

# TRI DELTA

## 2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

### AMENDMENT 1 EMBLEMS

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 7, Article V, Section 1A (4)

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**Description:** This proposed amendment provides additional language to include the addition of the Circle Degree pendant as a special emblem of the Fraternity.

(4) *Special Emblems.*

- c. A Circle Degree pendant may be made available to members upon the completion of the Circle Degree. The emblem shall be a gold pansy set with a pearl embedded in a circular cerulean blue enamel setting.

**Explanation:** The Ritual Committee researched and proposed the design and implementation of the Circle Degree pendant. Upon design approval from the Executive Board, it became necessary to include its description in the *Bylaws* as a special emblem.

### AMENDMENT 2A EMBLEMS

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 7, Article V, Section 1C

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**Description:** This amendment deletes superfluous language, clarifies the procedure for surrendering Fraternity property and restructures the section.

#### Section 1. Emblems.

C. *Surrender.* The Executive Board may authorize the alumna advisor, any Fraternity representative or any member of the Executive Board to demand and receive any emblems bestowed on the member or new member. Emblems shall be surrendered under the following circumstances:

- (1) *The New Member Pin.* The new member pin shall be surrendered to the collegiate chapter:
  - a. upon the new member's resignation or termination of membership;
  - b. upon the new member's withdrawal from school; or
  - c. upon the new member's Initiation.
- (2) *The Stars and Crescent Badge.* ~~Possession of the Stars and Crescent badge~~ and certificate of membership shall be ~~relinquished by a member~~ surrendered to the Corporation:
  - a. upon the member's resignation or termination of membership;
  - b. upon becoming a member not in good standing of the Fraternity ~~or during probation or other disciplinary proceedings~~ as provided in Article XVII;
  - c. upon becoming a member not in good standing of the collegiate chapter for financial reasons; or

- d. upon death of a member, the Stars and Crescent badge shall be surrendered ~~to the Corporation~~ unless permission for other disposition has been granted by the Executive Board.

If adopted, Article V, Section 1C would read:

### Section 1. Emblems.

- C. *Surrender.* The Executive Board may authorize the alumna advisor, any Fraternity representative or any member of the Executive Board to demand and receive any emblems bestowed on the member or new member. Emblems shall be surrendered under the following circumstances:
- (1) *The New Member Pin.* The new member pin shall be surrendered to the collegiate chapter:
    - a. upon the new member's resignation or termination of membership;
    - b. upon the new member's withdrawal from school; or
    - c. upon the new member's Initiation.
  - (2) *The Stars and Crescent Badge.* The Stars and Crescent badge and certificate of membership shall be surrendered to the Corporation:
    - a. upon the member's resignation or termination of membership;
    - b. upon becoming a member not in good standing of the Fraternity as provided in Article XVII;
    - c. upon becoming a member not in good standing of the collegiate chapter for financial reasons; or
    - d. upon death of a member, the Stars and Crescent badge shall be surrendered unless permission for other disposition has been granted by the Executive Board.

**Explanation:** The proposed amendments 2A and B clarify and restructure the procedure for surrendering Fraternity property in both Articles V and XVI. The proposed amendments for Article V, Section 1C and Article XVI, Section 7 are contingent upon one another.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 2A is not adopted, then proposed amendment 2B will not be proposed.

### AMENDMENT 2B MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 27, Article XVI, Section 7

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**Description:** The proposed amendment to Article XVI, Section 7 deletes duplicative language and clarifies the procedure for surrendering Fraternity property.

**Section 7. Surrender of Fraternity Property.** Upon resignation or termination of membership, ~~the member's badge and certificate of membership shall be sent immediately to Executive Office, and official insignia and all restricted Fraternity property shall be returned to the collegiate chapter Corporation.~~ Upon becoming a member not in good standing of the Fraternity, or during probation or other disciplinary proceedings, or upon becoming a member not in good standing with the collegiate chapter for financial reasons, the member's badge and certificate of membership shall be relinquished. ~~A new member shall surrender Fraternity property as provided~~ **All other emblems of the Fraternity shall be surrendered as provided** in Article V.

If adopted, Article XVI, Section 7 would read:

**Section 7. Surrender of Fraternity Property.** Upon resignation or termination of membership, official insignia and all restricted Fraternity property shall be returned to the Corporation. All other emblems of the Fraternity shall be surrendered as provided in Article V.

**Explanation:** The proposed amendments 2A and 2B clarify and restructure the procedure for surrendering Fraternity property in both Articles V and XVI. The proposed amendments for Article V, Section 1C and Article XVI, Section 7 are contingent upon one another.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 2A is not adopted, then proposed amendment 2B will not be proposed.

### **AMENDMENT 3 CONVENTION**

**Proposed by:** Art Hoge, Legal Counsel

**Refer to:** Page 9, Article VII, Section 3

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**Description:** This proposed amendment adds a provision for mailing the Convention meeting Notice.

**Section 3. Notification.** Notice of the place and date of each Convention and the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, held as a part of the Convention, proposed amendments to these *Bylaws*, and proposed slates of nominees for the Executive Board and Leadership Development Committee, shall be transmitted in writing or by electronic means not less than five days or more than sixty days before the date set for the Convention by the Chief Executive Officer to all members eligible to vote at the Convention. If mailed, any such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member entitled to notice at the address appearing on the records of the Corporation, with postage prepaid thereon.

If adopted, Article VII, Section 3 would read:

**Section 3. Notification.** Notice of the place and date of each Convention and the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, held as a part of the Convention, proposed amendments to these *Bylaws*, and proposed slates of nominees for the Executive Board and Leadership Development Committee, shall be transmitted in writing or by electronic means not less than five days or more than sixty days before the date set for the Convention by the Chief Executive Officer to all members eligible to vote at the Convention. If mailed, any such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member entitled to notice at the address appearing on the records of the Corporation, with postage prepaid thereon.

**Explanation:** This amendment adds language from the Corporate Bylaws as recommended by General Counsel. The addition of this language further outlines the Convention Meeting Notice procedure and provides congruency between the Corporate Bylaws and the Fraternity Bylaws.

### **AMENDMENT 4 CONVENTION**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 9, Article VII, Section 3

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**Description:** This proposed amendment adds a provision for proposing a slate of nominees for the Directors of the Corporation.

**Section 3. Notification.** Notice of the place and date of each Convention and the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, held as a part of the Convention, proposed amendments to these *Bylaws*, and proposed slates of nominees for the Executive Board, the Directors of the Corporation

and the Leadership Development Committee, shall be transmitted in writing or by electronic means not less than five days or more than sixty days before the date set for the Convention by the Chief Executive Officer to all members eligible to vote at the Convention.

If adopted, Article VII, Section 3 would read:

**Section 3. Notification.** Notice of the place and date of each Convention and the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, held as a part of the Convention, proposed amendments to these *Bylaws*, and proposed slates of nominees for the Executive Board, the Directors of the Corporation and the Leadership Development Committee, shall be transmitted in writing or by electronic means not less than five days or more than sixty days before the date set for the Convention by the Chief Executive Officer to all members eligible to vote at the Convention.

**Explanation:** The Executive Board of the Fraternity and the Directors of the Corporation consist of the same individuals. When the slate of nominees for the Executive Board is presented, the Leadership Development Committee is simultaneously nominating the Directors of the Corporation. The addition of this phrase clarifies this procedure.

## AMENDMENT 5 CONVENTION

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 10, Article VII, Section 6C

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**Description:** This proposed amendment rewrites the descriptions of the Convention committees for improved clarity and consistency within the document.

### Section 6. Management.

#### C. Convention Committees.

- (1) *Credentials Committee.*—~~Three members to serve as a Credentials Committee which shall report to Convention at the beginning of each meeting where business is transacted the number and type of voting member.~~ The Credentials Committee shall consist of three members. The Committee shall provide a report to Convention at the beginning of each meeting where business is transacted.
- (2) *Resolutions Committee.*—~~Five members, including the chair of the Bylaws Committee, to serve as a Resolutions Committee which shall:~~
  - a. ~~prepare resolutions for presentation to the Convention as approved by a majority vote of the members of the committee; and~~
  - b. ~~make recommendations to the Convention concerning any resolution proposed by any member of the Convention.~~ The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members, including the chair of the Bylaws Committee. The Committee shall prepare resolutions for presentation to the Convention as approved by a majority vote of the members of the Committee and make recommendations to the Convention concerning any resolution proposed by any member of the Convention.
- (3) *Committee to Approve Minutes.*—~~Three members shall review and approve the minutes of the Convention.~~ The Committee to Approve Minutes shall consist of three members. The Committee shall review and approve the minutes of the Convention and present a report to the subsequent Convention.

