

**The Constitution of
DELTA SIGMA IOTA, Inc.**

As Ratified on January 14, 2003

Amended February 17, 2004

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, realizing the necessity for an organization of those in the South Asian Community at colleges and universities, do hereby inaugurate such an organization and declare the following to be its constitution.

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES

Section A.

We are the soul of DELTA SIGMA IOTA Inc., a brotherhood of great minds unified to strive for one goal, but in achieving that goal, we will spread truth, promote academics, integrate culture, and ripen character of not just ourselves, but others that interact with us. Together, we the brothers of DELTA SIGMA IOTA Inc. vow to continue the pursuit of unity and uphold these values that will guide us in the paths we choose.

ARTICLE II: NAME

Section A.

The name of this Fraternity shall be DELTA SIGMA IOTA, Inc.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section A.

This Fraternity shall consist of active and alumni chapters, which have been or shall be established by The National Chapter. Each chapter must obtain a charter by The National Chapter to be officially recognized as a chapter of Delta Sigma Iota Inc.

Section B.

Only institutions of higher education are eligible to petition this Fraternity.

Section C.

The active chapters shall be named in order of their establishment, ie. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, (Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta) etc.

Section D.

The alumni chapters shall be named by using the geographical region where the chapter is located, ie. Northeast

Section E.

Active chapters shall have officers with duties as outlined in the by-laws of this constitution.

Section F.

A chapter of this Fraternity shall always conduct itself with the highest moral and social norms. All chapters will abide by the regulations of conduct of the institution, where such a chapter exists.

Section G.

The charter of any chapter may be suspended or placed on probation by the Executive Board of the National Chapter under 3/4th vote. Charters may be reinstated to full status upon a 3/4th vote by the Executive Board of Alpha Chapter.

Section H.

The Alpha Chapter at Pennsylvania State University- University Park will be known as the National Chapter until a separate National Chapter is established.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section A.

Membership to this Fraternity shall be limited to males who have been initiated into a chartered chapter of DELTA SIGMA IOTA, Inc.

Section B.

Eligible members are classified as follows:

1. Active Brothers: Only males of good character who are studying in institutions of higher education and who manifest a keen interest in the goals of DELTA SIGMA IOTA Inc. shall be eligible to membership in this Fraternity.
2. Active Alumni: Active Alumni members are those that have graduated from the institute of higher education where they were admitted to chapter membership.

Section C.

Any member in good standing in a chapter may transfer to another with the approval and consent of each chapter concerned.

Section D.

Any brother, by unanimous vote of his respective chapter may be expelled from this Fraternity after due hearing. The expelled brother will turn over any fraternity apparel or articles to the Vice President of his respective chapter.

ARTICLE V: EXPANSION

Section A.

All petitions and applications for colonies/interest groups shall be made to the Alpha Chapter of DELTA SIGMA IOTA, Inc. The petitioning group will submit their application to the Executive Board of the National Chapter, which must be approved by 3/4th vote.

Section B.

An interest group is defined as a minimum of four males who would like to bring the ideas, beliefs, and goals of DELTA SIGMA IOTA, Inc. to their institute of higher learning. This interest group will undergo the brother education/pledge process as deemed by Alpha Chapter.

Section C.

A colony is defined as a group of brothers who have successfully obtained recognition from the National Chapter. A colony is the next highest status from an interest group.

Section D.

Additionally, a colony can be automatically formed by an existing brother of DELTA SIGMA IOTA Inc. who attends an institution of higher learning where there is no present chapter of DELTA SIGMA IOTA Inc.

Section E.

The President of the National Chapter will then appoint a committee of his discretion to handle all procedure for the establishment of an interest group and/or new colony.

Section F.

After a colony has initiated its third class of brothers (Gamma Class), the respective colony must request a chapter charter from the National Chapter. The National Chapter will recognize a new chapter after 3/4th vote by its Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: Non-Hazing Policy

Section A.

Delta Sigma Iota Inc. will not conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person undergoing the brother education process. Any potential problem must be reported to the President and Vice President of the respective chapter along with the Executive Board of the Alumni Association.

