

**MU BETA PSI
NATIONAL HONORARY
MUSICAL FRATERNITY**



**NATIONAL
CONSTITUTION**

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PREAMBLE

We, the Brothers of Mu Beta Psi, in order to establish a Fraternity to foster the study of music, to encourage fellowship among musicians, and to advance music within the college community, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of Mu Beta Psi.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1:

The name of this Fraternity shall be MU BETA PSI, NATIONAL HONORARY MUSICAL FRATERNITY.

Section 2:

Each local branch of this Fraternity shall be called a Chapter.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1:

To honor those outstanding men and women who have devoted their time and efforts to the musical organizations at the educational institutions of the respective Chapters.

Section 2:

To stimulate interest in the musical organizations at the educational institutions of the respective Chapters.

Section 3:

To advance music to its proper place as an educational subject.

Section 4:

To actively promote fellowship among musicians everywhere.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Membership in this Fraternity is of lifetime duration.

Section 2:

There shall be only one (1) class of membership in this Fraternity, that of BROTHERHOOD. For the purposes of this Constitution, the terms ACTIVE, ALUMNI ASSOCIATE, and HONORARY are only explanatory and have no bearing on the membership status of a Brother.

Section 3:

- a. Students who have completed two (2) semesters or three (3) quarters of service with distinction in some recognized musical organization of a college or university of a respective Chapter and achieved an academic standing of no less than sophomore level, or who have shown special interest in the musical life of said college or university, shall be eligible for Brotherhood. Semester and quarter credits for membership in two (2) or more musical organizations shall be additive.
- b. Semester and quarter credits are transferable from one (1) college or university to another, if the prospective member is sponsored by one (1) or more active Brothers (one quarter equals two-thirds (2/3) of a semester).

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- c. Prospective active members shall be required to pass through a period of pledge training; the requirements of which are as follows:
 - 1. Pledge training shall have a duration of not less than four (4) weeks and not more than eight (8) weeks.
 - 2. During pledge training, each pledge shall be required to read the National Constitution, Hazing Policy, Substance Abuse Policy, Sexual Harassment Policy, and abridged Chapter By-Laws (without Pledging information), before the pledge can be formally initiated into the Brotherhood.
 - 3. All other rules and regulations concerning pledge training shall be left to the individual Chapters.
- d. Brotherhood shall not be denied to anyone for reasons of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background, creed, handicaps, age and/or sex.

Section 4:

The term BROTHER shall refer to a charter or initiated member of the Fraternity.

Section 5: Active Membership:

National active membership shall be established by payment of National dues and as defined by the By-Laws of the respective Chapters.

Section 6: Alumni Membership:

- a. Members who no longer attend a college or university where there is an active chapter, or have graduated or left college, become alumni members of their respective Chapters.
- b. Alumni members may retain national active membership in a Chapter if that Chapter's By-Laws provide for continued affiliation.

Section 7: Associate Membership:

- a. Former students who would have been eligible for membership while in college, had a Chapter of the Fraternity existed at that college or university at the time, are eligible for Associate Membership
- b. Associate members shall be provided with copies of the National Constitution, Hazing Policy, Substance Abuse Policy, Sexual Harassment Policy, and abridged Chapter By-Laws (without Pledging information), before they can be formally initiated into the Brotherhood.
- c. Privileges of Associate members shall be as defined by the By-Laws of the respective Chapters.

Section 8: Honorary Membership:

- a. Honorary membership shall be conferred, at the discretion of a Chapter, upon those individuals who have considerably furthered the purposes of this Fraternity. Honorary membership shall be offered by the Fraternity following a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total active membership of the respective Chapter.
- b. Honorary members shall be provided with copies of the National Constitution, Hazing Policy, Substance Abuse Policy, Sexual Harassment Policy, and abridged Chapter By-Laws (without Pledging information), before they can be formally initiated into the Brotherhood.
- c. Privileges of Honorary member shall be as defined by the By-Laws of the respective Chapters.

