

**CODE OF BYLAWS  
FOR  
PI CHI CHAPTER  
OF THE  
FRATERNITY OF PHI GAMMA DELTA  
AT  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON**

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Article I

MEMBERSHIP

A. In General

- 1.01 The members of this undergraduate chapter shall be those undergraduate and post-graduate students, including graduate students, already initiated or affiliated by this chapter actually attending the university who have not received a degree from the university subsequent to their initiation or affiliation, and the chapter shall consist of all such students. The chapter may, with his consent, continue or revise the undergraduate status of a post-graduate student actually attending the university. (Sections 19.10 and 19.11)
- 1.02 Candidates for membership shall be men possessed of the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, Article IV, Section 1.
- 1.03 No member shall be permitted to become inactive so long as he is in attendance at the university, unless he shall have received a degree from the university subsequent to his initiation or affiliation. (Constitution, Article IV, Section 5)
- 1.04 No member of the chapter can resign from the Fraternity except in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Article IV, Section 11.
- 1.05 It shall be the duty of each member to exemplify in his daily conduct the trinity of noble principles of the Fraternity and the chapter by every means consistent with true principles of honor, obey the Constitution, Rituals, and Bylaws of the Fraternity, the bylaws and house rules of the chapter, avoid all conduct which may be justly criticized among his acquaintances or which may be offensive to his fellow members, and exert himself to maintain and promote the harmony and prosperity of the Fraternity and the chapter. (Constitution, Article IV, Section 14)

B. Pledging

- 1.06 Candidates shall be pledged only after election by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the undergraduate members of the chapter, which vote must be taken by secret ballot and be the unanimous vote of all those voting. (Constitution, Article IV, Section 1)
- 1.07 When a person shall have been nominated for membership, a ballot shall be had not later than two weeks after the nomination has been made, and one negative vote shall debar from membership. In case of rejection, he shall not be again voted upon unless renominated for membership.
- 1.08 The chapter may, by a majority vote of all its undergraduate members, taken by secret ballot, terminate the pledge relationship. (Constitution, Article IV, Section 9)
- 1.09 Any pledge given to the chapter shall automatically terminate if the pledge candidate thereafter ceases to be a duly matriculated student actually pursuing a course of instruction at the institution, or if he shall fail to qualify for initiation within the time prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 11.

C. Initiation

- 1.10 Candidates for membership shall be initiated only after authorization by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the undergraduate members of the chapter, which vote must be taken by secret ballot, as provided in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2.
- 1.11 To qualify for initiation, a person shall have completed at least one academic term of college work with a **2.5** average or cumulative average of at least **2.5** (on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent, and if such candidate failed to maintain a **2.5** average or its equivalent during his most recent academic term, he shall be required, as a condition precedent to initiation, to have a cumulative average of **2.5** or its equivalent. (Constitution, Article IV, Section 2)
- 1.12 No candidate for membership shall be initiated until he shall have paid to the chapter a sum sufficient to meet the fees payable by the chapter on account of his initiation to the Fraternity.
- 1.13 Neither the chapter nor any member or pledge thereof shall subject any pledge, member, or other person to pre-initiation or hazing ceremonies or practices which involve physical exhaustion or abuse or would in any way interfere with such person's mental or physical ability to perform college work efficiently or tend to reflect unfavorably upon the Fraternity in the eyes of the public, or which are of a dangerous, rude, or vulgar nature.
- 1.14 No person who is or was a member of an undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity and who enters this institution shall be entitled to affiliate with full privileges of membership in the chapter until he shall have been elected to membership by the affirmative vote of 3/4 of the undergraduate members of the chapter and shall have paid such fees as the chapter may require prior to affiliation. In no event shall such person be considered for affiliation, except upon production of a certificate of good standing from the undergraduate chapter or chapter of the Fraternity with which he was last connected.
- 1.15 Faculty initiates shall be men possessed of the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, Article IV, Section 3.
- 1.16 Former student initiates shall be men possessed of the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2.

D. Non-exclusionary Membership Clause

- 1.17 This organization practices an open membership policy for members of the university community without regard to race, color, age, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation. Membership and participation in this student organization is also open without regard to gender unless exempt under Title IX.

