

1993

CONSTITUTION FOR THE ALPHA CHAPTER OF KAPPA TAU BETA

AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Alpha Chapter in accordance with our tradition of responsible self-government and leadership, do hereby establish this Constitution of Kappa Tau Beta Leadership fraternity.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the fraternity shall be to assemble those in the field of Textiles who have shown outstanding qualities of leadership, character, and service while pursuing an education in the field. Potential members are primarily judged on demonstrated leadership in the College of Textiles the University and civic and community activities, with emphasis being placed on demonstrated leadership in the College of Textiles.

SYMBOLS

Fraternity colors - Maroon and Gray.

Fraternity flower - Red Carnation.

Fraternity motto - "Better Textiles Through Leadership".

ARTICLE ONE - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - Active membership

Active members shall be undergraduates currently enrolled as full time students, attending at least twelve hours of class at this institution (unless less than twelve hours are needed for graduation), of at least Sophomore status, and in good scholastic standing of a 2.25 grade point average at the time of induction.

To remain active, members must not miss more than one out of every four meetings or functions without a valid excuse. Members must maintain the University requirement for graduation of a 2.0 grade point average.

Active membership shall not exceed thirty.

SECTION TWO - Initiation of Active Members

All pledges shall be initiated in accordance with the prescribed ritual of this fraternity. Initiations shall be held each semester if five or more positions are open for new brothers.

The fee for initiation into Kappa Tau Beta shall be twenty-five dollars. Chapter dues shall be five dollars each semester, excluding the term of initiation for which no dues shall be assessed.

There shall be at least two meetings scheduled for each month.

SECTION THREE - Inactive Membership

Students not regularly enrolled during a semester due to valid reasons (co-ops, exchange, financial, etc.) shall be considered inactive for that semester, but shall have all privileges reinstated upon return to the University.

Inactive members shall be those members failing to maintain a satisfactory standing in accordance with Article One Section One. These members shall not represent the fraternity in any capacity but shall retain all other privileges of membership. Members not enrolled in school for a semester are considered inactive for that semester.

SECTION FOUR - Alumni Members

Alumni members shall be graduated active members. Alumni members may attend all fraternity functions.

SECTION FIVE - Honorary Members

- A. Any candidate eligible for membership in Kappa Tau Beta shall be declared eligible for honorary membership only if they are in the process of completing their last semester as an undergraduate.
- B. Candidates eligible for honorary membership shall be listed on the ballot with no distinction from all other candidates and shall be voted on as such by secret ballot.
- C. If those candidates eligible for honorary membership are among those selected for full membership, then they shall be made honorary members, with no more than two honorary members being elected in any one semester.
- D. The resulting vacancies for full membership shall be filled by those candidates who were not previously elected for full membership according to the number of votes they received in the previous election.
- E. Honorary members shall enjoy the privileges of alumni members and include all "Textile Leader of the Year" recipients.

ARTICLE TWO - EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICERS

SECTION ONE - Elections

Officers shall be elected for a one year term by a majority of those voting. There must be a quorum present at the time of the election.

Each officer shall at the time of his/her election be enrolled as a full time student in the College of Textiles and be in good standing.

Elections shall be held in April of every year.

SECTION TWO - The President

The President shall:

- A. Serve as presiding officer at all meetings of the fraternity;
- B. Appoint the chairs for special committees; i.e, those committees other than the Standing Committees;
- C. Intrust and require reports from both the Standing and any other special committees;
- D. Assume the responsibilities of any vacant office until a designated election can be held;
- E. Serve as ex-officio member of any committee.

Candidates for election to the Presidency must have been a member of this organization for at least one-half term.

SECTION THREE - The Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- A. Act in the full capacity of the President in case of his/her absence;
- B. Succeed to the Presidency in the event of the vacating of that office even if a full semester has not been served by the vice president;
- C. Serve as chairperson of the Service Activities Committee.

The Vice President shall be chosen at large from the members.

SECTION FOUR - The Secretary

The secretary shall:

- A. Record all proceedings;
- B. Keep a record of attendance;
- C. Post records of all activities;
- D. Carry on all official correspondence;
- E. Report immediately to the President all members who are subject to recall for lack of attendance;

- F. Be presiding officer in absence of President or Vice President;
- G. Serve as chairperson of the Publications Committee.

