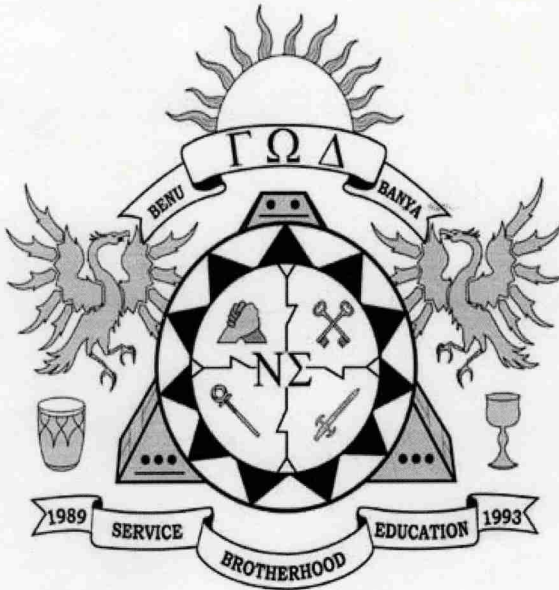


National Constitution of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Incorporated



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Preamble:

We, the members of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Incorporated strive to uphold the principles of Brotherhood, Education, and Community Service. In a world where racism, discrimination, and severe inequalities are prevalent and greed dominates, this organization, known as the above, was created to overcome these challenges to humanity and promote peace and harmony to create a better world for our children to live and prosper in.

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Incorporated.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc. is to create an atmosphere of unity among all peoples of the world through education and community service. To serve as positive role models and to provide guidance and leadership wherever and whenever possible. To strive for excellence in all academic, social, and personal endeavors.

Article III: Organization

Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc. is a multicultural oriented non-profit male organization. This organization is comprised of undergraduate, graduate and alumni chapters and colonies, as well as a National Chapter.

Article IV: Governance

The governance of this organization shall be vested in the annual convention (Legislature), the National Board of Directors (Executive), and the Judiciary. All business should be conducted and function through the National Board of Directors. The fraternity and all affiliated groups shall be vested by this constitution.

Article V: Membership

All men who have successfully completed the undergraduate or graduate/professional pledge process or are honorary members shall be members of this organization

Section 1: Eligibility for Membership

All men regardless of race, creed, color, ethnic background and religion, that submitted a complete application, completed two sets of interviews and demonstrated community involvement and are not affiliated with any other fraternal/Greek lettered social organization shall be eligible to pledge this fraternity.

- a. The interested party (person) must receive a bid from the chapter which he is applying for affirming (confirming) his eligibility to pledge Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc.
- b. Must sign a legal binding contract.
- c. Must pay a non-refundable pledge fee determined by the National Chapter.
- d. Must complete a pledge process before being considered a Brother and is allowed to wear any

Fraternity paraphernalia, unless the member is considered an Honorary member. Guidelines and procedures for honorary memberships are further explained in Article V, section 6.

Section 2: National Membership

- a. Undergraduate members who have graduated from an accredited college or university in which the organization Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Incorporated has a chapter or colony that is recognized by both the institution's Greek life and Gamma Omega Delta's National Chapter is eligible to become a member.
- b. Interested parties whom have successfully completed the Graduate/Professional pledge process or have received honorary membership are eligible for National Chapter membership.
- c. Said member must pay a national membership fee every year of being an active member or a lifetime membership fee.
- d. Said member must have a letter of recommendation from the Executive President in the chapter he has graduated from (or the chapter he has belonged to the longest) stating that said member was in good standing with that particular chapter of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc.
- e. Said member will hold probationary status on Gamma Omega Delta's National Chapter for a period of six months in which that time said member cannot hold an Executive Board of Directors position. Upon that time the National Chapter will vote on the probationary status of the member. Two-thirds (66%) majority vote is necessary to become a full-fledged member of the National Chapter.