Section 9:

All currently active, alumni, associate and honorary Brothers of the Fraternity shall be required to abide by all current policies of the National Fraternity.

Section 10: Resignations:

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- a. Any member of the Brotherhood may resign his/her membership by writing a letter of resignation to the Executive Committee of his/her Chapter.
- b. If a Brother violates the Constitution and/or policies of the Chapter or the National Organization, the Brother may be forced to resign his/her membership by the action of a Brothers Court of that Chapter.
- c. The Chapter's Executive Committee shall be required to notify the National Secretary immediately of the resignation of any Brother so that the name may be stricken from the National Roll.
- d. Upon resignation, all materials officially bearing the name and symbols of Mu Beta Psi shall be surrendered to the Chapter. If the resignation was forced, the Chapter shall refund the purchase price of these items.
- e. All resignations from the Brotherhood are final for all time.

ARTICLE IV - NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Section 1:

The National Organization shall consist of an association of all the Chapters of the Fraternity, along with its rules and regulations.

Section 2: Branches of Government:

- a. The Legislative body of this Fraternity shall be the Legislative Council.
- b. The Executive body of this Fraternity shall be the National Executive Committee.
- c. The Judiciary body of this Fraternity shall be the Board of Trustees.

Section 3: Definition of terms:

- a. The National Officers shall be the President, Vice President of Chapter Maintenance, Vice President of Expansion, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of *The Clef*, Historian, and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- b. The Legislative Council shall consist of two (2) Voting Delegates from each Chapter in good standing.
- c. The National Executive Committee shall consist of The National Officers as voting members and the Member-at-Large and other voting delegate from each Chapter in the Legislative Council as non-voting members.
- d. The Board of Trustees shall consist of four (4) permanent members, and a Chapter representative from each Chapter in the Legislative Council. The Chapter representative shall be the Chapter President. The National Secretary and National President shall be nonvoting members.
- e. No two (2) National Offices may be held concurrently by one (1) person, with the exception of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who may concurrently hold the office of Secretary, Treasurer and/or Historian, in the event of the resignation of any of these officers, until the office is filled at the next National Convention.

Section 4: Legislative Council:

- a. The powers and duties of the Legislative Council shall be as follows:
 - 1. To vote on matters of National concern brought to it by the Brotherhood.
 - 2. To maintain nonvoting status on the National Executive Committee.
 - 3. To maintain the standards and uphold the principles of the Fraternity throughout all of its Chapters.
- b. Quorum of the Legislative Council shall be two-thirds (2/3) of its membership.

Section 5: National Executive Committee:

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- a. The powers and duties of the National Executive Committee shall be as follows:
 - 1. To meet at least once a year.
 - 2. To work diligently and faithfully for the purposes and expansion of this Fraternity.
 - 3. To oversee the installation of new Chapters, and to grant Charters.
 - 4. To submit to the National Organization any matter which, in its opinion, should be acted upon by the National Organization.
 - 5. To act in an advisory capacity to all Chapters.
 - 6. To maintain the standards and uphold the principles of the Fraternity throughout all of its Chapters.
- b. Quorum of the National Executive Committee shall be half (1/2) of the National Officers.

Section 6: Board of Trustees:

- a. The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:
 - 1. To ensure that the National Constitution, Chapter By-Laws and National Policies of the Fraternity are upheld.
 - 2. To have full authority to reestablish normal organization of the Fraternity, should the Fraternity dissolve. Upon dissolution of Mu Beta Psi National Honorary Musical Fraternity, all assets and records of the Fraternity held by the National Organization shall be collected by the Permanent Members of the Board of Trustees. After all monetary obligations of the Fraternity have been paid, the remaining monetary assets shall be held in equal parts by the Chairman of the Board and the Vice-Chairman of the Board.
 - 3. To consider appeals from any active Brother concerning anything which may be in violation of the National Constitution, Chapter By-Laws, or National Policies, or which may be construed as exhibiting unfair treatment toward any Brother or Chapter.
 - 4. To maintain the standards and uphold the principles of the Fraternity throughout all of its Chapters.
- b. Quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the permanent members and one half (1/2) of the Chapter members.

