

**Constitution of the North Carolina State Chapter of  
The Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America**

***Preamble***

As the sixtieth chapter chartered by Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America, we the members of the North Carolina State Chapter at the North Carolina State University have created a document that will provide structure and direction for the fellowship that has arisen from our fraternal bond. This constitution has been devised in the hopes that it will always be used as a reference for enlightenment and guidance for those Zetes who will come after we have parted.

**Article I**

**Section I**

The prime objective of the fraternity shall be to aid and encourage its members to achieve that development of character, intellect, and leadership and that capacity for human relationships that is commensurate with the highest aims and purposes of college and university education and training. More generally, the fraternity shall form a lifelong bond of brotherhood devoted to the fulfillment of the ideals expressed in the ritual and to the fellowship of its members.

**Article II**

**Section I**

For the purposes of legal and public disclosure, the chapter shall be known as the North Carolina State Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America.

**Section II**

The chapter shall be an unincorporated fraternal association of members of the Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America. The chapter will be affiliated with the incorporated elder chapter known as Zeta Psi of North Carolina, Inc. Both shall be subject to the rules and regulation as prescribed in the international bylaws of Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America.

**Article III**

**Section I**

The requirements and prerequisites to obtain active membership in the North Carolina State Chapter shall be limited to males who are a duly accredited and regularly enrolled undergraduate or graduate student in good standing and a candidate for a Baccalaureate or Graduate degree at North Carolina State University. Members of any other social, college fraternity shall not be eligible for membership.

**Section II**

Terms of membership will be as follows: the individual must meet all financial obligations promptly and contribute to the advancement and betterment of the chapter.

**Section III**

The rights of membership of Zeta Psi include, but are not limited to, a lifetime membership, unless membership has been terminated as herein provided. Before suspension or revocation of membership, the chapter shall provide due cause, due notice, and an opportunity for rebuttal. The acquisition, enjoyment, and termination of the rights of membership shall be subject to such further requirements and conditions consistent with this document.

#### Section IV

Alumni and Elder membership shall be determined as expressed in Article II, Section B, of the International Constitution. The Elder Counselor shall follow the duties as expressed in Article II, Section E.

#### Section V

Termination of pledge membership shall include, but not be limited to the following reasons:

- 1) Failure to pass Chapter vote,
- 2) Failure to maintain the eligibility requirements of Article IV of the International Constitution,
- 3) For poor participation or disrespect to the name of Zeta Psi any of its members,
- 4) Failure to meet the membership requirements set by the Supreme Council. Removal shall require that any active member submit to the Phi the name of the pledge to be considered for termination at any regular meeting. Reasons for termination shall be discussed, and the said pledge shall be warned by the Pledge Trainer. A special meeting shall be held before the next regular meeting, and a vote shall be taken. A negative vote by the majority of the membership shall be required for termination of pledgship. Otherwise, no further action shall be taken by the Chapter. Termination of pledgship is irrevocable.

#### Section VI

Termination of active membership shall be consistent with International Bylaws, Article I, Section F, Paragraph 5. Other reasons shall include disrespect to the name of Zeta Psi or any of its members or for poor participation due to lack of responsibilities. Revocation of membership shall require a majority vote of the Supreme Council for purpose of impeachment. The vote shall be submitted to the Chapter by the Phi at the next regular meeting. The disputed brother shall be warned at this time. At the next regular meeting, the said brother shall be allowed to defend himself. A vote shall be taken. If 85% of the brothers vote against him, he shall lose membership in Zeta Psi forever-after.

### **Article IV**

#### Section I

The officers of the North Carolina State Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America shall include, but not be limited to, the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, Pledge Trainer(s), Social Chair and Rush Chairman.

#### Section II

The nomination and election of officers shall take place at the regular meeting one week prior to the said meeting at which discussion and election of candidates takes place. The order of electing officers shall be consistent with Article II, Section C., of the International Bylaws. For each office, the Sigma shall read the name of the office and the candidates running for that office. All candidates running for that office shall leave the room. Discussion and voting shall follow. If there is no majority, the two highest vote getting candidates shall have a runoff. If no candidate takes a clear majority, a recount of votes shall be taken, and if all else fails the Supreme Council shall immediately vote to break the tie. After each office has been determined, the candidates shall reenter the room at which time the Phi shall officially announce the winner.

#### Section III

Candidates for membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter shall be elected by the membership of the chapter. Pledging and initiation ceremonies shall conform in principle to precedents established by the Rush Committee, provided same is consistent with the Constitution and by-laws of the Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America.

