

**CONSTITUTION
OF
SIGMA OMICRON EPSILON**

Article I: Name

The name of the social sorority shall be Sigma Omicron Epsilon, our Greek letters will be ΣOE.

Article II: Objectives

The objectives of this sorority are:

- a. To provide fellowship for Native American women enrolled at North Carolina State University.
- b. To involve Native American women in learning experiences about the culture and history of Native Americans.
- c. To provide the University and community with programs that will expose them to the riches of the Native American contribution to American's history and culture.
- d. To increase the university's awareness of the challenges faced by Native Americans in their everyday life.
- e. To increase the enrollment of Native American women at North Carolina State University.
- f. To provide support for the North Carolina State Native American Organization.

Article III. Advisor

This sorority shall have at least one advisor, who shall be chosen from the faculty or staff of North Carolina State University. The advisor shall:

- a. Be nominated by members of the organization and confirmed by fifty percent plus one vote of the membership.

- b. Be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the executive board and of all committees, special or standing.

Article IV. Membership

Membership shall be open to college students of North Carolina State University and surrounding universities and community colleges that heavily interact with North Carolina State University. Membership to the sorority is by invitation only. Members of this sorority as deemed necessary shall appoint honorary members. This sorority shall be a solely female Greek organization. Discrimination by race, color, age, or national origin will not be tolerated in membership practices.

Article V. Meetings

This sorority meeting policy shall be provided in the By-Laws of this document.

Article VI. Officers

Section I:

The administration of this sorority shall be vested in eight officers:

Sky-Dancer (Co-President equivalent)	Mother-of-Wings (Dean-of-Pledges equivalent)
Sun-Dancer (Co-President equivalent)	
Writing-Feather (Secretary equivalent)	Peace-Keeper (Parliamentarian equivalent)
Wind-Trader (Treasurer equivalent)	
Storyteller (Historian equivalent)	Star-Watcher (Social Chair equivalent)

These officers and the alumni shall collectively comprise the Executive Board, which shall perform such duties, and functions as the membership shall, from time to time, direct.

Section II: Duties

- A. The Sky-Dancer &
- B. The Sun-Dancer shall:
 - 1. preside over all meeting of the sorority;
 - 2. appoint all committees not otherwise provided for;
 - 3. enforce all regulations of the sorority;
 - 4. exercise general supervision over the work of the sorority;
 - 5. order payment by the treasurer of all drafts allowed by the sorority.
- C. The Writing-Feather shall:
 - 1. be responsible for keeping accurate recordings of each Executive and general meeting of the sorority;
 - 2. conduct all official correspondence of the sorority including correspondence with any state of rational organization with which the sorority may choose to affiliate.
- D. The Wind-Trader shall:
 - 1. keep all records of the financial affairs and collection of all fees levied by the organization;
 - 2. pay all drafts allowed by the organization and ordered by the president;
 - 3. render a monthly account, as directed by the membership or the president, of all receipts and expenditures of the sorority.
- E. The Story-Teller shall:
 - 1. prepare a narrative account of all official activities occurring during her term of office, which when approved by the membership shall become a permanent record to the organization;
 - 2. act as assistant to the secretary;
 - 3. keep files and collect materials concerning Native American topics, subject to the direction of the President.
- F. Peace-Keeper shall:
 - 1. maintain order during meetings according to **Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised**.

G. The Mother-of-Wings shall:

1. oversee all aspects of the pledge process

H. Star-Watcher shall:

1. coordinates and oversees all social events

Section III: Checks

Either the Co-Presidents or Treasurer must endorse each check of Sigma Omicron Epsilon. Only one of the above-mentioned signatures is required for endorsement of the check.

Section IV: Elections

Any voting member at the last regular meeting in March shall make nominations for officers. Elections shall be held at the following meeting in April and new officers will assume their responsibilities by the third week of April. Fifty percent plus one of the voting members present will elect. Elections will be held by secret ballot. Nomination of absent persons shall not be accepted without her consent.

Section V: Removing Officers

In the occasion that the organization becomes dissatisfied with the actions, policies, or progress of any officer, and/or the officer misses seventy five percent of the meetings, that the officer shall be removed from office by the following process: The officer will plead her case to the Executive Board and the board will decide the fate of that officer by use of the secret ballot.

Section VI: Replacing Officers

In case of resignation, illness, or other cause for having left office, the other Co-President whether it be Sun-Dancer or Sky-Dancer shall appoint new officers. Another member of Sigma Omicron Epsilon will fill the office of Co-President.

Section VII: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the four elected officers, and the Alumni and faculty members. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to:

- a. make policy decisions for Sigma Omicron Epsilon;
- b. seek necessary funding for the organization;
- c. and to initiate programs to facilitate the accomplishment of the organization's goals.

Article VII: Government

Section I.

Sigma Omicron Epsilon sorority shall enact and adopt By-Laws as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the organization.

Section II.

Fifty percent plus one of the attending membership shall be necessary for the election of officers and for the passage of any election except that of amending the constitution and By-Laws.

Section III.

The rules contained in the current addition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with his constitution and the By-Laws of Sigma Omicron Epsilon, or with the constitution of the Student Government Association.

Section IV.

Section I, of Article VI entitled officers cannot be amended. Section IV and V, of Article VIII entitled By-Laws cannot be amended. The other parts of the constitution may be amended by two-thirds of a three-fourths majority of voting members attending a regularly scheduled meeting.

Article VIII: Conduct of Officers

Section I.

A six-month period of reformation caused by dissatisfaction of a member that entitles lack of productivity in the organization, or lack of promoting the objectives of Sigma Omicron Epsilon.

A member who misses 50% of the meetings held will be put on probation. At the end of the probationary period, conduct will be voted on by the Executive Board. This probationary clause applies to active members.

Section II.

If the probationary period is not completed to the satisfaction of the Executive Board the removal of letters will take place.

Section III.

Inactivity of a member is a personal decision made by a member not to participate in all events and decisions conducted by the organization. An inactive member can become an active member the following semester.

Article IX: By-Laws

Section I.

Each new member shall pay \$160.00 their first semester and \$100.00 every semester there after.

Section II.

Individuals shall become full voting members upon their paying of dues to the Wind-Trader (Treasurer). Members must attend at least seventy-five percent of meetings per semester and participate in at least seventy-five percent of fund raisers/community service. Alumni have the right to vote.

Section III.

Meetings are to be held once a week.

Section IV.

A female Native American student must hold the Offices of Sky-Dancer (Co-President) and Sun-Dancer (Co-President).

Section V.

The membership of Sigma Omicron Epsilon sorority shall not drop below seventy-five percent Native American. In the event that this occurs, members must hold a pledge process within a four-week period.