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1. Name

1.1. The name of this organization shall be the Psi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma and may be abbreviated as Sigma Tau Gamma or Sig Tau.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To promote the interests of the national office of Sigma Tau Gamma.
- 2.2. To represent the principles of Sigma Tau Gamma.
- 2.3. To endeavor to make its members better men and better citizens.
- 2.4. To uphold the national laws of Sigma Tau Gamma and the North-American Interfraternity Council (NIC).

3. Membership

- 3.1. Any male student of Central Michigan University with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or above and not registered with another NIC fraternity is eligible for membership.
- 3.2. Psi Chapter recognizes undergraduate and graduate members of this chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. Members and alumni of other chapters do not apply to this constitution.
- 3.3. Membership and participation in the Psi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma shall be to develop, encourage, and promote a positive social environment that enhances the underlying principles as well as the stated policies of affirmative action, diversity, and equal access for all, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, height, weight, marital status, familial status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or political persuasion, except where such a distinction is required by law.
- 3.4. All members of the Psi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma must be registered undergraduate students of Central Michigan University. Any member not found under this distinction will be immediately revoked of their membership.
- 3.5. All members shall be present at a weekly fraternal business meeting.
- 3.6. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- 3.7. There shall be three (3) classifications of membership: active member, associate membership, and inactive member.
 - 3.7.1. Active Member: An active member shall have all rights and privileges under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Psi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma, except as limited by actions of the national office, the Interfraternity Council, All-Greek Judicial Board, or Central Michigan University.
 - 3.7.2. Associate Member: An associate member is any man who has been deemed eligible for active membership by signing of his bid. Associate members will partake in all fraternity activities as

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3.7.3. stated by the Path of Principles New Member Education Program but will not be given legislative power within the active chapter itself.

3.7.4. Inactive Member: Inactive members are those members that fail to adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of Psi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma and by decision of the fraternity have lost their good standing. Inactive members shall not be permitted to represent the fraternity in any way and must sign an expulsion form to be sent to the national office.

4. Officers

4.1. The officers of the Psi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma shall be President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Membership, Vice-President of Programs, and Vice-President of Finance.

4.2. The term of office, unless otherwise specified, will be one (1) calendar year.

4.3. The election of officers will be in accordance with the By-Laws.

4.4. No member shall hold more than one (1) officer position at any given time.

5. Administrative Body

5.1. The administrative body of this organization will be called the Executive Board.

5.2. The Executive Board will include the President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Membership, Vice-President of Programs, and Vice-President of Finance.

5.3. The administrative powers of the fraternity lie in the Executive Board, which shall execute this Constitution and By-Laws and the regulations of the Legislative body shall:

5.3.1. Facilitate on a daily basis the smooth operation of the fraternity in accordance with its purpose.

5.3.2. Oversee the function of any committee within the Legislative Body or placed into the custody of the Legislative Body.

5.3.3. Cooperate with the national office, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Panhellenic Council, Greek Advisor, Office of Student Life, Multicultural Greek Council, and Central Michigan University for the advancement of the fraternity.

5.4. Appoint all cabinet positions to be approved by the body.

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6. Legislative Body

- 6.1. The Legislative Body of this organization shall be called the Council of Brothers.
- 6.2. The Council of Brothers will include all members who do not hold an executive office within the fraternity.
- 6.3. All legislative powers of the fraternity lie in the Council of Brothers.
- 6.4. Each brother shall be allowed one (1) vote.
- 6.5. The President of the fraternity will only vote in the case of a tie in the Council of Brothers.

7. Judicial Body

- 7.1. All judicial matters shall be forwarded to the 'Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board,' governed by the executive board of the fraternity.
- 7.2. A written report on investigations must be submitted at each stage of the Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board to the President of the fraternity.
- 7.3. All matters contained in this report shall be kept confidential.
- 7.4. The Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board shall consist of five (5) brothers in good standing with the fraternity.
- 7.5. The Council of Brothers will vote on the five (5) members of the Judicial Board by hand.

