

Phi Sigma Theta Constitution

- I. Name
The name of this group shall be Phi Sigma Theta.
- II. Purpose
The purpose of Phi Sigma Theta shall be to recognize and reward academic achievement in college undergraduates and encourage community service, leadership, and continued scholastic excellence amongst its members.
- III. Membership and Dues
100% of active membership shall be North Carolina State University students. Associate membership may be granted to NC State University staff and faculty members under special circumstances. These associate members shall not be given the rights and privileges of active NC State University students.

Membership shall be offered to students meeting the academic and enrollment requirements as set forth by the National Society. Lifetime dues shall be \$50.00.

Membership and participation are free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual preference.
- IV. Quorum
A quorum shall be composed of fifty percent plus one of current active voting members.
- V. Officers
President: The President, to be elected, must have served for at least one semester with the group. The President may also be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Phi Sigma Theta national office. The President's duties shall be to preside over meetings, appoint and oversee organizational functions, and to act as the primary University liaison.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the president with his/her duties, preside over the organization in the president's absence.

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall handle all meeting records, correspondence, and all financial matters regarding Phi Sigma Theta. The Secretary/Treasurer keeps account, deposits the organization's funds, and makes expenditures in a manner approved by the Business Office for Student organizations.
- VI. Officer and Membership Removal Clause
Any officer may be removed by a 2/3's vote of the active voting members.

VII. Meetings

Phi Sigma Theta shall meet annually at a time and place as determined by the President.

VIII. Rules of Order

Meetings shall be run according to Robert's Rule of Order.

IX. Anti-Hazing Clause

"This organization prohibits its members, both individually and collectively from committing any acts of hazing as defined herein:

'Hazing' means any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with this organization. Such term shall include, but not be limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other forced activity which adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual. For the purpose of this section, any activity as described above upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with this organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be a 'forced activity,' the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding."

X. Amendment/By-Law Changes

Phi Sigma Theta shall operate in accordance to all NC State University policies and regulations. Any amendment or by-law changes regarding Phi Sigma Theta shall be passed by a quorum vote (50%+1), and will be considered pending until presented to, reviewed, and approved by the appropriate NC State officials.



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National Honor Society

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RE: Phi Sigma Theta

Dear Michael:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the constitution. I've also emailed you a copy. Please make a copy of the completed application and return it in the enclosed envelope. Also, please provide us with the names of the individuals, including yourself, as you would like to see them on your certificates. As soon as we receive the completed application, we will send you a check for \$50 and your certificates. We will send you an additional check for \$50 when we receive the names and addresses of qualified students from NC State – probably in early January.

Thanks again for your help.

Fraternally,

Paul S. Smith
Executive Director – Membership

Enclosures