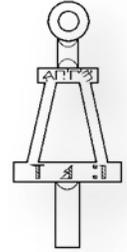


# **BYLAWS**

of the

# **ALPHA CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY**

# **TAU BETA PI**



## **PREAMBLE**

### **Section 1. Purpose of the Bylaws**

These bylaws shall govern the proceedings of the Alpha Chapter of Kentucky in all matters not provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Section 1**

The requirements for membership in this chapter shall be as follows:

- (a) A candidate for membership in this chapter must have fulfilled all requirements of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Tau Beta Pi Association.
- (b) The candidate must be a student in the College of Engineering of the University of Kentucky or must otherwise be eligible under Section 4, 5, and 6 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Tau Beta Pi Association.

### **Section 2**

- (a) The Initiation Chairs shall obtain its data concerning the eligibility from the offices of the College of Engineering. The report of the Initiation Chairs, concerning the eligible candidates for any semester, shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Chapter not later than five weeks after the beginning of the semester.

### **Section 3**

The election of members shall be provided in Section 10 and 11, Article VII of the Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association and shall occur no more than ten weeks after the beginning of any semester.

### **Section 4**

Each candidate shall be expected to do such simple duties as may be prescribed by the Initiation Chair with advice from the President. These duties shall be for the betterment of the Chapter and the College of Engineering and to provide a uniform requirement for membership.

## **Section 5**

Initiation shall not be more than four weeks following the election and shall be conducted as set forth in the Constitution and Ritual of the Tau Beta Pi Association.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **A. Scholastic Eligibility**

#### **Section 1**

Election of new members shall be held in the fall and spring semesters (or fall and winter quarters) as soon as possible after grades from the previous term and enrollment status become available.

#### **Section 2**

All provisions of C-VII and B-VI shall be strictly followed.

#### **Section 3**

- (a) Scholastically eligible day students in the following curricula shall be considered for membership in the Chapter: Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Biosystems Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mining Engineering, and Materials Engineering.
- (b) Scholastically eligible graduate students in the following curricula shall be considered for membership in the Chapter: Biomedical Engineering, Bio Systems Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mining Engineering, and Manufacturing Systems Engineering.

#### **Section 4**

Night students, pursuing equivalent curricula to those names in TOB-V, 4, may be considered for membership in the Chapter, subject to the provisions of C-VIII, 2(a). However, such students shall be considered separately from day students and no such student shall be considered more than twice as a junior or more than twice as a senior.

#### **Section 5**

Transfer students shall be eligible for consideration during the third regular semester after their registration on the main campus of the University of Kentucky, provided the consent of five-sevenths of the Advisory Board is obtained.

#### **Section 6**

The case of students whose scholastic eligibility is in doubt because of irregularities in standing or curriculum shall be determined by the Advisory Board of the Chapter.

#### **Section 7**

The membership committee shall periodically consult with the chairpersons of the various engineering departments to determine the names of graduate students, alumni, faculty members, and others who may be eligible for membership under the provisions of C=VIII, 3-6.

## **B. Exemplary Character Evaluation**

### **Section 8**

- (a) Letters shall be sent to scholastically eligible candidates inviting them to a get-acquainted meeting ("*smoker*").
- (b) A get-acquainted meeting shall be held at which the Chapter members will meet the candidates. The candidates shall be introduced to the purpose and activities of Tau Beta Pi.
- (c) The Chapter members shall be asked to make recommendations on the candidates they meet during the get-acquainted meeting, at the Chapter's election meeting.
- (d) Prior to their election, scholastically eligible candidates shall be invited to complete and return a resume/questionnaire form describing their activities and interests.
- (e) After the specified deadline date, the membership committee shall review all resumes and formulate a recommendation on each candidate.
- (f) At the election meeting the membership committee shall report their findings about each candidate and shall have on hand each candidate's resume for the Chapter membership's reference.

## **C. Voting Procedures**

### **Section 9**

- (a) At the time of election, the Eligibility Code shall first be read.
- (b) The names of eligible candidates will be submitted to the Chapter in groups by the membership committee along with the committee's favorable recommendation for each candidate in the group. The size of the groups shall be determined by the membership committee.
- (c) If any active member has a question about any of the candidates in a group, that candidate's name shall be removed from the group and considered separately.
- (d) A Chapter vote shall be taken on the remainder of the group.
- (e) Each candidate removed from a group and candidates who did not receive a favorable recommendation from the membership committee shall be considered separately after all groups have been voted on. Each name shall be presented for discussion and voted on before the following name is considered.
- (f) After all names have been considered and voted on, there shall be a second ballot for each candidate who failed election on the first ballot.
- (g) No candidate who fails the election on the second ballot shall be considered further unless twenty-five percent of the members present so request.
- (h) No candidate who fails election on the third ballot shall be considered again at this election. He or she may be considered again at the next election if he or she is then eligible.