8. Amendments

- 8.1. Any active member may introduce an amendment to the Constitution.
- 8.2. A purposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the President or Executive Vice-President at least one (1) meeting in advance of the vote.
- 8.3. Purposed amendments are adopted as part of the Constitution upon receiving three-quarters vote of quorum.

9. Non-Discrimination Clause

- 9.1. A Registered Student Organization (RSO) may not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. However, social fraternities and sororities may select members based on gender (*see, Regulations Under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972*).

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1. Membership

1.1. Active Member

1.1.1. Requirements to be an active member:

- 1.1.1.1. Be a full-time undergraduate student of Central Michigan University's campus.
- 1.1.1.2. Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.50.
- 1.1.1.3. Have been an Associate Member of the fraternity and during the that time have met all of the obligations of an Associate Member.
- 1.1.1.4. If criteria of 1.1.1.1-1.1.1.3 are met, the student will be granted active membership.

1.1.2. Privileges of an active member:

- 1.1.2.1. Have all privileges and rights under the Constitution and By-Laws, except as limited by actions of the national office, Interfraternity Council (IFC), Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board, Executive Board, All-Greek Judicial Board, or Central Michigan University.
- 1.1.2.2. Participate in all fraternity and IFC sponsored programs.
- 1.1.2.3. Vote at all meetings of the fraternity when in good standing.
- 1.1.2.4. Participate in all IFC sponsored intramural sports.
- 1.1.2.5. Hold elective and appointed offices of the fraternity.
- 1.1.2.6. Receive fraternity and IFC sponsored awards and recognition.

1.1.3. Duties of an active member:

- 1.1.3.1. Pay all dues, fees, and fines owed to the fraternity.
- 1.1.3.2. Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and all regulations adopted by the Council of Brothers.
- 1.1.3.3. Cooperate with any proceedings of the Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board which it may be involved and abide by Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board rulings affecting it.
- 1.1.3.4. Cooperate with all administrative actions of the Executive Board.
- 1.1.3.5. Abide by all University policies and regulations.
- 1.1.3.6. Attend all regular meetings of the fraternity.
- 1.1.3.7. Encourage scholarship, leadership, and service among brothers.

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1.2. Associate Member

1.2.1. Requirements to be an Associate Member

- 1.2.1.1. Be sponsored by a minimum of 30% of active members to receive a bid.
- 1.2.1.2. Be recognized by the University as an undergraduate student.
- 1.2.1.3. Be in good standing with the University.
- 1.2.1.4. Sign a bid from the Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma.
- 1.2.1.5. Hold at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA.

1.2.2. Privileges of an Associate Member

- 1.2.2.1. Have all privileges and rights under the Constitution and By-Laws, except as limited by actions of the national office, Executive Board, Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board, or Central Michigan University.
- 1.2.2.2. Participate in all fraternity and IFC sponsored programs.
- 1.2.2.3. Participate in all IFC sponsored intramural sports.
- 1.2.2.4. Receive fraternity and IFC sponsored awards and recognition.

1.2.3. Duties of an Associate Member

- 1.2.3.1. Pay all dues, fees, and fines owed to the fraternity.
- 1.2.3.2. Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and all regulations adopted by the Council of Fraternities.
- 1.2.3.3. Cooperate with any proceeding of the Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board which it may be involved and abide by and any Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board ruling affecting it.
- 1.2.3.4. Cooperate with all administrative actions of the Executive Board.
- 1.2.3.5. Abide by all University policies and regulations.
- 1.2.3.6. Encourage scholarship, leadership, and service among its members.
- 1.2.3.7. Hold and maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA during associate membership.

1.3. Any member may withdraw from the fraternity by giving a thirty (30) day written notice in advance to the Executive Board. All money owed to the fraternity must be paid in full-time of withdrawal.

