

CONSTITUTION OF RHO CHI OMEGA SORORITY OF LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be Rho Chi Omega Sorority, of Lake Superior State University.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. Encourage the spirit of true sisterhood, to develop through personal effort a high moral and mental standard and to advance the appreciation and practice of allied arts among its members.
- B. Represent Rho Chi Omega on the campus of Lake Superior State University.
- C. Enjoy all the privileges and carry out all the responsibilities granted to the collegiate unit of Rho Chi Omega.

ARTICLE III - Affiliation

This organization shall operate according to the regulations and policies of Lake Superior State University, and in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws.

ARTICLE IV - Nondiscrimination

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, disability, veterans status, or political affiliation.

ARTICLE V - Members

Section 1 The President of this Chapter must be a full fee-paying student of Lake Superior State University.

Section 2 All remaining officers and voting members of this organization shall be full fee-paying undergraduates carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours and shall be current in the payment of dues.

Section 3 100% of the total membership shall be full-fee paying students of Lake Superior State University, maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours and be in compliance with all LSSU policies.

ARTICLE VI - Removal of Members

Section 1 Grounds for removal: The grounds for removal of members are as follows:

A. Financial Suspension

1. An active collegiate member shall be released if a new member or placed on Financial Suspension by the chapter if a lifetime member, when full payment of any monies owed to the chapter is not received within thirty (30) days after the payment was due.

B. Temporary Suspension

1. A collegiate member shall be placed on Temporary Suspension if behavior or actions require immediate action.
2. A collegiate member may be placed on Temporary Suspension by a National Council Officer, National Visitor, Chapter Advisor or her appointed representative, Chapter President, Vice-President-Chapter Relations and Standards or Vice-President-Education, herein referred to as the disciplining officer.
3. Temporary Suspension shall be in effect only during investigation, not to exceed two (2) weeks.

C. Disciplinary Probation

1. A collegiate member may be placed on Disciplinary Probation by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the collegiate chapter.
2. A collegiate member may be placed on disciplinary probation by the unanimous vote of the Board members present at a Chapter Relations and Standards Board meeting and approval of the Chapter Advisor.

D. Permanent Inactivity

1. A member named in a Petition for Permanent Inactivity initiated by a collegiate chapter shall be permitted the opportunity to present her case to Chapter Relations and Standards Board.
2. A Petition for Permanent Inactivity initiated by a collegiate chapter shall have two-thirds vote of chapter members present at a regular meeting.

E. Expulsion

1. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at a regular meeting shall be required to sustain the charges against a collegiate member named in a case of expulsion.
2. A unanimous vote of the National Council shall be required for expulsion.

Section 2 Notice of charges: See Policy and Procedures Manual for procedures in notifying chapter of disciplinary action.

Section 3 Right to a fair hearing: In cases of Temporary Suspension, Disciplinary Probation, and Permanent Inactivity the accused member will have the opportunity to present her case to the Chapter Relations and Standards Board. In the case of Expulsion the accused member will have the opportunity to present her case to National Council.

Section 4 Right to appeal: See Policy and Procedures Manual for procedures of appeal.

Section 5 Form of vote: All voting under this article shall be done by a show of hands.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section 1 Quorum: To conduct business a simple majority of the total voting Membership must be present at the meeting. A majority of the total voting membership must be present for all elections.

Section 2 Voting percentages: Motions dealing with amendments and the removal of officers will require a 2/3-majority vote of the total voting membership. All other motions will require a simple majority vote of the quorum to pass.

Section 3 Frequency of meetings: Meetings are usually held once a week, with the exception of holidays. The chapter President may call a special meeting or a note may be posted and signed by five executive officers at least twenty-four hours prior to a special meeting. Specific business items to be discussed must also be posted. Members will be notified of special meeting by telephone as well.

ARTICLE VIII- Elections

Section 1 Types of elections: General elections will be held to replace officers whose terms are due to expire. Special elections shall be held when an office is vacated in midterm. Elections of officers and committee Chairmen shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of Rho Chi Omega.

Section 2 Time of elections: General elections shall be held during the month of February and special elections shall be held as necessary.

Section 3 Form of vote: voting shall be by ballot unless there is only one nominee for each office. A majority affirmative vote of the voting members present at the election shall be required to elect.