Section 3: Alumni Membership

- a. See Article V, Section 2a.
- b. See Article V, Section 2b.
- c. Said member is neither a member of the National Chapter nor a member of a graduate chapter.
- d. Said member must pay a local chapter fee every year if an active member in that local chapter.
- e. If the interested person is not a member of the organization, that person must have obtained a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and must successfully complete the Graduate/Professional pledge process outlined in the Graduate/Professional Dean's Manual

Section 4: Graduate Membership

- a. See Article V, Section 2a.
- b. See Article V, Section 2b.
- c. Said member is presently attending an accredited college or university and enrolled in a Master's degree program or it's equivalent.
- d. If the organization has not expanded to that institution that said member is attending, the member may work in conjunction with the National Chapter to bring the organization to that accredited institution.
- e. Said member must pay a local chapter fee every year if an active member in that local chapter.
- f. If the interested person is not a member of the organization, that person must successfully complete the Graduate/Professional pledge process outlined in the Graduate/Professional Dean's Manual

Section 5: Undergraduate Membership

- a. The interested person must presently attend an accredited four year college or university and must be enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program or it's equivalent

- b. See Article V, Section 4d.
- c. The interested person must have an academic standing of 2.3 or higher (if the previous semester GPA is less than 2.3 the overall GPA needs to be at least 2.5) and have at least twelve approved credits from an accredited college or university,
- d. The interested person must complete the required pledge process outlined in the Dean's Pledge Manual.
- e. See Article V, Section 2b.
- f. Said member must pay a local chapter fee every year if an active member in that local chapter.

Section 6: Honorary Membership

- a. The power in granting honorary membership will rest solely with the National Chapter.
- b. Honorary member is expected to uphold the same standards and principles as all other members.
- c. Honorary members are awarded the same rights and privileges as any other member in this organization.
- d. Honorary members are expected to pay annual National and local chapter fees as any other member.

Section 7: Inactive Membership

- a. An inactive member is one who has not attended more than three meetings per semester, participated in chapter events inconsistently, failed to uphold duties within a committee, falls below acceptable academic standards (Cum. G.P.A. of 2.5 or most recent semester G.P.A. of 2.2), and/or violates the codes of conduct and/or violates the constitution.
- b. By the power vested in the constitution, inactive members will be imposed the following sanctions:
 - 1. Cannot attend Fraternity meetings (to voice opinions).
 - 2. Have no vote in Fraternity meetings
 - 3. Cannot have any dealings with the organization's pledge candidates.
 - 4. Must attend a judicial hearing. If none available, he must come before the National Chapter.
- c. Reinstatement of inactive members will be decided by the Judicial Board. A written statement outlining the possible conditions for reinstatement will be given to the inactive member seeking and/or petitioning for reinstatement.
 - 1. Inactive member must participate in and/or organize a minimum of three community services before reinstatement.

Article VI: Principle Offices

The Principle Office of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc. shall be in the town of New York of the State of New York. The organization may also have offices at such other locations within or out of the State of New York as the Executive Board may from time to time deem it necessary for the business of the organization.

Article VII: Annual Convention

Section 1: Place of Convention

Convention of members shall be held at alternating locations at each chapter's principal office based on Greek alphabetical order. (Maybe later in the future have a central meeting place?).

Section 2: Date of Convention

The Annual Convention of members shall be held in the spring preferably late March/early April (or whenever is deemed feasible and appropriate by the hosting and National Chapters), when the members shall elect a board and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 3: Purpose of Convention

1. The Convention shall be the general legislative body for the Fraternity and shall have the following purpose/s:
 - a. To act upon all fraternity matters except for those which exclusive authority is otherwise delegated in the constitution.
 - b. To elect members of the National Board of Directors (for example, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ministers of Committees, etc....).
 - c. To determine the amounts of Fraternity dues and fees.
 - d. To approve changes in various aspects of the organization (i.e., creation of new offices and committees, location changes, procedural changes, etc.).
 - e. To ratify and adopt amendments to the Constitution
 - f. To approve and adopt changes in the pledge process (undergraduate and graduate/professional).
 - g. Refocus of purposes, goals, and objectives of the organization.

Section 4: Special Meetings

- a. Special meetings of members may be called by the executive board, by the president or by the secretary at the request in writing of a majority of the board or at the request in writing by 2/3 of the fraternity members. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Business transacted at a special meeting shall be confined to the purposes stated in the notice. It is the voting delegate's responsibility to give full account of the meeting to one's chapter.
- b. This shall hold the same for any affiliated chapters and groups in the organization

Section 5: Eligible Voting List

A list is to be compiled before the meeting by the Executive Board, of members eligible to vote and/or express opinions at the convention where voting on some legislation is to take place.