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1. Regular meetings of the administrative and legislative bodies of the fraternity shall be held weekly.
2. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held weekly.
3. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time, and must be called by the President at the request of any two (2) active members.
4. Notice of special meetings shall be given to the fraternity at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meetings is to be held.
5. A quorum for conducting business shall consists of two-thirds of the total fraternity memberships in good standing.
6. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings in so far as it does not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws or regulations enacted by the fraternity.
7. Representation
 - 7.1. Any member that is not represented shall relinquish his voting rights for that meeting.
8. The Council of Brothers, by two-thirds vote with quorum, has the right to overrule or change any decision made by the Executive Board.

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1. Election of officers

1.1. Candidates will be shall elected in the following order:

- 1.1.1. President
- 1.1.2. Executive Vice-President
- 1.1.3. Vice-President of Membership
- 1.1.4. Vice-President of Programs
- 1.1.5. Vice-President of Finance

1.2. Speeches

- 1.2.1. All candidates will speak in alphabetical order (by last name).
- 1.2.2. The speeches for President will not exceed five (5) minutes.
- 1.2.3. The speeches for all other offices will not exceed two (2) minutes.
- 1.2.4. During the election for each representative office, all candidates running for said office will wait outside the room of elections, entering only to give their speech and answer questions.

1.3. Pro's and Con's; Question and answer

- 1.3.1. Following each candidate's speech for each office, there will be a question and answer period by the Council of Brothers where a maximum of three (3) questions will be taken and given to all of the candidates for that position for them to answer. The questions will be determined by the Council of Brothers and Executive Board before the speeches for that office begin.
- 1.3.2. Following each candidate's speech for each office, a maximum of six (6) statements, three (3) pro and three (3) cons, may be made about the candidate and each will not exceed one (1) minute.

1.4. The Council of Brothers shall vote by secret, written ballot.

1.5. A majority vote of quorum is necessary to elect an officer.

- 1.5.1. If this does not happen after the first round, the candidate(s) with the least amount of votes will be dropped and voting will be done again.
- 1.5.2. If there are two (2) candidates remaining and the vote is a tie, the chapter President will cast the tie-breaking vote. If one (1) of the candidates is the President, the deciding vote will then follow the chain of command until it reaches an unaffiliated Executive Board member.

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1.6. The chapter President and faculty advisor, so long as the candidate(s) is not the President, will count the votes. Another Executive Board officer will take the place of the President if necessary.

2. Qualifications of officers

2.1. Officers must be of active status within the fraternity.

2.2. Officers must be full-time students at Central Michigan University.

2.3. Officers must not have an expected graduation date before the expiration of their term.

2.4. Officers must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.70.

3. Duties of Officers

3.1. President

3.1.1. Main spokesperson for the fraternity.

3.1.2. Must attend all Intrafraternity Council meetings or provide a proxy.

3.1.3. Promote and encourage communication among brothers.

3.1.4. Responsible for all officers fulfillment of their required duties.

3.1.5. Responsible for appointing officers not covered in the Constitution pending approval of the voting body.

3.1.6. Cast deciding vote in an event of a tie.

3.1.7. One permanent written records of the President's actions and responsibilities to be submitted at the end of his term to the succeeding President.

3.1.8. Meet with the Office of Student Life at least three (3) times per semester.

3.1.9. Establish the time and place for all Executive Board meetings.

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3.2. Executive Vice-President

- 3.2.1. Chairperson of all Executive Board meetings.
- 3.2.2. Be responsible for the maintaining of Robert's Rules of Order during all meetings.
- 3.2.3. Have available, at all meetings, current copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 3.2.4. Maintained updated copies of the Constitution and By-Laws in the Office of Student Life.
- 3.2.5. If, for any reason, the President cannot be present at an activity or meeting, the Executive Vice-President will stand-in the President's place.
- 3.2.6. If, for any reason, the President cannot fulfill the duties of his office, the Executive Vice-President will take over his duties and enter his office.
- 3.2.7. Chair cabinet meetings.
- 3.2.8. Responsible for oversight of Risk Management policies.