If adopted, Article VII, Section 6C would read:

### Section 6. Management.

C. *Convention Committees.*

- (1) *Credentials Committee.* The Credentials Committee shall consist of three members. The Committee shall provide a report to Convention at the beginning of each meeting where business is transacted.
- (2) *Resolutions Committee.* The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members, including the chair of the Bylaws Committee. The Committee shall prepare resolutions for presentation to the Convention as approved by a majority vote of the members of the Committee and make recommendations to the Convention concerning any resolution proposed by any member of the Convention.
- (3) *Committee to Approve Minutes.* The Committee to Approve Minutes shall consist of three members. The Committee shall review and approve the minutes of the Convention and present a report to the subsequent Convention.

**Explanation:** In rewriting this section, the bylaws will be more consistent and the descriptions of the three Convention committees will have more clarity. The intent of the original section has been retained.

**AMENDMENT 6 CONVENTION**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 11, Article VII, Section 7A (1)

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**Description:** This proposed amendment adds a provision for proposing a slate of nominees for the Directors of the Corporation.

A. *Nomination.*

- (1) *Executive Board of the Fraternity and Directors of the Corporation.* The Leadership Development Committee shall present a slate of nominees for the Executive Board of the Fraternity, simultaneously with the Directors of the Corporation, consisting of President and four additional Directors, who shall be nominated from among the alumnae members in good standing of the Fraternity. See Article VIII.

If adopted, Article VII, Section 7A (1) would read:

A. *Nomination.*

- (1) *Executive Board of the Fraternity and Directors of the Corporation.* The Leadership Development Committee shall present a slate of nominees for the Executive Board of the Fraternity, simultaneously with the Directors of the Corporation, consisting of President and four additional Directors, who shall be nominated from among the alumnae members in good standing of the Fraternity. See Article VIII.

**Explanation:** The Executive Board of the Fraternity and the Directors of the Corporation consist of the same individuals. When the slate of nominees for the Executive Board is presented, the Leadership Development Committee is simultaneously nominating the Directors of the Corporation. The addition of this phrase clarifies this procedure.

**AMENDMENT 7 FRATERNITY OFFICERS**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 13, Article VIII, Section 3B

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the hyphen and adds *and* in this section.

**Section 3. Duties and Powers.**

A. *Chief Executive Officer.* The Chief Executive Officer shall serve as the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation and as Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity. The Chief Executive Officer shall perform duties assigned to the Chief Executive Officer by the Executive Board.

If adopted, Article VIII, Section 3B would read:

**Section 3. Duties and Powers.**

A. *Chief Executive Officer.* The Chief Executive Officer shall serve as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation and as Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity. The Chief Executive Officer shall perform duties assigned to the Chief Executive Officer by the Executive Board.

**Explanation:** The Corporation Bylaws defines the Chief Executive Officer as both the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Corporation. In hyphenating these roles, the Fraternity Bylaws insinuated that this was one role when in fact, it is two roles fulfilled by one individual. This amendment provided clarification in the Fraternity and adds congruency between the Corporate and Fraternity Bylaws.

**AMENDMENT 8 FRATERNITY OFFICERS**

**Proposed by:** LuAnn Riegl Daniel, Leadership Development Committee Chair

**Refer to:** Page 13, Article VIII, Section 5A (1)

**Description:** This proposed amendment removes the procedure for the Leadership Development Committee to conduct and provide an evaluation for an Executive Board member and replaces it with a provision to consult the Leadership Development Committee prior to voting to remove that same Executive Board member from the Executive Board.

**Section 5. Removal.**

A. *Executive Board.*

- (1) Any Executive Board member may be removed in case of incapacity to act, gross neglect of duty, willful disregard of any provisions of these *Bylaws* or conduct detrimental to the interest, dignity or welfare of the Fraternity, by unanimous vote of ~~four~~ the remaining Executive Board members, ~~provided they shall first secure an evaluation of said Executive Board member from~~ after consultation with the Leadership Development Committee.

If adopted, Article VIII, Section 5A (1) would read:

**Section 5. Removal.**

A. *Executive Board.*

- (1) Any Executive Board member may be removed in case of incapacity to act, gross neglect of duty, willful disregard of any provisions of these *Bylaws* or conduct detrimental to the interest, dignity or welfare of the Fraternity, by unanimous vote of the remaining Executive Board members after consultation with the Leadership Development Committee.

**Explanation:** The Fraternity Bylaws outlines the reasons for voting to remove an Executive Board member from their position. The procedure for securing an evaluation of the Executive Board member prior to voting to remove said Executive Board member is outside the scope of the duties of the Leadership Development Committee. The addition of a consultation with the Leadership Development

Committee prior to removing an Executive Board member aligns the current procedure with the Executive Board removal procedures outlined in the *Bylaws*.

## AMENDMENT 9 FRATERNITY OFFICERS

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 13, Article VIII, Section 6B

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes *serve* and adds *be employed*.

### Section 6. Vacancies.

B. *Chief Executive Officer*. A vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board. There shall be no limitation to the length of time a Chief Executive Officer may ~~serve~~ be employed.

If adopted, Article VIII, Section 6B would read:

### Section 6. Vacancies.

B. *Chief Executive Officer*. A vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board. There shall be no limitation to the length of time a Chief Executive Officer may be employed.

**Explanation:** The Chief Executive Officer is employed by the Fraternity. This amendment provides clarification.

## AMENDMENT 10 FRATERNITY OFFICERS

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 14, Article IX, Section 2C

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**Description:** This proposed amendment replaces Executive Board meeting notice procedures with language of a same provision within the Corporation Bylaws.

### Section 2. Meetings.

C. *Notice and Postponement of Meetings*. Unless waived in writing, aAt least ten days' written or electronic notice stating the place, day and hour of any regular, special or postponed meeting shall be given to each member of the Executive Board by the Chief Executive Officer. Attendance at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice. If mailed, any such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Executive Board member at the address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage prepaid thereon. Notices of regular meetings shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer at the direction of the President. Notices of special meetings shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer at the direction of the authority calling the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the Executive Board member(s) present may postpone the meeting. The Chief Executive Officer shall notify the Executive Board members who were absent of the time and place of the postponed meeting as fixed by the Executive Board member(s) who appeared for the meeting at the time and place originally fixed. ~~Notices of regular meetings shall be given at the direction of the President and notices of special or postponed meetings shall be given at the direction of the authority calling the meeting. If a quorum of the Executive Board is not present at any regular or special meeting, the member or members present may postpone the meeting.~~

If adopted, Article IX, Section 2C would read:

### Section 2. Meetings.



C. *Notice and Postponement of Meetings.* Unless waived in writing, at least ten days' written or electronic notice stating the place, day and hour of any regular, special or postponed meeting shall be given to each member of the Executive Board by the Chief Executive Officer. Attendance at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice. If mailed, any such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Executive Board member at the address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage prepaid thereon. Notices of regular meetings shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer at the direction of the President. Notices of special meetings shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer at the direction of the authority calling the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the Executive Board member(s) present may postpone the meeting. The Chief Executive Officer shall notify the Executive Board members who were absent of the time and place of the postponed meeting as fixed by the Executive Board member(s) who appeared for the meeting at the time and place originally fixed.

**Explanation:** This amendment will allow the Chief Executive Officer the ability to electronically transmit, i.e. email, meeting notices for the Executive Board. It also amends the notice procedures so that it mirrors the procedures outlined in the Corporate Bylaws which are required by the state law of Illinois, where the Fraternity is incorporated.

Procedures outlined in the Corporation Bylaws must be identical to the same provisions in the Fraternity Bylaws since the Corporation and the Fraternity are in actuality one entity. The Corporation Bylaws were amended to reflect this procedure in December 2016. This proposed Fraternity Bylaws amendment provides for congruency in both documents.

**Note:** This proposed amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

## **AMENDMENT 11 FRATERNITY OFFICERS**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 14, Article IX, Section 3

**Description:** This proposed amendment replaces Executive Board meeting quorum and voting procedures with language of a similar provision outlined in Article IX, Section 2B.

**Section 3. Quorum and Voting.** ~~Three members~~ A majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum at any Executive Board meeting. A meeting may occur in person, by phone, or by electronic means if the means of communication designated for the meeting allows all members of the Executive Board to actively participate verbally in the discussions that occur in the meeting. ~~or by telephone conference call or by any means through which the members of the Executive Board may actively participate verbally in the discussions.~~ The affirmative vote of the majority of the five members of the Executive Board shall be required to constitute the action of the Executive Board at any meeting of the Executive Board. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Executive Board may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the action taken, is approved in writing by all of the members of the Executive Board. The consent in writing by an Executive Board member can be an electronic consent in writing. The unanimous vote of the Board is also necessary for action by the Executive Board where required under other sections of these *Bylaws*. Where action of the Executive Board is taken without a meeting through unanimous vote of the Executive Board, the members of the Executive Board shall send their votes to the Chief Executive Officer who shall then attach each vote to the appropriate Executive Board minutes. When an affirmative vote of all the members of the Executive Board is attached to minutes of action taken



without a meeting of the Executive Board, the unanimous action of the Executive Board in such instances shall be the approved act of the Executive Board.