Article II  
OFFICERS

- 2.01 The officers of the chapter shall be the President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Historian. (Constitution, Article III, Section 5)
- 2.02 The duties and powers of the officers shall be those prescribed by the laws of the Fraternity and, in addition, such as usually attach to the offices held by each. These duties and powers are outlined in the chapter handbook.
- 2.03 Trials for infractions of the rules, regulations, or bylaws of the chapter may be conducted by the officers in cases where punishment is limited to fine or denial of chapter privileges or both.
- 2.04 The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount not less than \$10,000. (*This is provided by the International Fraternity.*)
- 2.05 Officers of the chapter shall be chosen only from members in good standing with the fraternity; defined as not being in default in respect to their financial or other obligations to the chapter and who have a cumulative average of 2.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent on other scales). The precise time of nominations and elections shall be fixed by the officers.
- 2.06 All officers shall serve for a period of twelve calendar months, beginning at the end of each fall semester.
- 2.07 Vacancies in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by secret ballot at the first regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.
- 2.08 If an officer shall become in default in respect to any of his financial or other obligations to the chapter and shall have remained in default for sixty days, or if his academic average shall have dropped below a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent on other scales), or if he is convicted of violation of any law of the Fraternity, his office shall become vacant, and thereupon his successor shall be elected.
- 2.09 At the time of the annual election of officers, the consent of the chapter shall be sought to the appointment of a graduate member selected by the Section Chief to serve as Purple Legionnaire for the next twelve months. He shall be eligible for reappointment.
- 2.10 The duties of the Purple Legionnaire shall be those set down in the Bylaws of the International Fraternity.

Article III  
COMMITTEES

- 3.01 The President shall establish such committees as are necessary for the government and operations of the chapter. He shall appoint the chairman and members of all committees, who shall serve at his pleasure. The duties and authority of all committee chairs, and subsequently their corresponding committees shall be as follows and shall be further prescribed by the President.
- 3.02 Scholarship:
- A. Collect and organize the class schedules, class attendance, test dates, etc. from all brothers and pledges.
  - B. Meet regularly with the BCA scholarship advisor to review members' academic goals and GPA requirements.
  - C. Lead all chapter study tables and take roll.
  - D. Track the chapter's scholastic performance and report those needing additional support to the officers.
- 3.03 Recruitment:
- A. Plan and organize all formal and informal recruitment activities and events.
  - B. Keep detailed candidate profile records on all recruits.
  - C. Maintain contact with recruits, including follow-ups, future invites, and random discussion.
  - D. Prepare the chapter for recruitment.
- 3.04 Social:
- A. Plan all chapter social events.
  - B. Keep a calendar of all Fiji, Greek, and campus social activities.
  - C. Maintain contact with sorority and fraternity social chairmen.
- 3.05 Risk Management/Alcohol Education:
- A. Coordinate risk management and alcohol education seminars.
  - B. Work with officers to review the Crisis Management Plan.
- 3.06 Brotherhood:
- A. Plan and organize pledges/brothers only events (sports, outings, etc.)
  - B. Works with officers and graduate advisors to monitor and maintain positive chapter morale and momentum.

- C. Assist in solving/mediating disagreements between brothers.
- 3.07 Athletic:
  - A. Organize all intramural teams for the chapter.
  - B. Organize FIJI teams for Greek events.
  - C. Provide schedules of all athletic activities and coordinate chapter attendance.
- 3.08 Community Service/Philanthropy:
  - A. Facilitate brainstorming to agree upon a community service project.
  - B. Get a calendar of other Greek philanthropies and community service projects.
  - C. Develop an annual activity that will generate money to benefit a local charity.
  - D. Speak with service organizations on campus to get the names of charitable organizations that could use assistance.
  - E. Track and document individual service hours and projects of members.
- 3.09 Campus Relations
  - A. Stresses 100% Involvement of brothers in other organizations
  - B. Organizes attendance of university related events.
  - C. Provides a schedule of important events happening in relation to the university.
- 3.10 Greek Relations
  - A. Attend all IFC meetings
  - B. Keeps in touch with other Greek organizations on campus, whether through their events or personal interaction
  - C. Serve as a liaison for the organization to the Greek world
- 3.11 Graduate Relations
  - A. Interact with local graduate brothers
  - B. Prepare, plan, and implement Pig Dinner
  - C. Work with the corresponding secretary to prepare a graduate newsletter to keep brothers informed