3.3. Vice-President of Membership

- 3.3.1. Responsible for coordinating all fraternity sponsored recruitment events.
- 3.3.2. Support the Recruitment Chairman.
- 3.3.3. Responsible for all new member's forms to be turned into the Intrafraternity Council and the Office of Student Life.
- 3.3.4. Responsible for the oversight and execution of the Path of Principles New Member program.
- 3.3.5. Responsible for compiling a potential new member names list.
- 3.3.6. Oversee the proper execution of Fraternity Rituals.

3.4. Vice-President of Programs

- 3.4.1. Responsible for all aspects of fraternity programming.
- 3.4.2. Ensure socials and parties are in accordance with Fraternal Information and Programming Group (FIPG) guidelines.
- 3.4.3. Plan a philanthropic activity in conjunction with the Vice-President of Finance and Philanthropy Chairman.
- 3.4.4. Plan community events with the Community Service Chairman.
- 3.4.5. Plan at least one social bi-monthly with different sororities and fraternities with the Social Chairman.
- 3.4.6. Work in conjunction with the Formal Chairman.

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3.5. Vice-President of Finance

- 3.5.1. Collects dues from all active members.
- 3.5.2. Develops a budget for active semester.
- 3.5.3. Establishing due dates and fines for all collectible dues, no later than the second week of the semester.
- 3.5.4. To be the primary keeper of the fraternity accounts and money distributions.
- 3.5.5. Prepare and submit a tentative budget to the general body by the last meeting of the semester, for the following semester.
- 3.5.6. Work in conjunction with the Fundraising Chairman to raise additional funds for the fraternity.
- 3.5.7. Hold members accountable for timely payment of dues and hold the final judgment in all collection cases.

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1. The Cabinet members and their responsibilities:

1.1. Secretary

- 1.1.1. Responsible for recording the minutes at all fraternity meetings.
- 1.1.2. Responsible for the upkeep of the fraternity calendar and contacts list.
- 1.1.3. Responsible for all administrative duties passed forth by the Executive Board.

1.2. Philanthropic Chairman

- 1.2.1. Responsible for establishing Philanthropic goals for the fraternity.
- 1.2.2. Responsible for informing the fraternity on philanthropic events for purpose of publicity.
- 1.2.3. Coordinate one (1) philanthropic and service project per semester for the entire fraternity membership.

1.3. Student Government Association (SGA) Representative

- 1.3.1. Responsible for attending all SGA general and special meetings on behalf of the best interest of the fraternity.
- 1.3.2. Responsible for bringing pending issues of SGA to a vote of the fraternity general membership before voting at the SGA meeting on behalf of the fraternity.
- 1.3.3. If, under extraordinary circumstances, the fraternity cannot vote on an issue before it is voted upon at the SGA, the Executive Board will be called to order to vote on behalf of the best interest of the fraternity.
- 1.3.4. Responsible for keeping a running log of the votes that are made, the percentage.
- 1.3.5. Must abide by all rules regarding attendance, office hours, etc. as stipulated by the Student Government Association Constitution, By-Laws and addendum.

1.4. Public Relations Chairman

- 1.4.1. Support any member in regards to public relations.
- 1.4.2. In charge of maintaining the fraternity website.
- 1.4.3. Responsible for communication with new member's parents.
- 1.4.4. Responsible for oversight and execution of Parent's Day.

1.5. Fundraising Chairman

- 1.5.1. Plan and oversee at least one (1) fundraiser for the fraternity in conjunction with the Vice-President of Programs and the Vice-President of Finance.

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1.6. Athletics Chairman

- 1.6.1. Develops and promotes athletic programs through Campus Recreational Service office.
- 1.6.2. Helps develop convenient schedules for all athletic events.
- 1.6.3. Keeps the fraternity updated on status of standings and concerns effecting Intrafraternity Council athletics.

