

Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc. Collegiate Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes of Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc., coed fraternity shall be to:

- A. Serve the university campus and community.
- B. Bring forth on a scholastic level, Hispanics/Latinos and others at the university on the basis of friendship.
- C. Provide a supplementary educational, social and cultural experience for the mutual cultivation of its members.
- D. Advocate for the needs and concerns of the Hispanic/Latino students.
- E. Promote a basis for the diversity of the Hispanic/Latino cultures.
- F. Enhance the educational experience through social and cultural activities, and assist in the development of members' leadership abilities.
- G. Promote inter-fraternity relations.
- H. Foster positive relations between the Greek system, University/College Administration, and the outside community.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. DEFINITION

- A. Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc. shall not discriminate against students on the basis of race, national origin, religion, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age or those physically challenged.
- B. Under no circumstances shall any member be subject to any form of mental, physical, emotional, verbal, or sexual misconduct
- C. Members of Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc. shall be defined by the following classifications:
 1. Complete the fraternity's pledge education process and ritual initiation.
 2. Not be a member of any other social fraternity or sorority.

SECTION 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

A. Active Member

Active members shall be those in good standing with the fraternity by fulfilling the following obligations:

1. Attend all meetings.
2. Have paid all dues and fines.
3. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 5.0 scale or a 2.2 on a 4.0 scale
4. Be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours to be considered for active status. Students receiving academic credit for studying abroad will not be considered active members.
5. Newly initiated members who chose to be active and meet the requirements listed in Article III. Membership, Section 2 Types of Membership, Letter A. Active Membership are considered active for the remainder of the semester/quarter they pledge in.

B. Alumni Members

1. Alumni Members shall be ex-active members who have received their prospective degrees, and/or are no longer attending and institution of higher education.

2. If a member attends graduate school where there is an active chapter, that member can elect to be active under the provisions of an active member of Article III Section 2 or become an alumnus.

C. Inactive Members

Inactive members shall be members who do not meet the eligibility requirements for an active member due to grade point average, attendance, or payment of dues and/or fines. Inactive members shall not vote or speak at meetings.

D. Transfer Membership

A transfer member shall be a member that has transferred to another university and elects to remain active with his or her respective initial chapter under the provisions of an active member of Article III Section 2.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings of Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc. shall be held weekly during the school year.
- B. Regular meetings can only be canceled by the President.
- C. Non-members and pledges cannot attend regular meetings unless under invitation of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- A. Special meetings may be called by the President upon request from any active member, Officer, Advisor, or in extraordinary circumstances as approved by the Executive Board.
- B. Executive Board meetings shall be open to active members, but only the Executive Board shall have a vote.

SECTION 3. ATTENDANCE

- A. Each member shall attend all meetings.
- B. The President or Internal Vice President may excuse a member from a mandatory chapter function upon request prior to the scheduled event.
- C. Any member not present at a regular meeting shall be fined unless the President or Internal Vice President has been notified prior to the meeting.
- D. The President shall have the authority to decide whether or not the absence of a member is excused.

SECTION 4. VOTING PROCEDURE

- A. The voting body of Alpha Psi Lambda shall consist of active members only. Each member carries one vote.
- B. A quorum of two-thirds the total number of active members must be present in order to vote on any issue.
- C. Voting is done either in person or by written proxy turned in to the President prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION & DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NAME

The elected and/or appointed Officers of Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc. shall be known as the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The voting members of the Executive Board shall consist of the President, Internal Vice-President, External Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Non-voting members of the Executive Board shall include any other appointed personnel deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

The requirements of eligibility for an Officer shall be the following:

- A. No candidate for an officer position shall expect graduation before expiration of the term.
- B. All Officers of the Executive Board shall be active members in good academic standing.

SECTION 4. DUTIES AND POWERS

- A. Responsibilities of the Executive Board.
 - 1. Carry out all policies and regulations as established in the Constitution.
 - 2. Research and prepare appropriate programs for presentation to and edification of the membership.
 - 3. Presentation (either written or oral) of the business of their individual offices.
 - 4. Supervise all subsidiary councils or committees.
 - 5. Attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
 - 6. Recommendation of term dues.
 - 7. All proposals must come through Executive Board.
- B. Individual Officers
 - 1. President
 - a. Acts as the principal spokesperson for the fraternity.
 - b. Ultimately and wholly responsible for the matters dealing with the fraternity. To expedite matters, he or she may assign tasks to any fraternity member.
 - c. Maintains close contact with Officers and chairpersons.
 - d. Promptly brings important matters to the attention of the membership.
 - e. Acts as chairperson over meetings.
 - f. Votes only in the event of a tie.
 - g. May appoint any committee chairpersons deemed necessary to maintain or better the fraternity or the Greek System.
 - h. Unless other provisions are made, the President represents the fraternity on any campus- wide committees having a seat assigned to a representative of the fraternity.
 - 2. Internal Vice-President
 - a. Coordinate and facilitate the completion of projects and committees.
 - b. Preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
 - c. Monitor academic progress of active members.
 - d. Responsible for the efficient operation of special committees.
 - e. Issue warnings to members who have either not paid dues or fines or not complied with attendance or academic requirements.
 - 1. External Vice-President
 - a. Responsible for all outside communication deemed necessary by the President.
 - b. Responsible for all outside fraternity publicity.
 - c. Preside at meetings in the absence of the President and Internal Vice-President.
 - 4. Secretary
 - a. Keep minutes of meetings and attendance records.
 - b. Responsible for all official correspondence.
 - c. Maintain fraternity calendar.