Article IV  
MEETINGS

- 4.01 Regular meetings of the chapter shall be held once each week while the college or university is in session. At least one formal meeting shall be held each month while the college or university is in session and shall follow faithfully the order laid down in the Ritual. Each member of the chapter shall attend unless for good reason excused by the President from attendance at a particular meeting. Each member of the undergraduate chapter present in person shall be entitled to cast one vote on any matter to be acted upon by the meeting. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any meeting.
- 4.02 A special meeting of the chapter may be called by the President or on the written request of five members of the chapter, which request must be presented to the President. It shall be his duty promptly to set a time for the meeting, which time shall be not less than 24 hours after posting of notice as provided herein. He shall post prominently in the chapter house notices of the special meeting which shall state the time and place thereof. He shall take such other measures as are reasonably calculated to give all members actual notice of the special meeting.
- 4.03 The Newly Revised version of Robert's Rules of Order shall be regarded as the controlling authority upon questions of parliamentary law.
- 4.04 For the transaction of the ordinary business of the chapter, a quorum shall be established consisting of 2/3 of the undergraduate members of the chapter.
- 4.05 The officers of the chapter may designate any activity a mandatory chapter function with two weeks notice provided by both an email sent to the entire chapter and an entry on the electronic chapter calendar both must designate the date, time and location of the event. The event's exact start and end times may be changed up to a week from the day the event is scheduled, however the day may not be changed if it would make it less than two weeks from the current day. The location of the event may be changed if 48 hours notice to the start time of the event is given on the change. All alterations to an event must be accompanied by an email to the entire chapter and the corresponding change must be reflected in the electronic chapter calendar and no change is finalized until the chapter is notified in both of these methods prior to the respective expiration of time given by the change made. Failure by the chapter's officers to notify the chapter in the exact manner described herein nullifies the mandatory status of the event modified. Failure without acceptable excuse of any member of the chapter to participate in the function so designated shall render the offender liable to the penalty for missing an informal meeting or such greater penalty as the officers shall have prescribed in the notice designating the activity a chapter function.
- 4.06 Fines for unexcused absences from meetings shall be levied according to the following guidelines:
  - A. Absences must be documented by filling out and turning in an absence form distributed by the recording secretary. Brothers have until three days after the meeting to turn in a form.

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- B. Valid excuses include family emergency and class events which the brother had no part in
    - a. For events not occurring on the regularly scheduled Sunday meeting time, work and class shall also be valid excuses.
  - C. Judicial Board shall review other absence excuses and determine validity.
  - D. Informal Meetings
    - a. Unexcused absences are subject to \$10 fine.
    - b. Excused absences subject to \$0 fine.
  - E. Formal Meetings
    - a. Unexcused absences are subject to \$40 fine.
    - b. Excused absences are subject to \$0 fine.
  - F. Ritual Events
    - a. Unexcused absences are subject to \$40 fine.
    - b. Excused absences are subject to \$10 fine.
    - c. Work shall not be considered a valid excuse even if occurring at a time other than the regularly scheduled meeting time.
  - G. Each brother is entitled to one waived fine per semester, not to be applied to ritual events.
- 4.07 Late Fees for meetings will be levied as following:
- A. Any brother who is more than five minutes late to an informal meeting, formal meeting, or ritual event, according to Recording Secretary, shall be fined \$5 unless a cabinet member is notified beforehand.
  - B. Allowing late entry to formal meetings and ritual events shall be at the discretion of the Historian. Refused entry shall count as an absence.

Article V  
SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

- 5.01 Brothers whose Grade Point Average is about a 2.5 are not subject to any penalty in the form of probation, fines, or any other activity described below
- 5.02 Brothers who have a semester Grade Point Average below a 2.5 shall follow this plan:
- A. A Mid Semester Grade Review by Professor
  - B. Meeting with the Scholarship chair on a weekly basis
  - C. Must attend Learning Center twice a semester (minimum)
  - D. Must meet with each professor at least three times a semester (minimum)
  - E. 6 study hours to be done in the library weekly while school is in session (minimum)
- 5.03 Brothers who have two consecutive semesters below a 2.5 Grade Point Average shall follow the plan described below:
- A. Mid Semester Grade Review by Professor
  - B. Meeting with scholarship chair on a weekly basis
  - C. Must attend Learning Center twice a semester (minimum)
  - D. Must meet with each professor at least three times a semester (minimum)
  - E. 10 mandatory study hours to be supervised by scholarship chair or cabinet member
  - F. Social Probation will be implemented Sunday-Thursday
    - a. If Mid-Semester Reports show above a 2.5 GPA, probation is terminated
- 5.04 New Members will abide to the following scholarship plan
- A. 10 library hours a week (2 to be accomplished with big brother)
  - B. Must meet with each professor at least three times a semester
  - C. Attend Learning Center at least two times a semester
- 5.05 The consequences for not adhering strictly to the Scholarship Plan will be as follows:
- A. Individuals on First Semester Scholarship Plan will be placed on Social Probation until the Cabinet chooses to lift the Probation by a majority vote (or by a majority vote of the Judicial Board, if one exists).
  - B. Individuals on Second Semester Scholarship Plan will be placed on Default Status until the Cabinet chooses to lift the Default Status by a majority vote (or by a majority vote of the Judicial Board, if one exists).