If adopted, Article IX, Section 3 would read:

**Section 3. Quorum and Voting.** A majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum at any Executive Board meeting. A meeting may occur in person, by phone, or by electronic means if the means of communication designated for the meeting allows all members of the Executive Board to actively participate verbally in the discussions that occur in the meeting. The affirmative vote of the majority of the five members of the Executive Board shall be required to constitute the action of the Executive Board at any meeting of the Executive Board. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Executive Board may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the action taken, is approved in writing by all of the members of the Executive Board. The consent in writing by an Executive Board member can be an electronic consent in writing. The unanimous vote of the Board is also necessary for action by the Executive Board where required under other sections of these *Bylaws*. Where action of the Executive Board is taken without a meeting through unanimous vote of the Executive Board, the members of the Executive Board shall send their votes to the Chief Executive Officer who shall then attach each vote to the appropriate Executive Board minutes. When an affirmative vote of all the members of the Executive Board is attached to minutes of action taken without a meeting of the Executive Board, the unanimous action of the Executive Board in such instances shall be the approved act of the Executive Board.

**Explanation:** This proposed amendment provides consistency in the language used in both Article IX, Section 2B and Section 3. The intent of the original subsection has been retained.

## **AMENDMENT 12 FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 15, Article X, Section 1

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**Description:** This proposed amendment rewrites the description of how the Fraternity Council is constituted.

**Section 1. How Constituted.** ~~The Fraternity Officers, the immediate past president of the Fraternity, the National Panhellenic Conference delegate, the chair of the board of trustees, or other representative, of the Delta Delta Delta Foundation, a Texas non-profit corporation, and the chair of the board of directors, or other representative, of the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation, a Texas non-profit corporation, who are not Fraternity Officers shall comprise the Fraternity Council.~~

The Fraternity Council shall be comprised of:

- A. The Fraternity Officers;
- B. The immediate past president of the Fraternity;
- C. The National Panhellenic Conference delegate;
- D. The chair of the board of trustees or other representative of the Delta Delta Delta Foundation, a Texas non-profit corporation; and
- E. The chair of the board of directors or other representative of the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation, a Texas non-profit corporation.

If adopted, Article X, Section 1 would read:

**Section 1. How Constituted.** The Fraternity Council shall be comprised of:

- A. The Fraternity Officers;

- B. The immediate past president of the Fraternity;
- C. The National Panhellenic Conference delegate;
- D. The chair of the board of trustees or other representative of the Delta Delta Delta Foundation, a Texas non-profit corporation; and
- E. The chair of the board of directors or other representative of the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation, a Texas non-profit corporation.

**Explanation:** In rewriting this section, the description of Fraternity Council will have improved readability and clarity. The intent of the original subsection has been retained.

**AMENDMENT 13 FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 15, Article X, Section 2

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**Description:** This proposed amendment would remove the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as the mandated secretary of the Fraternity Council and gives the President the ability to appoint a secretary.

**Section 2. Chair and Secretary.** The President of the Fraternity shall be the chair of the Fraternity Council. The ~~Chief Executive Officer~~ **President** shall ~~act~~ **appoint** as secretary ~~and~~ **who** shall be custodian of the minutes of the Fraternity Council.

If adopted, Article X, Section 2 would read:

**Section 2. Chair and Secretary.** The President of the Fraternity shall be the chair of the Fraternity Council. The President shall appoint a secretary who shall be custodian of the minutes of the Fraternity Council.

**Explanation:** The Fraternity Council serves as a joint executive council for the Fraternity, National House Corporation and the Foundation. As a result, the boards of these entities may wish to have conversations that should exclude the participation of the CEO.

**AMENDMENT 14A COMMITTEES**

**Proposed by:** Member Accountability Committee

**Refer to:** Page 15, Article XI, Section 1A

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**Description:** This proposed amendment provides for the establishment of the Membership Status Committee as a Fraternity Standing Committee.

**Section 1. Standing Committees.**

- A. *Committees.* The Fraternity shall have the following standing committees: Bylaws Committee, Extension Committee, **Membership Status Committee**, and Ritual Committee.

If adopted, Article XI, Section 1A would read:

**Section 1. Standing Committees.**

- A. *Committees.* The Fraternity shall have the following standing committees: Bylaws Committee, Extension Committee, Membership Status Committee, and Ritual Committee.

**Explanation:** This amendment establishes a standing committee titled the Membership Status Committee. The Executive Board aims to focus on active governance and the current system of voting

acts as a barrier to full governance. The addition of a standing committee to oversee individual member discipline, and other membership status matters, provides the Executive Board with time to focus on strategic areas of the Fraternity. The Membership Status Committee focuses solely individual member discipline and other membership status matters and collaborates with the chapter support teams on such matters. The structure of the Membership Status Committee will be further defined in Article XI, Section 1D.

**Note:** This proposed amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 14A is not adopted, then proposed amendments 14B and 14C will not be proposed.

## **AMENDMENT 14B COMMITTEES**

**Proposed by:** Member Accountability Committee

**Refer to:** Page 16, Article XI, Section 1D

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**Description:** This proposed amendment defines the structure and responsibilities of the Membership Status Committee.

### **Section 1. Standing Committees.**

D. *Structure.* All standing committees, when not assembled as a group, may take action on any question presented to them by a vote taken by mail, including e-mail, facsimile transmission or such means as is permitted by applicable law.

(3) *Membership Status Committee.* The Membership Status Committee shall consist of five members, including the chair. The Membership Status Committee shall be responsible for the evaluation and final decision of membership standing resulting from matters such as member conduct, including termination, academic performance, financial obligations and reinstatement.

(4) *Ritual Committee.* The Ritual Committee shall consist of three or more members, including the chair. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member. The Ritual Committee shall be responsible for any revisions to the Rituals and for assisting and conducting any ceremonies requested by the Executive Board.

If adopted, Article XI, Section 1D would read:

### **Section 1. Standing Committees.**

D. *Structure.* All standing committees, when not assembled as a group, may take action on any question presented to them by a vote taken by mail, including e-mail, facsimile transmission or such means as is permitted by applicable law.

(3) *Membership Status Committee.* The Membership Status Committee shall consist of five members, including the chair. The Membership Status Committee shall be responsible for the evaluation and final decision of membership standing resulting from matters such as member conduct, including termination, academic performance, financial obligations and reinstatement.

(4) *Ritual Committee.* The Ritual Committee shall consist of three or more members, including the chair. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member. The Ritual Committee shall be responsible for any revisions to the Rituals and for assisting and conducting any ceremonies requested by the Executive Board.

**Explanation:** This amendment establishes the structure and responsibilities of a standing committee titled the Membership Status Committee. The Membership Status Committee is designated to act on behalf of the Executive Board in regards to matters of member conduct, member termination, academic performance, financial obligations and reinstatement.

**Note:** This proposed amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 14A is not adopted, then proposed amendments 14B and 14C will not be proposed.

#### **AMENDMENT 14C COMMITTEES**

**Proposed by:** Member Accountability Committee

**Refer to:** Fraternity Bylaws

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes “Executive Board” and adds “Membership Status Committee” throughout the *Bylaws*.

“...~~Executive Board~~ Membership Status Committee...”

#### **Locations:**

- Page 28, Article XVII, Section 3A (1)
- Page 29, Article XVII, Section 3B (1) a and c
- Page 29, Article XVII, Section 3B (2) c, d and f
- Page 29, Article XVII, Section 3C (1)
- Page 30, Article XVII, Section 4A (1-2) and (4)
- Page 30, Article XVII, Section 4B
- Page 30, Article XVII, Section 5A (4b-5)
- Page 31, Article XVII, Section 5B (3)b and c
- Page 31, Article XVII, Section 5C (1-4)
- Page 31, Article XVII, Section 6A (1-2)
- Page 32, Article XVII, Section 6B (1-7) and (9-10)
- Page 33, Article XVII, Section 6D (2-5)
- Page 33, Article XVII, Section 7A (1-5)
- Page 34, Article XVII, Section 7B

**Explanation:** This amendment will allow the Membership Status Committee to carry out and determine individual member disciplinary outcomes regarding probation and termination as outlined in Article XVII on behalf of the Executive Board.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 14A is not adopted, then proposed amendments 14B and 14C will not be proposed.