Section 7: Vacancies in National Offices:

- a. The National President shall have the power to fill vacancies in the National Offices of National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance, National Vice President of Expansion, and National Editor of The Clef which occur between National Conventions, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council.
- b. Upon resignation, death, default, or indisposition of the National President, a new National President shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and approved by the National Executive Committee. The term of the National President will end at the next National Convention, at which time a new National President shall be elected by the Legislative Council.
 - 1. The duties of the National President shall reside with the first officer available in the order of ascension until the approval of the nominee by the National Executive Committee.
 - 2. The order of ascension for the duties of National President shall be National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance, National Vice President of Expansion, National Secretary, National Treasurer.
 - 3. All efforts shall be made to fill the position within forty-five (45) days of said vacancy.

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- c. Upon resignation, death, default, or indisposition of the National Secretary and/or the National Treasurer, the office shall reside with the Board of Trustees and/or its Chairman, until the next National Convention at which time a new National Secretary and/or National Treasurer shall be elected by the Legislative Council.
- d. Upon resignation, death, default, or indisposition of the National Historian, the office shall reside with the Board of Trustees and/or its Chairman, until the next National Convention, at which time a new National Historian shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council. All efforts shall be made to fill the position within one (1) year of said vacancy.
- e. Upon resignation, death, default, or indisposition of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the office shall reside with the Vice Chairman until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, at which time a new Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by the Board of Trustees.
- f. Upon resignation, death, default, or indisposition of a Permanent Member of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees shall replace said member as stated in the Board of Trustees Policy Manual. All efforts shall be made to fill the position within one (1) year of said vacancy.

ARTICLE V - NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1:

- a. Any Brother shall be eligible to hold office in the National Organization.
- b. All National Officers shall be required to maintain an active status with the National Organization during their term of office.
- c. All National Officers shall be required to maintain an active status with a Chapter during their term of office.
- d. All National Officers shall fulfill all duties specified in the National Executive Committee Policy Manual and other National Documents.

Section 2: National President:

- a. The National President shall preside over National Executive Committee meetings.
- b. The National President shall preside over the Legislative Council during his/her term of office.
- c. The National President shall oversee National Conventions during his/her term of office.
- d. The National President shall have the power to appoint ad-hoc committees as he/she deems necessary to transact the business of the Fraternity.
- e. The term of office of the National President shall be one (1) year.

Section 3: National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance:

- a. The National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance shall direct and coordinate all activities associated with the maintenance of the Chapters of this Fraternity.
- b. The term of office of the National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance shall be two (2) years.

Section 4: National Vice President of Expansion:

- a. The National Vice President of Expansion shall direct and coordinate all expansion activities of this Fraternity.
- b. The term of office of the National Vice President of Expansion shall be two (2) years.

Section 5: National Secretary:

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- a. The National Secretary shall perform all secretarial duties for the Board of Trustees, the National Executive Committee, and the Legislative Council.
- b. The term of office of the National Secretary shall be three (3) years.

Section 6: National Treasurer:

- a. The National Treasurer shall handle and administer all National Funds as directed by the National Executive Committee or the Legislative Council, and approved by the Board of Trustees
- b. The term of office of the National Treasurer shall be three (3) years.

Section 7: National Editor of The Clef:

- a. The National Editor of The Clef shall publish The Clef as required by National Policies.
- b. The term of office of the Editor of The Clef shall be one (1) year.

Section 8: National Historian:

- a. The National Historian shall preserve all National correspondence and records.
- b. The National Historian shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council.
- c. The term of office of the National Historian shall be tenure for life, subject to review by the Board of Trustees every four (4) years.

