

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE WASHINGTON GAMMA CHAPTER
OF
TAU BETA PI ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY

Article I

Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be THE WASHINGTON GAMMA CHAPTER OF THE TAU BETA PI ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage and acknowledge scholastic achievement, exemplary character, and broad intellectual interest among Engineering undergraduates and to honor those in Engineering whose achievements are noteworthy.

Article III

Government

Section 1. Officers.

The general government of the organization shall be vested in- an Executive Council, consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary-Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be active student members. Modification of officers will be adjusted to the number of members.

Section 2. Duties of Officers.

The President shall preside at meetings and supervise and delegate committee work.

The Vice President shall preside at meeting in the absent of the President and shall preside as Chairman of the program Committee.

The Recording Secretary-Treasurer shall record the minutes of meetings, collect dues, maintain a current role of the members, and preside as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence and Society notices.

Section 3. Committees.

The Program Committee shall plan and supervise programs of the Society.

The Membership Committee shall determine from academic records students eligible for membership as provided by the Constitution and shall present their names to the Society for election to membership.

Section 4. Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board shall consist of at least four faculty members who are members of Tau Beta Pi and who shall be elected by the active membership.

Article IV

Membership

Section 1. The active membership shall consist of engineering undergraduates and alumni members. All members except those suspended or otherwise dropped shall be considered as active members.

Undergraduate Students

Section 2. Students.

(a) All undergraduate members shall consist of students actively enrolled in the School of Engineering of Seattle University pursuing prescribed curricula for a degree in Engineering. *Undergraduate students eligible for membership must be in the Civil & Environmental Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, or Mechanical Engineering programs.*

Those enrolled in the Master of Software Engineering, the only Seattle University School of Engineering graduate program, are not eligible for membership in Tau Beta Pi.

(b) Students whose scholastic record falls within the upper eight of the Junior class in the School of Engineering shall be eligible for membership at the beginning of the Fall quarter of the Junior year of their undergraduate curriculum.

(c) Students whose scholastic record falls within the upper fifth of the Senior class in the School of Engineering shall be eligible for election at the beginning of the Fall quarter of the Senior year of their undergraduate curriculum.

(d) Seniors and Juniors shall be classified for (b) and (c) by the Dean of the School of Engineering.

(e) The Society retains the right to revise the limits in (b) and (c) upward at any time.

(f) Transfer students are eligible for membership after completion of (45) Quarter hours or the equivalent at Seattle University providing they meet the above requirements in (b) and (c) above.

Alumni

Section 3. (a) Members of the alumni who were graduated prior to the formation of the Society may be elected provided they meet the requirements prescribed in Section 2, (c).

(b) The Society may elect to membership any alumni of the School of Engineering who was eligible for membership before graduation, provided they were not rejected by a previous vote.

(c) Any person of high professional attainment in Engineering regardless of college attended, scholastic records, or educational background, may be eligible for election as an alumni member.

(d) Active alumni members of the Society shall have all the rights and privileges of an undergraduate member, except that of voting on new members, holding office, and voting on the amount of initiation fees, dues, assessments, and other fees.

Article V

Character Evaluation & Election Procedures

Section 1. Character evaluations and election procedures shall be carried out as governed by Article V of the By-Laws.

Article VI

Elections

Section 1. The election meeting must consist of a quorum as stated in Article III section 2 of the By-Laws.

Section 2. For election. A candidate must receive an affirmative vote of seventy-five percent of members present.

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1. There shall be a minimum of one regular meeting of the Society in each Quarter with as many additional meetings as may be necessary.

Article VIII

Discipline

Section 1. For continued and inexcusable absence from the meetings of the Society, for neglect of his/her assigned or selected duties to the Society, for moral delinquency, or inexcusable failure to meet his/her financial obligations to the Society, or for other just cause, after a fair trial and upon the recommendation of a majority of the active members of the Society, the Society may suspend or expel a member and recall his/her Key and Certification.

Article IX

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any time by a seventy-five percent vote of the active members. Notice of the proposed amendment; shall be given to each member at least two weeks prior to the time of voting.

Article X

By-Laws

Section 1. By-Laws may be added to the Constitution by the same process by which amendments are adopted. See Article Nine, Section 1.

Article XI

Enactment

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws submitted herewith having been ratified by the three-fourth (3/4) vote of the active membership, became effective and law of the association on January 1, 1962.

BY-LAWS OF THE WASHINGTON GAMMA CHAPTER OF TAU BETA PI ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY

Article I

Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of Officers shall be held annually in May. To be eligible for election, a member must have met all obligations to the Society.

Section 2. Newly elected officers shall take office following the completion of the meeting at which elections are held. At that time the retiring officers shall surrender all rolls and records to the new officers.

Article II

Advisory Board

Section 1. (a) The Advisory Board shall act as an advisory and judiciary committee to determine the advisability of actions proposed by the Active members.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Advisory Board to approve the eligibility of candidates under consideration for membership.

Section 2. The Board shall have no direct vote in any business matters of the Society, although its judgments will be given due consideration.

Article III

Quorum

Section 1. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the active members of the Society.

Section 2. Voting to elect officers and/or new members shall require the presence of a quorum.

Section 3: Voting to assess fees other than initiation fees shall require the presence of a quorum.

Article IV

Section 1. The Chapter's initiation fees shall be \$ \$15.00. The Chapter's initiation fees are in addition to any initiation fees owed the national organization.

Section 2. An assessment other than at initiation may be levied in accordance with Article Three, Section 3, and provided that a majority of favorable votes is polled.

Article V

Character Evaluation & Election Procedures

Section 1. Character Evaluation:

The candidate's character should be evaluated without his/her knowledge. If possible. It is the chanter's responsibility to measure the candidate's character, not the responsibility of the candidate to plead his worthiness.

Procedure:

a) Secure faculty recommendations on candidates by sending a list of candidates to their professors in respective departments.

b) Hold a pre-election meeting. At this meeting a list of candidates is given to all active members and an informal discussion is held. This meeting should be held after faculty recommendations have been made. "t this time decide which candidates need further investigation ie. candidate is not well known by members.

c) Conduct investigations of all candidates not known by the members. Do not rely wholly upon faculty recommendation. Arrange an interview with the candidates or send the candidates information and ask for a resume of his/her non-academic activities and interests. Note: Use c) above only in the event the candidate is not well known by the members or does not receive a strong faculty recommendation.

d) Evaluation of interest: All elected candidates are asked to express interest by letter and then are asked to clean and polish a cast bent. Completion of both must be done before initiation.

Section 2. Election Procedure:

a) At the election meeting the candidates are discussed and voted on individually in the order of their scholastic rank in class, top student first, seniors first, then juniors.

b) After all candidates have been voted on, there shall be a discussion and second vote taken on all candidates who fail on the first ballot. No candidate who fails on the second ballot shall be considered further unless 25% of the members request so. No candidate who fails on the third ballot shall be considered again at this election.