#### **AMENDMENT 15 COMMITTEES**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 16, Article XI, Section 1D (2)

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the Director of Extension, revises the number of committee members from seven to six and deletes and aligns the responsibilities of the committee to current practices.

**Section 1. Standing Committees.**

- (2) *Extension Committee.* The Extension Committee shall consist of ~~seven~~ six or more members, including the Executive Board, ~~the Director of Extension,~~ and the National Panhellenic Conference delegate. The Extension Committee shall be responsible for ~~investigating any college or university to ascertain its suitability for a collegiate chapter~~ providing approval to the Executive Board for the establishment of collegiate chapters.

If adopted, Article XI, Section 1D (2) would read:

**Section 1. Standing Committees.**

- (2) *Extension Committee.* The Extension Committee shall consist of six or more members, including the Executive Board, and the National Panhellenic Conference delegate. The Extension Committee shall be responsible for providing approval to the Executive Board for the establishment of collegiate chapters.

**Explanation:** This amendment adapts the Bylaws language to the current volunteer and staff structure and responsibilities of the Fraternity. Under the current volunteer and staff structure, there is not a person with the title, Director of Extension. With the removal of the title of the Director of Extension, the number of required Extension Committee members should be amended to six. Furthermore, the Extension Committee no longer involved in the investigation phase of starting a new chapter. The committee is responsible for approving the pursuit of a new chapter.

**AMENDMENT 16 COMMITTEES**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 16, Article XI, Section 2B (5)

**Description:** This proposed amendment rewrites the statement regarding eligibility for a slated director for clarity.

**Section 2. Leadership Development Committee**

- (5) *Exclusions.* Employees of the Fraternity, the Corporation, the Delta Delta Delta Foundation and the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation and any subsidiary or related corporation shall not be eligible to be slated for election to the Executive Board of the Fraternity, or as a director of the Corporation, the Delta Delta Delta Foundation or the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation. No person shall be eligible to be slated in a director position that would result in any overlap of the Executive Board of the Fraternity or the directors of the Corporation, the Delta Delta Delta Foundation or the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation ~~or that would result in any overlap of the Executive Board of the Fraternity and the directors of the Delta Delta Delta Foundation or the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation.~~

If adopted, Article XI, Section 2B (5) would read:

**Section 2. Leadership Development Committee**

- (5) *Exclusions.* Employees of the Fraternity, the Corporation, the Delta Delta Delta Foundation and the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation and any subsidiary or related corporation shall not be eligible to be slated for election to the Executive Board of the Fraternity, or as a director of the Corporation, the Delta Delta Delta Foundation or the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation. No person shall be eligible to be slated in a

director position that would result in any overlap of the Executive Board of the Fraternity or the directors of the Corporation, the Delta Delta Delta Foundation or the Delta Delta Delta National House Corporation.

**Explanation:** This proposed amendment improves the readability of the section and removes superfluous language. The intent of the original subsection has been retained.

## AMENDMENT 17 COMMITTEES

**Proposed by:** Leadership Development Committee

**Refer to:** Page 17, Article XI, Section 2D (1)

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**Description:** This proposed amendment clarifies the term limits for the Leadership Development Committee and adds a provision to the Leadership Development Committee Chair term limit.

### Section 2. Leadership Development Committee

#### D. *Terms/Vacancies/Exclusions*

~~(1) *Terms.* The members of the Leadership Development Committee shall serve a two year term. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms on the Leadership Development Committee.~~

(1) *Length.* The term of the Leadership Development Committee shall coincide with the term of office of the Executive Board.

(2) *Limitation.*

a. *Committee.* A Leadership Development Committee member who is not elected chair shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

b. *Chair.* The chair shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. These terms as chair may be in addition to any terms served as a Leadership Development Committee member.

If adopted, Article XI, Section 2D (1) would read:

### Section 2. Leadership Development Committee

#### D. *Terms/Vacancies/Exclusions*

(1) *Length.* The term of the Leadership Development Committee shall coincide with the term of office of the Executive Board.

(2) *Limitation.*

a. *Committee.* A Leadership Development Committee member who is not elected chair shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

b. *Chair.* The chair shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. These terms as chair may be in addition to any terms served as a Leadership Development Committee member.

**Explanation:** This proposed amendment expands the eligibility of the Leadership Development Committee Chair to allow for a current member of the Leadership Development Committee to be considered for election. The current *Bylaws* limit the eligibility for the chair position. By opening the chair eligibility to current members serving on the Leadership Development Committee, a larger pool of candidates may be considered.

## AMENDMENT 18 PANHELLENIC PARTICIPATION

**Proposed by:** Sarah Coons Lindsay, National Panhellenic Delegate



**Refer to:** Page 17, Article XII, Section 2A

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**Description:** This proposed amendment removes the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Delegate and alternate delegate eligibility requirements.

**Section 2. Delegates to National Panhellenic Conference.**

A. *Fraternity Representation.* The Fraternity shall be represented in the National Panhellenic Conference by a delegate and three alternate delegates appointed by the Executive Board. ~~The delegate shall be a past elected Fraternity Officer. Each alternate delegate shall be or have been an elected Fraternity Officer or have served in an appointed position with national scope.~~

If adopted, Article XII, Section 2A would read:

**Section 2. Delegates to National Panhellenic Conference.**

A. *Fraternity Representation.* The Fraternity shall be represented in the National Panhellenic Conference by a delegate and three alternate delegates appointed by the Executive Board.

**Explanation:** There is an importance to the NPC Delegate and alternate delegates having Executive Board and/or international fraternity experience, however, outlining this requirement in the Bylaws limits who can serve in these positions. With the elimination of the Associate Director position several years ago, the number of past elected officers has been reduced. It is important that the NPC delegate be someone who is current with both Fraternity and NPC issues, so going back to those who served years ago would not be helpful. Removing the eligibility requirements for the NPC Delegate and alternate delegates ensures the appointment of the best leader for the available position.

**AMENDMENT 19 COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS**

**Proposed by:** Courtney Angwin, *Texas/Arlington*

**Refer to:** Page 18, Article XIV, Section 1B

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**Description:** This proposed amendment removes a specific procedure and replaces it with the general procedure of establishing a new chapter.

**Section 1. New Collegiate Chapters.** Collegiate chapters may be established near accredited colleges and universities as the Executive Board shall determine.

A. *How Established.* New collegiate chapters shall be established by after the unanimous vote of the Executive Board, the completion of membership selection and/or intake ~~acceptance of the written petition of an already established local group or by colonization,~~ and after formally pledging its members.

If adopted, Article XIV, Section 1B would read:

**Section 1. New Collegiate Chapters.** Collegiate chapters may be established near accredited colleges and universities as the Executive Board shall determine.

A. *How Established.* New collegiate chapters shall be established after the unanimous vote of the Executive Board, the completion of membership selection and/or intake and formally pledging its members.

**Explanation:** In utilizing a more general procedure for establishing chapters, Tri Delta is removing the term *colonization* from the *Bylaws*. The term *colonization* has not been utilized by college campuses or Tri Delta in recent years. A general procedural definition allows Tri Delta flexibility to use the terms that are being used on campuses during each individual extension effort.

## AMENDMENT 20 COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

**Proposed by:** Courtney Angwin, Texas/Arlington

**Refer to:** Page 19, Article XIV, Section 1E

**Description:** This proposed amendment removes a specific procedure and replaces it with the general procedure of initiating members of a new collegiate chapter and deletes the First Initiate procedure.

### Section 1. New Collegiate Chapters.

#### E. *Initiation of a New Collegiate Chapter.*

- (1) *Charter Members.* All new members who meet the requirements of Initiation ~~those whose names appear on the petition or in the case of colonization, those designated by the Executive Board,~~ shall be initiated as charter members at the time of installation of a new collegiate chapter, ~~provided they have fulfilled Initiation requirements.~~
- (2) *First Initiates.* ~~At the time of installation of a new collegiate chapter, other members of a petitioning or colonized group may be initiated, provided they have fulfilled Initiation requirements. They shall not be considered charter members.~~
- (3) *Alumnae and Special Initiates.* Upon majority vote of the Executive Board, any alumna member of a petitioning group may be initiated. The petitioning group may request the Initiation of any woman who has been a sponsor for the group, and permission for Initiation may be granted by the Executive Board.
- (4) *Delayed and Proxy Initiations.* Petitioners or alumnae members who are unable to be present at the Initiation held in connection with the installation of a new collegiate chapter may be initiated upon approval of the Executive Board and may be initiated by the original collegiate chapter or by another collegiate chapter specified by the Executive Board. Initiates shall become members of the original collegiate chapter.

