

The Constitution of Beta Nu Xi

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Article I. Nomenclature

Section 1.1

This organization shall be the Beta Nu Xi Fraternity [hereinafter also referred to as fraternity]. Its principal location will be Lake Superior State University in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan, USA.

Article II. Mission Statement

Section 1.1

The mission of Beta Nu Xi is to create a bonding brotherhood through body and mind, using education, group activities, and community service to bring individuals closer together and improve our community and ourselves. It is our responsibility to withhold the greatest respect, honor, and dignity to become the best fraternity on campus. In becoming brothers, we accept that we are becoming a part of something greater than ourselves; we will know that we are a representation of Beta Nu Xi, and will demonstrate the utmost respect for the fraternity.

Article III. Organization and Government

Section 1.1

The governing levels of the fraternity shall be [I.] The executive board composed of the President, Vice President, Sergeant at arms, Secretary, and Treasurer [hereinafter referred to as Executive Board]. [II.] The Officers consisting of Pledge-Education, Education, Activities, Inner Greek Council, Historian, Constitution, Rush, Promotional and Philanthropy Chairs. [III.] The general members, which consist of members who do not hold a current position in the fraternity [also hereinafter referred to as general members]

Section 1.1A

Every current member of the fraternity that is holding an executive position must have a grade point average [also hereinafter referred to as GPA] of at least a 2.5. They must also have this documented with the Education chair before they can officially hold the position.

Section 1.2

Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be determined at the beginning of the fall semester and carried out until the next semester in which then there will be a new set date for these meetings. They will discuss administrative operations and will prepare an agenda for the weekly meeting.

Section 1.3

The laws of the fraternity and the order of precedence shall be [I.] The Constitution of Beta Nu Xi [hereinafter referred to as Constitution] [II.] The Statutes of Beta Nu Xi [herein after referred to as statutes] [III.] The Rituals of Beta Nu Xi [herein after referred to as Ritual]

Section 1.4

A weekly meeting will be conducted on Sunday at 7:05 P.M. located in the Cisler center on the campus of Lake Superior State University [hereinafter referred to as meeting]. The articles in the statutes regarding meeting fines will be put into effect at every meeting.

Section 1.5

The elective positions of the fraternity shall be - [I.] President [II.] Vice President [III.] Secretary [IV.] Pledge-Master [V.] Activity Chair [VI.] Sergeant of Arms [VII.] Treasurer [VIII.] Historian [IX.] Activities [X.] Philanthropy [XI.] Rush [XII.] Promotional [XIII.] Constitution

Section 1.6

Every active member in good standing will be allowed to vote with exception of the president, who will only vote in cases where a tie is present. In this case, the president will make the final decision and the vote will be either permitted or rejected. Only members holding executive or officer positions may vote on topics regarding resolutions to the constitution or the statutes.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1.1

No prejudice or hazing under any circumstances will be tolerated by this organization. [This includes the discrimination of rushes, pledges, or current members]. In an instance where discrimination is present, and brought before an officer, the case will be

reviewed and then brought before all members in the following meeting. Those accused of discrimination or any other form of injustice have the right to face their accuser.

Section 1.1A

No person shall be denied membership of Beta Nu Xi for any reason of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or national origin.

Section 1.2

Members must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher. New pledges will be able to be accepted but must meet this criterion by the end of the semester or after one semester; they will be placed on poor standing with the fraternity. If a member is placed on poor standing then he will have two semesters to bring his GPA back to the predetermined requirement.

Section 1.3

All fraternity members are required to attend all meetings, unless under certain circumstances. Situations involving an absence must be presented to the Sergeant at Arms. It is at their discretion to accept or deny the member's request; this request must be made at least 12 hours in advance. If the request is denied and the member does not attend the meeting a disciplinary action will be taken.

Section 1.4

Once someone is a member of Beta Nu Xi, he shall not become a member of any other Greek organization at Lake Superior State University. Upon withdrawing his membership, he must return all items given to him by the fraternity, including any official documents, or apparel.

