2015–17 FRATERNITY LAWS REVISION

Permanent Committee on Fraternity Laws

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CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 9, 2016
The Fraternity Laws

We, the members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, in order to form a firmer brotherhood; to promote the intellectual, moral, and spiritual welfare of our members; and to raise the educational standards of our Chapters, do ordain and adopt through our Fraternity Convention the following FRATERNITY LAWS:

Title I: Organization of the Fraternity – Symbols

1. Name. This association shall be known as Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity (the “FRATERNITY”).

Original Source: Section 1.

2. Realm. The global reach of the Fraternity and its membership is the Fraternity’s REALM.

New language.

3. Creed. The creed of the Fraternity shall be “The True Gentleman.”

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

- John Walter Wayland

Original Source: Section 2.

4. Colors. The colors of the Fraternity are royal purple and old gold.

Original Source: Section 3.

5. Flower. The flower of the Fraternity is the violet.

Original Source: Section 4.
6. **Founders’ Day.** The ninth of March shall be-is known throughout the Realm as Founders’ Day, and that day, or another day which is more suitable and practical, shall-will be observed in commemoration of the first meeting of the Fraternity on March 9, 1856.

Original Source: Section 53.

7. **Shrines & Sites.** The Supreme Council, with approval of the Fraternity Convention, may select and designate certain sites, buildings, graves, or other items as shrines and sites as may be. There shall be, as is deemed necessary to perpetuate the traditions, history, and memorials of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, certain sites, buildings, graves, or other items, which shall be known as shrines and sites. The Supreme Council shall, with approval of the Fraternity Convention, be authorized to select and designate such shrines and sites.

Original Source: Section 54.

**Title I: Organization of the Fraternity – Governing Principles**

8. **Governing Bodies.** The government of the Fraternity is vested in the following Fraternity bodies ranked in the order named:
   - A. Fraternity Convention
   - B. Supreme Council
   - C. Province Conventions
   - D. Province Councils
   - E. Chapters Collegiate
   - F. Alumni Associations.

Original Source: Section 6.

9. **Other Groups.** The Fraternity recognizes the following. These other groups of members of the Fraternity are also recognized:
   - A. The Board of Trustees of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation
   - B. The Board of Directors of SAE Financial and Housing Corporation
   - C. The House Corporation or other entity holding title to a Chapter House
   - D. The Council of Province Archons
   - E. The Chapter Alumnus
   - F. The Chapter Quiescent
   - G. The Chapter Eternal.

Original Source: Section 7.

10. **Fraternity Laws & Ritual.**
   - A. Amendment & Repeal. The Fraternity Laws and Ritual may only be amended or repealed in the following manners.
1. **By the Fraternity Convention,**
   a. **by a two-thirds (2/3)** vote of the Fraternity Convention may amend or repeal the Fraternity Laws or Ritual. Members present who are entitled to vote pursuant to Section 11. Such vote may be taken at a session of the Fraternity Convention or by a Direct Vote.
   b. Only members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon with the Fraternity may submit proposals to amend or repeal the Fraternity Laws or Ritual. Notice setting forth the proposed amendment or repeal to the Fraternity Laws or Ritual by giving notice shall be submitted to the Eminent Supreme Recorder by the 15th day of December preceding the regular session of the Fraternity Convention. The Eminent Supreme Recorder must publish such notice at which such amendment or repeal is to be considered and shall be printed in the issue of *The Phi Alpha* preceding the next session of the Fraternity Convention.

2. **By the Supreme Council,**
   a. As part of representing the Fraternity Convention in the interval between its sessions, and only upon a finding that if doing so is deemed time-sensitive and necessary to preserve and protect the Fraternity, the Supreme Council may amend or repeal the Fraternity Laws but not the Ritual—between sessions of the Fraternity Convention, except in regard to changes in the Ritual.
   b. Any such amendment or repeal must be presented for ratification at the next Fraternity Convention at its next session. A majority affirmative vote of those entitled to vote at the subsequent Fraternity Convention shall be necessary to ratify the Supreme Council’s action taken pursuant to this subsection.
   c. Failure of the Fraternity Convention does not to ratify such amendment or repeal at its next session will render such amendment or repeal null and void, and the Supreme Council’s action, then the Fraternity Laws shall read exactly as they did before the Supreme Council acted pursuant to this subsection.

**B. Suspension.** Any provision of the Fraternity Laws may be suspended during the Fraternity Convention by unanimous consent of the Fraternity Convention.
11. Realm-Wide Governance.

A. Decision Making.

1. Official Action. Unless a higher voting majority is required and except as otherwise provided for in these Fraternity Laws, whenever official action by any regularly constituted body of the Fraternity is required, such action may, unless a different amount or standard is otherwise required by these Fraternity Laws or other lawful authority, be taken by a majority vote at any meeting of such any regularly constituted body of the Fraternity at which a quorum of its members in good standing is present is the act of such body, and only. Only collegiate those members of such body who are present, and in good standing with the Fraternity and, if applicable, credentialed may vote or shall be counted in determining the voting strength majority of such body a Chapter Collegiate, and in proceedings taken under Title XII the accused shall have no vote, nor shall he be counted as a member of the Chapter Collegiate.

2. Direct Vote. If authorized by these Fraternity Laws, a specified officer may solicit a Direct Vote of a Fraternity Body to resolve The Eminent Supreme Archon, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, may submit to a direct vote of the Fraternity such measures as may benefit from resolution before the Fraternity Body’s next Convention meeting or session.

   a. Solicitation. Such direct vote Direct Vote shall may be submitted by an e-mail/internet-electronic ballot to each member of the individual and group entitled to representation in a Fraternity Convention–Fraternity Body eligible to vote as of the date the officer solicited the Direct Vote at the latest address of record at the Fraternity Service Center.

   b. Effect of Non-Response. If any member fails to vote within twenty-one (21) days after the date the vote Direct Vote is solicited, an affirmative vote will be implied, and the ballot shall must make clear this stipulation.

B. Officers.

1. Terms. Unless specified otherwise by these Fraternity laws, the full term of office for any Fraternity, Province, or Alumni Association Officers-officer will begin either shall assume their duties immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention-meeting of the Fraternity Body that at which they are elected him to office or immediately upon his appointed-appointment, continuing and shall continue in office until their his successor’s term begins. Any officer will continue in office on an expired term until his successor are is duly elected or appointed and qualified.

2. Qualifications. Unless specified otherwise by these Fraternity Laws, Only only a member in good standing of a Chapter Collegiate or of the Chapter Alumnus with the Fraternity is eligible to hold a any Fraternity, Province, Chapter Collegiate, or Alumni Association office.
3. **Removal.** The Supreme Council may by a majority vote remove from office any Fraternity, Province, Chapter Collegiate, or alumni association Alumni Association officer or the Eminent Supreme Recorder for neglect of duty or other offense against the laws, dignity, or interest of the Fraternity. Due notice of such intended action must be given to the officer, member, or employee concerned and to all members of the Supreme Council, and the officer must be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

C. **Chapters Collegiate & Colonies.** The term Chapter Collegiate includes the term Colony. All members of a Colony shall have the status similar to that of Colony-Fraternity Members, and both Colonies and Colony members are bound by the duties required by these Fraternity Laws for Chapters Collegiate and Fraternity members, respectively, to the Fraternity and shall be required to pay the Fraternity membership fee as required in Section 33B and any Province fee required. In addition, the Colony’s members shall be subject to the annual dues prescribed in Section 33C. The official colony member badge shall be of the form and design as described in the Colony Ritual, except for the following.

1. Colonies are not members of the Fraternity Convention or their Province Convention and do not have the right to representation in these Fraternity Bodies.
2. Colony members may not be considered Fraternity members and may not enjoy the privileges of Fraternity membership, including the use of the Ritual, until their due initiation into the Fraternity.

Original Source: Sections 12E; 15; 17 (partial); 23; 31B2; 50.
Deleted Text: Section 18H1 relating to officer reports (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 38 (repealed).

**12. Fraternal Duties.** Chapters Collegiate and Fraternity members have the duties to honor the Fraternity’s secrets and to refrain from the commission of a Flagrant Offense.

A. **Secrecy.** The Ritual and unwritten forms of the Fraternity (such as the name, motto and grip or their translation, which shall in no case be put in writing but be transmitted by word of mouth only, and then under proper safeguard as to secrecy), the names of members voting against candidates for membership, and the reasons therefor must be secret.

B. **Flagrant Offense.** The Fraternity declares any of the following acts or omissions to be a FLAGRANT OFFENSE.

1. Hazing, as defined by the laws of the land, by a collegiate host institution, or by the Fraternity.
2. Sexual assault or verbal harassment on any individual. The Fraternity will not tolerate or condone any form of sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional. This behavior includes any actions that are demeaning to women including, but not limited to, date rape, gang rape, and verbal harassment.
3. Failure to comply with any applicable law, rule, or regulation of a government, a collegiate host institution, or the Fraternity with respect to the possession, sale, use, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or other drug-controlled substances during an official Fraternity function or Chapter-Collegiate event or at any function sponsored or endorsed by the Fraternity or any Chapter Collegiate must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of a state, county, municipality, and college or university.

4. Whenever a member, alumnus or undergraduate, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity violates the oath taken at initiation by revealing any secrets or private matters of the Ritual or Fraternity, the Chapter, Province Council or Supreme Council may take any combination of the following actions: summarily expel, suspend, fine or reprimand that member. An appeal of an action by the Supreme Council may be made in writing within thirty (30) days to the Eminent Supreme Recorder for review at the next Fraternity Convention, but until the appeal is acted upon at the Fraternity Convention the Supreme Council’s action remains in force. An appeal of an expulsion by the Province Council may be made in writing to the Supreme Council within thirty (30) days of the expulsion. An appeal of an expulsion by the Chapter may be made in writing to the Province Council within thirty (30) days of the expulsion.

5. Affiliation with a Chapter auxiliary collegiate women’s group, commonly referred to as Little Sisters, which the Fraternity expressly prohibits are prohibited by the Fraternity.

6. Any act or omission which places any individual at risk of serious bodily harm or which brings the Fraternity into extreme disrepute.

Original Source: Sections 8; 55; 56A & C; 65E.

Title II: Fraternity Membership – Rights & Responsibilities

13. Fraternity Membership.

A. The Fraternity’s Chapters. A Fraternity member is a member of one of the following chapters.

1. A Chapter Collegiate
2. The Chapter Alumnus. Every member in good standing of the Fraternity, whenever he shall cease to be a collegiate member of the Chapter Collegiate by which he was initiated, shall automatically become a member of the Chapter Alumnus, unless he becomes actively affiliated with some other Chapter Collegiate.

3. The Chapter Quiescent. Every living member of the Fraternity not a collegiate member of a Chapter Collegiate or not in good standing in the Chapter Alumnus shall be designated as a member of the Chapter Quiescent.
4. The Chapter Eternal. Every deceased member of the Fraternity shall be designated as a member of the Chapter Eternal.

B. Actions Affecting Membership.

1. Effect upon Initiation. Immediately upon his initiation, a brother becomes a member of the Chapter Collegiate which initiated him.

2. Effect upon Graduation. Any member of a Chapter Collegiate who graduates or has graduated from a collegiate host institution with an undergraduate degree will immediately become a member of the CHAPTER ALUMNUS.

3. Effect upon Studying Abroad. Any member of a Chapter Collegiate who temporarily separates from his collegiate host institution to study abroad will remain a member of his Chapter Collegiate.

4. Effect upon Transfer, Withdrawal or Reenrollment. Except as provided for regarding studying abroad, any member of a Chapter Collegiate who separates from his collegiate host institution, either by withdrawal or by transfer to another collegiate host institution, will immediately become a member of the Chapter Alumnus until such time as he affiliates with another Chapter Collegiate at another collegiate host institution, as provided for in this Title, thus immediately becoming a member of that Chapter Collegiate.

5. Effect upon Suspension. Any Fraternity member who is duly suspended will immediately become a member of the CHAPTER QUIESCENT.

6. Effect upon Inactivity. Any member of a Chapter Collegiate who is granted inactive membership status, as provided for in this Title, will immediately become a member of the Chapter Quiescent until such time as he graduates or separates from his collegiate host institution, thus immediately becoming a member of the Chapter Alumnus.

7. Effect upon Failure to Make Alumnus Gift. Any member of the Chapter Alumnus who is Delinquent in Accounts will immediately become a member of the Chapter Quiescent.

8. Effect upon Expulsion or Resignation. Any Fraternity member who is duly expelled or who resigns his membership, as provided for in this Title, ceases to become a Fraternity member or any of the Fraternity’s Chapters.

9. Effect upon Reinstatement. Any person whose membership in the Fraternity is reinstated, as provided for in this Title, from his suspension, expulsion, or resignation will immediately become a member of the appropriate Chapter that he would be a member of had his suspension, expulsion, or resignation never taken place.

10. Effect upon Passing. Any Fraternity member who passes away will immediately become a member of the CHAPTER ETERNAL.

Original Source: Sections 44 (partial); 46.
Deleted Text: Section 32E relating to transfers (archaic and duplicative of new Section 13B4).
Deleted Text: Section 49E relating to active membership (duplicative of new Section 13B).

A. Membership Standing.

1. Good Standing. A Fraternity member is in good standing with the Fraternity unless any of the following apply:
   a. He is under probation.
   b. He is a member of the Chapter Quiescent.
   c. 1) he is delinquent in accounts or,
   d. 2) he is delinquent in scholarship or,
   e. 4) an accusation exists against him, or 5) he has not been graduated and is not currently enrolled in the institution where his chapter is domiciled. A member not in good standing shall not vote on any question before the Chapter Collegiate, including proposal of members.

2. Alumnus Good Standing. Good membership in good standing in the Fraternity for a member of the Chapter Alumnus shall be derived from requires a gift of ten dollars ($10.00) or more in a fiscal year or aggregate gifts totaling one hundred dollars either to Sigma Alpha Epsilon or to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation or from aggregate gifts totaling one hundred dollars ($100.00). Contributions may be paid directly to the Eminent Supreme Recorder of the Fraternity, or, if the member is also a member of an alumni association, to the treasurer of such organization, who shall in turn forward the same to the Eminent Supreme Recorder. The Eminent Supreme Recorder shall transfer to Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation all contributions to which it shall be entitled.

