

By-Law XVII – Local Chapter Ordinances

Gamma Sigma Chapter Ordinances

Ordinance 1 – Title

Sec. 1. This Chapter shall be known as Gamma Sigma Chapter, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter, according to the Charter granted by Alpha Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Fraternity, under the date of March 26, 1949.

Sec. 2. No additions to By-Law I, Sec. 2 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 2 – Membership

Sec. 1. Each member shall attend no less than fifty-one percent (51%) of all scheduled meetings. This requirement shall only apply during the period that each member is registered for classes at the University of Florida by the College of Pharmacy Academic Affairs Office. To maintain good standing you must meet the following criteria: attend 51% of all scheduled meetings, pay dues in full, and participate in one community service event per semester. Each member shall also be required to participate in at least one (1) professional activity during each semester. A member with two (2) consecutive unexcused absences or who misses the professional activity shall immediately be declared not in good standing. In order to be excused from the above requirements, the member shall notify the regent, the vice-regent, or the recording secretary in person, or by e-mail, phone call, or text message no less than 24 hours prior to the event. The appropriate notified officer shall determine the validity of the “excuse” and shall, when in doubt, consult the chapter.

Ordinance 3 – Election of Members

Sec. 1: Only candidates who completed the prescribed pledging process, as outlined by the Chapter’s local pledge policy shall be admitted for membership in the Chapter.

Sec. 2: The envelope method shall be used for these elections. A ballot shall be placed into an unsealed standard white envelope. Upon the flap of each envelope shall be printed the name of one eligible voting member. These envelopes containing the ballots shall be dispensed to the appropriate members present. After the member has voted, he shall return the ballot to its envelope without sealing the flap. Teller #1 will then collect all envelopes and ballots and verify them against the attendance roster, simultaneously tearing off each flap upon which there is a name. These envelopes containing the ballots (with all the flaps removed) shall then be presented to Teller #2 who shall tally the votes in secrecy and upon completion advise the presiding officer of the results. Ballots used for these elections shall list each pledge alphabetically, with the following choices to be made by each eligible voting member: admission, denial, or abstention. Pledges who receive three denial votes shall be denied membership in the Chapter. Pledges receiving an admission vote from at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members (which includes all admission and abstentions) and who have received two or less denial votes shall participate in the formal initiation as outlined in the constitution and the ritual handbook.

Ordinance 4 – Officers and Order of Election

Sec.1. The Officers of the Chapter and the Order of Election shall be: Regent, Vice-Regent, Recording Secretary, Coresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and Grand Council Deputy.

Ordinance 5 – Qualification, Election, and Installation of Officers

Sec. 1: Nominations for all officers shall be made on or before the seventh (7th) week of the spring semester. Elections of officers shall be held on the eighth (8th) week of the spring semester, at the regularly scheduled meeting. Additional chapter qualifications require that all candidates for office shall have been a member in good standing, in this chapter, for at least ten weeks. Candidates for the office of regent shall present themselves before the chapter in an open discussion regarding their plans for the chapter.

Sec. 2. No additions to By-Law V, Sec. 2 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 3. No additions to By-Law V, Sec. 3 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 4: Officers-elect shall be installed into office on or before the twelfth (12th) week of the semester.

Sec. 5: In an officer-elect fails to present himself for installation, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable cause, the installing officer (regent) shall declare the office vacant. If an objection to the installation of the officer-elect is sustained, the regent shall declare the election for that office null and void and order a new election. This election may be held at the same meeting or at a subsequent meeting, as the chapter may determine, however, at no time shall the office be vacant for more than one (1) week. The member against who objection is made shall not vote in his own case.

Sec. 6: Vacant offices occurring by reason of death, incapacitations, resignation, or suspension shall be filled within seven (7) days, as per By-Law V and its corresponding ordinances.

Sec. 7. No additions to By-Law V, Sec. 7 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 6 – Duties of the Officers

Sec. 1: The regent shall make all appointments and dismissals of appointment (for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of duty).

