

Article I: Name and Purpose

This organization shall be called Alpha Kappa Mu at North Carolina State University.

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote high scholarship; to encourage sincere and zealous endeavor in all fields of knowledge and service; to cultivate a high order of personal living; and to develop an appreciation for scholarship and scholarly endeavors in others. To recognize and recreate a forum of student scholars as Alpha Kappa Mu did when it was originally founded at Tennessee A & I State College in 1937 and spread to other Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In the same spirit of its foundation, Alpha Kappa Mu will provide an academic/scholarly forum for African/African American and other interested student scholars of North Carolina State University.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Regular Membership

- 1) Election to membership in a chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu is limited to students of junior or senior classification, who have earned a minimum of thirty hours at the institution a year prior to induction, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or greater. Fifty percent or more of the hours needed for graduation must have been completed.
- 2) In addition to academic requirements, good character and one's reputation are considered for membership.
- 3) Undergraduate members whose cumulative grade point average drops below a 3.3 are placed on probation for one regular semester (fall & spring only) and subsequently reviewed. In order to maintain membership, members on probation must restore their cumulative grade point average to 3.3 or higher at the end of their probationary semester.

Section 2: Graduate Membership

- 1) First year graduate students are eligible for membership if they meet the requirements for undergraduates.
- 2) A continuing graduate student that has completed 15 hours with a total grade point average of 3.7 or greater is also eligible for membership.
- 3) Graduate members whose cumulative grade point average drops below a 3.7 are placed on probation for one regular semester (fall & spring only) and subsequently reviewed. In order to maintain membership,

members on probation must restore their cumulative grade point average to 3.7 or higher at the end of their probationary semester.

Section 3: Honorary Membership

Honorary membership will periodically be determined by the student membership and may be granted to faculty/staff, alumni and community members.

Article III: Organization

Section 1: Officers

The administration shall consist of an executive board, non-executive officers, and committee chairpersons. The elected officers of this organization shall be the president, the vice president, the secretary, the treasurer, and the historian:

1. The president shall be the chief executive officer for the organization; he or she shall be present at all regular and special meetings, and appoint all committee chairpersons.
2. The Vice president shall assume the duties of the President when the President is not available, and shall be directly responsible for oversight of all committee activities.
3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all organizational activities and keep all official records. It will be the duty of this person to communicate with organization membership and all organization correspondence.
4. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, write receipts, and shall deposit and disburse monies in accordance with the constitution. He or she shall maintain all financial records.
5. The Historian shall keep a log of all organization programs and activities and have primary responsibility of developing a scrapbook for the organization.

Section 2: Elections

The offices of the administration are elected positions to be held by regular members only.

- 1) Any regular member of the chapter may be nominated for office provided they are eligible for an elected position.

- 2) Elections will take place at a regular meeting at least one month prior to the end of the spring semester for the following academic year, unless otherwise needed anytime while school is in session. Nomination of all officers shall be made directly from the floor.
- 3) Only regular members present at the election will be afforded voting privileges.
- 4) The procedure for voting will be by show of hands or secret ballot. All voting ballots shall be collected and counted by the Secretary.
- 5) An election of office is won by obtaining fifty-one percent (51%) of the vote. The winning candidates assume office at the last legislative meeting of the spring semester.

Article IV: Dues

Alpha Kappa Mu, as a student organization, requires no dues. Any dues associated with Alpha Kappa Mu as an honor society, is determined by the regional or national board.

Article V: Amending the Constitution

- 1) Amendments to the constitution shall be presented by members of the organization in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments.
- 2) A two-thirds majority of regular members present and voting shall be required to pass the amendment.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings

At the beginning of each semester, a time and place for bi-weekly or monthly meetings shall be decided upon by majority vote of the regular members.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President and all members will be notified of the time and place.

Section 3: Officer Meetings

Officers shall meet a minimum of every two weeks during the academic year at a time and place designated by the President.

Article VII: Committees

The organization shall form special committees as needed. The President shall appoint committee chairpersons.