ARTICLE VII: Constitutional Amendments

Section A.

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths affirmative vote by the Executive Board of The National Chapter.

Section B.

The newly revised Constitution shall supersede all previous Constitutions of this Fraternity. It shall become effective on the day of its ratification.

CONSTITUTIONAL BY-LAWS

I. Chapter Officers

A. Each chapter shall have the following officers on its executive board.

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Pledge Educator
5. Pledge Educator Assistant
6. Treasurer
7. Two Social Chairs
8. Rush/Publicity Chair
9. Two Service Chair
10. Webmaster
11. External Liaison
12. Expansion Chair

II. Duties of Chapter Officers

President:

- Oversees Brotherhood and Fraternity
- Runs Board and Chapter
- Represent Fraternity to other organizations
- Oversee progress done by the Executive Board
- Official Delegate to the Greek Alliance Council
- Education of the Risk Management Policy on a semester basis

Vice-President:

- Enforces Rules and Procedure set forth in constitution
- Makes certain Brotherhood is at top priority
- Maintains Education Requirements
- Fill in for the President when he is not available
- Judge in DSI Court
- Alternate Delegate to the Greek Alliance Council
- Maintain "New Office" and "Roster Update" Forms obtained from the Office of Greek Life

Pledge Educator:

- Prepare and administer the Brother Education process to pledges
- Creating and administering punishments to pledges
- Educate pledges about the fraternity/brotherhood as well as the information contained within the Pledge Manual
- Maintain "New Member" Form obtained from the Office of Greek Life

Pledge Educator Assistant

- Assist Pledge Educator with pledge process
- Attend pledge meetings

Treasurer:

- Standard Bookkeeping
- Maintain Fraternity account
- Formulate budget to allocate funds at start of semester
- Set and collect dues along with pledge dues

Secretary:

- Maintain open line of communication between brothers
- Maintain Fine/Volunteer Policy in conjunction with the Treasurer and Service Chair
- Take minutes at Board/Chapter
- Email minutes out to dsi@listserv.unc.edu on a weekly basis
- Set up location of Chapter/Study Hours

Social Chair: (2)

- Philanthropy as well as fundraising
- Create and sets up social events
- Create social events calendar for the current semester
- Works along with the Rush Chair
- Maintain "Educational Programs" form obtained from the Office of Greek Life for each respective event

Rush Chair (Publicity):

- Publicizing fraternity events (emails, flyers, etc.)
- Plan and execute a series of rush events for the Recruitment Process.
- Works with social chairs

Service Chair:

- Coordinate Service Events
- Maintain Fine/Volunteer Policy in conjunction with the Vice President
- Log volunteer hours of each brother within the chapter
- Maintain "Service Events" form obtained from the Office of Greek life for each respective event

Webmaster/Historian:

- Maintain web page on a weekly basis
- Responsible for media publications
- Official record keeper; responsible for creating and maintaining archive directory of historical events in Delta Sigma Iota (keep copies of all bulletins, newsletters, newspaper articles, fliers, etc.)
- Official photographer at events

External Liaison:

- Attend GAC general body meetings
- Attend Sangam cabinet meetings

Expansion Chair:

- Target universities with a significant South Asian population but no interest fraternity

III. Election of Chapter Officers

A. Elections must be held each semester (excluding summer semesters) within the last two weeks before the end of the semester.

B. Notice of elections must be given by the President three chapter meetings before the election.

C. Nominations shall be made one chapter meeting prior to elections and additional nominations may be made on the day of elections.

D. Newly Inducted Brothers; with less than one semester of board experience are restricted from the following board positions; President, Vice President, Pledge Educator, and Rush/Publicity Chair.

E. Voting shall be made by open vote in the same order that the officers are outlined in the By- Laws.

F. If no candidate obtains a majority of votes on the first ballot, a runoff election will occur between the two highest candidates.

G. The President of the respective chapter will be in charge of tallying the votes.

H. Incoming officers shall be installed into their respective positions during the last board/chapter meeting of the semester.