Section 6: Quorum of Members

- a. For the transaction of any fraternal business, a quorum must be present at such meeting. A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the chapters or members present at the meeting eligible to vote.
- b. Any voting decision made by a quorum shall only be passed if all members were notified of meeting a minimum of ten days in advance.
- c. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any members
- d. The members present may adjourn the meeting despite the absence of a quorum.
- e. This shall hold the same for any affiliated chapters and groups of the organization.

Section 7: Proxies

- a. Every member entitled to vote at a meeting or to express consent or dissent without meeting may authorize another member or members to act for him by proxy. Every proxy must be signed by the member. No proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it, except as otherwise said by the Executive Secretary at such meeting.

- b. This shall hold the same for any affiliated chapters and groups of the organization.

Section 8: Qualification of Voters

- a. Every active member in good standing shall be entitled at every meeting to one vote on any legislation or decision to be passed or approved.
- b. Each chapter in good standing with the organization shall vote as one body.

Section 9: Voting Body

- a. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of active members entitled to vote in the election.
- b. All other fraternal/corporate action shall be authorized by a majority of the votes cast.

Section 10: Written Consent

- a. Any action that may be taken by vote may be taken without a meeting on written consent setting for the action, signed by all the active members of all chapters entitled to vote.
- b. A majority of signatures in favor of the action is needed for the action to pass.

Article VIII: Regular Meetings

Section 1: Schedule of Meetings

- a. Regular undergraduate and graduate chapter meetings shall be held once a week and shall be open to all members. Executive board meetings shall be held every other week for business purposes.
- b. National and alumni chapter meetings should be held as often as the e-board members of each respective chapter deem it necessary

Section 2: Place of Meetings

Meetings may be held at any place within or out of the State of New York, as it may from time to time be determined by the president.

Section 3: Notice of meetings

- a. Notice of meetings may be given personally (verbally) to each member entitled to vote at such meeting or by written notice no less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- b. Written notice of meeting shall state the place, date and hour of such meeting as well as the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. It shall also indicate who is calling the meeting.
- c. Written notice of meeting can be mailed to member entitled to vote as long as member receives the notice seven (7) days prior to such meeting.

Section 4: Special Meetings

- a. Special meetings shall be held upon notice to members and may be called by the president upon three days notice to each member either personally (verbally) or by mail or by wire.
- b. Special meetings shall be called by the president in like manner on the written request of a majority of the members active in the chapter.
- c. A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

Section 5: Chair of Meetings

At all meetings the President, or in his absence, the next in power such as the Vice President, then Secretary, then Treasurer, or in their absence, a chair chosen by the members shall preside.

Section 6: Executive and Other Committees

A majority vote may designate from among its members an executive committee and other committees, each consisting of at least one director. Each such committee shall serve at each chapter's discretion as long as they abide by written statute.

Section 7: Order of Business

- a. All regular and special meetings of the organization shall be run under the rules of parliamentary procedure with "Robert's Rules of Order" revised as a reference.
- b. At every meeting, the executive board is responsible for giving brief reports to the chapter:
 1. President shall report on the status of the chapter and the organization as a whole from information received from the National Chapter or any other chapter and the accomplishments and weakness of the chapter.
 2. The Vice President shall report on the Greek life of the institution as it pertains to the chapter.
 3. The Secretary shall report on any upcoming fraternal matters such as programs, special events. Etc....
 4. The Treasurer shall report on the financial status of the chapter.

Article IX: Executive Board of Directors

Section 1:

- a. Each local chapter shall be managed by its Executive Board of Directors, each of whom shall be active and at least 18 years of age. The Executive Board of Directors for each chapter shall be the governing and policy making body of the chapter and shall exercise general supervision over the chapter's affairs.
- b. National Chapter Board of Directors shall have full and final authority over and the responsibility for the activities and operations of this organization and shall have the power to do and perform all such acts in the best interests of this organization.
- c. The National Chapter Executive Board of Directors shall:
 1. Administer all rules, regulations and policies of the fraternity and the provisions of the constitution.
 2. Manage the financial affairs of the organization within the plans and budget.
 3. Exercise final authority over the financial management of undergraduate, graduate, and alumni chapter and House Corporation.
 4. Establish and maintain the national Office and authorize all major expenditures relative to its structure and facilities.
 5. Extend the right to veto the initiation of an individual man into the pledge process.
 6. Approve content and authorize the publications of newsletters, manuals and other fraternity publications.
 7. Approve the extension policy of the organization and adopt standard procedures and policies for expansions and installation of new collegiate chapters.
 8. Develop and coordinate the overall public relations program of the organization and approve activities in regards to promoting the fraternity.
 9. Establish policies on building and university-owned property, the rental of university facilities, and other similar matters.