If adopted, Article XIV, Section 1E would read:

### Section 1. New Collegiate Chapters.

#### E. *Initiation.*

- (1) *Charter Members.* All new members who meet the requirements of Initiation shall be initiated as charter members at the time of installation of a new collegiate chapter.
- (2) *Alumnae and Special Initiates.* Upon majority vote of the Executive Board, any alumna member of a petitioning group may be initiated. The petitioning group may request the Initiation of any woman who has been a sponsor for the group, and permission for Initiation may be granted by the Executive Board.
- (3) *Delayed and Proxy Initiations.* Petitioners or alumnae members who are unable to be present at the Initiation held in connection with the installation of a new collegiate chapter may be initiated upon approval of the Executive Board and may be initiated by the original collegiate chapter or by another collegiate chapter specified by the Executive Board. Initiates shall become members of the original collegiate chapter.

**Explanation:** This proposed amendment works in tandem with Article XIV, Section 1B by replacing specific and outdated procedures and/or language with more general procedures to allow for flexibility to use the terms that are being used on campuses during each individual extension effort. The First Initiates sub-section is no longer utilized during the establishment of new chapter. Removing this language aligns the *Bylaws* with current practices and deletes superfluous language.

## AMENDMENT 21 COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

**Proposed by:** Courtney Angwin, *Texas/Arlington* and the Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 22, Article XIV, Section 9 D and E

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**Description:** This proposed amendment provides clarity by replacing the term *probation* with *disciplinary action* and combining sub-sections D & E.

### Section 9. Discipline.

#### D. Procedure.

- (1) The member or committee initiating disciplinary action shall furnish a written report to the Executive Board or to the designated Fraternity representative who shall forward the recommendation to the Executive Board.
- (2) The Executive Board shall consider the written report and may conduct any further investigation.
- (3) The Executive Board may take disciplinary action, including but not limited to the withdrawal or suspension of specified privileges granted to collegiate chapters. The duration of any disciplinary action shall be for a defined period imposed by the Executive Board. The disciplinary action of the Executive Board at the conclusion of any disciplinary proceeding shall be communicated to the collegiate chapter being disciplined by any of the following methods: mail, e-mail or facsimile transmission. The notice shall specify the terms and the length of the ~~probation~~ disciplinary action.
- (4) At the end of the defined period the designated Fraternity representatives supervising the collegiate chapter those members responsible for the supervision of the chapter's probation shall report to the Executive Board. When the collegiate chapter has met the terms of ~~probation~~ disciplinary action, the Executive Board may remove ~~probation~~ disciplinary action and restore chapter privileges.
- (5) If the collegiate chapter has not met the terms of disciplinary action ~~probation~~, the Executive Board may extend ~~probation~~ disciplinary action or withdraw the charter of the collegiate chapter.
- (6) The Executive Board may impose ~~probation~~ disciplinary action on a collegiate chapter without going through the above procedures if the collegiate chapter has been on ~~probation~~ disciplinary action within the preceding two years or if the circumstances warrant such action.

#### ~~E. Probation.~~

- (7) ~~Status.~~ Probation shall involve the withdrawal or suspension of specified privileges granted to collegiate chapters. The action of the Executive Board at the conclusion of the disciplinary proceeding shall be communicated to the chapter being disciplined by any of the following methods: mail, e-mail or facsimile transmission. The notice shall specify the terms and the length of the ~~probation~~.
- (8) ~~Duration.~~ The duration of probation shall be for a defined period imposed by the Executive Board and may be extended by the Executive Board.
- (9) ~~Removal of Probation.~~ At the end of the defined period of probation the members responsible for the supervision of the collegiate chapter's probation shall report to the Executive Board. When the terms of probation have been met, the Executive Board may remove the probation and restore collegiate chapter privileges.
- (10) ~~Failure to Remove Probation.~~ If the collegiate chapter has not met the terms of probation, the Executive Board may withdraw the charter of the collegiate chapter.

If adopted, Article XIV, Section 9D would read:

**Section 9. Discipline.**

*D. Procedure.*

- (1) The member or committee initiating disciplinary action shall furnish a written report to the Executive Board or to the designated Fraternity representative who shall forward the recommendation to the Executive Board.
- (2) The Executive Board shall consider the written report and may conduct any further investigation.
- (3) The Executive Board may take disciplinary action, including but not limited to the withdrawal or suspension of specified privileges granted to collegiate chapters. The duration of any disciplinary action shall be for a defined period imposed by the Executive Board. The disciplinary action shall be communicated to the collegiate chapter by any of the following methods: mail, e-mail or facsimile transmission. The notice shall specify the terms and the length of the disciplinary action.
- (4) At the end of the defined period the designated Fraternity representatives supervising the collegiate chapter shall report to the Executive Board. When the collegiate chapter has met the terms of disciplinary action, the Executive Board may remove disciplinary action and restore chapter privileges.
- (5) If the collegiate chapter has not met the terms of disciplinary action, the Executive Board may extend disciplinary action or withdraw the charter of the collegiate chapter.
- (6) The Executive Board may impose disciplinary action on a collegiate chapter without going through the above procedures if the collegiate chapter has been on disciplinary action within the preceding two years or if the circumstances warrant such action.

**Explanation:** Collegiate Chapter disciplinary action as defined by the *Bylaws* includes more than just a chapter probation. By utilizing the umbrella term of *disciplinary action* in the *Bylaws*, the Fraternity will be able to have varying degrees of discipline without being committed to the word *probation*. In combining sub-sections D & E, the bylaws will no longer contain repetitive language. The procedures remain the same as previous versions regardless of the rearrangement of language.

**AMENDMENT 22 ALUMNAE CHAPTERS**

**Proposed by:** Carol Bussing Farmer, Alumnae Bylaws Chair

**Refer to:** Page 22, Article XV, Section 1

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**Description:** This proposed amendment rewrites and clarifies the definition of an alumnae chapter.

**Section 1. Definition.** An alumnae chapter shall be defined as any organized group of alumnae members chartered by the Fraternity and ~~alumnae chapter, or any group of alumnae members purporting to act as an alumnae chapter, or any group of alumnae members assuming or exercising~~ the responsibilities and ~~any of the privileges of alumnae chapters~~ membership, ~~or any group of alumnae members acting as a group.~~

If adopted, Article XV, Section 1 would read:

**Section 1. Definition.** An alumnae chapter shall be defined as any organized group of alumnae members chartered by the Fraternity and exercising the responsibilities and privileges of alumnae chapter membership.

**Explanation:** With the present unrestricted definition of alumnae chapters, the Fraternity is liable for any non-chartered chapters in existence. If there are groups *purporting to act as an alumnae chapter(s)* or *assuming or exercising any privileges of alumnae chapters*, the Fraternity has no knowledge or control of them. The Fraternity has contact and authority over only chartered alumnae chapters. The recommended language removes the questionable language from the definition of an alumnae chapter.

## AMENDMENT 23 ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

**Proposed by:** Courtney Angwin, *Texas/Arlington* and the Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 25, Article XV, Section 9 D and E

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**Description:** This proposed amendment provides clarity by replacing the term *probation* with *disciplinary action* and combining sub-sections D & E.

### Section 9. Discipline

#### D. Procedure.

- (1) The member initiating disciplinary action shall furnish a written report to the Executive Board or to the designated Fraternity representative who shall forward the recommendation to the Executive Board.
- (2) The Executive Board shall consider the written report and may conduct any further investigation.
- (3) The Executive Board may take disciplinary action including but not limited to the withdrawal or suspension of specified privileges granted to alumnae chapters. The duration of any disciplinary action shall be for a defined period imposed by the Executive Board. The disciplinary action of the Executive Board at the conclusion of any disciplinary proceeding shall be communicated to the chapter being disciplined by any of the following methods: mail, e-mail or facsimile transmission. The notice shall specify the terms and the length of the disciplinary action.
- (4) At the end of the defined period the designated Fraternity representatives supervising the alumnae chapter shall report to the Executive Board. When the alumnae chapter has met the terms of the disciplinary action, the Executive Board may remove the disciplinary action and restore alumnae chapter privileges.
- (5) If the alumnae chapter has not met the terms of disciplinary action, the Executive Board may:
  - a. assume any of the privileges of the alumnae chapter;
  - b. order the alumnae chapter to cease to operate or represent itself as an alumnae chapter of the Fraternity;
  - c. withdraw the charter of the alumnae chapter;
  - d. extend disciplinary action; or
  - e. impose other disciplinary action including the discipline of individual members.