The secretary shall be chosen at large from the members.

SECTION FIVE - The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Be chief financial officer;
- B. Be responsible for and keep a record of all allocations and expenditures of funds;
- C. Submit to the President upon request a written report of the state of the treasury.
- D. Serve as chairperson of the Publicity Committee

The Treasurer shall be chosen at large from the members.

SECTION SIX - The Pledgemasters

The Pledgemasters shall:

- A. Serve as chairs of the Rushing Committee and as such handle pledging and planning of the smoker;
- B. Be responsible for informing the pledges of their standing;
- C. Be responsible for checking each semester and reporting to the President any active member failing to maintain a satisfactory accordance with Article One Section One.

Two Pledgemasters shall be chosen at large from the members.

SECTION SEVEN - The Tomkins Textile Student Council Representative

The TTSC Representative shall:

- A. Represent Kappa Tau Beta at all council meetings;
- B. Report to the council the actions of Kappa Tau Beta;
- C. Be an active member of the council and participate in all council activities;
- D. Report to Kappa Tau Beta the actions of the council.

The Tomkins Textile Student Council Representative shall be chosen at large from the members.

ARTICLE THREE - POWERS AND DUTIES

KAPPA TAU BETA shall:

- A. Accredite its own membership;
- B. Establish its own meeting times and rules of procedure which shall be included in the Statutes;
- C. Determine policies and programs;
- D. Enact by a two-thirds majority vote the Kappa Tau Beta Statutes;

- E. Allocate funds to such activities as it shall deem compatible with the general welfare of the fraternity, provided that all funds appropriated for use, but not expended during a given year shall remain in the General Fund;
- F. Confirm or reject appointments of the President by two-thirds vote in the case of appointments to fill vacated elective offices, and by a majority vote for all other regular appointments except such minor appointments as the fraternity shall deem proper not to require approval;
- G. Override a presidential veto by a two-thirds vote of the fraternity;
- H. Try all impeachments and suspend or remove from office by a three-fourths majority vote any elected or appointed student official for malfeasance in office.

ARTICLE FOUR - STATUES

The Kappa Tau Beta Statues shall be the by-laws of the Constitution and shall require passage by a two-thirds majority vote of the fraternity.

ARTICLE FIVE - AMMENDMENTS

All amendments of this Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the members voting in a referendum following;

- A. A two-thirds majority vote of the fraternity or;
- B. A petition signed by thirty percent of the members.

SECTION I - University Policy and Regulation

Any article of this constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government Constitution or by-laws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the club and the President of Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.

KAPPA TAU BETA STATUTES

ARTICLE I - ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be required of every member under penalty of expulsion if more than one meeting in four is missed without a legitimate excuse. No officer may miss a meeting without a legitimate excuse. Said excuse must be given to any officer personally or sent in the form of a written explanation before the day of the next regularly scheduled meeting. The acceptance of this excuse shall be left to the discretion of the presiding officer and advisor.

Procedure for expulsion is as follows:

If an acceptable excuse is not received before the next scheduled meeting (not to exceed two weeks and not on the day of the next meeting) the presiding officer will give a letter of termination to the delinquent member before said meeting or immediately thereafter if the member is not present.

ARTICLE II - FACULTY ADVISOR

SECTION I - Election

The election of the faculty advisor shall be held during the last meeting prior to the close of the spring semester.

SECTION II - Tenure of Service

Said advisor shall serve the fraternity for one scholastic year and may be re-elected to said position for an unlimited number of consecutive terms.

SECTION III - Duties of Advisor

Said Advisor shall have full rights and privileges, except voting, in the proceedings of the fraternity and will aid the fraternity in accomplishing the objectives set forth in the Constitution.

ARTICLE III - QUORUM AND RULES

SECTION I - Quorum

A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the membership of the fraternity.

SECTION II - Rules

The rules for conducting the meetings shall be in accordance with standard parliamentary procedure as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV - STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION I - Rushing Committee

Said committee shall be chaired by the Pledgemasters.