10. Enact all necessary rules and regulations, procedures and guidelines, in governing the operation of this organization.
 11. Adopt standing rules to clarify, define or implement fraternity policies.
 12. Exercise final disciplinary authority over members and chapters, in the absence of a judicial board.
 13. Have the power to remove from office any member of the Board of Directors for cause, in absence of a judicial board.
 14. Fill vacancies, through appointment, on the Board of Directors in absence of annual convention or emergency vacancy.
- d. Local Chapter Executive Board of Directors shall:
1. Administer all rules and regulations, procedures and guidelines for the fraternity and under the provisions of the constitution.
 2. Manage the financial affairs of their particular chapter maintaining a minimum of \$300 in their budget.
 3. Approve the initiation of qualified men into membership.
 4. Are responsible for overseeing the pledge process of qualified members.
 5. Develop and coordinate a public relations program for the fraternity of their particular chapter.
 6. Fill vacancies, through appointment, on the Board of Directors in absence of quorum at that particular chapter.

Section 2: Number and Succession of Executive Board of Directors

The number and order of succession in case of absence, impeachment or emergency regarding the President of the Executive Board of Directors shall be four (4): President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3: Election and Term of Directors

- a. At each annual Election Day meeting, the members shall elect directors to hold office until the next annual Election Day meeting. Each director shall hold office until his successor has been elected and qualified, or until his prior resignation or removal.
- b. Members of the Executive Board of Directors, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer shall be limited to two consecutive terms in their particular position. Undergraduate representatives shall be limited to one elected term. Appointment to fill an unexpired term shall not constitute a duly elected term. National Chapter probation period shall not count towards a full term.

Section 4: Election

- a. Unless there is outstanding circumstances elections shall be held two weeks before the end of the spring semester.
- b. Elections for the executive board for the National Chapter shall be held during the annual convention.
- c. Nominations:
 1. Any chapter or individual members of the fraternity may submit suggestions for possible nominees.
 2. Nominations for members of the board of directors shall be made one meeting before the annual convention or elections meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any member of the voting body providing the nominee's consent to serve if elected is obtained in advance.

Section 5: Training

Elected directors are to work closely and train with active directors in order to resume position during June for preparation and training purposes. Directors are to resume active position the following September.

Section 6: Newly created directorships and vacancies

Newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring in the board for any reason except the removal of directors without cause may be filled by a vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum exists. Vacancies occurring by reason of removal of directors without cause shall be filled by vote of the members. A director elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation; death or removal shall be elected to hold office for the un-expired term of his predecessor.

Section 7: Expulsion of Members

- a. Any or all of the members may be removed for cause by vote of the Judicial Board, or the National Chapter in the absence of a judicial board.
- b. Anyone who jeopardizes or uses to his advantage any information or monetary compensation for his personal gain given to afflict and put in peril the organization's function, stability, unity and peace is subject to immediate expulsion by the Judicial Board or the National Chapter in the absence of a judicial board pending a hearing.

Section 8: Resignation

A director may resign at any time by giving a written notice to the board, the president, or the secretary no less than two weeks in advance. The resignation shall take effect two weeks after and acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 9: Quorum of Directors

A majority vote of the entire board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or of any specified item of business.

Section 10: Action of the Board

a. The vote of the majority of the directors present at the time of the vote, if quorum is present at such time, shall be the act of the board. Each director present, except for the president, shall have one vote. The president may or may not hold a proxy. The president shall only be allowed to vote in the event of a tie.

Section 11: Regular Board Meetings

- a. Board meetings shall be open to all active members.
- b. Meeting procedures should be indicated in Article VIII Section 3,4,5, and 7.

Section 12: Executive and Other Committees

The board by resolution adopted by a majority of the board may designate from among its members an executive committee, each consisting of at least three directors. Each such committee shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

Section 13: Impeachment

- a. Any member of an Executive Board of Directors may be removed from office upon the unanimous vote of the constituents (other board members, committee members, etc.). Each chair, or in the event of the National Chapter, each chapter, and each member of the executive board is entitled to a vote, excluding the charged party.
- b. Removal shall be for incapacity to carry out the responsibilities of office, but such action may be taken only after written charges have been filed and after the person named in such charges has had an opportunity to be heard in his own defense.