Article VI  
REVENUES

- 6.01 The operating revenues of the chapter shall consist of such charges as are authorized from time to time by majority vote of the chapter.
- 6.02 Financial obligations of members and pledges shall be paid within 10 days after such charges are billed, and an incentive for prompt payment shall be deducted or penalties for late payment shall be levied according to a schedule fixed by the chapter.

Article VII  
OFFENSES, TRIALS AND APPEALS

- 7.01 The definitions of social probation, default, and suspension are as follows:

- A. Social Probation: The disqualification of an individual from attending Mixers, Grab-a-Dates, Formals, Semi-Formals, or any other event that the Cabinet deems to be a Social Event. Social Probation applies from Sunday through Thursday.
  - B. Default: The disqualification of an individual from attending any event that is not deemed a Mandatory Event by the Cabinet. Being in Default applies every day until Default status is lifted by the Cabinet. Being in Default removes the individual from quorum.
  - C. Suspension: The disqualification of an individual from attending any and all FIJI Events as defined by the International Bylaws. Suspension applies every day until Suspension status is lifted by the Cabinet. Being Suspended removes an individual from quorum.
- 7.02 The chapter shall punish by suspension, fine, or the denial of chapter privileges, or by any combination of such penalties, any member adjudged guilty of any offenses specified in the International Fraternities bylaws.
  - 7.03 All fines imposed for any offenses shall become financial obligations to be paid by the offender and shall be certified to the Treasurer of the chapter for collection.
  - 7.04 A sentence of suspension may be coupled with a fine. During the period of suspension, the suspended member shall be precluded from exercising any rights of membership, including the right to attend chapter meetings. (Section 25.32)
  - 7.05 The expulsion or suspension of any officer of the Chapter shall automatically render vacant his office.
  - 7.06 In any proceeding against any officer of the chapter for neglect of any of the duties of his office or any violation of his oath of installation, the penalties provided in this Article may be waived, and a sentence removing him from his office entered in lieu thereof.
  - 7.07 If a proceeding is to be brought against a brother, a letter of reasoning shall be given to the Historian, the chair of the Judicial Board. The Judicial Board shall consist of the Historian and an elected member from each class year (One senior, one junior, one sophomore, and one freshman). Upon receipt of this letter, the brother in question shall be notified by the Judicial Board and shall be able to speak on his own behalf.
  - 7.08 Dues must be paid in full or a payment plan, deemed adequate by the Treasurer, must be organized and the first payment paid by the date set by the Treasurer or a Brother will submit to Default Status until delinquent dues are paid and Default Status is lifted by the Cabinet by a majority vote (or by a majority vote of the Judicial Board, if one exists).

Article VIII

ATTENDANCE

- 8.01 The policy of attendance in addition to its consequences is as follows:
  - A. The First Unexcused Mandatory Event missed by an individual will surrender that individual's only Free Absence as outlined in Article IV Section 06 Sub-section G.
  - B. The Second Unexcused Mandatory Event missed by an individual will incur fines as outlined in Article IV Section 06 Sub-section D, E, and F.
  - C. The Third Unexcused Mandatory Event missed by an individual will incur fines as outlined in Article IV Section 06 Sub-section D, E, and F.
  - D. Any Unexcused Mandatory Event missed by an individual beyond the Third will incur fines as outlined in Article IV Section 06 Sub-section D, E, and F. The individual will also be put on Default Status until all fines are paid and Default Status is lifted by the Cabinet by a majority vote (or by a majority vote of the Judicial Board, if one exists).

Article IX

ADHERANCE

- 9.01 This organization will adhere to all University rules, regulations, and policies, as well as to all local, state, and federal laws.

Article X

NONPROFIT CLAUSE

- 10.01 Phi Gamma Delta is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, pleasure, recreation, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, similar to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under either section 501 (c) (3) or 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of its members, directors, officers, or other persons except that the organization shall be authorized to and empowered to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the organization. The university has no responsibilities for the financial or fund raising activities of the organization; the organization further agrees and accepts sole responsibility for any tax treatment, consequences, record-keeping or filings required for its activities pursuant to state or federal laws. In the event of dissolution, remaining funds will be handled pursuant to established university policy.

Article XI

AMENDMENTS

11.01 These bylaws may be amended or repealed, and new bylaws may be enacted, by a 2/3 vote of the chapter. All amendments shall be approved in writing by the Archons or their designated representative, and, if disapproved, any action taken thereunder shall be void. (Constitution, Article III, Section 4)