Clause 1. The purpose of this committee will be to coordinate the rushing activities once each term.

Clause 2. The smoker must be held in the first six weeks of each semester with pledging beginning the following week and initiation in the next week.

SECTION II - Publications Committee

Said committee shall be chaired by the Secretary.

Clause 1. It shall be the duty of this committee to organize and administer any publications of the Kappa Tau Beta in accordance with the directions of the fraternity.

SECTION III - Service Activities Committee

Said committee shall be chaired by the Vice President.

Clause 1. Said committee will organize and administer the program for the Textile Leader of the Year Banquet and other service functions.

SECTION IV - Publicity Committee

Said committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer.

Clause 1. It shall be the duty of this committee to organize the publicity for all activities deemed appropriate by the fraternity.

SECTION V - Committee Members

Each of the four Standing Committees shall be composed of the chair(s) and a number of members deemed necessary by that chair(s).

SECTION VI - Committee Reports

The chair of all standing committees shall be required to submit to the Secretary a written report of all the committee's activities.

Clause 1. This report is to be used by succeeding committee chairman in the planning and organization of all committee functions.

Clause 2. Said reports to be submitted not later than next to the last meeting of each spring semester.

ARTICLE V - Amendments

All amendments to the Statutes must be passed by a quorum vote of members and must be presented to the fraternity at a regular meeting and voted upon at the next

regular meeting.

- Amendment I. A. The Kappa Tau Beta Leadership award will be voted on each spring semester;
- B. The recipient shall be a Kappa Tau Beta member who graduates that year.
- C. The award is based on outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship, character, and service to the College as voted on by a quorum of the brotherhood of Kappa Tau Beta Leadership fraternity and presented by the fraternity.

Amendment II. The Kappa Tau Beta Textile Leader of the Year Banquet will be held in the fall semester.

ARTICLE VI - Nominations, Smokers, and Membership

SECTION I - Nominations

- Clause 1. Letters to the faculty members announcing the nomination procedure shall be sent out well in advance of the smoker, the time period being left to the discretion of the pledgemasters. A list of current brothers shall be included in these letters.
- Clause 2. Nominees shall be given a letter announcing their nomination and an application for membership one week before the smoker.
- Clause 3. Applications shall be filled out and returned at the smoker.
- Clause 4. Applications of those not asked into the brotherhood shall be kept on file for the following smokers. Previous nominees shall automatically be invited to the following smokers.
- Clause 5. Nominees showing no interest, either through written or verbal comment to the president or pledgemasters, shall be invited to apply for membership only one additional time. If no interest is shown again, the nominee shall not be reconsidered.
- Clause 6. Presidents of the College of Textiles organizations shall automatically be nominated.
- Clause 7. Nominees who are not asked into the brotherhood shall be considered as many times as the nominee wishes to be considered, or until that nominee graduates.
- Clause 8. Letters shall be sent to those previously nominated to determine if they wish to be reconsidered for membership.

Clause 9. The president shall speak to the College of Textiles organizations and explain the purpose of Kappa Tau Beta. Those interested shall express the interest to a professor for possible nomination.

SECTION II - Smokers

Clause 1. The smoker shall be held in the first six weeks of each semester, with pledging beginning the following week and initiation in the next week.

Clause 2. Attendance at the smoker shall consist of the faculty advisor, all brothers, and all nominees.

SECTION III - Membership

Clause 1. Acquisition of new members shall occur in the following manner:

- a. Nomination by a faculty member.
- b. Application for membership.
- c. Attendance at the smoker or notification of interest in the form of a regret.
- d. Voting by the brotherhood according to the number of positions open.

Clause 2. Voting shall be organized such that after the smoker, the brotherhood will review the applications and rank the nominees on the attributes of leadership, character, and service.

Clause 3. The top ranked nominees, according to the number of positions open, shall be asked into the brotherhood.

Clause 4. There shall be a maximum of thirty brothers in Kappa Tau Beta. If five or more positions are open at the beginning of each semester, the nomination and selection process must occur.

Clause 5. All nominees considered at the smoker shall be notified of the outcome of the voting immediately by the President, Vice President, or Pledgemasters.