Article X: Officers

Section 1: Officers, election, term.

- a. The board may elect or appoint a president, one or two vice presidents, a secretary, an assistant secretary and a treasurer, and other such officers as it may deem necessary, who shall have such duties, powers and functions as hereinafter provided.
- b. All officers shall be elected or appointed to hold office until the meeting of the board following the next Election Day.
- c. Each officer shall hold office for the term for which he is elected or appointed and until his successor has been elected or appointed and qualified.
- d. No officer is to serve more than two terms in the same chair (each term equating one fiscal year) unless no one else qualifies according to statute guidelines.

Section 2: Removal and Resignation

- a. Refer to article IX, section 8 and 14.
- b. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of an officer, the board in its discretion may elect or appoint a successor to fill the un-expired term of the predecessor and is not included in the two-year term limit.
- c. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of the president, secretary, and Dean.

Section 3: Officers

- a. **President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the organization (chapter); he shall preside at all meetings of the board; he shall have the management of the business of the organization and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board are carried into effect.
 1. The president shall only vote in the event of a tie.
 2. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the president, the Board of Directors secretary shall immediately call a meeting of the board to appoint his successor.
 3. In case of the removal, resignations, or disability of both the president and vice president, or the entire Board of Directors, an emergency meeting of the organization will be called to elect a new board of directors in accordance with the constitution.
- b. **Vice Presidents:** During the absence or disability of the president, the vice president or if there are more than one, the Executive Vice President, shall have all powers and functions of the president. Each vice president shall perform such other duties, as the board shall prescribe.
- c. **Secretary:** Attend all meetings of the board. Record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in the book to be kept for that purpose. Give or cause to be given notice of total meetings and of special meetings of the board. Keep in safe custody the seal of the corporation and affix it to any instrument when authorized by the board. When required, prepare a cause to be available at each meeting a certified list in alphabetical order of the names of the Brothers entitled to vote there at. Keep all the documents and records of the corporation as required by law or otherwise in a proper or safe manner. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board.

- d. **Assistant Secretaries:** During the absence or disability of the Secretary the assistant secretary, or if there are more than one so designated by the Secretary or by the board, shall have all powers and functions of the secretary.
- e. **Treasurer:** Shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities. Keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the corporate books. Deposit all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the board. Disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered or authorized by the board and to preserve proper vouchers for such disbursements. Render to the president and the board at the regular meeting of the board, or whenever they require it, an account of all his transactions as treasurer and of the financial status of the corporation. Render a full report at all meetings. Have complete and organized financial reports and statements as to all financial transactions available to all members as he may request. Perform such other duties as are given to him as from time to time are assigned to him by the board or the president. It is the treasurer's sole responsibility to manage all transactions and record it accordingly. The Treasurer will be personally penalized for any errors or negligence. Treasuries are not to be used for personal gains. Stealing and/or fraud will be immediate cause for impeachment and removal from the organization.

Section 4: Ministers of Committees

All chapters, including the National Chapter shall have each of the following chairs unless otherwise stated.