## **D. Electee Activities**

### **Section 10**

All members shall keep the election results in absolute confidence so that no candidate shall learn of his or her election except by means of the official letter; likewise, no candidate shall be informed of the details of the vote, especially concerning personal matters discussed at the time of voting.

### **Section 11**

At the first meeting of electees, the President shall explain the requirements, objectives, and activities of the Association and of the Chapter. Those electees desiring to accept election shall formally state their acceptance, in writing, in a letter addressed to the President.

#### **Section 12**

Each electee who refused initiation for financial reasons shall be interviewed by the Advisory Board, as required by C-VIII, 10(a).

#### **Section 13**

Each electee shall be required to take part in an activity recommended or approved by the Chapter officers to foster a spirit of liberal culture. This activity may take the form of a project and/or the writing of an essay, as specified in B-VII, 7.01. They shall also be required to read the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and these Bylaws. (Note: The same person who, as a candidate, participated in an activity or project in the Chapter's characterization measurement procedure need not now, as an electee, be required to take part in another project or activity in order to meet the requirements of the National Bylaw.)

#### **Section 14**

The Chapter may assign additional duties to electees, subject to the provisions of B-VII, 7.02.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Section 1**

Officers of this Chapter and members of the Advisory Board shall be elected at the first regular meeting in April and shall take office on or before May 1.

#### **Section 2**

- (a) The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (or more) Initiation Chairs, Alumni Relations Officer, Tutoring Czar, one (or more) Events Officers, Media Chair, and an Engineering Student Council Representative (henceforth ESC Rep). Any additional officer positions shall be made at the discretion of the Advisory Board and the President.
- (b) The duties of all officers shall be set forth in Bylaw V of the Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association with the exception of those listed in Article III Section 2.c of the chapter Bylaws.
- (c) The duty of the ESC Rep shall be to represent the interests of this Chapter at the University of Kentucky Engineering Student Council as long as the same shall remain in existence. The duty of the Tutoring Czar shall include managing the chapter tutoring program as long as the same shall remain in existence. The duty of the Media Chair shall be to maintain the chapter website and Social Media Accounts with accurate chapter information. The duties of the Events Chair(s) shall be to plan and execute community service, outreach, and social events.
- (d) The President shall attend the Tau Beta Pi National Convention as the Kentucky Alpha voting delegate. If the President cannot attend, then the Vice President shall be offered the opportunity to be voting delegate. If neither can attend, the officers of this organization shall select an active member to perform the role of voting delegate.

#### **Section 3**

An officer shall be liable for removal from office if a written petition is made by the majority of the active membership (as defined in standing policy), or majority of officers. Written charges must be given to the officer in question at least two (2) weeks before the impeachment proceedings; at the same time, a copy of the charges shall be given to the Chief Advisor. At such time as the charges have been delivered, said officer shall be suspended from performing their duties. The officers, exclusive of the officer in question, shall appoint an Active member to fill the office until the proceedings are complete. The removal proceedings shall be held at a regular Chapter meeting at which a majority of the Active members are present. All active and advisory members shall be notified of the proceedings at least two (2) weeks prior to the time at which they are to be held. For due cause, after just deliberation, an officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present at the impeachment proceedings. The Chief Advisor shall preside over the impeachment proceedings. A special election will be held to fill the position at the next chapter meeting if impeachment is successful.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Section 1**

The President shall ordinarily call one meeting of the Chapter each month.

### **Section 2**

At least two special meetings shall be held each semester of which the pledge banquet may count as one.

### **Section 3**

A majority of actives members of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 4**

The Chapter Initiation shall be considered a regular Chapter meeting.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Section 1 - Dues**

The dues of this Chapter shall be an initiation fee based on Chapter costs. No candidate shall be initiated until he or she has paid the initiation fee in full; exception shall be made only as stated in Section 4, Article VIII, of the Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association.

### **Section 2 – Assessments**

A special levy or assessment must be carried by a three-fourths votes of the active members in the Chapter.

### **Section 3 – Discipline**

- (a) Any member who has failed to meet his or her financial obligations to the Chapter at the time of his or her graduation shall be considered for disciplinary action by the Chapter as set forth in Article IX, Section 4(a), of the Constitution of the Tau Beta Pi Association.
- (b) A registered letter shall be sent to each graduating senior having financial obligations notifying him or her of those obligations to the Chapter, one month prior to his or her graduation date.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the active members. A proposed amendment shall be voted upon at the next meeting after the meeting at which it is proposed.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Rules of Order**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all cases not covered by these Bylaws or by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association

**Addendum**  
**Revisions/Amendments to the Bylaws**  
**Kentucky Alpha Chapter**  
**Tau Beta Pi**

These Bylaws were revised May 11, 1955.

These Bylaws amended according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association, and according to the Bylaws of the Kentucky Alpha Chapter on February 24, 1960.

These Bylaws were revised April 20, 1969.

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These Bylaws amended according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tau Beta Pi Association, and according to the Bylaws of the Kentucky Alpha Chapter on January 13, 2023