Sec. 2: This chapter shall elect one (1) vice-regent. The vice-regent shall act as a liaison between all committees of the chapter and the executive committee. Additionally, he shall seek out members as possible candidates for appointed positions and make such recommendations to the regent.

Sec. 3. No additions to By-Law VI, Sec. 3 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 4: The corresponding secretary shall chair the judiciary committee.

Sec. 5: The treasurer shall prepare a written copy of the financial report which will be added to the minutes of each meeting.

Sec. 6: No additions to By-Law VI, Sec. 6 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 7: The historian shall be the chapter photographer, shall maintain bound issues of the Mask and chapter newsletters, and shall prepare quarterly chapter reports to be forwarded to the mask editor. No more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per semester shall be expended from the capital gains account by the historian in the performance of duties.

Sec. 8: The Chaplain shall present notable opinions reflecting the concept of brotherhood, in an effort to maintain a positive attitude amongst the chapter at all times.

Sec. 9: The Sergeant-at-arms shall be empowered to evict any member from any chapter function who is found to be unreasonably out of order. He shall be responsible for ensuring that chapter paraphernalia is at all chapter meetings and initiations.

Sec. 10: No additions to By-Law VI, Sec. 10 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 11: No additions to By-Law VI, Sec. 11 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 12: No additions to By-Law VI, Sec. 12 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 13: No additions to By-Law VI, Sec. 13 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 7 – Committees and Their Duties

Sec. 1: No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 1 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 2: This chapter recognizes the following perpetual committee: Informal Initiation Advisory Committee and an Awards Committee.

Sec. 3: No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 3 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 4: No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 4 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 5: No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 5 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sub-Sec. A. The executive committee shall be authorized to spend no more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the general treasury without prior approval of the chapter, provided that the chapter be notified of such expenditure at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Sub-Sec. B. No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 5, Sub-Sec. B of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sub-Sec. C. No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 5, Sub-Sec. C of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sub-Sec. D: The chairman of the scholarship committee shall represent this chapter on the Kappa Psi – Rho Pi Paul Hudson Memorial Scholarship Award Committee. The scholarship committee shall also

determine the Kappa Psi Brother of the Year, based on the criteria specified in the Chapter's local scholarship policy. The scholarship committee shall maintain a returned exam file.

Sub-Sec. E: The graduate relations committee shall see to it that graduating elect on chapter member who shall organize a five-year reunion. The duties of this elected graduate will include maintenance of current addresses of all graduating chapter members in his class which shall be forwarded annually to this chapter no later than February fifteenth (15th).

Sub-Sec. F: A pledge master and a little sister coordinator will be elected members of the social committee and shall be elected by the chapter on or before the eighth (8th) week of each semester. There shall be at least one (1) little sister rush function by the end of the seventh (7th) week of fall semester. (This function shall be promoted primarily for the little sisters and potential pledges, however, potential brother pledges may attend.) A chapter sweetheart shall be elected by the little sisters, under the direction of the social committee, on or before the fourth (4th) week of spring semester.

Sub-Sec. G. No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 5, Sub-Sec. G of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sub-Sec. H. The finance committee shall formulate a semester budget and itinerary, on or before the second (2nd) week of the semester. Once approved by the chapter, a copy of this itinerary (excluding the budget) shall be published and mailed to the alumni and faculty affiliates of this chapter.

Sub-Sec. I. No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 5, Sub-Sec. I of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sub-Sec. J. The professional relations committee shall formulate at least one (1) professional activity during each semester.

Sub-Sec. K. A Kappa Psi representative to the college of pharmacy student council shall be an elected member of the Interfraternity Committee. The student council representative shall be elected by the chapter on or before the eighth (8th) week of each semester.

Sub-Sec. L. No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 5, Sub-Sec. L of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sub-Sec. M. The athletic committee shall organize and perpetuate an annual Kappa Psi vs. Rho Pi Phi Football game. The athletic committee shall promote the sale of tickets to this game, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Paul Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund. In the event that ticket sales are less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) the deficit shall be made-up from the professional activities fund so that no less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) will be contributed to this scholarship annually. The athletic committee shall organize the annual Kappa Psi Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament shall be distributed as follows: Forty-five percent (45%) shall be allocated to the professional activities fund and fifty-five percent (55%) shall be allocated for the "Kappa Psi Weekend."

