

BYLAWS OF TAU BETA PI

KANSAS GAMMA CHAPTER

February 18, 2020

Bylaw I: General

Section 1. These Bylaws shall govern the proceedings of this Chapter in all matters not expressly provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association, Inc.

Section 2. This chapter shall conform to such rules and regulations of Kansas State University and of its College of Engineering as may apply to honor societies.

Section 3. In the event of conflict between the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association, Inc., and the rules and regulations of Kansas State University and/or its College of Engineering, the rules of Kansas State University and/or its College of Engineering shall prevail, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall be notified of the circumstances of the conflict.

Bylaw II: Government and Officers

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Media Coordinator, four alumnus advisors. Additional roles shall be added at the discretion of the presiding officers.

Section 2. The Advisory Board of the Chapter shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four alumnus members of the Association. The Chair of the Advisory Board shall be elected by its members at the first Board meeting of the year.

Section 3. Alumnus members of the Advisory Board shall serve four-year terms, and all other officers shall serve during their time in office.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the President to act as a responsible agent and leader of this Chapter. The President shall preside at all meetings and appoint all committees (subject to approval by a majority vote of the active body). The President shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie in all things except elections. The President shall see to it that the other officers of the Chapter perform their duties in accordance with the Bylaws of the chapter.

Section 5. The Vice President shall act as parliamentarian at all meetings and shall be a member of all committees.

Section 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all regular meetings and shall maintain a digital file of the minutes from each meeting. Minutes should be neatly organized in suitable folders.

Section 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on such correspondence of the Society as the President, any other officer, or as the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association may direct.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall be in charge of all funds and bills of the Society as directed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The Treasurer shall maintain a departmental student organization account in the name of the Society.

Section 9. The Membership Coordinator shall be in charge of correspondence for all prospective students invited to join the Society.

Section 10. The Media Coordinator shall maintain the chapter website and support the digital organization and presence of the Society.

Section 11. The Advisory Board shall have the power to formulate any necessary policies, such as the preparation of a budget, for presentation to the membership of the Society.

Section 12. The Advisory Board shall act as an advisory and judicial committee to determine the advisability of any action taken or proposed by the Society, brought before it by the petition of a minority of the Society, referred to it by a vote of the same, or considered on its own initiative. All changes in the Bylaws must be submitted to, and be approved by the Advisory Board before going into effect.

Section 13. If the current officer is not present at the meeting, the officer elect shall act in the capacity of the current officer.

Bylaw III: Meetings

Section 1. "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be a parliamentary guide of the Chapter in all matters not covered in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association or in the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 2. Notices stating clearly the time, place and purpose of each meeting shall be sent electronically to all active members of the Kansas Gamma Chapter.

Section 3. The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

1. Attendance
2. Reading of minutes
3. Reports of officers, committees, etc.
4. Unfinished business
5. New business
6. Adjournment

Section 4. One-half the members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board.

Section 5. One-half of active student members shall constitute a quorum at regular meetings.

Section 6.

A) A quorum must be present at any meeting at which a vote is taken committing the organization to any proposal. Without a quorum, meetings may be held at which members are inducted, proposals are submitted to the Society, matters of interest to the organization are discussed, or programs are formulated, but there shall be no formal voting on such matters.

B) Voting may be completed electronically on matters of interest brought up at a meeting without quorum. No response after three days shall count as voting present.

Section 7. The quorum for purposes of constitutional amendments, election of membership, elections, changing of initiation fees or chapter dues, passing assessments of student members, and disciplinary action shall consist of three quarters of the active student membership.

Bylaw IV: Committees

Section 1.

A) The Society shall have standing committees on membership-initiation, activities, and such other committees as the president shall desire to establish.

B) The President shall provide written lists of specific duties and responsibilities to the committee chairmen.

Section 2.

A) The committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President and are subject to approval by the Chapter.

B) Committee members shall be appointed by the chair and the President.

Bylaw V: Eligibility

Section 1. The eligibility of the prospective members to the organization shall be determined from a class rank listing of all engineering students. This listing shall be an official semester copy received from the KSU Registrar's Office. The lists shall consist of sophomore, junior, senior, summer, coop-student in school or intersession and graduate classes. Only students majoring in recognized engineering disciplines will be considered for membership. These disciplines include Architectural Engineering, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Environmental Engineering.

Section 2. Eligibility requirements

A) Junior class

- i. Upper 1/8 of students considered to be in junior class by credit hour requirement given below.
- ii. minimum of (60) credit hours completed.
- iii. minimum of (55) graded credit hours.
- iv. minimum of (30) credit hours taken at this university.
- v. minimum of (25) graded credit hours at this university.
- vi. completion of Engineering Physics II and Calculus III.
- vii. completion of CIS 308 and CIS 400 for Computer Science students

B) Senior class

- i. Upper 1/5 of students considered to be in senior class by credit hour requirements given below.
- ii. minimum of (90) credit hours completed.
- iii. minimum of (82) graded credit hours.
- iv. minimum of (30) credit hours taken at this University.
- v. minimum of (25) graded credit hours at this university.
- vi. completion of all sophomore level courses required in specific major.
- vii. completion of at least two junior level required engineering courses.

Bylaw VI: Election Procedure

Section 1. An orientation shall take place each semester to inform prospective student candidates about Tau Beta Pi, and to allow active members to become acquainted with prospective electees.

Section 2. A candidate must be elected by an affirmative voice of at least three-fourths of active chapter memberships present at the election meeting.

Section 3. A lack of a three-fourth majority vetoes the election of a prospective initiate subject to a review by the Advisory Board.

Section 4. A unanimous favorable vote by the Advisory Board overrules a veto by the quorum for cases being reviewed. The prospective member can thus be elected after a veto.

Bylaw VII: Initiation Requirements

Section 1. All prospective student candidates* shall attend and actively participate in the semi-annual orientation.

Section 2. All prospective student candidates* shall attend and actively participate in the service project specified by the Officers.

Section 3. All prospective student candidates* shall complete a signature booklet within a reasonable period of time as specified by the chapter officers.

Section 4. All prospective student candidates not meeting initiation requirements shall be exempt from the initiation ceremony. If their eligibility is maintained until next election period, they may again be considered for election.

***All exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Advisory Board prior to the event.**

Bylaw VIII: Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any three active members of the Chapter. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the President and signed by the members proposing it.

Section 2. These Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the active membership, subject to the approval of the Advisory Board.

Section 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall send a copy of the amended Bylaws to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association within two weeks after an amendment is adopted.

Bylaw IX: Department's Authority

Section 1. As a departmental student organization, the department has final say in matters of our organization including membership, officers, activities, and the Constitution.

Bylaw X: Board of Regents Policy

Section 1. We acknowledge we will abide by the following policy of the Board of Regents.

"The established policy of the Board of Regents prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, physical handicap or disability, status as a Vietnam Era Veteran, sexual orientation or other factors which cannot be lawfully considered, within the state universities. All fraternal and campus related organizations shall follow this policy in the selection of their members, except the prohibition against sex discrimination shall not apply to social fraternities or sororities which are excluded from the application of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq.)."

The right of organizations to establish standards for membership is acknowledged, provided that all students are afforded equal opportunity to meet those standards. Just as all students have the right to choose those with whom they would associate on the campus, an organization shall have the right to select its members subject to these principles. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted as imposing a requirement which would violate the principle of selection on the basis of individual merit."