## **Article V**

### **Section I**

The ritual, initiation services and ceremonies and other symbolic or ceremonial matters and practices, all mottoes, names, insignias, and all other matters and things which traditionally have been held secret, shall continue to be so held, and shall without variation, conform to the traditional nature, content, form and manner thereof. Nothing in this section is intended or shall be construed to require adherence to any ritualistic or other practice which may be contrary to law or to any regulation in effect at the North Carolina State University.

## **Article VI**

### **Section I**

The constitution may be amended in any or all of its provisions. The voting requirement shall be the two-thirds vote of a duly constituted meeting of the membership of the chapter.

## **Article VII**

### **Section I**

The Supreme Council of the Chapter shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary and three at-large members that shall be elected by a majority vote of a consensus of the chapter.

### **Section II**

The Supreme Council shall be required to convene one time each year. This shall take place exactly one week before the first day of the fall semester classes. At this time, the Supreme Council shall review the by-laws of the Fraternity, and create and/or repeal any by-laws that they so deem. The Treasurer shall present the budget for the chapter at this meeting for the review and revision by the council.

### **Section III**

In case of emergencies endangering the continued existence of the Chapter or the safety of its members, the Supreme Council shall have the power to suspend any provision of this Constitution or by-laws which would prohibit such positive and immediate action as may be necessary to meet the emergency, if it shall not be feasible for the membership to meet. Suspension of any provision shall be temporary and shall cease upon the termination of the emergency.

## **Article VIII**

### **Section I**

The by-laws shall be enacted and be subject to review and revision by the membership of the Chapter as necessary and proper to amplify, supplement, and effectuate the provisions of the Constitution and to provide for the government and the conduct of the affairs and business of the Chapter. As such, the Supreme Council shall have exclusive rights to author any and all by-laws for the Chapter.

## **Article IX**

### **Section I**

This constitution is effective on the fifteenth day of January, two thousand and seven. As of the above date all prior Constitutions and by-laws are applicable to repeal in their entirety.

## Amendments

### **Amendment I**

#### Section I

The requirement for a quorum at an active meeting shall be 85% of the active brotherhood. This percentage shall be necessary to conduct an official meeting of the North Carolina State Chapter.

#### Section II

An official chapter meeting shall be called at least once a week and shall be called by the Phi. Suspension of an official chapter meeting can be decided by either the Phi or the Alpha Phi, no one else. If either the Phi or the Alpha Phi is unavailable then the Sigma can make the decision as well.

#### Section III

A special meeting shall require a 1/3 acquiesce of the total of the active brotherhood. The Phi shall preside, and all active members shall be required to attend. All active brothers should be given notice 24 hours in advance.

#### Section IV

Pledge induction meetings shall be held at least once a semester. It shall be a special Chapter meeting called by the Phi in which all exercises other than the induction of individuals to pledgeship shall be suspended. All active members must attend, with exception to special cases, or be fined.

#### Section V

There shall be at least one initiation of candidates per semester. It shall be a special Chapter meeting called by the Phi in which all exercises other than the initiation of candidates shall be suspended. The Phi shall preside, and all active members of the Chapter and initiates shall be required to attend. There will be a fine imposed on all absent members.

#### Section VI

Supreme Council meeting shall be called by the Phi, or any two Supreme Council members. There will be only one required meeting per year of the Supreme Council.

### **Amendment II**

#### Section I

All dues paying active members of the North Carolina State Chapter of Zeta Psi that are in good standing with the brotherhood shall be eligible to vote.

#### Section II

A show of hands or a voice vote shall be the official type of voting procedure at all meetings. A show of hands vote shall be used for any type of voting to amend the Constitution, but not to include officer election, voting of Supreme Council members, or termination of membership in which a secret ballot will be taken. A suspension of any type of voting shall require a 2/3 vote by all active members.

### **Amendment III**

#### Section I

All moneys owed to the Chapter are to be paid promptly. Any brother delinquent in paying debts to the Chapter shall have his membership suspended until said debt is paid, or until that time in which the Treasurer deems that active status should be reinstated.

Section II

Dues shall be established by the Brotherhood in the Chapter By-laws.

Section III

Fines shall be set by the Supreme Council which shall make those known to the Brotherhood at the first meeting of each semester. The Supreme Council shall decide officer jurisdiction for each fine. The Chapter Treasurer shall collect all moneys due to fines.