B. Inactive Membership. An active member may become an inactive member if each of the following apply:

1. while he is a member in good standing of the Chapter Collegiate, he is a student,

2. Inactivity cannot take place unless the applicant for inactive membership has been a member of the Chapter Collegiate for at least two years.

3. but such a member cannot become inactive until he has paid in full dues and obligations due his Chapter, the Province, and the Fraternity Service Center or Fraternity.

4. has been permitted by the Chapter Collegiate has approved his inactive membership by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of approval and
5. No petition for inactivity shall be considered until the Chapter Collegiate’s His Eminent Archon and the his Province Archon shall have established that the Chapter Collegiate has made every attempt to work out an acceptable financial and activity-participation basis that will allow the member to remain-active membership. Every initiated member and each active Chapter Collegiate shares in the obligation to develop programs so that every initiated member will find it educationally advantageous to remain active throughout his undergraduate study.

6. He has obtained the written approval by of the his Province Archon, to assume the status of inactivity;

C. Resignation of Membership.

1. Qualifications. Any member of the Chapter Quiescent Fraternity may resign his membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon the Fraternity as follows.
   a. He must declare, in writing, his intent and specific rationale to the Eminent Supreme Recorder, and
   b. He must accompanying said his declaration with his initiated member’s membership badge, certificate of membership, and membership card.
   c. He must not be Delinquent in Accounts. Before any resignation may be acted upon, financial obligations to any and all Fraternity units must be met as evidenced by written statements from the Eminent Archon of the member’s active chapter and the associated Province Archon.

2. Required Vote. Upon a A two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of the Supreme Council may accept any member’s resignation, the Eminent Supreme Recorder shall at once notify the Eminent Archon of the Chapter Collegiate in which the alumnus was an initiate, the associated Province Archon, and the Archon of the Province in which the resigned member presently resides. The Eminent Recorder of the Chapter shall forthwith enter in the Initiation Report Book (formerly Form A Book) and the “Book of Expulsions” of the Chapter all resignations reported.

3. Effect. The resigned member shall will lose all connection with the Fraternity, including the rights and privileges of membership, but shall will not be released from the pledge of secrecy given at the time of his initiation. He shall will also forfeit the right to receive The Record.
4. **Reinstatement.** Any resigned member may by petitioning the Supreme Council for reinstatement of his resigned membership, and receiving a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Supreme Council will be reinstated. Before any such petition may be acted upon by the Supreme Council, financial obligations to any and all Fraternity units must be met as evidenced by written statements from the Eminent Archon of the member’s active chapter and the associated Province Archon. Upon reinstatement, the Eminent Supreme Recorder shall make appropriate notification to the reinstated member’s active chapter, the associated Province Archon, and the Archon of the Province of his present residence with a request that reversing entries be made in the appropriate records.

Original Source: Sections 44 (partial); 49A & F-H.

15. **Eligibility for Membership.**

   A. **Qualifications.** Except as otherwise provided in these Fraternity Laws, a candidate is to be eligible for membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon if each of the following apply.

   1. **He** is a candidate must be a male student of either of the following.
      a. 1) of a collegiate host institution which is the domicile of an active Chapter Collegiate.
      b. or 2) of a consortium of such collegiate institutions approved by the Supreme Council.
   2. **He** is of sound moral character.
   3. **He** is of creditable intellectual attainments, and
   4. **He** is socially acceptable throughout the Fraternity.

   B. **Special Non-Student Initiation.** A Chapter Collegiate may, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the chapter concerned, supported by a letter of endorsement from the Province Archon and written approval by the Supreme Council, initiate a non-student as a member of said Chapter Collegiate if such person is otherwise eligible for membership under Section 5 upon the recommendation of its Province Archon and approval by the Supreme Council. The initiate shall be subject to the initiation fee stipulated in Section 33 of the Fraternity Laws or such lesser fees and charges as otherwise determined by the Supreme Council.
C. **Special Initiation.** except that no person who is or has been a member of another national or international college social fraternity is eligible for membership in the Fraternity, except as specified in Section 32D8. Notwithstanding Section 5, a Chapter Collegiate may, by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of its members in good standing, confirmed in writing, accompanied by written recommendations from the Province Archon and the Eminent Supreme Recorder, and upon a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council, initiate a person otherwise eligible for membership upon the recommendations of its Province Archon and the Eminent Supreme Recorder and the unanimous approval by the Supreme Council who has been a member of another college social fraternity, subject to any requirements, rules, or restrictions the Supreme Council may deem necessary in each individual situation, provided that he meets each of the following minimum standards:

1. He cannot have attempted to become a member or new member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon the Fraternity in any manner other than the manner that prescribed in the Fraternity Laws.
2. He must have, in writing, resigned his membership in the other college social fraternity, and that resignation must be confirmed in writing by the office of said fraternity. If such other fraternity refuses or fails to confirm the resignation, the Supreme Council shall have the power to waive the requirement that the other fraternity confirm the resignation.
3. He must not ever have ever been expelled from the college social fraternity of which he was a member, and that fact must be confirmed in writing.

D. **Void Initiation.** No Chapter Collegiate shall have the power or authority to initiate any person ineligible for membership under Section 5 or Section 47D7, except as provided in Section 47D8 these Fraternity Laws, and the attempted initiation of any such person shall be is null and void and of no effect and shall not constitute such person a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon or entitle him to any of its rights and privileges. If any such ineligible person has been initiated, either the Chapter Collegiate initiating him or the Supreme Council shall, upon reasonably satisfactory proof of such ineligibility, declare the initiation void.

Original Source: Sections 5; 32D7, 8, & 8c-e; 64.
Deleted Text: Section 31B3 relating to special non-student initiation by colonies (duplicative of new Sections 11C, 15B).
Deleted Text: Section 32D8a-b, f-g relating to special initiation requirements (superfluous and duplicative of new Section 15C).

16. **Election.** Election of collegiate members of the Chapter Collegiate shall be is the sole prerogative of the individual Chapters Collegiate, provided that no Chapter Collegiate’s requirements for election shall may fall below a positive-majority vote by one half plus one of the members of the Chapter Collegiate’s members who are eligible to vote.

Original Source: Section 32A.
17. Initiation.

A. **Pledge Programs Prohibited.** Pledge programs in any form are prohibited by the Fraternity. No chapter may operate a pledge program of any sort, no matter the duration or content of the program.

1. **Voluntary Participation.** Under no circumstances whatsoever may a newly elected member participate in a pledge program, even if he agrees to do so voluntarily.

2. **Pledges.** No newly elected member may be referred to as a pledge.

B. **Requirements for Initiation.** No member may be initiated if any of the following apply.

1. **He would be considered Delinquent in Scholarship.** No member shall be initiated until he has attained at least a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 or its equivalent on a grading system under which 2.0 represents a C grade unless the newly elected member is a first-term freshman or transfer student in which case he may be initiated upon successful completion of requirements for initiation during the same term he joined the Chapter. The grade-point requirement set forth herein may be waived by the Chapter Advisor or Province Archon for a newly elected member with a documented learning disability. The requirement of paragraph b of this subsection shall be superseded by any university regulations or Chapter Collegiate by-laws specifying a higher grade-point requirement.

2. **He owes any sum to any Fraternity Body.** No member shall be initiated until the membership fee required by Section 33A; any payment to the Province required by the Province By-Laws; any sums he may owe to the Chapter Collegiate covering board, room, dues, or other charges; and any sums he may owe to the House Corporation have been paid.

C. **Initiation Activities.** Any pre-initiation or initiation activities in which newly elected members are required to engage before formal initiation shall be entirely consistent with the purpose and ideals of the Fraternity as expressed in the Ritual of the Fraternity and the Mission Statement in the Fraternity Laws and in keeping with the provisions set forth in Section 32D5c below. Specifically, the following provisions shall be strictly observed: Every possible provision must be made to assure dignity and serious demeanor in the formal initiation ceremony, and the following time limitations apply to any initiation:

1. All pre-initiation activities and informal initiatory work not included in the Ritual of the Fraternity shall be concluded at least eighteen hours (18) before the prescribed ritualistic work is begun.
2. All newly elected Fraternity members of the Fraternity must be fully initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon the Fraternity no later than ninety-six (96) hours after he accepts an invitation to join the Chapter Fraternity, unless his invitation is rescinded prior to initiation or unless the Eminent Supreme Recorder, for good cause shown, extends this time requirement.

Original Source: Section 32B (partial) & D1-2, 5, 5a, & 6c.
Deleted Text: Section 32B (partial) relating to immediate initiation (duplicative of new Section 17C2).
Deleted Text: Section 32D3 relating to communication with another chapter (archaic).
Deleted Text: Section 32D4 (error in original).
Deleted Text: Section 32D5b-c, 6a relating to initiation place and content (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 32D6b relating to secrecy (duplicative of new Section 12B).

18. Insignia of Membership. Upon payment of the Initiation Fee, each newly initiated member will receive membership insignia from the Fraternity Service Center, including a membership badge, a certificate of membership, a membership card, and a Fraternity manual, The Phoenix.

A. Loan. The Fraternity will loan a membership badge shall be loaned by the Fraternity to each newly initiated member, upon the payment of such sum as may be fixed by the Supreme Council, to any member in good standing. In either case, the membership badge shall will remain the property of the Fraternity and may only be worn by members in good standing.

B. Recall. For due cause communicated in writing to a member, the membership badge or the certificate of membership may be recalled by the Fraternity.

C. Badge Design. The use of the membership badge or its design upon any article of jewelry is forbidden, except by authorization of the Supreme Council.

Original Source: Section 51A.
Deleted Text: Section 51B-D relating to various membership insignia (duplicative of new Section 17A).
Deleted Text: Section 52 relating to official jeweler(s) (superfluous).

19. Member Education. The preferred course of member education is the TRUE GENTLEMAN EXPERIENCE, shall be a program reviewed approved by the Eminent Supreme Recorder or his designee. The member education program, which shall be known as the True Gentleman Experience, shall must be in writing, must be distributed to all members of the Chapters Collegiate, and must be properly implemented during the course of education. Hazing in any form is prohibited and shall be dealt with severely as a serious offense under Section 59 in Title XII, Discipline of Members.

Original Source: Section 32C.

20. Fees & Dues. Members are responsible for such fees and dues as these Fraternity Laws authorize and require.

Original Source: New language.
Title II: Fraternity Membership – Discipline

21. Offenses.

A. Offenses Cognizable by the Fraternity. The Fraternity declares any of the following acts or omissions to be an OFFENSES cognizable by the Fraternity are:

1. commission of a flagrant offense against the laws of the land or a college or university;
2. violation of the Fraternity laws or by-laws and lawful orders of any regularly constituted body of the Fraternity or officer, including these Fraternity Laws;
3. violation of the oath taken at the time of initiation;
4. conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, or unbecoming a gentleman;
5. delinquency in accounts;
6. delinquency in scholarship;
7. Failure to maintain the standards of Fraternity membership as proscribed by the True Gentleman Experience.

B. Delinquent in Accounts Defined. A member is delinquent in accounts if either any of the following apply:

1. at any time during the academic year he is over thirty (30) days delinquent in monies owed to the Chapter Collegiate, any Fraternity Body, without a written payment plan;
2. Upon leaving the Chapter Collegiate, either at the end of or during the academic year, or on applying for a transfer card, he owes any sum at all.

C. Delinquent in Scholarship Defined. A member is delinquent in scholarship if any of the following apply, either:

1. He has been placed upon academic probation by the academic authorities of any collegiate host institution;
2. He ranks below the minimum grade standing for the previous term as required by the By-Laws of his the Chapter Collegiate;
3. He is not maintaining a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale equivalent to the requirement for initiation specified in Section 32(d)(1(B), where the institution is on a grading system under which 2.0 represents a C grade, or, where the institution utilizes a different or no grading system, a cumulative grade-point average, class standing, or some other equivalent evaluation which the Supreme Council determines to be reasonably equivalent thereto; provided, however, the Chapter Advisor or the Province Archon may waive the grade-point requirement for a member with a documented learning disability may be required by the Supreme Council to meet a more appropriate standard in subject areas specifically affected by his disability.

Original Source: Sections 49C-D; 59.
Deleted Text: Section 49B relating to definition of account (duplicative of new Section 21B).
Deleted Text: Section 57C relating to maximum indebtedness (duplicative of new Section 21B).
22. Jurisdiction. Every Fraternity member of the Fraternity is under the original jurisdiction of the Chapter Collegiate of which he is, or was last, a member, such Chapter Collegiate's Province Council, (except as provided for unaffiliated transfers in Section 47E1) and of the Supreme Council. Charges may be filed against such member either with his Chapter Collegiate or with the Supreme Council, and he shall be tried by the body before which the charges are filed, subject, however, to certain exceptions hereinafter set out under “change of venue.”

Original Source: Section 60A.


A. For a Flagrant Offense. Whenever a Fraternity member or a chapter commits a Flagrant Offense as defined by the laws of the land, of the University or College, or of our Fraternity, the Province Supreme Council or the Supreme Council may take any combination of the following actions: summarily expel, suspend, fine, or reprimand, or place on probation that member or some combination of these, or remove that chapter’s charter or place the chapter on a disciplinary status. An appeal of an action by the Supreme Council may be made in writing within thirty (30) days to the Eminent Supreme Recorder for review at the next Fraternity Convention, but until the appeal is acted upon at the Fraternity Convention, the Supreme Council’s action remains in force. An appeal of an action by the Province Council may be made in writing to the Supreme Council within thirty (30) days of the expulsion.

B. For an Offense. Whenever a member commits an offense cognizable under Section 74 Offense, the Province Archon or, with the consent of the Province Archon, either the Chapter Advisor or Chapter Advisory Board may summarily suspend, reprimand, or place on probation, or suspend that member or some combination of these, or, with the consent of the Province Archon, either the Chapter Advisor or Chapter Advisory Board, or the House Corporation, may summarily reprimand, place on probation, or suspend that member. An appeal may be made in writing within thirty days to the Province Council. The decision of the Province Council may be appealed pursuant to Section 78.

C. Appeal. Any summary action taken against a member may be appealed in accordance with this Title.

Original Source: Section 65B-C.