- a. **Minister of Multicultural Affairs:** Arrange functions and social events to cultivate and enrich others as well as all members in the organization. The National Chapter's minister will be responsible for devising a policy of multiculturalism and multicultural programs and events for the organization in accordance with the organization's definition of multiculturalism and its focus to attain a pluralistic society fostering unity, education, and community service among all peoples of the world for peace and harmony. It is the rest of the organization's ministers of Multicultural Affairs. to implement these policies. They are also in charge of keeping all members informed of all current multicultural events on campus. As well as, have on hand a prepared committee report to be given at meetings when requested.
- b. **Minister of Recruitment Affairs:** To recruit eligible candidates. To arrange an orientation session in order to inform all those interested in the organization's optimal goals, background and main purpose. To give out bids to prospective pledges. He is responsible for the organization of general interest meetings as well. The National Chapter's minister will be responsible for drafting guidelines to be implemented by the rest of the organization's ministers for General Interest meetings and smoker/rush events such as what information is to be disclosed and not disclosed, agendas, activities, handing out of applications and whatever duties are assigned to him by the board.
- c. **Minister of Academic Affairs (Undergraduate and Graduate chapters only):** Must be in good academic standing with the university's guidelines. Prepare a test bank by way collecting previous exams from all available sources. Use counselors, professors, and university staff as a beneficial resort by obtaining educational oriented information and encourage active members to participate in such functions. Have a list of member's names stating grade point average, status, academic weaknesses as well as strengths. Have on hand a list of tutors, study groups, and other academic resources. Recommend active members for tutoring. Keep chart, which marks active members, improvement and set up honor roll. To set up and distribute a guideline of tips on how to study. To set up when needed library hours that allow for no schedule conflicts twice a week in an educationally oriented location for the purpose of helping members study and perform academic excellence.
- d. **Minister of Community Service Affairs:** Responsible for obtaining all information from all accessible resources concerning community service, and assigning members according to their schedules. To transcend environmental awareness throughout the organization and university as well as to the community by way of slides, newspaper clippings, interviews, guest speakers, etc. The National Chapter's minister will be responsible for drafting a policy

for community service that will be implemented by the rest of the organization's ministers detailing the number of community services that are required by a chapter per semester, types of community services, how they might be presented, etc. Have on hand a prepared committee report when requested by the board to be given at meetings.

- e. **Minister of Fundraising Affairs:** Is in charge of holding functions that requires fees. Works closely with the treasurer and minister of public relations. Is responsible for coming up with ideas to fundraise for the chapter and/or organization and supervising them. The National Chapter's minister is responsible for the drafting up of fundraising guidelines or manual stating possible procedures, ideas, and past results. To have on hand a prepared committee report when requested by the board to be given at meetings.
- f. **Dean of Pledging Affairs (Local chapters only):** Dedicate most of his time along with the assistant dean to pledges and supervises pledging procedure. Is in full resolvability and possession of the Dean manual. Decides whether or not active members are in right to demand certain behaviors from pledges. Decides when penalties are required: NO HAZING IS ALLOWED. Decides when pledging line will "cross" into Brotherhood. Decides whether or not to drop or keep a line in conjunction with the executive board's approval. Is required to write an evaluative report on the pledges and pledge process during and after the pledge period.
- g. **Sergeant at Arms:** Keeps control of meetings. Has the responsibility of assuring that the agenda is followed item by item without regression or deviation to any other issues. Notes down names in sequence so that all member voices and opinions are heard and not overlooked, in this way subsiding all tensions and restoring unity.
- h. **Minister of Historic Affairs:** Shall be the chapter's photographer. Retain and submit attained historical information, directory of members, and senior autobiography of all chapters' brothers. Photographs are to be taken and incorporated into the organization's history and album. Oversee the library, archives, and awards. Work in conjunction with the National Chapter to keep all information pertinent to fraternity updated and current. Collect and submit a yearly synopsis of chapters to enter into historical files. Shall oversee and regulate the G.Q. Digest and come up with a consistent format for printing and distribution. The National Chapter's minister will be responsible for making an organization newsletter of happenings and events going on throughout the organization and to be distributed to each chapter.
- i. **Minister of Convention Affairs (National chapter only):** Shall be the chair of the annual convention committee. The annual convention committee shall be responsible for working in conjunction with the host chapter of the annual convention in making various arrangements before and during the convention. One member from each chapter, that is not hosting the annual convention, shall be a delegate. The chapters shall have the freedom to decide upon whom is chosen. If the chapters cannot decide amongst themselves the president of that chapter may appoint someone as delegate.
Is also responsible for the setup of Founders Weekend Conference (held in November) as well as the Summer Conference (held in July). Delegates from each chapter are not required for the set up of these conferences.
- j. **Minister of Judicial Affairs/Chief Judge (National chapter only):** Shall be the chair of the Judiciary Board and shall be responsible for directing all actions and or recommendations of his board. The board shall understand and interpret this constitution. The board shall also consider and report with recommendations to the national office and the annual convention proposed amendments to this constitution. Shall be responsible for reading any judicial decision brought before the judiciary board. He along with his board shall have the responsibility of drafting procedures and penalties for judicial hearings.
- k. **Regional Directors (National chapter only):** The regional director shall be a member of the national chapter and in good standing with the fraternity. The undergraduate, graduate, and alumni chapters shall be grouped into geographic districts for the purpose of effective administration. The boundaries of such districts will be determined by the National Chapter. The regional director may petition for the position or may be appointed by the president of the National Chapter. The regional shall work with the undergraduate, graduate, and alumni chapters within their district. The regional director shall serve as a liaison between the

chapters and the National Chapter. Visit each chapter within their district twice a year, and immediately after, send written recommendations to the chapters and submit reports to the National Chapter. Train and supervise all chapter chains in their district.