Section 9: Chairman of the Board of Trustees:

- a. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall serve as a voting member of the National Executive Committee.
- b. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall chair all functions of the Judiciary branch.
- c. The term of office of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be as stated in the Board of Trustees Policy Manual.
- d. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall ensure that the Board of Trustees follows the guidelines set forth and described in National Policies and in the Board of Trustees Policy Manual.

Section 10: Impeachment:

- a. Any Brother can call for an immediate review of any National Officer. Said National Officer shall be made aware of their review.
- b. The Board of Trustees shall review said National Officer and make a recommendation whether to begin impeachment proceedings.
- c. Impeachment of said National Officer shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Legislative Council in regular Convention session, or in a properly called Emergency Convention. Proxy votes shall not be accepted.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1: Membership:

- a. Membership of the Board of Trustees shall be as stated in Article IV, Section 3, subsection d.
- b. All members shall be required to maintain an active status with the National Organization for the duration of their membership.
- c. All members shall be required to maintain an active status with a Chapter for the duration of their membership.
- d. A member may not concurrently be a permanent member and Chapter representative.

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- e. Membership of permanent members shall be of lifetime duration, subject to review by the National Executive Committee every four years.
- f. Any new candidate recommended by the Board of Trustees for open permanent member positions must be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Legislative Council.

Section 2:

The Board of Trustees shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its permanent membership.

Section 3:

- a. The Board of Trustees shall have a Policy Manual.
- b. The Board of Trustees Policy Manual and amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council.

Section 4: Impeachment:

- a. Any Brother can call for an immediate review of any Permanent Member of the Board of Trustees. Said Permanent Member of the Board of Trustees shall be made aware of their review.
- b. The National Executive Committee shall review said Permanent Member of the Board of Trustees and make a recommendation whether to begin impeachment proceedings.
- c. Impeachment of said Permanent Member of the Board of Trustees shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Legislative Council in regular Convention session, or in a properly called Emergency Convention. Proxy votes shall not be accepted.

ARTICLE VII - NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1:

A National Convention shall be held at least once each year, the host Chapter to be determined at the previous National Convention.

Section 2:

The National Convention, overseen by the National President, shall consist of the Legislative Council, the National Officers, all National Committees, and the Board of Trustees.

Section 3:

Each Chapter in the Legislative Council shall be entitled to two (2) votes, which need not be cast unanimously. These votes may be cast by proxy. The National President shall vote only in the event of a tie.

Section 4:

The National Convention shall have the power to legislate for the governing of all Chapters, levy assessments on the Chapters and act upon all reports and miscellaneous business of the Fraternity.

Section 5:

A quorum in the National Convention shall consist of quorums in the Legislative Council, National Executive Committee, and Board of Trustees.

Section 6: Proxy Procedure:

- a. An absentee Voting Delegate must send a sealed proxy on how to vote on specific issues, or
- b. A legitimate representative shall be sent to vote on all issues, or
- c. The representative may vote only on issues not covered by a sealed proxy.
- d. Sealed proxies shall be nullified by the amendment of the motion in question.

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Section 7: Officer Elections:

- a. The National Convention shall hold elections for the open National offices, once a year.
- b. All National Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the Legislative Council, except for the National Historian and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Section 8:

Emergency National Conventions may be called by the National President, or at the request of any Chapter, provided that all Chapters, National Officers and Board of Trustees members are notified with sufficient warning, and that a quorum is assured.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing Committees:

- a. The standing committees shall be the National Executive Committee, National Committee of Chapter Maintenance, National Committee of Expansion, National Finance Committee, and any other committee which the Legislative Council so designates as "standing."
- b. The standing committees shall have the organization, powers and duties specified by the National Constitution and the policies of the National Organization.

