

Sigma Tau Sigma

of North Carolina State University, College of Textiles

Constitution and By-Laws

(As revised in the fall of 2008)

Organized: 1929-1930

Colors: Blue and White

PREAMBLE

The object of Sigma Tau Sigma shall be to create and honor higher standards of scholarship among textile students.

I. NAME

The name of this society shall be Sigma Tau Sigma; derived from the initial Greek letters of the words: "Society for Textile Scholarship."

II. OFFICERS

A. The Society shall have the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a representative to the Tompkins Textile Student Council.

All offices shall be held for the term of one college year.

B. All offices shall be elected by secret ballot at a regular meeting. A majority vote shall elect.

C. Nominations shall be held at the meeting immediately preceding the election meeting. The floor shall be re-opened for nominations at the election meeting and after the election of each office. If a candidate loses, he or she may be re-nominated for any other office

D. The president shall be the chief executive of the society and the presiding officer at the meetings.

E. The vice-president shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the president. He/She shall also attend TTSC meetings in the absence of the TTSC Representative.

F. The secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting and shall conduct all official correspondence of the society. He/She shall also keep attendance.

G. The treasurer shall be custodian of all monies of the society.

F. TTSC Representative shall attend TTSC meetings and keep correspondence between TTSC and STS.

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership shall be active, alumni, and honorary.

B. Active members must be enrolled at the College of Textiles.

1. Undergraduate students must be of at least sophomore standing.

2. All students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.25.

3. All Students must pay dues

4. All Students must attends half of the meetings

5. All members must attend the Real World Forum sponsored by STS.

6. All students shall be considered active so long as they meet the above requirements. If a member fails to meet the requirements for some reason, he or she will be put on probation for up to one year. If, after this period, he or she has not met the requirements his or her membership will be revoked

8. Members that cannot attend meetings due to class conflict are to be considered inactive members. In order to be considered and inactive member he or she must pay dues.

9. Members that cannot attend meetings due to study abroad are to be considered inactive and are not required to pay dues.

C. All Students who satisfy the requirements in (B) above are eligible for induction.

D. The society has the option of electing an honorary member each semester. The decision should be based on the nominee's display of performance or

achievement "beyond the call of duty." Honorary members shall be elected from:

1. Members of the faculty.
2. Distinguished alumni.
3. Distinguished personages in Textiles and related fields.

E. There are different degrees of membership in Sigma Tau Sigma. A member advances one degree for each semester he or she qualifies. A person who has completed three semesters would be a "third degree" member. The semesters need not be consecutive.

F. Members shall be taken in each semester.

1. The president shall be responsible for maintaining a list of eligible students.
2. Each semester that there are eligible students, an informational smoker should be held, followed by formal inductions.
3. Eligible students should be notified about the smoker in writing.

IV. MEETINGS

A. Meetings are to be held at least once per month at will of the president. Officer meetings may also be called at the will of the president.

B. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the active members. The passage of an action requires a two-thirds vote of those active members present if a quorum is met.

V. FEES and DUES

A. The system for the payment of dues is as follows:

- 1st semester in STS - \$20
- 2nd semester in STS - \$15
- 3rd semester in STS - \$15
- 4th semester in STS - \$10
- 5th semester in STS - \$10
- 6th semester in STS - \$5

This system includes the current semester.

It should be noted that an inducted student is not considered a member until his or her induction fee is paid.

VI. ATTENDANCE

Members must attend at least half of the meetings held each semester. If this requirement is not met, the student will be put on probation the following semester. If the attendance requirement is not met during this time, the membership of the individual will be revoked. Absences supported by a valid excuse will be accepted. If the validity of an excuse is questioned, it will be voted on by a majority vote of the officers.

A senior joining in his or her last semester must attend all meetings in order to receive a STS cord.

VII. AMENDMENTS

An amendment may be proposed by any member, and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members.

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1. Regular meetings must be announced not less than one week before the date set for the meeting
2. The Sigma Tau Sigma scholarship plaque shall be awarded each year to the member of the senior class having the highest scholastic standing. This average is to be taken through the second term of the senior year.