Deleted Text: Section 65A relating to summary expulsion (archaic and duplicative of new Sections 12C, 23A-B).

Deleted Text: Section 65E relating to violation of oath (duplicative of new Sections 12C, 23A).

A. Initiating a Disciplinary Matter.

1. **By Preferment of Charges.** Any Fraternity member, whether an undergraduate or alumnus, or any regular constituted body of the Fraternity Body, having reasonable cause to believe that any Fraternity member has committed an offense cognizable under Section 74 has been committed by a member, may prefer charges against him as follows:
   a. Such charges shall be in writing.
   b. Such charges must be signed by the complainant.
   c. Such charges must specify the alleged offense, and
   d. Such charges must be submitted by the complainant either to the Chapter Collegiate of holding jurisdiction over the accused or directly to the Supreme Council.

2. **By Notice to a Chapter Collegiate.** The Province Archon, House Corporation President, Alumni Association President, or Chapter Advisory Board may give written notification to a Chapter Collegiate under its jurisdiction or affiliation of conduct of a member or members of the Chapter Collegiate which constitutes an offense. Charges against the offending member or members shall be given to the Province Council, which shall then conduct a trial pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 76 of the Fraternity Laws.

B. Trial Authority. The following Fraternity Bodies may act as a TRIAL AUTHORITY, having authority to try a Fraternity member for an offense.

1. The Supreme Council; provided, however, that the Supreme Council may, upon issuance of a Formal Accusation, delegate its authority to a SPECIAL COMMISSION. In certain cases, the Supreme Council or the Eminent Supreme Archon may appoint a Special Commission, which may consist of one member or a chairman and no more than five additional members, all of whom who are members in good standing of the Fraternity, to conduct the hearing and have the evidence submitted to it and report the evidence with its findings and its opinion to the Supreme Council. Upon the receipt of the same the Supreme Council shall act with the same force and effect as if it had conducted the trial. In all cases where the Supreme Council or the Eminent Supreme Archon appoints a Special Commission, the Chairman of the Commission shall have the right to call upon other members in good standing of the Fraternity to sit as associate commissioners to hear evidence, but in no case shall there be more than five (5) such commissioners.

2. A Chapter Collegiate or a duly imposed Alumni Commission, provided it holds jurisdiction over the accused.
3. A Province Council, if, within thirty (30) days after written notification to a one of its chapter Chapters Collegiate by the its Province Archon, House Corporation President, Alumni Association President, or Chapter Advisory Board of conduct of a member or members of the Chapter Collegiate which constitutes a violation under Section 74 of the Fraternity Laws an Offense, the chapter Chapter Collegiate fails to eliminate any such offense.

C. Preliminary Procedures. The Chapter or the Supreme Council, as the case may be, shall Trial Authority must make a preliminary investigation of the charges submitted to it and, if the charges appear to be well founded, shall issue a formal accusation.

1. Resolution by Standards Board. If the matter is under the jurisdiction of a Chapter Collegiate and if the Chapter Collegiate's bylaws provide for the authority of a Standards Board, such Standards Board may resolve the matter before trial by mutual agreement with the accused by imposing upon the accused a probation, a fine, a reprimand, or some combination of these.

2. Formal Accusation. If the matter is not duly resolved before trial and if the charges appear to be well founded, the Trial Authority must issue a FORMAL ACCUSATION. The accusation shall be in writing and shall be issued in the name of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity by the Chapter Collegiate, the Supreme Council, or the Chairman of the Commission appointed under Section 76D on behalf of the Supreme Council, as the case may be.

   a. It shall The Formal Accusation must specify the alleged offense, must substantively state the essential facts constituting the same offense, and be in the following form: must specify the time and place for trial of the matter.

   b. The Trial Authority must cause notice of the Formal accusation and summons may be served personally upon trial to be given to the accused either in person at least ten days before the trial or by or may be sent by mail in a registered or certified letter mail addressed to him at his last known residence or place of business at the Fraternity Service Center, with notice complete upon mailing. Proof of such mailing is sufficient proof of service. Such service must be made by either such method at least twenty (20) days before the prior to the date specified in the summons for trial or, if the accused is a member of a chapter collegiate and he was served personally, such service must be made at least ten (10) days prior to the date specified in the summons for trial.

Original Source: Section 61A-B, C (partial), E, & F3-4.
Deleted Text: Section 60B relating to change of venue (archaic).
Deleted Text: Section 61C (partial), D relating to summons and notice (archaic).
25. **Trial.** The trial by a Chapter Collegiate shall be conducted at the specified time and place in the Formal Accusation and shall be deemed a special meeting, thus requiring two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing of the Chapter Collegiate to be present to constitute a quorum.

A. **Due Process.** The Eminent Archon shall preside as judge and the Eminent Deputy Archon shall conduct the prosecution, or in the case of his inability for any reason so to act the Eminent Archon shall appoint a substitute to conduct the prosecution. The accusation shall be read and the accused required to answer. A plea of guilty, either orally at the trial or in writing otherwise, is conclusive. A plea of not guilty requires the Eminent Deputy Archon to establish the Chapter’s case. Then—In all cases, the accused shall be given a full reasonable opportunity to be heard and may appear personally or by a representative, including the Eminent Deputy Archon may, at the discretion of the presiding judge, and the accused may of right, either in person or by attorney, who, however, must be a member in good standing of the Fraternity, address the Chapter Collegiate on the issues raised in the trial.

B. **Findings.** Thereafter the Chapter Collegiate shall determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. A majority vote of the members present and in good standing, provided there is a quorum present, is required to find the accused guilty.

C. **Sentence.** A separate vote is required to impose any penalty as prescribed in Section 77 permitted by this Title.

D. **Special Trial Considerations.**

1. **By the Supreme Council.** The trial by the Supreme Council or the hearing by Special Commission shall be conducted at a specified time and place. The Eminent Supreme Archon or any other member of the Supreme Council designated by the Eminent Supreme Archon shall act as presiding judge at the trial. The Eminent Supreme Archon shall will act as presiding judge at the trial and the Eminent Supreme Archon will, and in case a Special Commission is appointed for the hearing the chairman of the Commission shall preside. The presiding officer shall appoint a clerk and a prosecutor, who will act on behalf of the Fraternity. The accused shall have the privilege of counsel who, however, must be a member in good standing of the Fraternity.

2. **By a Special Commission.**

   a. The chair of the Special Commission will act as presiding officer and will appoint a clerk and prosecutor, who will act on behalf of the Fraternity.

   b. The Special Commission may not find an accused guilty or impose upon him any penalty, but will rather report the evidence with its findings and its opinion to the Supreme Council, which will then act with the same force and effect as if it had conducted the trial.
3. **By a Chapter Collegiate.**
   a. The trial must take place during a special meeting of the Chapter Collegiate, thus requiring a two-thirds majority of its members in good standing to be present to constitute a quorum.
   b. For trials by a Chapter Collegiate, the Eminent Archon will act as presiding officer (or, if the Eminent Archon is among the accused, the Eminent Treasurer will act in his place) and the Eminent Deputy Archon will act on behalf of the Fraternity (or, if the Eminent Deputy Archon is among the accused, the Eminent Warden will act in his place).

4. **By an Alumni Commission.** The chair of the Alumni Commission will act as presiding officer and will appoint a clerk and a prosecutor, who will act on behalf of the Fraternity.

5. **By a Province Council.** The Province Archon or any other member of the Province Council designated by the Province Archon will act as presiding officer and will appoint a clerk and a prosecutor, who will act on behalf of the Fraternity.

E. **Failure to Appear.** If, after being duly summoned notified of a Formal Accusation against him, the accused fails to appear for the trial hearing, he shall may not thereby be deemed guilty of the offense charged, but the trial authority may either postpone the trial or proceed therewith notwithstanding his absence. In the latter case, the presiding judge shall direct that a plea of not guilty be entered and shall appoint one (1) member to represent the accused, which appointee shall have the same rights as the accused would have had under Section 76F1. In all cases where the accused could not be found or where a registered letter has been returned, the trial shall proceed against the accused within four weeks but without prejudice to appeal or motion for new trial. In all cases the accused, whether absent or present, shall have the privilege of being represented by counsel, as provided under Section 76F2.

F. **Postponement.** Upon due cause shown, a Chapter Collegiate or Special Commission-Trial Authority may postpone a trial hearing to such time as it sees fit.

Original Source: Section 61F1-2 & G-H.
26. **Penalties.** If the accused pleads guilty or is found guilty, the Chapter Collegiate or the Supreme Council shall Trial Authority must immediately impose on him one or more of the following penalties among: 1) expulsion, 2) suspension, 3) probation, a fine, and or a 4) reprimand.

A. **Required Vote.** A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the trial tribunal authority present and in good standing at a lawful special meeting is necessary to impose a penalty of suspension or expulsion, and a majority vote of the members of the trial tribunal authority present and in good standing is necessary to impose a probation, a fine or, a reprimand. During the pendency of an appeal, the member shall be temporarily suspended from the rights, privileges, and immunities of the Fraternity.

B. **Expulsion.** Each of the following will apply to any expelled member shall.

1. He will lose all connection with the Fraternity and all the rights and privileges of membership, but shall not be released from the pledge of secrecy given at the time of his initiation.

2. He must surrender the badge, certificate of membership, and membership card previously issued to him to the Eminent Supreme Recorder, by and through the Eminent Archon of said the chapter Collegiate who expelled him, if applicable, who shall forward them to the Eminent Supreme Recorder. A member expelled by the Supreme Council or the Fraternity Convention shall forward the badge, certificate of membership, and membership card to the Eminent Supreme Recorder when notified of his expulsion or deliver them to such person as may be designated by the Eminent Supreme Recorder to receive them on his behalf. He shall

3. He will forfeit his right to receive The Record.

4. He must be treated as any other imposter he claim any connection with the Fraternity or ask any hospitality from any Chapter Collegiate or member, he should be treated as any other impostor.

C. **Suspension.** Each of the following will apply to any suspended member shall.

1. He will temporarily lose all rights and privileges of membership.

2. He must If a member of a Chapter Collegiate, he shall surrender the badge loaned to him at the time of initiation to the Eminent Archon, if he is a member of the Chapter Collegiate, or to the Eminent Supreme Recorder or his designee, if he is a member of the Chapter Alumnus or the Chapter Quiescent, who shall hold it during the period of suspension. If an alumnus, he shall forward the badge to the Eminent Supreme Recorder or deliver it to such person as may be designated by the Eminent Supreme Recorder to receive it on his behalf. In either case,
3. **He may not** display the certificate of membership during the period of suspension. **He shall not** attend any chapter or enter any chapter house for any purpose. If a suspended member ceases to be a student at the domicile of the Chapter Collegiate by which he was suspended, his suspension will continue and he will be a member of the Chapter Quiescent, unless reinstated pursuant to Section 77D2.

D. **Notice.** When a Chapter Collegiate expels or suspends a member, he shall notify the members of the Supreme Council, the officers and Chapters Collegiate in the Province where located, and any other interested parties. The notice shall state the member's full name, date, penalty, and reason for such expulsion; and a copy of the accusation, together with a summary of the proceedings, shall be filed with the Eminent Supreme Recorder. Reinstatements shall be reported in a similar manner by the proper officer of the body taking action. The Eminent Recorder of each Chapter Collegiate shall forthwith enter in the Book of Expulsions of his Chapter Collegiate all expulsions reported and shall also make a record of any reinstatements.

E. **Reinstatement.**

1. **Required Vote.** Any member who has been expelled or suspended may be reinstated by any of the following.
   a. 1) a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the then current Chapter Collegiate which imposed such penalty,
   b. 2) a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the then current Supreme Council which imposed such penalty,
   c. 3) the Fraternity Convention. No reinstatement, however, unless by action of the Fraternity Convention, shall be effective until approved by the Supreme Council by a four-fifths (4/5) vote.

2. **Reinitiation.** Any member reinstated to the Fraternity must, as a requirement of reinstatement, participate in an Initiation Ceremony of the Chapter Collegiate under procedures recommended by the Permanent Committee on the Ritual and adopted by the Supreme Council.

Original Source: Section 62A-C & D1 & 3.

Deleted Text: Section 62D2 relating to reinstatement from suspension (duplicative of new Section 26D1).

27. **Appeals.**

A. **Jurisdiction.** The following decisions are in all cases where the accused is tried by a Chapter Collegiate, the chapter has power to pass sentence subject to appeal to the Supreme Council specified Fraternity Bodies. An appeal from the decision of the Supreme Council may be taken to the Fraternity Convention. An order granting a change of venue is not subject to appeal.
1. Any adverse action taken by a Chapter Collegiate or by a Province Archon under his own authority or with his consent may be appealed to the Chapter’s or the Province Archon’s Province Council.

2. Any adverse action, including on appeal, taken by a Province Council may be appealed to the Supreme Council.

3. Any adverse action, including on appeal, taken by If the Supreme Council, affirms the findings of the Chapter Collegiate and in all cases where the Supreme Council takes original jurisdiction may be appealed to the Fraternity Convention to comprise, a final appeal by the accused, with such appeal to may be taken from the findings of the Supreme Council to the Fraternity Convention. The appellant, within one (1) month after the affirmation, shall give notice of such appeal to the Eminent Supreme Recorder. The appeal shall be heard at the next Fraternity Convention following such notice by the Council of Province Archons sitting as a court composed of all the Province Archons present at the next regular session of the Fraternity Convention.

B. Appellate Procedure.

1. **Method.** All appeals must be in writing and must substantively state the basis for the appeal.

2. **Notice.** Notice of the appeal must be given both to the Fraternity Body or officer whose decision is being appealed and, for appeals to a Province Council, to the respective Province Recorder, or, for appeals to the Supreme Council or the Fraternity Convention, to the Eminent Supreme Recorder.

3. **Timeline.** Any appeal must be made within thirty days of the accused’s notice of the action being appealed.

4. **Transmission of Record on Appeal.** If an appeal is duly taken, the Chapter Collegiate or Supreme Council from body whose action the appeal is taken, shall decision is being appealed must, as soon as practicable after receiving notice of the appeal and before the appeal is to be heard within seven days, transmit to the appellate body a complete record of the case matter.