- l. **Minister of Expansion (National chapter only):** Responsible for overseeing the establishments of new chapters. Shall draft up any policy they feel necessary for the careful establishment of new colonies. Will work with school officials to ensure all university rules and regulations are met in the installation of a chapter. Is also responsible for the following two-year supervision of new chapters. To prepare and have on hand when requested a written report on the progress of the potential colonies and/or chapters.
- m. **Minister of Public Relations:** Shall be responsible for the representation of the fraternity in any meetings, locations, events, and reunions. Shall be responsible for networking and making contacts to promote the fraternity to its fullest. Establish and maintain good communication between the fraternity and other organizations through dialogue and socials. Responsible for making flyers and propaganda for programs, events, socials and any other duties prescribed by the board.

Article XI: Voting Procedures

- a. Quorum of members is necessary to vote on any transaction concerning the fraternity. See Article VII, Section 6 for further explanations.
- b. All members of the voting body shall be members of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc.
- c. All voting members shall be in good standing with the organization in terms of character, participation, and dues.

Article XII: Judicial Board

Section 1: Power

The judiciary power of this branch is vested with the Judicial Board and the constitution of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc. It has the power of judicial review (interpretation of this constitution) and declaring any law or policy by this organization unconstitutional and therefore null and void.

Section 2: Delegates/Judges

The judiciary board shall be composed of five elected members (or appointed if necessary) one of which will be chief judge who will serve as the chair of the board (and representative to the National Chapter). One will be from a graduate chapter, one from an alumni chapter and two from undergraduate chapters. All members of the judiciary board must be in good standing with their respective chapters and the organization.

Section 3: Guidelines and Procedures

The guidelines and procedures of the fraternity shall be formulated by the judicial board. This shall govern the actions of all the fraternity's judicial functions.

Section 4: Responsibilities

The judiciary board shall hear cases of improper conduct by an individual or a chapter as submitted by a complainant within the organization. When a violation of the fraternity's creed and codes of conduct has been established at a hearing of the judicial board, the board, shall determine the appropriate penalty or penalties.

Section 5: Quorum

- a. In order to hear and render a decision on any judicial case relating to the fraternity, all five judges must be present. For a decision to be passed a 3/5 majority vote by the judicial board is needed.
- b. The actions of the board are final, but subject to appeal only once. Appeals may be made within 72 hours of a decision but not made after one week of the decision. Appeals must be made in writing to the judiciary board. Appeals will only be granted by 3/5-majority vote of the general body of the organization.

Section 7: Sanctions

Sanctions shall be imposed that are clearly appropriate under the circumstances. Sanctions used by the judicial board shall be reprimand, official censure, restitution, probation, interim suspension, indefinite suspension, and expulsion being the most severe.

Article XIII: Expansion

Section 1: Establishment

- a. The National Chapter shall enact appropriate rules and procedures in determining a college or university's suitability as field for extension and establishing new colonies at these colleges and universities. Each new colony and chapter shall and will maintain a high standing and good reputation of the fraternity.
- b. A colony can petition for chapter status once it's members have met the following requirements:
 1. The colony consist of at least three active members in good standing with the fraternity, whom will remain active in the perspective chapter for a minimum of one year upon receiving chapter status
 2. The colony has functioned as a chapter by meeting all chapter requirements as stipulated in this constitution and instructed by the National Chapter for at least one academic semester
 3. The colony receives recognition from the university/college it's members are enrolled in
- c. New chapters shall be established by 2/3-majority vote of the National Chapter in the petitioning colony's favor.
- d. New chapters shall be under special supervision for at least two years after installation.

Section 2: Names

Chapters shall be named according to the letters of the Greek alphabet used consecutively starting with Beta but excluding Alpha, Gamma, and Omega as chapters, and continue with double combinations of the Greek alphabet in sequence thereafter (Beta alpha, Beta beta, Beta gamma, etc.). The names of inactive chapters shall not be used again unless chapters shall be re-established at the same college or university.