Section 2: Other Committees:

- a. Ad-hoc committees may be established by the National President with the organization, powers and duties to be stipulated by the National President, and approved by the National Executive Committee.
- b. The National President shall appoint a chairman for each ad-hoc committee in a manner which will best utilize the talents and resources available.
- c. The Chairman of any ad-hoc committee may solicit members in any manner which will facilitate the most efficient and best work of the committee. The members must be approved by the National President.
- d. The Chairman of any ad-hoc committee may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee members, or by the National President.
- e. Ad-hoc committees shall dissolve upon completion of their assigned task.

Section 3

- a. All committee members and committee chairs shall be required to maintain an active status with the National Organization for the duration of their membership.
- b. All committee members and committee chairs shall be required to maintain an active status with a Chapter for the duration of their membership.

ARTICLE IX - CHAPTERS

Section 1:

Chapters of this Fraternity shall be limited to four-plus (4+) year educational institutions of collegiate grade.

Section 2:

The term "in good standing", shall refer to a Chapter which is not on probation and which has fulfilled all National financial obligations, submitted an annual report, and met all other obligations deemed necessary by the National Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Legislative Council.

Section 3:

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Each Chapter shall establish and maintain its own Chapter By-Laws, consistent with the National Constitution and the Rituals of this Fraternity, subject to review by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4:

Each Chapter shall establish and maintain its own treasury and finance, separate from the National Organization.

Section 5:

Names of Chapters shall be assigned from the Greek Alphabet in order of the Chapter's admission into the Fraternity beginning with "Alpha", "Beta", etc., and continuing with "Alpha Alpha", "Alpha Beta", etc.

Section 6:

Each Chapter shall be governed by at least a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. The President shall have the power to appoint standing and ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary for the proper operation of the Chapter. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Chapter.
- b. The Vice-President shall have the duties generally assigned to that office. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.
- c. The Secretary shall handle necessary Chapter correspondence.
- d. The Treasurer shall manage the financial affairs of the Chapter.

Section 7:

- a. Each Chapter shall have a Member-at-Large responsible for all National Correspondences, per the National Policies.
- b. Each Chapter shall be required to have a reporter to The Clef who shall be the Member-at-Large. The Member-at-Large shall submit reports to the National Editor of The Clef when requested.

Section 8:

Each Chapter must have at least one (1) faculty advisor on record with the National Secretary.

Section 9:

- a. Two-thirds (2/3) active membership of a Chapter shall constitute a quorum for election meetings. Any active member, except the chairman of the meeting, may nominate a candidate for an office. The election shall be held in accordance with Chapter By-Laws, with a majority of the members present electing a candidate. The chairman shall vote only in the event of a tie.
- b. A majority of the active membership of a Chapter shall constitute a quorum for all other meetings.

Section 10:

- a. All Chapters shall be required to have a Brothers Court.
- b. Each Chapter's Brothers Court shall be as defined in its Chapter By-Laws.
- c. Methods of bringing charges, punishments and other disciplinary powers not mentioned here shall be as defined in the Chapter By-Laws and National Policies.
- d. No Chapter may close proceedings of the Brothers Court to its membership without the written consent of the defendant(s).

Section 11:

- a. All Chapters shall be required to inform their members of, and enforce the National Constitution of the Fraternity.

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- b. All Chapters shall be required to inform their members of, and enforce all current National policies of the Fraternity.
- b. Any Chapter may be reviewed and penalized by the Board of Trustees for intentional noncompliance with the National Constitution or any National Policy.
- c. Such penalties shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, with approval by the Legislative Council.

Section 12:

Rules, requirements, and ceremonies for the installation of new Chapters shall be determined by the National Committee of Expansion and approved by the Legislative Council. .

Section 13:

Any Chapter whose active membership falls below six (6) members shall lose its privilege of voting at National Convention and shall be placed on probation as defined in National Policy. Said Chapter may present extenuating circumstances to the National President for review at the National Convention. The National Executive Committee shall determine said Chapter's voting status before the first scheduled committee meeting at Convention.