#### E. Probation.

- (6) ~~*Status.* Probation shall involve the withdrawal or suspension of specified privileges granted to alumnae chapters. The action of the Executive Board at the conclusion of the disciplinary proceeding shall be communicated to the alumnae chapter being disciplined by any of the following methods: mail, e-mail or facsimile transmission. The notice shall specify the terms and the length of the probation.~~
- (7) ~~*Duration.* The duration of probation shall be for a defined period imposed by the Executive Board, and may be extended by the Executive Board.~~

- (8) ~~*Removal of Probation.*—At the end of the defined period of probation the members responsible for the supervision of the alumnae chapter’s probation shall report to the Executive Board. When the terms of probation have been met, the Executive Board may remove the probation and restore alumnae chapter privileges.~~
- (9) ~~*Failure to Remove Probation.*—If the chapter has not met the terms of probation, the Executive Board may:~~
  - a. ~~order the alumnae chapter or group to cease to operate as, or assume any of the privileges of, or to represent itself to be an alumnae chapter of the Fraternity;~~
  - b. ~~withdraw the charter of the alumnae chapter; or~~
  - c. ~~impose other penalties including the discipline of individual members.~~

If adopted, Article XV, Section 9D would read:

## **Section 9. Discipline**

### **D. Procedure.**

- (1) The member initiating disciplinary action shall furnish a written report to the Executive Board or to the designated Fraternity representative who shall forward the recommendation to the Executive Board.
- (2) The Executive Board shall consider the written report and may conduct any further investigation.
- (3) The Executive Board may take disciplinary action, including but not limited to the withdrawal or suspension of specified privileges granted to alumnae chapters. The duration of any disciplinary action shall be for a defined period imposed by the Executive Board. The disciplinary action of the Executive Board at the conclusion of any disciplinary proceeding shall be communicated to the chapter being disciplined by any of the following methods: mail, e-mail or facsimile transmission. The notice shall specify the terms and the length of the disciplinary action.
- (4) At the end of the defined period the designated Fraternity representatives supervising the alumnae chapter shall report to the Executive Board. When the alumnae chapter has met the terms of the disciplinary action, the Executive Board may remove the disciplinary action and restore alumnae chapter privileges.
- (5) If the alumnae chapter has not met the disciplinary action terms, the Executive Board may:
  - a. assume any of the privileges of the alumnae chapter;
  - b. order the alumnae chapter to cease to operate or represent itself as an alumnae chapter of the Fraternity;
  - c. withdraw the charter of the alumnae chapter;
  - d. extend disciplinary action; or
  - e. impose other disciplinary action including the discipline of individual members.

**Explanation:** Alumnae Chapter disciplinary action as defined by the *Bylaws* includes more than just a chapter probation. By utilizing the umbrella term of *disciplinary action* in the *Bylaws*, the Fraternity will be able to have varying degrees of discipline without being committed to the word *probation*. In combining sub-sections D & E, the bylaws will no longer contain repetitive language. The procedures remain the same as previous versions regardless of the rearrangement of language.

## **AMENDMENT 24 MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee and the Inclusion Task Force

**Refer to:** Page 25, Article XVI, Section 1B



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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the procedure for a new member to obtain a valid written reference or letter of recommendation prior to accepting an invitation to membership.

**Section 1. New Members.**

B. *Membership Requirements.* A currently enrolled woman may be pledged to the Fraternity ~~after a valid written reference or letter of recommendation has been obtained,~~ after acceptance of an invitation issued by the collegiate chapter and payment of the new member fee. See Article IV and Article XVIII.

If adopted, Article XVI, Section 1B would read:

**Section 1. New Members.**

B. *Membership Requirements.* A currently enrolled woman may be pledged to the Fraternity after acceptance of an invitation issued by the collegiate chapter and payment of the new member fee. See Article IV and Article XVIII.

**Explanation:** The removal of the reference requirement does not diminish the value of the references currently volunteered by collegiate and alumnae members. Instead, it removes the additional paperwork chapters are required to complete on their own when a volunteered reference is not received. Members are encouraged to write references for potential new members and chapters who receive volunteered references are encouraged to utilize them. In addition to the administrative benefits of the elimination of required references, this proposed amendment removes a potential barrier to membership for potential new members who do not currently have ties to the Greek community.

**AMENDMENT 25 MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS**

**Proposed by:** Nicole Hughes, Executive Board Director

**Refer to:** Page 26, Article XVI, Section 2B

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**Description:** This proposed amendment removes the indication of who imposes probation on a new member and replaces it with inclusive terms.

**Section 2. Collegiate Members.**

B. *Eligibility for Initiation.* Before the Trident and Stars and Crescent Degrees may be conferred, the new member shall:

- (1) be currently enrolled at the school where the collegiate chapter is located;
- (2) have completed new member orientation;
- (3) not be subject to disciplinary action ~~on probation imposed by the collegiate chapter or Executive Board;~~
- (4) have no past due financial obligations to the Corporation or collegiate chapter; and
- (5) sign and abide by the obligations of membership in accordance with Fraternity policies and/or procedures.

If adopted, Article XVI, Section 2B would read:

**Section 2. Collegiate Members.**

B. *Eligibility for Initiation.* Before the Trident and Stars and Crescent Degrees may be conferred, the new member shall:

- (1) be currently enrolled at the school where the collegiate chapter is located;
- (2) have completed new member orientation;

- (3) not be subject to disciplinary action;
- (4) have no past due financial obligations to the Corporation or collegiate chapter; and
- (5) sign and abide by the obligations of membership in accordance with Fraternity policies and/or procedures.

**Explanation:** This amendment clarifies that new members who are subject to any form of disciplinary action is not eligible for Initiation. Subsequently, this proposal will align the procedure of the Membership Status Committee, as provided for in amendment 13, with this *Bylaws* provision.

## AMENDMENT 26A MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 26, Article XVI, Section 2C

**Description:** This proposed amendment adds enrollment as a defining factor of collegiate membership, deletes superfluous language and clarifies the status of an affiliated collegiate member whose chapter has closed.

### Section 2. Collegiate Members.

#### C. Collegiate Member Defined.

- (1) *Affiliated Collegiate Member.* An initiated member who is enrolled on the campus at a college or university where a collegiate chapter is located ~~on which is located the collegiate chapter into which she was initiated~~ shall be an affiliated collegiate member of the chapter unless:
  - a. the member's academic class ~~of which she is a member~~ at the time of her Initiation has graduated ~~and she is eligible for alumna status~~; or
  - b. the member is a collegiate transfer member who elects not to affiliate;
  - a. ~~she~~ the member has resigned her membership; or
  - c. ~~her~~ the member's membership has been terminated; or
  - d. Extraordinary membership status has been granted by the Executive Board.
- (2) ~~*Affiliated Collegiate Transfer Member.*~~ *Member.* An initiated member transferring to a campus where there is a college or university where there is a collegiate chapter may become affiliated with the collegiate chapter. ~~She shall be considered an alumna of the collegiate chapter into which she was originally initiated.~~
- (3) *Unaffiliated Collegiate Member.* An initiated member who previously was defined as an affiliated collegiate member but is temporarily not enrolled at a college or university where a collegiate chapter is located shall be an unaffiliated collegiate member. ~~An initiated member shall be an unaffiliated collegiate member if her academic class at the time of her Initiation has not graduated, and~~
  - i. ~~she has transferred to a campus where there is a collegiate chapter and she has not affiliated; or~~
  - ii. ~~she has transferred to a campus where there is no collegiate chapter; or~~
  - iii. ~~Extraordinary membership status has been granted by the Executive Board.~~
- (4) *Affiliated Collegiate Member Whose Academic Class Has Graduated.* A postgraduate or undergraduate member whose academic class at the time of her Initiation has graduated may become affiliated with the collegiate chapter into which she was initiated upon two-thirds vote of the collegiate members of the collegiate chapter eligible to vote who are present and voting if such affiliation does not conflict with local college or panhellenic regulations, or she may receive the Circle Degree with her academic class and acquire alumna status.

- (5) *Affiliated Collegiate Member Whose Collegiate Chapter Has Closed.* An affiliated collegiate member at a college or university where a collegiate chapter is located ~~on the campus on which is located the collegiate chapter into which she was initiated or an affiliated collegiate transfer~~ shall cease to have any privileges to represent herself to be a member of the closed collegiate chapter. The use of emblems and official insignia of the Fraternity shall be authorized by the Executive Board.