Section 3: Chapter in Good Standing

A chapter will be considered in good standing when it fulfills its duties and responsibilities as a chapter, according to this constitution, and other rules, regulations, and procedures of this fraternity.

Section 4: Discipline of Chapters

- a. Each chapter will be subjected to disciplinary measures for the following actions:
 1. Any conduct that impairs the welfare and reputation of this fraternity by not complying with the codes of conduct befitting a member of this organization.
 2. Violation of this constitution, rules, and regulations of the fraternity, rituals, policies, and procedures and/or actions of the National Chapter, executive board will result in disciplinary actions.

3. Failure to meet financial obligations.
 4. Failure to maintain the required academic status stated by the individual institution for specific members.
- b. Disciplinary action
1. Academic probation: Chapters will be put on academic probationary status for a period of 12 months if they fall below required academic status. If within 12 months they do not raise their grade point average their charter will be revoked.
 2. Chapter Probation: the judicial board (or in absence of the latter, the National Chapter) may place a chapter on probation for a cause. Probation involves suspension of certain powers and/or other privileges deemed appropriate and necessary by the judicial board (or in absence of the latter, the National Chapter).
 3. Notification: Upon the decision of the judicial board to suspend the charter of a chapter, immediate notification should be given by the chief judge to the suspended chapter and all affiliated members in writing describing the chapter suspension and reasons for such action.
 4. Upon recommendations of the executive board of the National Chapter, the National Chapter may vote, 3/4 majority needed, to remove charter suspension, extend suspension, or initiate charter withdrawal proceedings. The executive secretary of the National Chapter shall notify affected chapter and all affiliated members.

Article XIV: Community Service

- a. Every local chapter of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc. shall be required to complete a minimum of six (6) community service functions each semester.
- b. Every local chapter of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc. shall be required to hold a week of events titled "Rebirth of Consciousness Week" at least once during the fiscal year. Events for the week shall be community service oriented. Three of these events can be counted towards the (6) community service requirements for that given semester.
- c. The community services should be focused around, but not limited to, bringing awareness of multiculturalism to the respective community as well as the betterment and upliftment of underprivileged children
- d. A party or festival shall not be considered a community service function.
- e. Undergraduate chapters are also required to produce the official fraternity newsletter (GQ Digest) at least once during the academic year and distribute in their respective college/university campus
- f. Failure of any chapter to complete the above requirements will be grounds for immediate chapter probation and a judicial hearing which will outline any reprimands and/or other penalties the judicial board (or in absence of the latter, then the National Chapter) deems necessary and appropriate.

Article XV: Hazing Clause

Under no circumstances will any member of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity Inc. be allowed to strike a pledge. Nor are members allowed to put the pledges in dangerous situations that will cause them serious harm. Members are not allowed to encourage pledges to perform any act against the pledge's will. Failure of any member to honor this clause will be grounds for immediate removal from the organization. See Article IX, Section 7a

Article XVI: Code of Conduct

- a. Every member of Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity Inc. shall represent the organization, at all times, in the most responsible and respectable manner possible.
- b. Every member should treat others how they would wish to be treated. No member shall call anyone, especially another member, with derogatory names and raise their voice or shout at other members.
- c. Every member will carry out their duties, as members or as officers, as described in this constitution. Members will also carry out their duties as they are assigned at any meeting by

the president of that chapter or by the chapter as a whole. Failure to complete those duties will result in immediate judicial hearing.

- d. At Fraternal/organization parties or festivals, no member shall be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- e. No drugs or illegal substances shall be served in Fraternal/organization parties.

Amendments

Amendment 1 (Ratified Saturday, April 6th 1997)

Voting during Fraternity Conventions:

Each active member in good standing with the organization is to have one vote at National Chapter Conventions and/or Conference meetings. This method of voting will continue until the Fraternity has more active local chapters than National Chapter members. This method of voting is effective immediately.

Amendment 2 (Ratified Sunday, April 16th 2000)

Undergraduate GPA requirement:

Perspective undergraduate members, whom are undergoing the application process, are required to meet their respective schools GPA requirement to pledge a Greek letter organization, in order to be an eligible candidate for membership in Gamma Omega Delta Fraternity, Inc.