Section 14:

A Chapter's Charter may be revoked for reasons defined in National Policy, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Legislative Council.

Section 15:

- a. In the event of a dissolution of a Chapter or the cessation of its activity, the Chapter funds shall, after all monetary obligations are paid, revert back to the National Organization.
- b. In the event of a dissolution of a Chapter or the cessation of its activity, all Chapter materials bearing the name and symbols of Mu Beta Psi shall be sent to the National Historian to become property of the National Organization.

ARTICLE X - THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Section 1: Government:

- a. The Alumni Association shall be governed by its own By-Laws and Policies, as would any Chapter. Said documents shall be in compliance with the Constitution and policies of the National Organization.
- b. All references to Chapters of the Fraternity shall include the Alumni Association as a Chapter, except Art. IX, Sections 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 15. The Alumni Association shall be ordered following the Greek letter of the last chartered Chapter.

Section 2: Membership:

- a. Membership in the Alumni Association of this Fraternity shall be open to any Alumni Brother of any Chapter, regardless of the Chapter's active status.
- b. The Alumni Association shall operate independently of any alumni association organized at any Chapter.

ARTICLE XI - ADMISSION

Section 1:

- a. Prospective Chapters shall petition for a Charter through the National Vice President of Expansion, to the National Committee of Expansion, for recommendation to the Legislative Council.

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- b. Each petitioning body must consist of at least fifteen (15) people and shall forward to the National Executive Committee, with its petition, a certified check to cover the Charter fee. This Charter fee shall be refunded if a Charter is not approved.

Section 2:

- a. Prospective chapters shall be approved for a Charter upon the unanimous vote of the Legislative Council. Each Chapter shall cast two (2) votes and shall be allowed a period of thirty (30) days in which to vote. At the end of this time, a Chapter is barred from participation in the voting.
- b. With the National Executive Committee shall lie the final power for granting a charter. The National Executive Committee may grant a charter by unanimously overriding the veto of one (1) dissenting Chapter vote.

Section 3:

The National Executive Committee shall designate a Chapter in good standing, that has been active for at least two (2) years, to have charge of the installation ceremonies of approved petitioning bodies. This two (2) year requirement may be overridden by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Legislative Council.

ARTICLE XII - FRATERNITY ITEMS

Section 1:

The emblem of this Fraternity shall be a replica of the coat of arms.

Section 2:

The use of the Fraternity coat of arms shall be approved by the National Executive Committee according to the rules and regulations of the National Organization.

Section 3:

The seal of this Fraternity shall be the coat of arms enclosed in a circle containing the date, April 1930.

Section 4:

The colors of this Fraternity shall be red and white.

Section 5:

The Flower of this Fraternity shall be the Red and White American Beauty Rose.

Section 6:

The Coat of Arms of this Fraternity shall be as shown on the cover of this Constitution.

Section 7:

The Song of this Fraternity shall be "Hail the Spirit of Mu Beta Psi", by Milton C. Bliss.

Section 8:

The National Sweetheart Song of this Fraternity shall be "The Sweetheart Song", by Milton Bliss.

Section 9:

The National publication of this Fraternity shall be The Clef.

ARTICLE XIII - FEES

Section 1:

The fees to be exacted on behalf of each initiate by the Chapters and sent to the National Executive Committee shall be as follows:

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- a. A pledge fee which shall cover the cost of the Shingles.
- b. A National initiation fee (Charter members of Chapters are excluded).
- c. For Honorary members these fees shall be paid by the Chapter granting the Honorary membership.

Section 2:

In addition, each Chapter may exact any reasonable and proper fees from its initiates and/or members necessary for the successful conduct of its own affairs.