If adopted, Article XVI, Section 2C would read:

## **Section 2. Collegiate Members.**

### *C. Collegiate Member Defined.*

- (1) *Affiliated Collegiate Member.* An initiated member who is enrolled at a college or university where a collegiate chapter is located shall be an affiliated collegiate member unless:
  - b. the member's academic class at the time of Initiation has graduated;
  - c. the member is a collegiate transfer member who elects not to affiliate;
  - d. the member has resigned;
  - e. the member's membership has been terminated; or
  - f. Extraordinary membership status has been granted by the Executive Board.
- (2) *Collegiate Transfer Member.* An initiated member transferring to a college or university where there is a collegiate chapter may become affiliated with the collegiate chapter.
- (3) *Unaffiliated Collegiate Member.* An initiated member who is temporarily not enrolled on a college or university where a collegiate chapter is located shall be an unaffiliated collegiate member.
- (4) *Affiliated Collegiate Member Whose Academic Class Has Graduated.* A postgraduate or undergraduate member whose academic class at the time of her Initiation has graduated may become affiliated with the collegiate chapter into which she was initiated upon two-thirds vote of the collegiate members of the collegiate chapter eligible to vote who are present and voting if such affiliation does not conflict with local college or panhellenic regulations, or she may receive the Circle Degree with her academic class and acquire alumna status.
- (5) *Affiliated Collegiate Member Whose Collegiate Chapter Has Closed.* An affiliated collegiate member at a college or university where a collegiate chapter is located shall cease to have any privileges to represent herself to be a member of the closed collegiate chapter. The use of emblems and official insignia of the Fraternity shall be authorized by the Executive Board.

**Explanation:** This amendment utilizes enrollment as the delineation between collegiate and alumnae members. Should an initiated member cease to be enrolled at a college or university where Tri Delta has an established chapter, that member is defined as an alumna member. Should an alumna member enroll in the college or university where she was initiated before her academic class has graduated, that member becomes an affiliated collegiate member until she graduates or her academic class has graduated.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 26A is not adopted, then proposed amendment 26B will not be proposed.

## **AMENDMENT 26B MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 27, Article XVI, Section 3A

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**Description:** This proposed amendment clarifies the alumna member definition, replaces language in this provision with language used in similar provisions and adds a definition for an alumna member's collegiate chapter designation.

**Section 3. Alumnae Members.**

A. *Alumna Member Defined.* ~~An alumna member is a woman who has been initiated into membership in the Fraternity~~ shall be an alumna member unless: ~~who is not an affiliated or unaffiliated collegiate member or has not resigned or whose membership has not been terminated.~~

- (1) the member is an affiliated collegiate member;
- (2) the member is an unaffiliated collegiate member;
- (3) the member has resigned; or
- (4) the member has been terminated.

B. *Chapter Designation.* The collegiate chapter of Initiation shall be an alumna member's designated chapter.

If adopted, Article XVI, Section 3A would read:

**Section 3. Alumnae Members.**

A. *Alumna Member Defined.* A member who has been initiated into membership in the Fraternity shall be an alumna member unless:

- (1) the member is an affiliated collegiate member;
- (2) the member is an unaffiliated collegiate member;
- (3) the member has resigned; or
- (4) the member has been terminated.

B. *Chapter Designation.* The collegiate chapter of Initiation shall be an alumna member's designated chapter.

**Explanation:** This proposed amendment clarifies the definition of alumnae membership as any member who has been initiated into membership in the Fraternity and aligns the current practice of the Fraternity with the *Bylaws*. If a member has met the eligibility requirements for membership (see Article IV, Section 1) and has met the requirements for Initiation (see Article XVI, Section 2B) then upon her graduation, the graduation of her academic class at the time of Initiation, transfer to a college or university without an established collegiate chapter, transfers to another college or university and elects not to affiliate with the local collegiate chapter, is granted Extraordinary Membership Status by the Executive Board or permanently discontinues enrollment in the college or university of her collegiate member affiliation then she shall be an alumna member of the Fraternity.

This proposed amendment further adds a provision that formerly was utilized to define transfer members in Article XVI, Section 2C (2). All alumnae of the Fraternity, not just transfer members, are given the designation of their collegiate chapter of Initiation. As a result, this provision is better placed in Article XVI, Section 3 along with the alumna member definition.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 26A is not adopted, then proposed amendment 26B will not be proposed.

**AMENDMENT 27 MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee and the Ritual Committee

**Refer to:** Page 27, Article XVI, Section 3C (1)

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**Description:** This proposed amendment redefines the eligibility for Circle Degree by deleting subsections a, c and a phrase within d, replacing *senior* with *collegiate member*, and replacing *Executive Board* with *designated Fraternity representative*.

### **Section 3. Alumnae Members.**

#### *C. Circle Degree of Initiation.*

- (1) *Eligibility.* Any member in good standing of the Fraternity is eligible for the Circle Degree who:
- a. ~~has graduated;~~
  - b. is a graduating ~~senior~~ **collegiate member**;
  - c. ~~is an initiated member whose academic class has graduated or is about to graduate;~~
  - d. is an alumna **member** ~~who has been initiated at the invitation of the Executive Board~~; or
  - e. has received permission from the ~~Executive Board~~ **designated Fraternity representative**.

If adopted, Article XVI, Section 3C (1) would read:

### **Section 3. Alumnae Members.**

#### *C. Circle Degree of Initiation.*

- (1) *Eligibility.* Any member in good standing of the Fraternity is eligible for the Circle Degree who:
- a. is a graduating collegiate member;
  - b. is an alumna member; or
  - c. has received permission from the designated Fraternity representative.

**Explanation:** Tri Delta desires to engage every member in all stages of their lives. Many members relate the step to becoming an alumna as the completion of the Circle Degree. Under the current definition, members who are no longer engaged at the chapter level (either via transfer without affiliation or by permanently leaving school) are asked to wait to complete Circle Degree until their pledge class graduates. During this waiting period, a member ceases to be engaged. In opening the eligibility for Circle Degree, the *Bylaws* removes this member engagement barrier and members would be eligible to move forward into alumnae membership. Furthermore, in following a governance model, the Executive Board's involvement in day to day operations of collegiate chapters should be limited. By allowing the designated Fraternity representative to make approval for this day to day operation, Tri Delta is advancing further into the governance model.

**Note:** A recommendation for a Fraternity policy amendment will be made to further clarify chapter procedures relating to Circle Degree, members leaving school prior to graduation and Circle Degree.

### **AMENDMENT 28A MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE**

**Proposed by:** Dawn Davis, Member Status Manager

**Refer to:** Page 30, Article XVII, Section 4B

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the certified letter requirement for disciplinary action notice for a member and replaces it with electronic notification.

### **Section 4. Terms and Notice as a Result of Disciplinary Action.**

- B. *Notice of Action.* The action of the Executive Board at the conclusion of any disciplinary proceeding shall be communicated to the member or new member being disciplined by

~~certified letter~~ electronic notification from the Executive Board, copies of which shall be sent to the collegiate or alumnae chapter involved. The ~~certified letter~~ electronic notification shall specify the terms and the length of the Fraternity probation or the effective date of any termination of membership.

If adopted, Article XVII, Section 4B would read:

**Section 4. Terms and Notice as a Result of Disciplinary Action.**

B. *Notice of Action.* The action of the Executive Board at the conclusion of any disciplinary proceeding shall be communicated to the member or new member being disciplined by electronic notification from the Executive Board, copies of which shall be sent to the collegiate or alumnae chapter involved. The electronic notification shall specify the terms and the length of the Fraternity probation or the effective date of any termination of membership.

**Explanation:** Executive Office averages between \$300 to \$450 (\$6.59/each) per month sending certified letters per the Bylaws for all membership status changes and receives more than half of them back as ‘Unclaimed’. This is a huge expense of time and finances, and is an antiquated communication method for today’s members. There is no legal requirement beyond the current language of the bylaws to retain the certified letter form of communication for termination letters.

**Note:** This amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 28A is not adopted, then proposed amendments 28B, 28C and 28D will not be proposed.

**AMENDMENT 28B MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE**

**Proposed by:** Dawn Davis, Member Status Manager

**Refer to:** Page 31, Article XVII, Section 5C (4)

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the certified letter requirement for disciplinary action notice for a new member and replaces it with electronic notification.

**Section 5. Disciplinary Action of New Members.**

A. *Fraternity Probation and Termination of Membership.*

(4) The membership shall be terminated after approval by the Executive Board, and ~~an certified letter~~ electronic notification of termination of membership shall be sent to the former new member.

If adopted, Article XVII, Section 5C (4) would read:

**Section 5. Disciplinary Action of New Members.**

B. *Fraternity Probation and Termination of Membership.*

(4) The membership shall be terminated after approval by the Executive Board, and an electronic notification of termination of membership shall be sent to the former new member.