5. **Parties.** The parties to an appeal will be the accused and the following representative of the Fraternity or his designee.
   - The Eminent Archon, for any matter originally tried by his Chapter Collegiate.
   - The Province Archon, for any matter originally tried by his Province Council or for any summary action taken by his Province Council or himself, either under his own authority or with his consent.
   - The Eminent Supreme Archon, for any matter originally tried by the Supreme Council or a Special Commission or for any summary action taken by the Supreme Council.
6. **Hearing.** The Supreme Council and Fraternity Convention, respectively, may make rules governing the hearing of appeals before them; provided, however, that equal time must be given to the accused and to the representative of the Fraternity.

7. **Decision.**
   a. A Province Council must give the accused notice of its decision on appeal within thirty days of the appeal hearing.
   b. The Supreme Council must give the accused notice of its decision within six months of the appeal hearing.
   c. The Council of Province Archons, which shall must, before the adjournment of the regular session of the Fraternity Convention, report its findings to the Fraternity Convention for final action by the Convention.

8. **Judgment.** The judgment on appeal shall will be one of the following.
   a. To affirm the conviction and the penalty.
   b. To affirm the conviction but reduce the penalty, or.
   c. To reverse the conviction and acquit the appellant.

C. **Membership Status During Appeal & After Reversal.** During the pendency of an appeal, the accused will be temporarily suspended from the rights, privileges, and immunities of the Fraternity; however, a judgment to reverse the conviction and acquit the appellant restores the member to his original rights, but, if the penalty was expulsion or suspension, such reversal does not render him or his Chapter Collegiate liable for any obligation which would have accrued during the period between his conviction the imposition of the penalty against him and the its reversal thereof, nor does it render the Chapter Collegiate liable to the Fraternity or to the Province for any obligation which would have accrued by reason of such membership during this period.

D. **Failure to Appear.** If the appellant fails to appear, either in person or by attorney, at the hearing of his appeal, or if, in case he appeals to the Supreme Council, he fails to file the record of his defense with the Eminent Supreme Recorder as required, his appeal shall must be dismissed, and no subsequent appeal shall may be entertained.

Original Source: Section 63, C (partial), & D-H.
Deleted Text: Section 63A-B relating to appeals to various councils (duplicative of new Section 27A).
Deleted Text: Section 63C (partial) relating to Eminent Supreme Archon role (duplicative of new Section 27B5c).

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**Title III: The Fraternity Convention**

28. **The Fraternity Convention.** The supreme power-authority of Sigma Alpha Epsilon-the Fraternity is vested in the Fraternity Convention (“Convention”).

A. **Membership.** The Fraternity Convention shall consists of each of the following:"
1. Past Eminent Supreme Archons who have served for a full term of office. A full term of office as used in this section shall be defined as the period of time running from the time that the Eminent Supreme Archon takes the oath of office at one Fraternity Convention until his successor takes the oath of office at the succeeding Fraternity Convention.

2. The Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon Fraternity officers.

3. Each Province, represented by its The Province Archon from each Province or, in the absence of such Province Archon, the Province Deputy Archon, or another Province officer designated by the Province Archon. (one per Province)

4. One delegate from each Each Chapter Collegiate, represented by one delegate, in accordance with Section 40A

5. One delegate from each Each Alumni Association, represented by one delegate, in accordance with Section 45H.

B. Qualifications. All members of the Fraternity Convention must be credentialed to vote by the Fraternity Convention during any session.

1. Chapter Collegiate Delegate. At a regular meeting not less than thirty (30) days preceding a Fraternity Convention, each Each Chapter Collegiate shall is entitled to elect one (1) delegate and one alternate delegate to any session of the Fraternity Convention, provided that such Chapter Collegiate is current in its dues and reports to its Province and the Fraternity Service Center.

2. Alumni Association Delegate. Each Alumni Association having ten (10) or more members in good standing in the Chapter Alumnus is entitled to one (1) delegate to any session of the Fraternity Convention, provided that such delegate is and one (1) delegate to the Province Convention. Further, no existing Alumni Association shall be eligible for representation at a Fraternity or Province Convention unless all its dues and reports are current since the last such Convention. No one but a member in good standing of an such Alumni Association and provided that such Alumni Association is current in its dues and reports to the Fraternity Service Center, either a Chapter or Area, shall represent that Association in a Fraternity or Province Convention, and every delegate from an Alumni Association, either Chapter or Area, must be an active member of the association, in good standing. A delegate for an Area Alumni Association must be domiciled in the locality in which the Area Alumni Association is located. If there is no Alumni Association, and the alumnus is an advisor for a chapter other than his own, he may represent that Chapter Association if he is selected by the process outlined in the Association’s by-laws.

3. Single Vote. No individual shall is entitled to have more than one vote on any matter before the Fraternity Convention, including on or in any vote between Conventions Direct Vote.
4. **Collegiate Majority.** If delegates from the Chapters Collegiate do not comprise in the event that less than a majority of the delegates credentialed eligible to vote at a session of the Fraternity Convention are from the Chapters Collegiate, then one-the registered alternate delegate from every each eligible Chapter Collegiate shall-must also be entitled to a vote-credentialed as a delegate of at that session of the Fraternity Convention.

C. **Regular Sessions.** The Fraternity Convention shall-must meet biennially at such time and place as are selected by the Supreme Council selects. The Supreme Council shall appoint such ad hoc committees as it deems necessary to conduct the business of the Convention.

D. **Special Sessions.** Special sessions of the Fraternity Convention may be called by the Eminent Supreme Archon with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council. No other business than that specified in the call shall-may be transacted at such session.

E. **Quorum.** One-One-fourth (1/4) of the members of persons entitled to seats in the Fraternity Convention, as set forth in Section 11, shall constitutes a quorum, provided that delegates are present from at least one-one-fourth (1/4) of the Chapters Collegiate in good standing.

F. **Rules of Order.** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall-will govern the Fraternity Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Fraternity Laws and any special rules of order the Fraternity Convention may adopt.

G. **Direct Vote.** The Eminent Supreme Archon, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, may solicit a Direct Vote of the Fraternity Convention. For the purposes of this section, the delegate to the Fraternity Convention for a Chapter Collegiate is its Eminent Archon and for an Alumni Association is its President.

Original Source: Sections 9; 11, 11A-B & E-G; 12A-C & G-H; 40A1; 46H.
Deleted Text: Section 11C-D relating to Supreme Council and Eminent Supreme Recorder membership (duplicative of new Section 28B).
Deleted Text: Section 12D relating to voting at convention (duplicative of new Section 11A).
Deleted Text: Section 12F relating to floor privilege (duplicative of Robert’s Rules of Order).
Deleted Text: Section 40C, E relating to credentials and eligibility (archaic).
Deleted Text: Section 40D relating to delinquent chapters (duplicative of new Sections 11A, 29A).

29. **Finances.**

A. **Mileage Allowance.** An amount per mile set by the Supreme Council shall be reserved from the Operating Fund revenues and set aside for the succeeding Fraternity Convention—Without regard to the status of a Chapter Collegiate. Each member of the Convention—Convention—except any delegate from an Alumni Association—Association—shall will receive a mileage allowance from the Fraternity at an amount per mile set by the Supreme Council. The reimbursement shall be equal to the product of the mileage rate established by the Supreme Council and the closest highway mileage given by a current and reputable authoritative source selected by the Supreme Council.
B. **Penalty for Non-Representation.** Any Chapter Collegiate not represented at a session of the Fraternity Convention by a regularly elected delegate shall must pay a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) to be automatically imposed thirty (30) days after the close of the Convention with payment due within ninety (90)-days thereafter after the adjournment of the session of the Fraternity Convention. Any fine imposed under this section is subject If it wishes to appeal to the Supreme Council within, the Chapter Collegiate shall submit to the Eminent Supreme Recorder a written appeal before payment is due. Upon receipt of an appeal, the Eminent Supreme Recorder shall cancel that Chapter’s fine. Ninety ninety (90)-days following after the close adjournment of the session of the Fraternity Convention, he shall review all such appeals and recommend respective approval or denial to the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council shall vote on his recommendations at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If a chapter’s appeal is denied, the Eminent Supreme Recorder shall reinstate the fine for payment due sixty (60) days after the Supreme Council’s vote. Each fine paid, along with the paying Chapter’s current Fraternity Convention mileage allowance, shall be placed in the mileage fund for the following Fraternity Convention.

Original Source: Sections 13A; 40A2.

**Deleted Text:** Section 13B-C relating to convention expenses, report, refund, disbursements (superfluous).

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30. **Committees.** The Fraternity Convention will have the following committees in addition to any committee it may, by resolution, establish to carry out such duties as the Fraternity Convention or the Supreme Council may charge.

A. **The Permanent Committee on Extension.**

1. **Membership.** Within sixty days following the adjournment of each regular session of the Fraternity Convention, the Eminent Supreme Archon, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, must appoint a Permanent Committee on Extension, Advisory Committee consisting of a chairman and not less than three-two (3) nor-and no more than seven six (7)-additional members, who will serve until their successors are duly appointed (one of whom shall serve as chairman) in addition to one member of the Supreme Council and the Eminent Supreme Recorder or his designee, who shall will serve as recording secretary of the committee. The Eminent Supreme Archon shall appoint the committee within 60 days after his election, to serve until the next succeeding Fraternity Convention.
2. **Duties.** The Extension Advisory-Permanent Committee on Extension shall cause the development, amendment, and implementation of a plan for deliberate and orderly growth of the Fraternity through the addition of new or revitalization of previously chartered Chapters Collegiate, soliciting input from throughout the Realm. The plan shall include the establishment of a list of institutions at which Chapters Collegiate would be deemed desirable and valuable for the Fraternity. Input to the plan shall be sought from throughout the Fraternity, including Province officers, alumni associations, and other suitable persons. The plan shall be distributed to the Supreme Council and the Province Archons annually. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Supreme Council approving the plan shall authorize the committee to pursue extension plans at all institutions included in the plan's list of desirable institutions.

3. **Duties of the Eminent Supreme Recorder.** The recording secretary shall perform such duties as may be directed by the committee and will have primary responsibility for devising and implementing the committee’s extension plan Fraternity’s efforts to establish Chapters Collegiate outlined in this section.

B. **The Permanent Committee on Fraternity Laws.**

1. **Membership.** Within sixty (60) days after following the adjournment of each regular session of the Fraternity Convention, the ESA-Eminent Supreme Archon shall appoint a Permanent Committee on Fraternity Laws. The Fraternity Laws Committee shall be made up consisting of one chairman, one Province Archon, one alumni association member, one Supreme Council member, and one undergraduate member of a Chapter Collegiate and any other members that the Supreme Council may direct, which shall serve until their successors are duly appointed the next succeeding Fraternity Convention.

2. **Duties.** It shall be the duty of this Committee on Fraternity Laws to embody in the Fraternity Laws, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, all amendments adopted at by the Fraternity Convention preceding its appointment and to consider and report to the next succeeding Fraternity Convention all amendments proposed to these Fraternity Laws in the interim between Conventions with its recommendations thereon.
C. The Permanent Committee on the Ritual.

1. **Membership.** Within sixty (60) days after following the adjournment of each regular session of the Fraternity Convention, the ESA-Eminent Supreme Archon, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, shall **must** appoint a Permanent Committee on the Ritual, consisting of an indeterminate number of persons, including a Chairman and as many members as the Supreme Council may direct, who will serve until their successors are duly appointed.

2. **Duties.** The Permanent Committee on the Ritual, deemed necessary to will promote the consistent and proper use of every aspect of the Ritual at all appropriate times and to will act to perpetuate the history and traditions of the Ritual. Members of the Committee shall be encouraged to be present at appropriate ceremonal occasions and to assist in the direction of Ritual ceremonies at such occasions.

D. Committee Operations.

1. **General Responsibilities of Chairmen.** The chairman of each committee is responsible for convening its meetings, setting its agenda, presiding over its meetings, and advising the Supreme Council on its work.

2. **Compensation & Expenses.** The members of committees will serve without compensation, but must be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in performance of their duties on the presentation of an itemized account approved by the Eminent Supreme Recorder.

Original Source: Sections 31A; 58C & E.

Deleted Text: Section 58D relating to codification of the Fraternity Laws (duplicative of new section 30B2).

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**Title IV: The Supreme Council**

31. **Fraternity Officers.** The Fraternity’s officers are each of the following:

   A. The Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon
   B. The Eminent Supreme Archon (who may also be referred to as the “Fraternity President” and the “Chairman of the Board”)
   C. The Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon (who may also be referred to as the “Fraternity Vice-President”)
   D. The Eminent Supreme Warden
   E. The Eminent Supreme Herald
   F. The Eminent Supreme Chronicler
   G. The Eminent Supreme Recorder (who may also be referred to as the “Chief Executive Officer” and the “Fraternity Executive Director”)
   H. Any other officers designated by the Supreme Council.

Original Source: Section 14.
32. **The Supreme Council.** The Supreme Council shall will represent the Fraternity Convention in all capacities in the interval between its sessions, will perform the duties required by these Fraternity Laws, will enforce the orders of the Fraternity Convention, and, as the Fraternity's board of directors, will manage the affairs of the Fraternity.

A. **Membership.** The Supreme Council shall consists of the following Fraternity Officers, none of whom shall may be a voting member of the Board of Trustees or the Advisory Council of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation or of the Board of Directors of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Financial and Housing Corporation:

1. The Eminent Supreme Archon
2. The Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon
3. The Eminent Supreme Warden
4. The Eminent Supreme Herald
5. The Eminent Supreme Chronicler.

B. **Election.** The Fraternity Convention will elect each Fraternity officer Members of the Supreme Council (see Section 20) and the Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon shall be elected at each regular session of the Fraternity Convention following the prescribed method of election in Section 36F. The Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon may only be elected upon the nomination of the Past Eminent Supreme Archons, and the Eminent Supreme Recorder may only be elected upon the nomination of the Supreme Council at the anniversary Conventions it is required, when a Supreme Council seat is being contested, that a formalized question and answer session be established and scheduled for registered delegates to ask questions pertinent to the Fraternity of each candidate. Anyone eligible under Section 15 can be nominated for any office elected at an Anniversary Convention, not otherwise nominated in a specific manner, until a motion to close nominations is accepted by the Convention prior to the call to vote for the specific office.