Section 3:

- a. The financial affairs of this Fraternity shall be conducted by the National Treasurer in an approved system of accounting. A financial statement of the Fraternity shall be supplied to each Chapter, National Officer, and the Permanent Members of the Board of Trustees quarterly.
- b. National funds shall be used for the expenses of shingles, Charters, National publications, postal charges, correspondence, and any other National operating expense.
- c. All National fees, levied per capita fees, expenditures, and budgets shall be proposed by the National Treasurer and approved by the National Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XIV - RITUAL

Section 1:

- a. The Ritual of this Fraternity shall consist of the Informal Initiation Ritual and the Formal Initiation Ritual, which shall be conducted only during the initiation of members.
- b. The Informal Initiation Ritual shall be conducted for the sole purpose of completing the period of training for prospective active members.
- c. The Formal Initiation Ritual shall be conducted for the sole purpose of initiating members.

Section 2:

- a. The Initiation Rituals shall be properly and completely administered only by Brothers.
- b. Chapters shall be responsible for the content of their Informal Initiation Ritual, subject to review by the Board of Trustees. With the Board of Trustees shall lie the final power over the content of a Chapter's Informal Initiation Ritual. The Board of Trustees may remove any content from a Chapter's Informal Initiation Ritual that is in conflict with any National Document by a three-quarters (3/4) vote.
- c. An official copy of the Rituals shall be kept only by the National Officers and a representative of each Chapter, as stated in that Chapter's By-Laws.

ARTICLE XV - HAZING

Section 1:

Hazing, as defined in National Policy, is strictly prohibited in all circumstances, be it Brother to Brother, Brother to pledge, pledge to pledge, or Mu Beta Psi (including its pledges) to any nonassociate.

Section 2:

Punishment for hazing shall be as defined in National Policy.

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

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This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council. Such a vote may be taken by mail ballot or at National Conventions. Each chapter shall have thirty (30) days to review the proposed amendments before such vote.

Section 2:

Proposed amendments may originate in any Chapter in good standing, in any National Committee as defined in Article VIII, or the Board of Trustees. They shall be submitted to the National Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to a vote. The National Secretary shall then submit the proposed amendments to the Legislative Council to review at least thirty (30) days before such vote.

- a. Proposed amendments originating in a Chapter must be submitted with the endorsements of the President and Secretary of the Chapter.
- b. Proposed amendments originating in a National Committee or the Board of Trustees must be submitted with the endorsement of the Committee Chairperson or the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a copy of the meeting minutes showing approval of the amendment proposal.
- c. Proposed amendments may be altered without the need for an additional thirty (30) day review as long as the scope of the original motion is not changed. This may be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council prior to acceptance of the proposed amendment. Should the scope of the original amendment be changed, the Legislative Council shall have an additional thirty (30) days for which to review the changed amendment prior to a vote.

ARTICLE XVII - ORDER

Section 1:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

Section 2:

Robert's Rules of Order may be suspended only as defined in the Legislative Council Policy Manual.

Section 3:

The National Constitution may not be suspended.

ARTICLE XVIII - STATEMENT OF PRECEDENCE

If at any time, conflict should come into existence between the any of the Fraternity's official documents, the order of precedence shall be: Articles of Incorporation, National Constitution, National Policies, Chapter By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIX - RATIFICATION

Section 1:

This Constitution shall be ratified upon the unanimous affirmative vote of the Legislative Council. This process must be completed by the next National Convention, or within twelve (12) months of its submittal, whichever is shorter.

Section 2:

This Fraternity shall begin operation under this Constitution immediately upon its ratification.

Section 3:

Upon ratification of this Constitution, the names of the Chapters shall be as follows:

Alpha - North Carolina State University

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Delta - Clemson University
Zeta - Michigan Technological University
Kappa - Wofford College
Mu - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Nu - State University of New York at Oswego
Alumni Association

DATE OF RATIFICATION: February 24, 1996

DATE LAST AMENDED: March 10, 2007

Julie S. Lyon
National Secretary