and ad hoc committees to use the Fraternity corporate seal, flag and/or crest by a majority vote of the Chief Council provided that said chapter, colony, general member, Chief Committee and ad hoc committee submit a written description of its intended use of the corporate seal, flag and/or crest, fifteen calendar days prior to a regularly scheduled Chief Council meeting.

Section 2 Graphics of the Fraternity’s corporate seal, flag, crest and mascot along with a complete description are located in the document *The Wallum Ollum*.

ARTICLE XV

Insurance Indemnification

Section 1 The Chief Council, at its discretion, may purchase a comprehensive or limited general liability insurance policy for the protection of all general members, chartered chapters, and colonies and the member of such chapters and colonies.

Section 2 Chapters shall be billed for premiums by the Fraternity, prorated, based on membership, for the cost of such insurance.

Section 3 The Chief Council shall purchase a bond on the Chief Treasurer.

ARTICLE XVI
Risk Management

The Fraternity adopts and at all times shall abide by the current FIGP, Inc. Risk Management Policy. These policies shall apply to all Fraternity entities, subsidiaries, and all levels of membership.

ARTICLE XVII
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Fraternity in all cases, which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, the Bylaws, any special rules of order the Fraternity may adopt, and any state or federal statutes applicable to this organization.

ARTICLE XVIII
Amendment of Constitution

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing in the manner provided for the introduction of resolutions as prescribed in the Bylaws.