Section 1.5

Certain members of the Lake Superior State University's faculty may be inducted into the fraternity as honorary members, but cannot run for or hold position within the fraternity.

Section 1.6

All members will be required to pay dues each semester. The treasurer will prearrange the amount of money. Dues can be paid one of two ways members can pay for them all at once or the treasurer will set up payment plans so that the dues are paid in full by the

end of a semester. If dues are not paid on time, disciplinary action will be taken unless member has a valid excuse for not paying which will be worked out with the treasurer.

Section 1.7

All members of the fraternity shall be liable for misconduct as described in the constitution and statutes of Beta Nu Xi.

Section 1.8

All voting concerning prospective new members shall be by ballot. In this case, the president will be allowed to cast his own vote. If the vote comes up as a tie, there will then be a revote conducted just by the Executive Board.

Article V. Membership Classification

Section 1.1

Active Membership in Good Standing:

- i. For a member to be considered an active member they must be a current student at Lake Superior State University
- ii. An active member in good standing has their full right to have a vote in the fraternity
- iii. The member must be on a good academic standing and have the agreed upon GPA as decided upon by the fraternity
- iv. The member must also have fully paid dues or be on a payment plan as stated by the treasurer.

Section 1.2

Active Member in Poor Standing:

- i. Once a member gets put in poor standing they lose all rights to vote in the fraternity
- ii. An Active Member gets put on poor standing if:
 - a. The member's GPA falls below a 2.0 GPA at the end of a semester
 - b. The member's dues are not paid in full by the last day of the current semester
 - c. The member misses more than half of the meetings with or without an excuse

- d. If a member is involved in any criminal act, or allegations of some form of illegal activities, a member can be voted into poor standing by a 2/3 vote of all fraternity members.

Section 1.3

Active Member in Inactive Standing:

- i. A Member will be considered inactive during:
 - a. The first semester after a member is accepted into the fraternity
 - b. During this period, the member will not be allowed to vote at any meetings. Nor will they be allowed to suggest any resolutions to the constitution.

Section 1.4

Inactive member (approved alumni) in good standing:

- i. The member has:
 - a. Graduated or transferred and paid all dues
 - b. Returned all ritual information to active members
- ii. The member will be informed every year of when and where the alumni formal will be held.

Section 1.5

Inactive member (unapproved alumni) in poor standing:

- i. The member has:
 - a. Graduated or transferred without paying all dues
 - b. Has not returned all ritual information to active members
- ii. The member will not be informed every year of when and where the Founders Day Formal is held.
- iii. The prior member will not be identified as an alumnus to the fraternity until these criteria have been met at which time they will then be placed on good standing

Article VI. Rush

Section 1.1

Members are required to go to all planned rush events. All members are allowed one unexcused absence from any rush event, but in the case that a member must miss more than one event they must have it preapproved by the Sergeant at arms. If there is no preapproval, the member will receive a fine or disciplinary action from the Sergeant at arms.

Section 1.2

A rush committee will be composed of Pledge Education, Historian, Rush chair, and any other volunteers who will coordinate the events for rush week and any other events regarding rush.

Article VII. Officer Roles

Section 1.1

President:

- i. Is responsible for attending presidents council or having a proxy to attend for him
- ii. Cannot hold any other chair within the fraternity unless there is a 2/3 vote by the fraternity
- iii. Responsible for presiding over meetings
- iv. Is not entitled to a vote unless there is a case in which a tie is present
- v. Acts as the official representative of the organization in regards to speaking to other organizations, unless someone is assigned as his proxy
- vi. Responsible for preparing an agenda before each meeting

Section 1.2

Vice President:

- i. Interprets laws and assumes presidential responsibilities in the absence of the president
- ii. In the absence of the Sergeant at Arms the Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of his position, at and outside of meetings
- iii. For reasons of conflict of interest the Sergeant at Arms will be expected to temporarily surrender his responsibilities to the Vice President
- iv. As well as being the vice president, he must also hold an officer position in the fraternity