- d. Notify members of regular and specially scheduled meetings.
5. Treasurer
- a. Keep all financial records of the fraternity.
 - b. Prepare annual budget.
 - c. Propose term dues.
 - d. Present a written financial statement to the fraternity each term.
6. Associate Member Educator
- a. Attend all executive board meetings and general assembly meetings during the membership Intake Process.
 - b. Select members of the Associate Member Committee with the approval of the executive board.
 - c. Organize and coordinate the recruitment and selection process.
 - d. Select and train Parents with approval of the executive board.
 - e. Oversee the membership intake process as stated in the Membership Intake Manual.
 - f. Oversee chartering process as stated in the chartering manual.
7. Social Chairperson
- a. Responsible for all social events.
 - b. Promote activities for membership
 - c. Maintain fraternity social calendar.
 - d. Operate any social event open to the public.
 - e. Responsible for social events committee.
8. Sergeant at Arms
- a. Maintain order during general meetings.
 - b. Enforce collection of fines and dues along with Internal Vice-President
9. Historian
- a. Keep an updated scrapbook of all functions except pledging (social and business) pertaining to Alpha Psi Lambda (individual chapters as well as all chapters).
 - b. Compile a report each academic term to update members at general assembly meetings.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Any Officer may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:
- 1. Non-performance of duties, including unexcused absences from more than (2) meetings of the Executive Board.
 - 2. No longer meeting eligibility requirements as stated in Article III, Section 2, A.
 - 3. Conduct not befitting an officer of the fraternity.
- B. Any member may initiate impeachment procedures.
- 1. Written notice of motion to remove must be presented to the Executive Board.
 - 2. Executive Board shall notify the Officer in question.
 - 3. Executive Board shall notify the fraternity of the motion to remove at least one week prior to vote.
- C. General assembly will vote on removal.
- 1. Vote to remove must take place no later than three weeks after receipt of written notice.
 - 2. Vote shall be by secret ballot.
 - 3. Two-thirds majority needed to remove from office.
 - 4. Written notice of results must be presented to Officer in question within one week.

SECTION 6. RESIGNATION

Member of the Executive Board may resign by submitting a written statement to the Internal Vice-President.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES

- A. Vacancies shall be temporarily filled through presidential appointment and Executive Board approval.
- B. Regular procedures shall be used to permanently fill the vacancy if deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP INTAKE MANUAL (See Membership Intake Manual)

ARTICLE VII: GREEK LETTERS AND COLORS

The colors of the Greek symbols of Alpha Psi Lambda, Inc. must remain Gold and White with the following restrictions:

- A. Gold and White MUST touch on Greek letters when displayed on cloth with the exception of letter F.
- B. Patterns are allowed in the Greek letters on apparel as long as they are not tainted by another color.
- C. The letters shall not be worn on the seat of one's pants or where deemed unrespectable by the fraternity.
- D. The letters shall only be worn by members of Alpha Psi Lambda and their parents.
- E. Grandfather clause: All articles purchased prior to January 11, 1991 are exempt from Article VII, A, B, C, and D.
- F. The letters may be used on apparel produced by the University or Greek Council that the chapter belongs to for promotional purposes only in conjunction with other Greek or student organizations.

ARTICLE VIII: CHARTERING (See Chartering Manual)

ARTICLE IX - AMMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at the National Convention House of Delegates by a three-fourths vote of all Delegates present. The collegiate chapters, alumni associations, and Board of Directors must receive written notice of any proposed amendment at least 30 days prior to convention. The authorized governing body of any alumni association, collegiate chapter, or Board of Directors may propose amendments. All amendments must pass at the Regional Convention House of Delegates by a two-thirds vote prior to being presented at the following National Convection House of Delegates.

- A. A member must have served as an active member for at least one calendar year to be eligible for election to be president or Dean of Pledges.
- B. All chapters, including the National Office, are to pay a predetermined annual fee for the development and maintenance of an "Official Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc. Website" for the primary purpose of collecting and distributing member information via a secure server database. This requires:
 - 1. Development and maintenance for this site be the responsibility of the National Office.
 - 2. Required fees are no more than \$100 per chapter per year. This fee is due by the National House of Delegates every year.