C. **Vacancies.** Vacancies occurring between regular sessions of the Fraternity Conventions shall must be filled by the Supreme Council.

Original Source: Sections 16; 17 (partial); 20; 21A (partial).

Deleted Text: Section 21B-G relating to Supreme Council duties (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 22 relating to conveyances (superfluous).

33. **Duties.** Each officer must perform the duties required of him by these Fraternity Laws and any other duties assigned to him by the Supreme Council or the Eminent Supreme Archon.

A. **Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon.** The Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon is the honorary head of the Fraternity and has no duties, except as may be designated by the Supreme Council. He shall be elected at each regular session of the Fraternity Convention upon nomination by the Past Eminent Supreme Archons.
B. Eminent Supreme Archon. The Eminent Supreme Archon is the President and Chairman of the Board of the Fraternity and he will. He shall preside over all sessions of the Fraternity Convention and all meetings of the Supreme Council, interpret, construe, and enforce these Fraternity Laws and the orders of the Fraternity Convention and of or the Supreme Council, and for such purposes he may issue such orders as may be necessary. Whenever he deems it necessary, inspect and examine, or cause to be inspected and examined by one or more members or non-members of the Fraternity, all of the books, records, securities, and investments of the funds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon— the Fraternity or any entity of the Fraternity—Fraternity Body; and perform any other duties assigned to him by the Fraternity Convention.

C. Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon. The Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon will assist the Eminent Supreme Archon and perform the duties of the latter—Eminent Supreme Archon in case of his absence or disability and 2) perform any other duties assigned to him by the Eminent Supreme Archon.

D. Eminent Supreme Warden. The Eminent Supreme Warden will act as the Eminent Supreme Archon in case of the absence or disability of the Eminent Supreme Archon and the Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon and, 2) exercise particular supervision over the finances of the Fraternity, and 3) perform any other duties assigned to him by the Eminent Supreme Archon.

E. Eminent Supreme Herald. The Eminent Supreme Herald will act as the Eminent Supreme Archon in case of the absence or disability of the Eminent Supreme Archon, the Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, and the Eminent Supreme Warden and 2) perform any other duties assigned to him by the Eminent Supreme Archon.

F. Eminent Supreme Chronicler. The Eminent Supreme Chronicler will act as the Eminent Supreme Archon in case of the absence or disability of the Eminent Supreme Archon, the Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, the Eminent Supreme Warden, and the Eminent Supreme Herald and 2) perform any other duties assigned to him by the Eminent Supreme Archon.

Original Source: Section 18A, B, B1 & 4-5, & C-F.
Deleted Text: Section 33B2 relating to committee appointments (duplicative of new Sections 30, 35).
Deleted Text: Section 33B3, 6-8 relating to ESA duties (superfluous and duplicative of new Section 33B).

34. Finances. The members of the Supreme Council shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties on the presentation of an itemized account approved by the Eminent Supreme Recorder or the Eminent Supreme Warden.

Original Source: Section 24.
35. **Committees.** The Fraternity-Supreme Council may establish, dissolve, charge, and discharge such committees of itself as it sees fit to advise the Fraternity Convention and the Supreme Council on the state of affairs in the Fraternity, to analyze problems in their respective areas and propose solutions, and to bring forward innovative ideas for improving the Fraternity.

A. **Appointment & Terms.** Each Committee will consist of one chairman and its Chairman shall be as many members as the Supreme Council may direct, who will be appointed by the Eminent Supreme Archon, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, to serve at the pleasure of the Supreme Council and given a scope of work and a timetable for the completion of that work. All committees shall be disbanded at the conclusion of the first Fraternity Convention held after their establishment.

B. **General Responsibilities of Chairmen.** The Chairman of each Committee shall be responsible for convening its meetings, setting the agenda, conducting and presiding over the meetings, and advising the Supreme Council on its work. The Chairman shall also be responsible for submission of a full report on the Committee's work to the next Fraternity Convention following his appointment.

C. **Compensation & Expenses.** The members of committees will serve without compensation, but must be reimbursed for all necessary expenses on presentation of an itemized account approved shall be paid out of the general funds of the Fraternity, upon approval by the Eminent Supreme Recorder.

Original Source: Section 47.

36. **Bylaws.** The Supreme Council may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws to assist it in carrying out its duties, not inconsistent with these Fraternity Laws or orders of the Fraternity Convention.

New language.
Title V: The Office of the Eminent Supreme Recorder

37. Eminent Supreme Recorder. The Eminent Supreme Recorder, under the direction of the Supreme Council, may delegate any of his duties by the Eminent Supreme Recorder to such other employees or Fraternity members of the Fraternity, except the duty to audit the accounts and countersign the checks of those employees authorized to draw checks, with such staff to be known as the Fraternity Service Center.

A. Authority. The Eminent Supreme Recorder is the chief executive officer of the Fraternity and its operating units and serves as the Fraternity’s custodian of records, editorial supervisor of the Fraternity’s publications, financial custodian, and general administrator. He shall be elected at each regular session of the Fraternity Convention upon nomination by the Supreme Council in the manner prescribed in Section 36F for the election of Fraternity officers; shall supervise the administration of the general business of the Fraternity; and shall be responsible for any duties prescribed by these Fraternity Laws and any other duties assigned to him by the Supreme Council, the proper performance of the following duties; He will have the authority to issue any such orders as may be necessary to fulfill his duties.

B. Inspection. The Eminent Supreme Recorder must inspect each Chapter Collegiate and colony. Colony shall be made by the Eminent Supreme Recorder or a member of the Supreme Council or by some member in good standing of the Fraternity approved by the Supreme Council at least once each academic year, with such Inspection inspection to shall include the records, books, papers, accounts, and other documents of the Chapter Collegiate; scholarship and general standing of the Chapter Collegiate on the campus at its collegiate host institution; sanitary conditions; fire escapes and insurance risks of the Chapter House or other premises occupied by the Chapter Collegiate; and the condition and use of the Ritual and associated paraphernalia.

C. Salary. The Eminent Supreme Recorder and his staff may receive compensation for his services as determined by the Supreme Council.

Original Source: Sections 118G, G5 & 7; 39B.
Deleted Text: Section 18G1-4 relating to the Eminent Supreme Recorder duties (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 18G6 relating to executive director title (redundant of new Section 31G).
Deleted Text: Section 19 relating to the General Counsel (redundant).
Deleted Text: Section 39A relating to examination on the Ritual (redundant).
Deleted Text: Section 48 relating to publications (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 51E relating to trademark protection (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 58F relating to designated fraternity accounts (superfluous).
38. Finances.

A. **Audits.** The accounts of Sigma Alpha Epsilon the Fraternity and any other entities associated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon the Fraternity shall be audited at least annually by a certified public accountant who shall make his report to the Eminent Supreme Recorder, who in turn shall make available such reports to the Board of each entity, the Fraternity Convention, and all Fraternity members of the Fraternity.

B. **Bonds.** Each Fraternity officer and employee of the Fraternity charged with the collection or custody of any monies or funds belonging to the Fraternity shall give a surety company bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office. Bonds shall be in such amounts as may be directed by the Fraternity Convention or the Supreme Council, shall be approved by the Eminent Supreme Archon, and the premiums therefor shall be paid from the Treasury-general funds of the Fraternity.

Original Source: Section 18H2-3.

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**Title VI: Provinces – Conventions & Councils**

39. **Province.** There shall be geographical districts, known as Provinces, embracing such territory, and chapters, Chapters Collegiate, and Alumni Associations as the Fraternity Convention determines.

Original Source: Section 25.

40. **Province Convention.** The government of each Province is vested in a Province Convention.

A. **Membership.** A Province Convention shall consist of each of the following:

1. The Past Province Archons of each the respective Province who reside in the Province and who have served for a full term of office, or who, having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of the term.

2. The Province officers.

3. Each Chapter Collegiate in the Province, represented by its Eminent Archon, or in his absence its Eminent Deputy Archon, and two additional delegates of each Chapter Collegiate in the Province.

4. Each One (1) delegate from each Alumni Association in the Province, represented by one delegate, in accordance with Section 45H.

5. Any present member of the Supreme Council, any Past Eminent Supreme Archon or any Past Eminent Supreme Recorder residing in the Province, and any Past Eminent Supreme Recorder residing therein.

6. The Chapter Advisor from each Chapter Collegiate in the Province, provided he is a member in good standing of the Fraternity.
B. Qualifications.

1. **Chapter Collegiate Delegates.** At a regular meeting not less than fifteen (15) days preceding a Province Convention, each Chapter Collegiate shall be entitled to elect two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates to any session of the Province Convention, provided that such Chapter Collegiate is current in its dues and reports to the Province and the Fraternity Service Center. In addition to the two (2) delegates the Eminent Archon, or in his absence the Eminent Deputy Archon, is entitled to a seat in the Convention.

2. **Alumni Association Delegate.** Each Alumni Association having ten or more members in good standing in the Chapter Alumnus is entitled to one delegate to any regular or special session of the Province Convention, provided that such delegate is a member in good standing of such Alumni Association and provided that such Alumni Association is current in its dues and reports to the Fraternity Service Center.

3. **Single Vote.** No individual is entitled to have more than one vote on any matter before the Province Convention, including on any Direct Vote.

C. **Regular Sessions.** The Province Convention shall meet biennially at such time and place as its Province Council selects in the calendar years alternating with those of the regular sessions of the Fraternity Convention.

D. **Special Sessions.** Special sessions of the Province Convention may be called by the Province Archon, with the advice and consent of the Province Council. No other business than that specified in the call may be transacted at such session.

E. **Quorum.** Delegates from at least one-half (1/2) of the Chapters Collegiate in the Province, regardless of the Chapter Collegiate’s standing, constitute a quorum. In determining whether a quorum is present, delegates from chapters who are not allowed to vote pursuant to Section 40D are to be counted.

F. **Floor Privilege.** Any member of the Fraternity in good standing in his Chapter Collegiate or in the Chapter Alumnus shall be entitled to the floor of the Province Convention.

G. **Direct Vote.** The Province Archon may solicit Questions arising between sessions of the Province Convention may be submitted by the Province Archon to a direct vote of the Province Convention. If any group or individual fails to vote by any means within twenty-one (21) days after the date the vote is solicited, an affirmative vote will be implied, and the ballot shall make clear this stipulation. For the purposes of this section, the additional delegates of the Province Convention for a Chapter Collegiate are the Chapter Collegiate’s Eminent Deputy Archon and its Eminent Recorder, and the delegate for an Alumni Association is its President.

Original Source: Sections 26, A, A1-3 & 5-7, B-C, & E-F; 40B.

Deleted Text: Section 26A4 relating to additional chapter delegates (duplicative of new Section 40A3).

Deleted Text: Section 26D relating to voting at convention (duplicative of new Section 11A).

Deleted Text: Section 26G relating to void proceedings for ineligible chapter votes (archaic).
41. **Province Council.** The **Province Council** will represent the Province Convention in all capacities in the interval between its sessions, will perform the duties required by these Fraternity Laws, will enforce the orders of the Fraternity Convention and the Province Convention, and will manage the affairs of the Province. The officers of the Province shall constitute the Province Council.

A. **Membership.** The Officers of a Province officers, who constitute the Province Council, shall be are each of the following:

   1. The Province Archon.
   2. One or more Province Deputy Archons, (as the Province Convention determines.)
   3. The Province Recorder.
   4. The Province Treasurer; (provided, however, that the offices of Recorder and Treasurer may be combined.)
   5. One or more Province Alumni Secretaries, as the Province Convention determines.
   6. Other Province officers if deemed necessary, as the Province Convention determines.

B. **Qualifications.** Only a member in good standing of a Chapter Collegiate located in the particular Province, or a member of the Chapter Alumnus and residing who resides either within in the Province, or an alumnus of a Chapter in the Province who resides outside the Province but within a reasonable commuting distance of its border and whose election shall be approved by the Supreme Council, is eligible to hold an a Province office in the Province.

C. **Election.** The Province Convention will elect each Province Officers officer shall be elected at each regular session of the Province Convention in the manner prescribed in Section 51F for the election of chapter officers.

D. **Vacancies.** Vacancies occurring between regular sessions of the Province Convention shall must be filled by the Province Council or, if action to fill a vacancy has exists for not been taken by the Province Council within sixty (60) days after notification of the existence of such vacancy by the Eminent Supreme Recorder, by the Eminent Supreme Archon with the advice and consent of the Eminent Archons of the Chapters Collegiate in the Province.

E. **Declaring an Office Vacant.**

   1. **Declaration.** Any Province office may be declared vacant by any of the following:

      a. a **vote petition** of either two-thirds (2/3) of the Chapters Collegiate within in the Province.
      b. or by A **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of the members of the Province Council holding office at the time the vote is taken.
2. **Due Process.** Notice of intended action must be given to the officer concerned, and to all members of the Province Council and to all Chapters Collegiate within the Province at least one week before the vote, and the officer must be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Original Source: Section 27, A-C, & F-G.

Deleted Text: Section 27D-E relating to term of office and moving from Province (duPLICATE of new Section 11B-C).

42. **Duties.** Each officer must perform the duties required of him by these Fraternity Laws and any other duties assigned to him by the Province Council or the Province Archon.

A. **Province Archon.** The Province Archon shall: will preside at over all sessions of the Province Convention and all meetings of the Province Council; enforce these Fraternity Laws; Publish and enforce the orders from of the Fraternity Convention, the Supreme Council or the Eminent Supreme Archon and the Supreme Council and issue such orders as his office may require; within his Province, issuing such orders as may be necessary; Visit or caused to be visited each Chapter Collegiate and Alumni Association in his Province at least annually, submitting once each year during his term of office. He shall also visit any chapter or Chapters Collegiate in his Province at the direction of the Eminent Supreme Archon or the Supreme Council. In either case he may delegate the visit to a representative. He shall submit to the Eminent Supreme Archon a full report of such visitation to the Eminent Supreme Recorder in a format prescribed by the Eminent Supreme Recorder, with all. Upon submission of an itemized statement of his necessary expenses to the Province Treasurer, his expenses for all such visits shall to be paid from the Province’s funds; and perform any other duties assigned to him by the Fraternity Convention, the Supreme Council, or the Province Convention.

