



# Delta Phi Alpha

## German Honorary Society

September 4, 2008

### Preamble

"The National German Honor Society, Delta Phi Alpha, seeks to recognize excellence in the study of German and to provide an incentive for higher scholarship. The Society aims to promote the study of the German language, literature, and civilization and endeavors to emphasize those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal value and which contribute to man's eternal search for peace and truth."

### Article I— Name and Insignia

- Section 1 The Name of the society shall be Delta Phi Alpha and the Greek capital letters shall appear on all insignia of the Society.
- Section 2 The letters shall stand for "Torchbearer of the Minds of Men".
- Section 3 The colors of the Society shall be black, red and gold.

### Article II—Membership

- Section 1 Membership shall be open to all students who meet the following qualifications:
- i) A minimum of two years of college or university German or their equivalent
  - ii) A minimum average of B+ or its equivalent in German courses
  - iii) A minimum cumulative average of B- or its equivalent
  - iv) Indication of continued interest in the study of German language and literature
- Section 2 Qualified members shall contact the faculty advisor for approval to join. They are required to pay \$30 in membership dues, payable to the national council.

### Article III—Officers

- Section 1 The elective officers for this club shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and historian. There shall also be a social chair and a fundraising chair.

### Article IV—Elections

- Section 1 The officers shall be elected by the club members to serve a term of two semesters. Elections shall be held in March.
- Section 2 If the officer can only serve for one semester, then a new officer shall be elected. These elections shall be held in November.

### Article V—Dues

- Section 1 Dues for the club shall be in the form of special assessments voted on by a majority of the club members present and voting.

**Article VI—Amending the Constitution and by-laws**

Section 1 Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the club 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. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.

**Article VII—Meetings**

Section 1 The club shall meet as determined by the club membership each semester.

**Article VIII—Committees**

Section 1 There shall be a social committee and a fundraising committee.

Section 2 The club shall make provision for any other standing committees needed and/or for forming any special committees when needed.