**Explanation:** Executive Office averages between \$300 to \$450 (\$6.59/each) per month sending certified letters per the Bylaws for all membership status changes and receives more than half of them back as ‘Unclaimed’. This is a huge expense of time and finances, and is an antiquated communication



method for today's members. There is no legal requirement beyond the current language of the bylaws to retain the certified letter form of communication for termination letters.

**Note:** This amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 28A is not adopted, then proposed amendments 28B, 28C and 28D will not be proposed.

#### **AMENDMENT 28C MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE**

**Proposed by:** Dawn Davis, Member Status Manager

**Refer to:** Page 34, Article XVII, Section 7B

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the certified letter requirement for disciplinary action notice for alumnae members and replaces it with electronic notification.

##### **Section 7. Disciplinary Action of Alumnae Members.**

B. *Fraternity Probation and Termination of Membership.* The supervision and terms of the probation of the alumna member being disciplined shall be determined by the Executive Board. If requirements of probation are not met by the member, the Executive Board shall terminate the membership, and ~~an certified letter~~ electronic notification of termination of membership shall be sent to the former member.

If adopted, Article XVII, Section 7B would read:

##### **Section 7. Disciplinary Action of Alumnae Members.**

B. *Fraternity Probation and Termination of Membership.* The supervision and terms of the probation of the alumna member being disciplined shall be determined by the Executive Board. If requirements of probation are not met by the member, the Executive Board shall terminate the membership, and an electronic notification of termination of membership shall be sent to the former member.

**Explanation:** Executive Office averages between \$300 to \$450 (\$6.59/each) per month sending certified letters per the Bylaws for all membership status changes and receives more than half of them back as 'Unclaimed'. This is a huge expense of time and finances, and is an antiquated communication method for today's members. There is no legal requirement beyond the current language of the bylaws to retain the certified letter form of communication for termination letters.

**Note:** This amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 28A is not adopted, then proposed amendments 28B, 28C and 28D will not be proposed.

#### **AMENDMENT 28D MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE**

**Proposed by:** Dawn Davis, Member Status Manager

**Refer to:** Fraternity Bylaws

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the certified letter requirement for disciplinary action notice and replaces it with electronic notification throughout Article XVII.

“...an ~~certified letter~~ electronic notification...”

**Locations:**

Page 33, Article XVII, Section 6B (10)

Page 33, Article XVII, Section 6D (5)

**Explanation:** Executive Office averages between \$300 to \$450 (\$6.59/each) per month sending certified letters per the Bylaws for all membership status changes and receives more than half of them back as ‘Unclaimed’. This is a huge expense of time and finances, and is an antiquated communication method for today’s members. There is no legal requirement beyond the current language of the bylaws to retain the certified letter form of communication for termination letters.

**Note:** This amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

**Note:** If proposed amendment 28A is not adopted, then proposed amendments 28B, 28C and 28D will not be proposed.

**AMENDMENT 29 FRATERNITY FINANCE**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 35, Article XVIII, Section 3I

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**Description:** This proposed amendment deletes the procedure for Emergency Financial Status (EFS).

**Section 3. Revenues.** The Fraternity shall have no revenues. The Executive Board will review membership dues and fees on an annual basis and will publish a schedule of dues and fees including any adjustments by March 15. Any annual adjustments of individual dues and fees exceeding 8.5% shall require a vote of the Convention. The following revenues and any other revenues shall be payable to the Corporation:

~~I. *Emergency Financial Status.* A collegiate member who has been granted emergency financial status shall pay dues and fees as determined by her collegiate chapter and in accordance with Fraternity policies and/or procedures.~~

**Explanation:** In the fall of 2016, the Executive Board adopted Fraternity policy which eliminated Emergency Financial Status procedures and consolidated them with procedures for Extraordinary Membership Status (EMS). This amendment removes the reference to Emergency Financial Status from the *Bylaws*.

**Note:** This amendment was adopted in the interim by the Executive Board. Per Article XXIV, Section 4, this amendment is being proposed to the Convention for permanent adoption.

**AMENDMENT 30 AMENDMENTS**

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Page 41, Article XXIV, Section 2

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**Description:** This proposed amendment adds *in good standing*, deletes the undefined term, “entitled members” and replaces current language with language utilized in Article VII for consistency.

**Section 2. How Submitted.** Any member in good standing of the Fraternity may submit an amendment to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall draft and submit each proposal with the committee’s recommendation whether to adopt the proposal to the Chief Executive Officer. The notification of proposed amendments ~~proposal and the committee’s recommendation~~ shall be transmitted in writing or by electronic means ~~to entitled members~~ as provided in Article VII, Section 3.

If adopted, Article XXIV, Section 2 would read:

**Section 2. How Submitted.** Any member in good standing of the Fraternity may submit an amendment to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall draft and submit each proposal with the committee’s recommendation whether to adopt the proposal to the Chief Executive Officer. The notification of proposed amendments shall be transmitted in writing or by electronic means as provided in Article VII, Section 3.

**Explanation:** This proposed amendment clarifies that a member must be in good standing to be eligible to recommend a Fraternity Bylaws amendment. Furthermore, in the 2016 Fraternity Bylaws, “entitled members” is an undefined term, this proposed amendment clarifies the procedure for the notification of proposed amendments and eliminates the undefined term.

## AMENDMENT 31 FRATERNITY BYLAWS – EDITORIAL CHANGES

**Proposed by:** Fraternity Bylaws Committee

**Refer to:** Fraternity Bylaws

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**Description:** The following sections contain an edit that is grammatical in nature.

### Locations:

**Page 5, Article II** “The Purpose of Delta Delta ... also be the Purpose...”

**Page 8, Article V, Section 1C (1)** “...~~school~~the college or university...”

**Page 10, Article VII, Section 6B** “The President; or in case of her absence another member, of the Executive Board...” (remove first comma)

**Page 10, Article VII, Section 6B** “...the secretary of the Corporation...”

**Page 11, Article VII, Section 7D (1)** “...The Executive Board of the Fraternity, simultaneously with the Directors of the Corporation, shall be...” (add commas)

**Page 16, Article XI, Section 2** “Leadership Development Committee.” (add period)

**Page 16, Article XI, Section 2B (5)** “...or as a director of the Corporation....~~d~~irectors of the Corporation...”

**Page 18, Article XIV, Section 1C** “...~~on~~ at... ~~campus~~college or university...”

**Page 18, Article XIV, Section 1D** “*Granting of Charter and Installation of a New Collegiate Chapter.*”

**Page 19, Article XIV, Section 2B(1)c** A new sub-section (2) should start with “If the Executive Board decides...” which would renumber this section.

**Page 19, Article XIV, Section 2C** “...~~on~~ at... ~~campus~~college or university...”

**Page 20, Article XIV, Section 5A (1)** “...~~school~~academic calendar year...”

**Page 26, Article XVI, Section 1D (2)** “...~~school~~college or university...”

**Page 26, Article XVI, Section 2B (1)** “...~~school~~college or university...”

**Page 26, Article XVI, Section 2C (1), (2), (3)a and b and (5)** “...~~campus~~college or university...”

**Page 26, Article XVI, Section 2C (1)d** “...Extraordinary Membership Status....”

**Page 27, Article XVI, Section 3C (2)** “...~~school~~ academic calendar year...”

**Page 29, Article XVII, Section 3A (2)e** “...~~on~~ at... ~~campus~~college or university...”

Page 29, Article XVII, Section 3B (2)e “...on ~~at...campus~~ college or university...”

Page 29, Article XVII, Section 3C (2)e “...on ~~at...campus~~ college or university...”

Page 30, Article XVII, section 4A (4) “...may terminate a ~~the~~ membership...”

Page 31, Article XVII, Section 5B (2) and (3)a and b “...school ~~academic~~ calendar year...”

Page 35, Article XVIII, Section 3I “...Extraordinary ~~M~~ membership ~~S~~ status...”

Page 39, Article XVIII, Section 5A “...~~d~~ Director of the Corporation or ~~o~~ Officer of the Fraternity...”

Page 39, Article XX, Section 1D (1) “...house corporations~~s~~...”

Page 40, Article XX, Section 3 “...house corporations~~s~~...”

**Explanation:** According to Article XXIII, the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* governs Fraternity parliamentary procedure. While the Convention assembly traditionally makes a motion to provide the Fraternity Bylaws Committee the editorial authority in regards to recently adopted amendments, the Fraternity Bylaws Committee does not have the authority to make editorial and/or alterations that are “housekeeping” in nature within sections that are not presented to the Convention. As a result, the adoption of this proposed amendment will provide the Fraternity Bylaws Committee the authority to amend these isolated sections to correct grammar and improve readability of the document. These editorial amendments do not change the intent of the Fraternity Bylaws in any manner.