B. **Province Deputy Archon.** The Province Deputy Archon shall will assist the Province Archon and perform the duties of the latter act as the Province Archon in case of his absence or disability. For any Province with more than one Province Deputy Archon, the Province Convention must specify at least one Province Deputy Archon to act as Province Archon.

C. **Province Recorder.** The Province Recorder shall will keep a record of the proceedings of the Province Convention and Province Council meetings and distribute a summary of such proceedings to the Province Council, the Chapters Collegiate, Chapter Advisors, House Corporations and Alumni Associations in the Province, and the Eminent Supreme Recorder.
D. **Province Treasurer.** The Province Treasurer will shall handle the funds of the Province, and make the any necessary disbursements. He shall and give corporate security bond to be handled by the Fraternity Service Center of not less than one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the faithful performance of his duties for which the Province shall will pay the premium, said bond to be handled through the Fraternity Service Center. He shall render a semi-annual report as of June 30 and December 31 of each year to the Supreme Council on a form prescribed by the Supreme Council, said report to be forwarded to the Eminent Supreme Recorder within ten (10) days of the close of each period.

E. **Province Alumni Secretary.** The Province Alumni Secretary shall will assist and foster the growth of the Alumni Associations and alumni engagement in the Province and shall endeavor to form new associations at such points where there are sufficient alumni to warrant a stable organization. He shall use his best efforts to interest the alumni in the activities of the Fraternity and shall endeavor to visit the alumni organizations in the Province once each year. The Province Alumni Secretary shall assist each Chapter Collegiate within the Province in establishing an ongoing alumni program. He shall help chapters with all phases of alumni work.

Original Source: Section 28A1-3, B, C, C1, & D-E.

Deleted Text: Sections 28A4-11, C2-4 relating to Province officer duties (superfluous and duplicative of respective new Sections 42A, C).

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**43. Finances.** A Province Convention may provide for such dues and assessments as it deems proper. The Province Convention may make provision to pay the expenses of its Province officers.

Original Source: Section 26H.

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**44. Bylaws.** A Province Convention may adopt, amend, or repeal By-Laws bylaws for the government of the Province, not inconsistent with the these Fraternity Laws or orders of the Fraternity Convention laws, By-Laws, or lawful orders of the Fraternity Convention or Supreme Council, and a Province Council may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws to assist it in carrying out its duties, not inconsistent with these Fraternity Laws, orders of the Fraternity Convention or its Province Convention's bylaws.

Original Source: Section 26I.
Title VI: Provinces – Council of Province Archons

45. Council of Province Archons. The Council of Province Archons is to act in an advisory capacity to the Supreme Council, to be a source of best practices for Provinces and to act as an appellate body as permitted by these Fraternity Laws.

A. Membership. The Council of Province Archons consists of every Province Archon or his designee and act in an advisory capacity to the Supreme Council.

B. Officers. The officers of the Council of Province Archons shall be as follows:
1. The Chairman of the Council of Province Archons
2. The Deputy Chairman of the Council of Province Archons
3. The Secretary of the Council of Province Archons.

C. Election. The Council of Province Archons will elect its officers at its regular meeting.

D. Regular Meeting. The Council of Province Archons must serve two (2) years and be elected at the meeting of the Council of Province Archons during the concurrently with each regular session of the biennial Fraternity Convention and upon such regular meeting schedule as it may adopt.

E. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Council of Province Archons may be called by the Chairman, by the Eminent Supreme Archon, or, with the approval of the Eminent Supreme Archon, by the Chairman of the Council of Province Archons, or at the request of a majority of the Province Archons.

F. Meetings with the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council shall invite the Council of Province Archons at least twice per biennium to a regular meeting of the Supreme Council held during each calendar year, to include once during . In the years in which a Fraternity Convention is held, the Council of Province Archons shall be invited to a meeting with the Supreme Council at the Convention’s site immediately preceding the regular session of the Fraternity Convention and a subsequent meeting. In off-Convention years, the Council of Province Archons will meet with the Supreme Council at a time and place agreed upon by the Council’s Chairman and the Supreme Council.
G. **Vacancies.** If a vacancy should occur, **Vacancies of officers occurring in the position of Chairman of the Council of Province Archons between regular meetings of the Fraternity Conventions** Council of Province Archons must be filled by the Council of Province Archons or, in case of the vacancy of both the Deputy Chairman of the Council of Province Archons shall assume the role as Chairman and, if for some reason the Deputy Chairman, by cannot accept the responsibility, the Eminent Supreme Archon shall appoint an interim Chairman and an interim Deputy Chairman until the next meeting of the Council of Province Archons, where an election can be held to fill the open position(s).

Original Source: Section 29A-C, E1, & F (partial).

Deleted Text: Section 29E2 relating to vacancy of Secretary (duplicative of new Section 45G).

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46. **Duties of Officers.** Each officer must perform the duties required of him by these Fraternity Laws and any other duties assigned to him by the Council of Province Archons or the Chairman.

A. **Chairman.** The Chairman of the Council of Province Archons will preside at all meetings of the Council of Province Archons.

B. **Deputy Chairman.** The Deputy Chairman of the Council of Province Archons will assist the Chairman and will act as the Chairman in case of his absence or disability.

C. **Secretary.** The Secretary of the Council of Province Archons will keep a record of the proceedings of the Council of Province Archons and distribute a summary of such proceedings to the Province Archons and the Eminent Supreme Recorder.

Original Source: Section 29D1, 1a, 2, 3, & 3a.

Deleted Text: Section 29A1b, 2a-b, 3b relating to officer duties (superfluous and duplicative of respective new Sections 46A-C).

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47. **Finances.** Province Archons or their designees must be reimbursed for all traveling expenses to its meeting with the Supreme Council outside of a regular session of the Fraternity Convention shall be paid by the Fraternity on the submission of expense accounts and after approval by the Eminent Supreme Recorder. In the absence of a Province Archon, a Deputy Archon or other officer of that Province may be asked to attend with the same privilege as to traveling expenses.

Original Source: Section 29F (partial).

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48. **Bylaws.** The Council of Province Archons may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws to assist it in carrying out its duties, not inconsistent with these Fraternity Laws or orders of the Fraternity Convention.

New language.
Title VII: Chapters Collegiate – Charter

49. Charter. No Chapter Collegiate shall be organized or reorganized except by virtue of a charter granted by the Fraternity Convention or (if approved by a majority vote of the Supreme Council) by e-mail/internet ballot to each individual and group entitled to membership in the Fraternity Convention as provided in Section 11.

Original Source: Section 31 (partial).

50. Relation of Chapter to the Fraternity. In all other respects, the Chapter Collegiate shall be virtually independent entity from of the Fraternity. Each Chapter Collegiate shall make its own arrangements as to Chapter Collegiate house or other living quarters; fix its own dues, assessments, and charges; elect its own officers; and have complete control of its own activities.

A. No Authority to Act. No Chapter Collegiate or Chapter Collegiate house corporation or trust shall have any authority to act for or bind the Fraternity, and none. The Fraternity is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. None of the Chapters Collegiate or Chapter Collegiate House Corporations is a subsidiary of the Fraternity. The Fraternity is separate and distinct from each Chapter Collegiate. Each Chapter Collegiate has its own By-Laws and, if incorporated, its own Articles of Incorporation. The Fraternity shall provide advice and counsel to the Chapters Collegiate. The Fraternity has no power to control the activities or operations of any Chapter Collegiate, Chapter Collegiate house corporation, or Chapter Collegiate trust.

B. Conditions of Charter. The Fraternity may grant a charter to any group of males at any college or university under the procedures established in these Fraternity Laws, the Fraternity retaining all powers with respect to such charter delegated to the Fraternity under the Fraternity Laws. Such a group, in order to accept a charter as a Chapter Collegiate, shall agree to comply with the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon Chapters Collegiate as provided in these Fraternity Laws, including the payment of membership fees and annual dues, the submission of reports, and permitting inspection.

C. Limitations on External Authorities. It is the express policy of the Fraternity that all With respect to decisions to colonize, charter, suspend or revoke a charter of a Chapter Collegiate, it is the express policy of the Fraternity that all such decisions shall be made by the Supreme Council, or the Fraternity Convention, or both, entirely independent of and not in reliance upon similar decisions, policies and regulations of the collegiate host college, university institution or other similarly situated external authorities.

Original Source: Sections 30; 56D.
51. Procedure for Granting Charter. Colonization at an institution shall mean the formation of a group for eventual chartering or recognition of a previously organized local group that desires to receive a charter. Such colonization at an institution shall be authorized whenever the Permanent Committee on Extension Advisory Committee deems extension to a collegiate host institution to be propitious, the Supreme Council may approve the formation of a Colony for eventual chartering as a Chapter Collegiate and upon accomplishment of the following steps:

A. Petition. Whenever a colony determines, in consultation with the Province Archon and the Eminent Supreme Recorder, that it has met all conditions of the extension schedule required to be chartered as a Chapter Collegiate, it may submit a petition for charter. Such petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five persons eligible for Fraternity membership in the Fraternity under Section 5, filed with the Eminent Supreme Recorder, and accompanied by a charter fee of three thousand dollars ($3,000), but subject to refund if no charter is granted the fee shall be returned.

B. Investigation. Before a petition may be submitted considered by for a vote of the Fraternity Convention or an e-mail/internet ballot, a team appointed by the Eminent Supreme Archon consisting of one member of a Chapter Collegiate and two members of the Chapter Alumnus, none of whom may have been previously associated with the Colony, shall must investigate the colony, with at least one member visiting in person. Such team shall consist of a member of a Chapter Collegiate in good standing and two (2) members of the Chapter Alumnus in good standing, none of whom shall have been previously directly associated with the colony. The entire team shall evaluate the colony’s progress, and at least one member of the team shall visit the colony for such purpose. A report and recommendation shall must be submitted to the Fraternity Convention, by and through the Eminent Supreme Archon who shall direct circulation of the report to each individual and group entitled to representation at the Fraternity Convention as provided in Section 11.
C. **Granting Charter.** On receipt of a petition and the report of the investigation team, the Supreme Council shall submit them to the next Fraternity Convention meeting not less than six (6) months thereafter or may by a majority vote of the Supreme Council submit them to a direct vote by e-mail/internet ballot to each individual and group entitled to membership in the Fraternity Convention as provided in Section 11. A If the petition is submitted to the Fraternity Convention and as many as two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Fraternity Convention will authorize accredited delegates present and voting vote in favor of granting the charter, or if the petition is submitted to a direct vote of the Fraternity and is approved by as many as two-thirds (2/3) of the individuals and groups entitled to vote thereon within twenty-one (21) days after the date of e-mailing of the ballots from the Fraternity Service Center, then the Supreme Council shall be authorized to sign and issue a charter and to install the group to which it is issued as a Chapter Collegiate of Sigma Alpha Epsilon the Fraternity. If any group or individual fails to vote within twenty-one (21) days after the date the vote is solicited, an affirmative vote will be implied, and the ballot shall make clear this stipulation.

D. **Signing Charter.** Every-Each charter shall must be signed by all members of the Supreme Council. A Chapter Collegiate disbanded may be reorganized under its original name and must adhere to all procedures outlined in Section 46, and if a Chapter Collegiate is so reorganized under its original name, the old charter, if it exists, shall must be returned to the Chapter Collegiate.

E. **Equipment.** If a charter is granted, all necessary Ritual regalia the following items shall must be furnished to the chartered group without further payment other than the charter fee.

F. **Installation & Initiation.** All Colony members eligible for Fraternity membership, including alumni members and alumni of a local society being charted as a Chapter Collegiate, are eligible for prompt initiation upon the Colony’s installation as a Chapter Collegiate, subject to reporting requirements the Eminent Supreme Recorder may prescribe.

Original Source: Section 31 (partial) & B1, 4-6, & 8-9.
Deleted Text: Section 31B1a-c relating to colonization procedures (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 31B7 relating to initiation of Colony members (duplicative of new Section 51F).
Deleted Text: Section 31C8a-o relating to ritual supplies (superfluous).
Deleted Text: Section 32D9 relating to initiation of alumni of local societies (duplicative of new Section 51F).

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**Title VII: Chapters Collegiate – Operations**

**52. The Chapter Collegiate.** The essence of the Fraternity is carried out by each Chapter Collegiate chartered by the Fraternity Convention.

A. **Membership.** The Chapter Collegiate consists of those Fraternity members as these Fraternity Laws provide.

B. **Officers.** In addition to any A Chapter Collegiate may elect such other officers as may be required for the proper administration of the Chapter Collegiate, the Required-required officers of the Chapter Collegiate are:
1. The Eminent Archon
2. The Eminent Deputy Archon
3. The Eminent Recorder
4. The Eminent Treasurer
5. The Eminent Correspondent
6. The Eminent Chronicler
7. The Eminent Warden
8. The Eminent Herald
9. The Eminent Chaplain
10. The Member Educator
11. The Chapter Alumni Chairman
12. The Chapter Risk Manager Health-and-Safety Officer
13. The Chapter Recruitment Chairman
14. The Chapter Scholarship Chairman

C. **Qualification.** Every initiated member in good standing of a Chapter Collegiate as described in Section 49A, including alumni in good standing of that particular Chapter Collegiate, is eligible to hold any office in the Chapter Collegiate provided that no alumnus shall hold office unless there be no member in attendance as a student at the domicile of the Chapter Collegiate available for such office.

D. **Election.** The Chapter Collegiate will elect its officers and those officers’ terms will begin in each Chapter Collegiate shall be held at a time it determines provided that the term of office for the Eminent Treasurer must be one year, unless the Supreme Council shortens such term upon the recommendation of the Province Archon, and the terms of office for all other officers do not exceed one (1) year. The term of the Eminent Treasurer shall be one (1) year. However, the length of the term may be shortened by the Supreme Council upon recommendation of the Province Archon. Officers shall assume their duties at the next regular meeting following their election or whenever practical for the chapter and shall continue in office until their successors qualify.

E. **Vacancies.** Vacancies occurring during the officer’s regular term must be filled by the Chapter Collegiate Election of officers to fill vacancies shall be conducted in the regular manner, and due notice of the meeting for such purpose shall be given.