Section 1.3

Secretary:

- i. Will present the previous week's minutes to every active member at the beginning of the next meeting
- ii. He will track significant information in order for the progression of this fraternity.
- iii. Is responsible for keeping record of elections for Executive Board positions
- iv. Keeps minutes during all meetings and reports them to the historian afterwards

Section 1.4

Pledge-Education:

- i. Establish and design recruitment plan, responsible for apparel and advertising
- ii. Coordinates activities sponsored by the fraternity
- iii. Decides who will receive bids to become an official pledge
- iv. Educates pledges and informs them of necessary information and pledge assignments
- v. Answers all formal questions that arise from pledges
- vi. Continues to develop the Pledge Process

Section 1.5

Activities Chair:

- i. Organizes and regulates activities in which the majority of the profit will go directly to the fraternity

Section 1.6

Sergeant At Arms:

- i. Enforces order during meetings and altercations involving members and officials.
- ii. Constructs and enforces the set rules established in the statutes
- iii. Issues fines listed in the statutes

Section 1.7

Treasurer:

- i. Handles all of the organization's funds
- ii. Maintains bank accounts and creates a budget per semester

- iii. Sets and collects dues from every member

Section 1.8

Philanthropy Chair:

- i. Coordinates group events in which the majority of the profit will go towards the benefit of the fraternity's Philanthropy
- ii. Helps the Activities chair organize their events

Section 1.9

Historian:

- i. Responsible for taking photos of events that are hosted by the fraternity
- ii. Files the secretary's records of any changes to the fraternities history
- iii. Logs past documentation
- iv. Sets up and invites Inactive (Accepted Alumni) to Founders Day Formal

Section 2.0

Constitution:

- i. Is in charge of any changes that may occur over time to the constitution
- ii. Will write constitution resolutions if there is a vote to make any modifications to the current writing of the constitution
- iii. Will assist the Sergeant at Arms with the maintenance of the Statutes

Section 2.1

Rush Chair:

- i. In charge of putting together rush events with the rush committee
- ii. Stays in contact with other organizations to create better rush schedule
- iii. Manages funds for rush events once allocated by the treasurer

Section 2.2

Promotional:

- i. Creates signs, banners, and posters, for all fraternity events scheduled by either the philanthropy, rush, or the activities chair

Article VIII. Elections

Section 1.1

All elected officers will hold a position for a 2-year term. Unless they choose to resign, or are impeached by a two-thirds vote by the fraternity. If a member of the executive board is impeached from office, the progression will be Vice President will replace President, Sergeant at arms will replace Vice President, and a different member will be elected to fill the Sergeant at Arms' position.

Section 1.2

A person may only hold an office position for one term. After that term has passed, they are eligible to hold a different position, but never the same as one they have held before. Any member cannot hold more than one executive board position at any time. In addition, if a member is holding an executive board position at the most they can only hold two officer positions, at the most.

Section 1.3

Before a general member can run for any office, he must be a member of the fraternity for at least one full semester unless under extraordinary circumstances; excluding the position of president, which requires a member to be active, and in good standing for two full semesters.

Section 1.4

Officers must be elected by a majority vote. Any one member can only hold one Executive Board position. All members of the organization will have one vote.

Section 1.5

If an officer decides to step down from office they will formally submit a request to one of the Executive Board members, and an election will be held to fill the open position at the next meeting.

Section 1.6

If members feel that an officer shall be removed from office, the case will be brought to the Executive Board. The officers will vote, and the two-thirds vote will have the final decision.

Article IX. Resolutions

Section 1.1

Only members on the executive board or members who hold a chair position will be able to present resolutions to the constitution. All members who hold a position will vote on amendments. There will be a one-week period before a resolution can be voted on. After a one-week discussion period, a two-thirds vote will pass the resolution and the constitution chair will then rewrite it. For clarity and understanding all fraternity members will once again review this at the next week's meeting.

(President)

Monday, March 22, 2010
(Date)

(Vice President)

(Constitution Chair)