**Amendment V**

Section I

Admission to the Chapter pledge program shall require that a rushee receive no more than five days when the Chapter votes on his eligibility. That individual, if given five days, shall only be granted admission to the pledge program if both the President and the Rush Chairman agree to remove one day. Any individual receiving less than two days shall be given a bid unless four or more brothers abstain from voting. Another vote on the rushee shall than be postponed until the next scheduled vote after the rushee has attended another official event. At this time, the brothers who abstained on the first vote shall only be allowed to vote yea or nay.

**By-Laws of the North Carolina State Chapter of  
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1. Dues in the Amount of 850\$ are to be paid to the Treasurer by January 8, 2007. There will be a two day grace period for the allowance of dues to be received. If a brother fails to pay Dues by that amount, he is considered inactive, and is unable to attend any Social Functions of the Fraternity and he is not allowed to participate in any activity that is funded by the chapter, including IM sports. The Brother is also unable to participate in the running of the Fraternity, including voting and decision-making, and is unable to attend Initiations and pledge functions. If a brother is unable to pay this amount by the above date, He must seek out the Supreme Council to set a meeting explaining his circumstances about why he cannot pay. Only in the most extreme cases will the brother be put on a payment plan, and the supreme council can only grant this. Brothers that have not contacted the Supreme Council or have not paid by the 8<sup>th</sup> will be considered inactive.
2. Each brother will be required to do 5 hours of community service each semester to be considered an active member
3. Voting Procedures will be established by the PHI, Currently, Robert's Rules of Order will be in place
4. Bid's May given only if:
  - The Rushee has attended functions
  - The Rush Chairman consents to the Bid, if the Rush chairman doesn't consent, the chapter must vote
5. The North Carolina State Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America new member's Bill Of Rights
  - The North Carolina State Chapter Does not tolerate the Hazing of Associate Members.
  - In the event that an associate member feels that he is being hazed, he has the ability to ask for the event to be stopped. He shall then seek out (any or all) his big brother, the pledge educator or the Phi to discuss the activities.
  - ANY ACTIVE OR ELDER MEMBER restricting the associate member's ability to stop the event will be subject to discipline and punishments up to, and including, expulsion from the Fraternity.
  - The pledge educator must approve all events involving any associate member. In the event that the pledge educator is not available to approve the event, the Phi shall have the power to approve it. In the event that the Phi is also unavailable, the event, whatever it may be, shall not take place.
  - ANY ACTIVE OR ELDER MEMBER not approving an event and doing it anyway will be subject to discipline and punishments up to, and including, expulsion from the Fraternity.
6. The North Carolina State Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity supports and Follows the Risk Management Policy. All events, functions, parties, pledge programs, rentals, Meetings, and policies set by, involving, or endorsed by the Chapter shall follow the Risk Management Policy
7. Any member having discipline problems shall be subject to a review by the supreme council. The person(s) shall follow the punishments or fines by the Supreme Council if he wishes to remain a member of the Chapter. If the person(s) feel the punishment was too harsh, he may go before the Chapter to ask for a second review by the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council will only review the incident/punishment if 80% of the chapter votes in favor of the person(s). This will only call the supreme council to meet again and reduce the punishment, not get the individual out of any form of punishment.
8. Any member wanting to call a discipline review of any member may go the Phi and call a Supreme Council discipline review of another member. The person calling the review shall be granted anonymity if he so chooses. The Supreme Council will then meet with the individual(s) to discuss the reported incident. No member shall ever call a discipline review, question another brother's behavior,

or insult a brother publicly or in a chapter meeting. Any Brother doing so shall be reviewed by the Supreme Council and may subject himself to fines or punishment.

9. As a Policy, The North Carolina State Chapter does condone the wearing of the Zeta Psi letters to the bars, clubs, or any activity, though should any individual(s) represent the Zeta Psi name in a way that has the potential to damage the name of the fraternity and that of the Greek Community, he/they should be reprimanded accordingly.
10. Any officer that wishes to request Chapter Funds **Must** submit a proposed budget before the Supreme Council meets to set the budget. Any officer not submitting a budget will not receive funds. All budgets submitting shall be extremely detailed, breaking down every event into as small of pieces as can be, preferably per man in possible. No Broad Budgets without an explanation of each cost will be approved
11. Treasurer Handcuff:
  - The treasurer is not allowed to cut any checks for over \$15 of the budgeted amount.
  - The treasurer is not allowed (by law), to cut a check for any thing that does not have a receipt or proper documentation.
12. All Major Motions concerning the Chapter, including changes in the By-laws and Amendments, must be submitted to the chapter in writing. The Author of the motion must provide one copy for every person in the chapter. The motion will be table for one week, to give each member a chance to consider the motion, and a vote will occur under the proper forms during that next meeting.