F. **Declaring an Office Vacant.** A Chapter Collegiate may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, declare any office vacant when the interests of the Chapter Collegiate demand. Notice of such intended action shall be given to the officer concerned and to all other initiated members of the Chapter Collegiate, and the officer must be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

G. **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of each Chapter Collegiate shall be held weekly during the academic year term.
H. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called at any time by the Eminent Archon and **shall** be called by him on the written request of five (5) or more members in good standing of the Chapter Collegiate, as described in Section 64A. In either case, due notice **shall** be given to all members of the Chapter Collegiate.

I. **Quorum.** At any regular meeting of a Chapter Collegiate, a majority of the collegiate members in good standing **shall** constitute a quorum; at any special meeting of a Chapter Collegiate, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the collegiate members in good standing **shall** constitute a quorum.

J. **Report on Activities.** Each Chapter Collegiate must, on April 1 of each year, render to the Fraternity Service Center on a form prescribed by the Eminent Supreme Recorder a report of its current officers and activities for the preceding year.

K. **Financial Reporting.** If required by applicable law, each Chapter Collegiate must prepare or have prepared the appropriate IRS Form 990 as required by IRS regulations at the close of the Chapter Collegiate’s fiscal year, and a copy of this form must be sent to the Fraternity Service Center.

Original Source: Sections 34A-C; 36A-B, D-E, & H.

Deleted Text: Section 34D relating to voting at meetings (duplicative of new Section 11A).

53. **Duties.** Every officer **shall** perform the duties required of him by the Ritual, those hereinafter set forth in these Fraternity Laws, and such other duties as his office may require or as may be imposed on him by lawful authority, including the Fraternity Convention, the Supreme Council by and through the Fraternity Service Center, the Bylaws of his Chapter Collegiate, or his Eminent Archon.

A. **Eminent Archon.** The Eminent Archon **shall** preside at all meetings of the Chapter Collegiate, appoint officers and committees not otherwise provided, enforce the laws and lawful orders of the Fraternity Convention and the Chapter Collegiate, supervise and direct the officers of the Chapter Collegiate, guard and promote the Ritual, and provide any necessary report to the Fraternity Service Center.

B. **Eminent Deputy Archon.** The Eminent Deputy Archon **shall** perform the duties of the Eminent Archon in his absence, assist the Eminent Archon in his duties, and be responsible for the discipline of the members of the Chapter Collegiate.

C. **Eminent Recorder.** The Eminent Recorder **shall** keep the records of the Chapter Collegiate and provide any necessary notice to the members of the Chapter Collegiate.
D. **Eminent Treasurer.** The Eminent Treasurer shall: keep the books of the Chapter Collegiate, take custody of the funds of the Chapter Collegiate and account therefor, give bond as required by these Fraternity Laws, submit all necessary payments to the Fraternity Service Center and other creditors and provide any necessary report to the Fraternity Service Center.

E. **Eminent Correspondent.** The Eminent Correspondent shall: conduct the correspondence of the Chapter Collegiate and provide any necessary report to the Fraternity Service Center.

F. **Eminent Chronicler.** The Eminent Chronicler shall: keep the history of the Chapter Collegiate.

G. **Eminent Warden.** The Eminent Warden will assist the Chapter Collegiate in keeping good order and promoting the health and safety of the membership of the Chapter Collegiate, assisting such officers or acting on his own accord as may be necessary.

H. **Eminent Herald.** The Eminent Herald will promote the proper use of the Ritual.

I. **Eminent Chaplain.** The Eminent Chaplain will promote the spiritual well-being of the members of the Chapter Collegiate.

J. **Chapter Member Educator.** The Chapter Member Educator shall: facilitate the membership development of the Chapter Collegiate and implement the True Gentleman Experience within the Chapter Collegiate.

K. **Chapter Alumni Chairman.** The Chapter Alumni Chairman will promote and coordinate the alumni program of the Chapter Collegiate.

L. **Chapter Health-and-Safety Officer.** The Chapter Health-and-Safety Officer shall: have authority over all events of the Chapter Collegiate pertaining to the health and safety of its members, oversee the responsibilities of the Chapter Collegiate’s social activities or Social Chairman, promote the health and safety of the Chapter Collegiate and minimize any risk to the Chapter Collegiate or its members.

M. **Chapter Recruitment Chairman.** The Chapter Recruitment Chairman will promote and coordinate the Chapter Collegiate’s recruitment program in accordance with the Chapter Collegiate’s specific needs.

N. **Chapter Scholarship Chairman.** The Chapter Scholarship Chairman shall: promote the academic development of the members of the Chapter Collegiate and advise the Eminent Archon on any member of the Chapter Collegiate who is or who may become Delinquent in Scholarship.

Original Source: Section 37, A, B, C, D, E, F, G-I, J, K, L, & M.

**Deleted Text:** Sections 37A1-13, B1-4, C1-6, D1-3, E1-11, F1-4, J1-5, L1-3, M1-4 relating to officer duties (superfluous and duplicative of respective new Sections 37A-F, J, L-M).
54. **Finances.** It is the policy of the Fraternity that a prompt and faithful observance and enforcement of financial obligation is a test of a member's right to retain his membership and of a Chapter Collegiate’s right to retain its charter.

A. **Dues & Fees.** Each member and each Chapter Collegiate is responsible for the following dues and fees:

1. **Initiation Fee.** Every newly elected Fraternity member is subject to an INITIATION Fee of three hundred and ten dollars, payable to Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, to be collected and submitted by the Chapter Collegiate no later than ten (10) days after initiation of said candidates and payable by his Chapter Collegiate, except that the Supreme Council may reduce this fee for non-student initiates, initiates who are alumni of a recently chartered local society, or for initiates who are or were members of another college social fraternity.

2. **Annual Fraternity Dues.** Every member of a Chapter Collegiate is subject to annual fraternity dues effective July 1, 2007, of one-hundred and five dollars ($105.00) for each collegiate member, made payable to Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity on the first day of February for every collegiate member, whether fully initiated or newly elected, in the and payable by his Chapter Collegiate as reported in the latest Active Membership Roster (formerly Form C) due in the Fraternity Service Center the previous November 15.

3. **Health-and-Safety Allocation Model.** Each Chapter Collegiate is subject to such fees and fines as may be incorporated into a health-and-safety allocation model as the Supreme Council may implement.

4. **Bonds.** Each Chapter Collegiate is subject to payment for the premium of any corporate security bond of not less than ten-thousand dollars.

5. **Province Dues.** Every Chapter Collegiate is subject to Province dues in accordance with the by-laws of its Province Convention in which it is located.

6. **Chapter Dues.** Every member of a Chapter Collegiate is subject to local chapter dues in accordance with the By-Laws bylaws of the his Chapter Collegiate.

B. **Delinquent in Accounts.**

1. **Chapters Collegiate.** Every Chapter Collegiate delinquent for one month or more with respect to any sum due the Fraternity shall will be fined one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) of the amount due, with a minimum amount of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for each month of such delinquency. The Fraternity Service Center shall notify a delinquent Chapter Collegiate upon any monthly assessment of a fine. Chapters and colonies are responsible for the monies owed to the Fraternity Service Center, and uncured delinquencies shall be cause for action pursuant to Sections 31B and 57C2.
2. **Fraternity Members.** If at any time during the academic year a member becomes delinquent in accounts, the Eminent Treasurer must he shall be immediately notified thereof that member in writing by the Eminent Treasurer. Within fourteen (14) days from the date of such notice he shall either 1) pay the whole account, exclusive of charges entered subsequent to such date, or 2) submit to the chapter a written statement setting forth the reasons for nonpayment. No such statement shall be valid as an excuse, however, unless it is accepted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any meeting. The acceptance of an excuse shall not return the delinquent brother to good standing unless the account is paid in full. If the member remains delinquent in Accounts member fails within fourteen (14) days of written notification to pay the whole account, exclusive of charges entered subsequent to such date, or to submit to the chapter a written statement setting forth the reasons for nonpayment, the Eminent Treasurer must prefer charges shall be preferred against him under the provisions of Title XIV.

Original Source: Sections 33A-B, & D-F; 36G1, 57A-B.
Deleted Text: Section 33C relating to colony dues (duplicative of new Section 11C).
Deleted Text: Section 36G, G2-5 relating to insurance requirements (superfluous and duplicative of new Section 54A3).

55. **Chapter Ritual.** Each Chapter Collegiate shall follow the prescribed course of performance for all Ritual ceremonies to include use of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies for all meetings of the Chapter-Collegiate-meetings, the Ceremony for Installation of Officers, the Initiation Ceremony no later than ninety-six (96) hours after a newly elected member accepts an invitation to join the Chapter Collegiate, and the Graduation Ceremony.

Original Source: Section 35.
56. **Bylaws.** A Chapter Collegiate may adopt, amend, or repeal *such* by-laws *to assist it in carrying out its duties, as they may deem necessary, with respect to, among other things, the following:*

A. Local dues and assessments
B. Additional duties of officers and members
C. Bonds of the Eminent Treasurer and of the Trustees
D. Duties of the Trustees
E. Quorum
F. Use of the badges.

Such by-laws shall not be inconsistent with the laws, By-Laws, or lawful orders of any regularly constituted body of higher rank in the Fraternity and shall in no way be contrary to those Fraternity Laws or orders of the Fraternity Convention. If upon due notice a chapter persists in violating this provision of the Fraternity Laws, the Supreme Council shall suspend its charter.

Original Source: Section 41.

57. **Chapter Advisor.** Each Chapter Collegiate *shall—must* have at least one **CHAPTER ADVISOR,** who *shall—will* counsel the chapter in the administration of its affairs and who *shall—will* represent the Supreme Council and the Province Archon in perpetuating the Fraternity’s standards, policies, and traditions.

A. **Qualification.** Such advisor *must residing reside in or near the college community where the Chapter Collegiate is domiciled, but* need not be a Fraternity member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

B. **Election.** The Chapter Collegiate *will He shall be elected—elect annually by the Chapter Collegiate Advisor annually,* with the approval of the Province Archon, late in the spring term, and his election shall be reported with the official reports of elections.

C. **Duties.** The Chapter Advisor *shall—must* visit the Chapter Collegiate at least twice each month and *shall—will* report to the Eminent Supreme Recorder and the Province Archon any conditions that may need special attention.

Original Source: Section 42 (partial).

*Deleted Text: Section 42 (partial) relating to Province Archon approval of contested advisors (archaic).*
58. **Chapter Advisory Board.** If the Province Archon or Eminent Supreme Recorder determines, in consultation with the Chapter Collegiate and its Chapter Advisor, that a Chapter Collegiate would benefit from the institution of an chapter advisory board, either the Province Archon or the Eminent Supreme Recorder may require the Chapter Collegiate to have a **CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD**, which shall advise and counsel the Chapter Collegiate in the administration of its affairs and represent the Supreme Council and the Province Archon in perpetuating the Fraternity’s standards, policies, and traditions.

**A. Membership.** The Chapter Advisory Board *will consist of each of shall include as ex-officio members* the following:

1. **The Chapter Advisor of the Chapter Collegiate.**
2. The President of a chapter Alumni Association or his designee with respect to the Chapter Collegiate and the President of any Area Alumni Association or his designee located in the area of the college or university at which the Chapter Collegiate is situated.
3. Any faculty advisor(s) of the Chapter Collegiate on the staff of the college or university at which the Chapter Collegiate is situated, who need not be a member of the Fraternity and who shall be selected by the Chapter Collegiate.
4. **Other-Additional members** The remaining members of the Chapter Advisory Board shall consist of such alumni members in good standing of the Fraternity as the Province Archon shall deem appropriate. Such members shall be appointed by the Province Archon, by the end of the institution’s academic year or as soon thereafter as practical, after consultation with the alumni of the Chapter Collegiate or residing in the area where the Chapter Collegiate is located, to serve for the following two (2) academic years. The Province Archon may replace any such member who resigns or becomes inactive with another member who shall serve for the unexpired duration of the term of office of the member being replaced. Both ex-officio members and members appointed by the Province Archon shall serve until their respective successors are elected or appointed and shall have the right to vote upon any matter coming before the Chapter Advisory Board.

**B. Qualification.**

1. Any faculty advisor(s) need not be a Fraternity member.
2. The additional members must be members in good standing with the Chapter Alumnus.

**C. Officers.** The Chapter Advisory Board shall elect a President.

**D. Election.**

1. Any faculty advisor(s) will be selected by the Chapter Collegiate.
2. The additional members will be appointed by the Province Archon for a term of two academic years.
E. **Duties.** The President must submit reports to the Province Archon and the Eminent Supreme Recorder when requested by either of them or as deemed appropriate by the Chapter Advisory Board. The Board may request assistance from the Province Archon or the Eminent Supreme Recorder with any problems it is unable to resolve.

F. **Regular Meetings.** The Chapter Advisory Board must meet monthly during the regular academic year of the respective college or university term.

G. **Special Meetings.** Additional Special meetings may be called by the President or by any two members of the Board.

Original Source: Section 43.
Title VII: Chapters Collegiate – Discipline

59. Grounds for Discipline. Any Chapter Collegiate may face discipline under this Title for any of the following reasons:

A. Creating a culture that encourages, permits or acquiesces to the commission of a Flagrant Offense by its members.

B. If a Chapter Collegiate fails Failure for one (1) year to send its reports and dues to the Fraternity Service Center.

C. Whenever any Chapter Collegiate shall be charged by academic authorities with an offense against the institutional rules of the collegiate host institution of the Chapter Collegiate on matters of behavior, the Supreme Council shall be empowered to take such action as it deems necessary to reconstruct the attitude and practices of the Chapter Collegiate to conform with the standards of the Fraternity and the institution, including the right to suspend the Chapter's powers of initiation and voting in Province and Fraternity Conventions pending a full report and review of the case by the Eminent Supreme Recorder and the Supreme Council.

D. Any Chapter Collegiate which permits Permitting a total indebtedness exceeding an average of one hundred dollars ($100) per active member, where such indebtedness is outstanding for more than three (3) months, shall be put on probation, and its delegate to a Fraternity or Province Convention shall have no vote until such indebtedness has been reduced below this maximum. The term, indebtedness, means monies owed by the Chapter Collegiate to the Fraternity and any governing body or other group recognized in Title I of these Fraternity laws.