I. Any vacancy in an elected office must be filled within two weeks after such vacancy occurs.

IV. Meetings

A. General board/chapter meetings shall be held weekly as directed by the chapter's Executive Board each year.

B. The chapter's Executive Board will meet prior to each regularly scheduled meeting.

C. The President may postpone or delay a regularly scheduled meeting or reschedule a meeting for good cause.

D. Every brother of the respective chapter must attend this weekly meeting, with the exception of board members who are required to attend both. Proper notice for failing to attend a meeting must be given to the Vice President of the chapter.

E. Special meetings may only be called by the President in conjunction with the approval of the Vice President. Any board member or brother wishing to call an emergency meeting must have full consent from both the President and Vice President.

F. Alumni/inactive brothers may be recognized by the presiding President to enter discussion, and privileges of addressing the chapter.

V. Education Requirements

A. No leeway will be provided for newly inducted brothers. Academic requirements will start the semester of the pledge/cross process.

Academic Probation (Semester GPA 2.0-2.3):

A. A required ten study hours per week will be implemented for brothers on academic probation.

B. The brother on academic probation must submit the final grades for the semester to the Vice President.

C. All other privileges and requirements as a brother will still exist for brothers on academic probation.

Inactive Status (By Choice or Two Semesters of GPA Below 2.0):

A. All actions taken for brothers in academic probation will be implemented.

B. Semester dues will not be collected from inactive brothers, thus removing the brother from the right of brotherhood events.

C. Inactive brothers will not have to attend weekly chapter meetings.

D. Inactive brothers still reserve the right to wear apparel with fraternity symbols and will be included in the semester composite.

E. Active status will be renewed when the semester GPA goes above Inactive status.

F. Three consecutive semesters of Inactive status could result in expulsion from the fraternity. A hearing in DSI Court will be held to determine the consequence.

VI. Service

- A. Each brother will be required to complete a minimum 4 hours of service per complete month during the school semester. The minimum total for the semester will be 24 hours per brother. Hours received from monthly fraternal service event will count towards these hours. Failure to complete 2 consecutive months or one semester will result in a DSI Court hearing to determine the consequence.
- B. Pledges will be required to complete 12 hours during the pledge process and newly inducted brothers will be required to complete 18 hours the semester they cross (the 12 hrs from pledge process will count towards semester hours)

VII. Fines

A. The Vice President will keep the fine/volunteer policy on file. Punishments for failure to adhere to the policy will be discussed during chapter. The Vice President will be in charge of assessing the fines and will conduct DSI court if necessary.

B. A contract of adhesion will exist on any violation brought up in chapter. Any ambiguous terms will be in favor of the fraternity.

VIII. DSI Court

A. DSI Court shall be used for brothers to prove their innocence when the remaining brothers find him guilty.

B. DSI court shall be run by the Vice-President in the following manner

1. The charge is stated against the accused party(ies)
2. The Accused Brother(s) leave the room so that rest of the Brothers can discuss the charges and what they feel is appropriate
3. The accused Brother(s) then re-enters the room in order to state their case. This is not a discussion or forum, only a short period of time where the accused Brother(s) can state their case.
4. The accused Brother(s) then leaves the room once again, and rest of the Brothers Discuss and decide on innocence or guilt, and if guilty, the ensuing punishment.
5. The accused Brother(s) are then brought back into the room and read the sentencing.

IX. Finances

A. Local chapter fines shall be left to the discretion of the local chapter with approval from the respective executive board.

B. Local chapter dues or other fees will be left to the discretion of the chapter's treasurer and President.

C. Dues will be collected on a semester basis.

X. Amendments to the By-Laws

- A. These by-laws may be amended by a three-fourths affirmative vote of by the brothers of the respective chapter. However, a chapter in existence for less than three years must submit the proposed amendment to the by-laws to The National Chapter for final approval.

XI. UNC Anti-discrimination policy

A. As approved by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the following clause is added to our constitution:

Membership includes all undergraduate males of UNC-CH and both membership and participation in our organization is open without regard to age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation. Membership and participation in our organization also is open without regard to gender, unless exempt under Title IX.