Sub-Sec. N. The duties of the Information Initiation Advisory Committee shall be....

Sub-Sec.O.: The awards committee shall ensure that the following annual awards be presented: Kappa Psi Brother of the Year, Kappa Psi Pharmacist of the Year, and Kappa Psi Little Sister of the Year. Elections for these awards shall be held during the spring semester and they should be presented at the spring awards banquet. The criteria for these awards shall be defined by the Chapter.

Sec. 6. No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 6 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 7. No additions to By-Law VII, Sec. 7 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 8 – Records

Sec. 1. No additions to By-Law VIII, Sec. 1 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 9 – Unethical Conduct

Sec. 1. No additions to By-Law IX, Sec. 1 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 2. No additions to By-Law IX, Sec. 2 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 3. No additions to By-Law IX, Sec. 3 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 10 – Meetings

Sec. 1: The regent shall designate and announce the first regular chapter meeting each semester. The time and day of the regular chapter meetings throughout the semester shall be established by two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing present at the first meeting of each semester. A motion to change the time or day of a regularly scheduled meeting shall be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting members. Henceforth, eligible means brothers in good standing. These regularly scheduled meetings shall not exceed one (1) hour in duration unless extended by the Regent and not overridden by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible members present.

Sec. 2. The Chapter shall not charge a fee for missed meetings, however in order to regain good standing, a member who has lost privileges due to attendance must attend four (4) meetings in a row.

Sec. 3. No additions to By-Law X, Sec. 3 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 4. No additions to By-Law X, Sec. 4 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 11 – Dues

Sec. 1: Each newly initiated member shall pay to the treasurer the Grand Council Membership Fee of thirty-five dollars (\$45.00) within seven (7) days of formal initiation.

Sec. 2: Each member shall pay forty-five dollars (\$45.00) dues to the chapter for fall semester and forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for spring semester, annually. Each member shall pay a ten percent (10%) late fee, weekly, on the balance of the outstanding debt owed to the chapter, to commence immediately

following the second (2nd) regularly scheduled meeting of the semester. A pro-rated payment schedule may be arranged between the member and the chapter at the discretion of the treasure. Funds generated by the chapter dues shall be apportioned as follows: Fifteen percent (15%) shall be allocated to the professional activities account, Two-hundred forty dollars (\$240) shall be allocated to the capital gains account from the remaining total dollar amount to be brought in by the payment of all chapter dues due. The funds in this account shall be used for the business expenses of the chapter: stationary, mailings, photocopies, photography, and other business-related expenses. Additionally, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) shall be allocated from this fund each semester to accumulate and generate the tri-annual Grand Council Convention Delegates' Registration Fees, and The remaining funds generated by the chapter dues shall be allocated to the general treasury to be utilized at the discretion of the chapter.

Sec. 3. No additions to By-Law XI, Sec. 3 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 4. No additions to By-Law XI, Sec. 4 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 5. No additions to By-Law XI, Sec. 5 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 12 – Secrecy

Sec. 1. No additions to By-Law XII, Sec. 1 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Sec. 2. No additions to By-Law XII, Sec. 2 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 13 – Ritual of Initiation

Sec. 1. The Brothers of the Chapter hereby condemn the act of hazing as defined by the University of Florida, and further, agree to adhere to all the rules and regulations affecting the University of Florida and its students.

Ordinance 14 – Quorum

Sec. 1. No additions to By-Law XIV, Sec. 1 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 15 – Parliamentary Procedure

Sec. 1. No additions to By-Law XV, Sec. 1 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

Ordinance 16 – Amendments (Local Chapter Ordinances)

Sec. 1. No additions to By-Law XVI, Sec. 1 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.

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Sec. 4. No additions to By-Law XVI, Sec. 4 of the Uniform Collegiate Chapter By-Laws.