E. Upon complaint filed in writing at the Fraternity Service Center by a member or constituent body of the Fraternity that an active Chapter Collegiate has elected a person ineligible for membership in the Fraternity by reason of violation of any one of the conditions appearing in Section 5 or Section 32D7-8, the Supreme Council shall immediately investigate the complaint. If the accusation is true and just, the Chapter committing such violation shall be disbanded and its Charter revoked.

F. or otherwise flagrantly Flagrant violates violation of these Fraternity Laws.

G. or brings Bringing odium on the good name of the Fraternity into extreme disrepute.

H. Interferes Interfering with the proper functioning of the letter and spirit of these Fraternity Laws, its charter may be suspended by action of four fifths (4/5) of the Supreme Council, pending final action of the next Fraternity Convention as to forfeiture of charter.

Original Source: Sections 31C1 (partial) &C8; 56B; 57C2.
60. Investigation & Cease and Desist Orders. Whenever an accusation of violation of the laws of Sigma Alpha Epsilon exists against a Chapter Collegiate, the Eminent Supreme Recorder must investigate the charges, and he or the Supreme Council may place the Chapter Collegiate under a Cease and Desist Order.

A. **Effect.** During the duration of the Cease and Desist order, the Chapter Collegiate must cease and desist any and all Chapter operations, excluding only those expressly including but not limited to recruitment, member education, intramural sports, campus activities and social activities, or any activity that may be construed as a Chapter event. During this time, the Chapter is permitted to have activities as approved by the Eminent Supreme Recorder or the Supreme Council.

B. **Duration.** The order will remain in place until such time as the Supreme Council or the Eminent Supreme Recorder completes an investigation of the accusation can be completed or determines that the reason for the violation is remedied. The Cease and Desist order must be approved in writing by the Eminent Supreme Recorder or the Supreme Council to be instituted or removed.

Original Source: Section 65D.

61. Chapter Sanctions. Any Chapter Collegiate is subject to any of the following sanctions or any combination thereof.

A. **Surrender.** A Chapter Collegiate, upon four week’s notice to its membership and the Fraternity Service Center, may voluntarily surrender its charter unless five (5) or more members in good standing, including alumni members of the Chapter Alumnus initiated by the Chapter Collegiate, demand its continuance. No such action shall be taken unless a proposal of the contemplated surrender has been made at a regular meeting at least four (4) weeks prior thereto and due notice given to all collegiate members of the Chapter and the Fraternity Service Center.

B. **Suspension & Revocation.**

1. **By the Fraternity Convention.** A charter may, for due cause, be suspended or revoked by the Fraternity Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided the Chapter Collegiate had been notified in writing of the charges and given a reasonable opportunity to respond be heard.

2. **By the Supreme Council.** A charter may, for due cause, be suspended by the Eminent Supreme Archon, with the consent of four-fifths (4/5) vote, provided the Chapter Collegiate had been notified in writing of the charges and given a reasonable opportunity to respond be heard and subject to . In such case, a full report shall be made to the next Fraternity Convention for its approval or disapproval, and meanwhile the charter shall remain suspended.
C. **Effect.**

1. **Surrender of Equipment.** Upon the surrender, forfeiture, suspension, or revocation of a charter, the property of the Chapter Collegiate, including the Fraternity paraphernalia, Rituals, and books of record, etc., shall be surrendered to the Eminent Supreme Recorder and kept by him subject to the orders of the Supreme Council.

2. **Affected Members.** Upon suspension of the charter, all current collegiate members shall be considered suspended members until further notification by a Fraternity officer, and the charter will remain suspended until final action by the Fraternity Convention.

D. **Further Chapter Discipline.**

1. **Alumni Commission.** The Supreme Council shall have the power for due cause by a four-fifths (4/5) vote, to place the full authority of a charter in the hands of an Alumni Commission of Alumni.
   a. **Effect.** And thereupon such Alumni Commission shall govern as the Chapter Collegiate without a suspension of the charter until the Supreme Council finds that the due cause shall have been remedied.
   b. **Duration.** Upon such transfer of the authority of a charter, all current collegiate members shall be considered suspended members until further notification by a Fraternity officer or a member of the Alumni Commission.

2. **Alumni Board.** A Chapter Collegiate may, by a two-thirds vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing, present and voting, with the consent of the Supreme Council, shall have the power to place joint authority of the charter in the hands of an alumni board.
   a. **Effect.** The alumni board and the members of the Chapter Collegiate will jointly govern the Chapter Collegiate without a suspension of the charter until the alumni board and the Chapter Collegiate, with approval by its Province Archon, determines that the due cause is remedied.
   b. **Duration.** While under the joint authority of an alumni board, the decisions of the alumni board and the Chapter Collegiate must be mutually ratified. Such Board, in conjunction with the members of the Chapter Collegiate, shall govern the Chapter Collegiate without a suspension of the charter until the cause for creation of the Board shall have been remedied. The alumni Board shall be dissolved upon recommendation of the Board and Chapter with the approval of the Province Archon. During Alumni Board status, all decisions of the Chapter Collegiate must be approved by the Alumni Board, and all decisions of the Alumni Board must be approved by the Chapter Collegiate. The sharing of the authority of the charter shall not affect the current status of any collegiate member.
3. **Probation.** The Supreme Council or a Province Council may place any Chapter Collegiate under its jurisdiction which is determined to be deficient in the minimum standards of the Fraternity, or which is placed on probation for low academic standards or any other reasons by the collegiate host institution where it is domiciled, may be placed on probation by the Supreme Council or the Province Council under whose jurisdiction the chapter falls. If a probation is imposed by the Province Council, the chapter may be appealed to the Supreme Council within thirty (30) days after from the time the chapter receives written notice of the imposition of probation, such action, who may overturn the Province Council’s decision by a four-fifths (4/5) vote.

4. **Chapter Membership Review.** The Supreme Council may authorize a membership review of any chapter on probation or under the authority of a commission of alumni, such review to be conducted by members of the Chapter Alumnus appointed by the Supreme Council.
   a. **Effect.** During such a membership review occurs, any member of the Chapter Collegiate may be summarily expelled, suspended, placed on probation, fined, reprimanded, or any combination thereof.
   b. **Appeal.** Any adverse action of the membership review may be appealed to the Supreme Council. If a member so requests in writing within thirty (30) days after notice of such action of expulsion, suspension, probation, fine, or reprimand, he shall be entitled to a review of such penalty within twenty (20) days of receipt by such group of alumni of such request. The member shall be entitled to present evidence to such group of alumni in support of his request either in person or by any member in good standing or both.

Original Source: Section 31C1 (partial), 2-7, & 9.

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**Title VIII: Alumni Associations**

62. **Alumni Associations.** An alumni association may be organized only except by virtue of a charter granted by the Supreme Council; such an association may be either an area alumni association, of which members must be alumni who reside in the same city or locale, or a Chapter-Collegiate alumni association, of which members may or may not be alumni of the same Chapter Collegiate.

A. **Membership.** Members of an area Alumni Association must be alumni members of the Chapter Alumnus who reside in the same city or locale, and members of a Chapter-Collegiate Alumni Association may or may not be alumni members of the Chapter Alumnus initiated by the same Chapter Collegiate.
B. **Qualification.** Application—A petition for a charter shall must be in writing, shall be signed 1) in the case of an area alumni association by at least ten (10) eligible alumni members residing in the same city or locale or 2) in the case of a Chapter-Collegiate alumni association by ten (10) alumni of the same Chapter Collegiate, of the Chapter Alumnus and shall must be accompanied by with an application fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) and initial annual dues (for the current calendar year) of one-hundred dollars ($100.00). No charter for an alumni association Alumni Association shall may be granted within a period of ninety (90) days immediately preceding any regular session of the Fraternity Convention.

C. **Officers.** Each Alumni Association will elect a President and such other officers as the Alumni Associations deems necessary.

D. **Report on Activities.** Each Alumni Association shall must, on April 1 of each year, render to the Eminent Supreme Recorder Fraternity Service Center a report of its current officers and activities for the preceding year.

E. **Financial Reporting.** If required by applicable law, Each each Alumni Association must prepare or have prepared the appropriate IRS Form 990 as required by IRS regulations at the close of the Alumni Association’s fiscal year, and A a copy of this form must be sent to the Fraternity Service Center.

Original Source: Section 45A-B, G, & I.

*Deleted Text: Section 45C-E relating to alumni association names, objectives, and incorporation (superfluous).*

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63. **Duties.** The President of an Alumni Association will perform or cause to be performed all duties required by these Fraternity Laws and any other duties assigned to him by the Fraternity Convention or the Alumni Association.

Original Source: New language.

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64. **Finances.** Each Alumni Association is subject to annual, calendar-year dues of one hundred dollars ($100.00), payable to Sigma Alpha Epsilon the Fraternity on or before January 15.

Original Source: Section 45F.

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65. **Bylaws.** An Alumni Association may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws to assist it in carrying out its duties, not inconsistent with these Fraternity Laws or orders of the Fraternity Convention.

Original Source: New language.
Title IX: Housing Corporations

66. House Corporation. For the purpose of acquiring and holding title to or for the lease of real property, acquiring or erecting a chapter house, and conducting all such transactions as may be necessary for the proper maintenance, administration, or disposition thereof, a Chapter Collegiate or other Fraternity members may either 1) elect a Board of Trustees consisting of not more than five (5) Trustees, in addition to whom the Eminent Archon and the Eminent Treasurer shall act as ex-officio members, or 2) organize a corporation or other business entity to be known as a house corporation in accordance with the laws of the state where such chapter is located for the purpose of acquiring or holding title to real property domiciling a Chapter Collegiate, known as a CHAPTER HOUSE.

Original Source: Section 36C.

67. House Corporations Subject to these Fraternity Laws. Each of the following House Corporations are subject to the requirements of these Fraternity Laws:

A. Any House Corporation declaring its tax-exempt status by and through the Fraternity’s group tax-exempt status.

B. Any House Corporation holding insurance coverage through the Fraternity’s or SAE Financial and Housing Corporation’s insurance policies.

C. Any House Corporation that has accepted consideration from a Chapter Collegiate or its members in exchange for their occupancy of a Chapter House,

D. Any House Corporation that has accepted a donation from a member of the Chapter Alumnus for the betterment of the Chapter House shall be subject to the terms of this Section 36C. Furthermore, any member of a Chapter Collegiate or the Chapter Alumnus who serves in any capacity on a House Corporation shall be compelled to adhere to the terms of this Section 36C and, upon request, shall provide the Eminent Supreme Recorder with reasonable evidence that the applicable organizational documents of the House Corporation comply with these Fraternity Laws, as the same may be amended from time to time. This Section 36C shall be subordinate to any mortgage loan.

Original Source: Section 36C1 (partial).

68. Chapter Standing Irrelevant. These Fraternity Laws apply to any applicable House Corporation regardless of whether the Chapter Collegiate is active and in good standing with the Fraternity.

Original Source: New language.
69. Duties. House Corporations subject to these Fraternity Laws must abide by each of the following requirements.

A. Chapter House Forever to Benefit Chapter. A chapter house, other real property interest or any portion thereof (a “Chapter House”) held by a Board of Trustees, a House Corporation or any other entity holding title to such property for the primary benefit of a Chapter Collegiate (collectively, a “House Corporation”), including any assets derived directly or indirectly from the sale, exchange or casualty of such Chapter House, shall must forever be held in trust for the primary benefit of said the Chapter Collegiate, subject to the terms of subsection 2 below.

B. Conveyances Prohibited. The Fraternity, in association with SAE Financial and Housing Corporation, may take any action necessary to prevent any. Except for a Permitted Transfer described below, each House Corporation shall be prohibited from making a Chapter House Conveyance and any attempt to make an unauthorized Chapter House Conveyance shall be null and void and shall be deemed an unauthorized and unlawful act of the House Corporation. All House Corporations shall notify the Eminent Supreme Recorder at least ninety (90) days prior to marketing for sale a Chapter House, prior to transferring ownership of a Chapter House by any manner to a third party, including by threatened foreclosure sale or a taking by eminent domain, or prior to leasing a Chapter House to a third party for a term, including all options to extend, of greater than five years (collectively, a “Chapter House Conveyance”). Upon such notice, the Eminent Supreme Recorder shall consult with the Board of Directors of SAE Financial and Housing Corporation on the proposed Chapter House Conveyance, and SAE Financial and Housing Corporation shall timely advise the House Corporation in good faith as to viable alternatives to the proposed Chapter House Conveyance so as to maintain the Chapter House for the future use and benefit of the affiliated Chapter Collegiate, whether or not said Chapter Collegiate is then active and in good standing with the Fraternity. These actions may include a right-of-first-refusal to acquire the Chapter House, a binding asset purchase agreement protecting the net assets of the House Corporation for the future development of a Chapter House for the Chapter Collegiate, or a gift donation of the Chapter House. A “Permitted Conveyance” shall mean one of the following:

C. Surety Bond & Insurance Coverage. Each Treasurer of a House Corporation shall must be under corporate security bond of not less than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) and must maintain 1) comprehensive liability insurance of not less than five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) and 2) separate and additional umbrella liability coverage of not less than ten million dollars ($10,000,000), for both of which the Chapter Collegiate shall must pay the premiums for both. Said bonds and insurances are to be handled through the Fraternity Service Center as required for Eminent Treasurers under Section 36G.
D. **Report on Activities.** Each such House Corporation **shall**-must, on make an annual report as of October 30 of each year, render to the Supreme Council on a form prescribed by the Supreme Council, with the advice of the Fraternity Service Center on a form prescribed by the Eminent Supreme Recorder, such a report of its current officers and activities for the preceding to be forwarded to the Eminent Supreme Recorder not later than November 30 of each year. Copies of such report shall must be furnished to the Chapter Collegiate and the Fraternity Service Center.

E. **Financial Reporting.** If required by applicable law, Each each House Corporation must prepare or have prepared the appropriate IRS Form 990 as required by IRS regulations at the close of the House Corporation’s fiscal year, and a copy of this form must be sent to the Fraternity Service Center.

Original Source: Sections 36C1 (partial) & 2; 37N2b-d.
Deleted Text: Section 36C2a-e relating to permitted conveyances (duplicative of new Section 69B).
Deleted Text: Section 37N, N1, N2a relating to housing corporation governance requirements (superfluous).