1.7. Greek Week Chairman

- 1.7.1. Coordinates efforts with all Greek Councils to produce Greek Week.
- 1.7.2. In charge of all administrative and logistical planning and executing Greek Week.
- 1.7.3. Serve as the fraternity liaison for Greek Week.
- 1.7.4. Oversee all Greek Week committees and have the final say on all actions pertaining to Greek Week.
- 1.7.5. Oversees all Greek Week events.
- 1.7.6. Act as a neutral, third-party liaison while planning and during the duration of Greek Week.

1.8. Social Chairman

- 1.8.1. Coordinate efforts with Vice-President of Programs.
- 1.8.2. Plan bi-monthly socials with sororities and fraternities.
- 1.8.3. Ensure all social events are in accordance with FIPG.

1.9. Community Service Chairman

- 1.9.1. Coordinate efforts with the Vice-President of Programs.
- 1.9.2. In charge of all administrative and logistical planning and executing community service events.
- 1.9.3. Ensure that events are held and enough hours are accumulated to satisfy both IFC and McCune metrics requirements.

1.10. Recruitment Chairman

- 1.10.1. Coordinate efforts with the Vice-President of Membership.
- 1.10.2. In charge of all administrative and logistical planning and executing or recruitment.
- 1.10.3. Shall keep and maintain a list of prospective new members with contact information.
- 1.10.4. Shall be present at all recruitment events.
- 1.10.5. In charge of public relations for all recruitment events.

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- 1.11. Risk Management (Internal)
 - 1.11.1. Ensure that all social gatherings (socials/parties) are held under control.
 - 1.11.2. Ensure the safety of all brothers and guests.
 - 1.11.3. Handle all internal risk management conflicts.

- 1.12. Risk Management (External)
 - 1.12.1. Ensure that all social gatherings meet FIPG guidelines.
 - 1.12.2. Attend IFC Risk Management meetings.
 - 1.12.3. Will be the face of Sigma Tau Gamma Risk Management.
 - 1.12.4. Compile a designated driver (DD) and sober list.

- 1.13. Intrafraternity Council (IFC) Senior Representative
 - 1.13.1. Shall attend all IFC meetings and take notes on pertinent information.
 - 1.13.2. Shall relay all pertinent IFC information to the fraternity.

- 1.14. Brotherhood Chairman
 - 1.14.1. Responsible for two (2) alcohol and substance free events that promote brotherhood and the principles the fraternity represents each month.
 - 1.14.2. All events shall be communicated to the fraternity at least one (1) week in advance.

- 1.15. Alumni Relations Chairman
 - 1.15.1. Responsible for keeping and updating an alumni contacts list.
 - 1.15.2. Responsible for the upkeep of an alumni e-mail listserv.
 - 1.15.3. Responsible for the creation and upkeep of an alumni newsletter.
 - 1.15.4. Responsible for the coordination of Homecoming and Founder's Day.

- 1.16. New Member Education Chairman
 - 1.16.1. Coordinate efforts with Vice-President of Membership and Ritual Chairman.
 - 1.16.2. Responsible for the oversight and execution of the Path of Principles New Membership program.
 - 1.16.3. Responsible for associate member study hours.
 - 1.16.4. Responsible for local and national fraternity education for new members.
 - 1.16.5. Responsible for all information pertaining to Big Brothers.

1.17. Ritual Chairman

- 1.17.1. Coordinate efforts with the Vice-President of Membership and New Member Education chairman.
- 1.17.2. Responsible for oversight and execution of local and Path of Principles Rituals.
- 1.17.3. Shall ensure that no ritual violates FIPG restrictions.

1.18. Sergeant-At-Arms

- 1.18.1. Shall enforce Robert's Rules of Order during all fraternity meetings.
- 1.18.2. Shall execute the meeting ritual at the opening and ending of every meeting.
- 1.18.3. Shall oversee all schmootz violations and punishments.

1.19. T-Shirt Chairman

- 1.19.1. Responsible for all fraternity T-Shirt orders and designs.
- 1.19.2. All designs must be in good taste.

1.20. Scholarship Chairman

1.21. Alumni Advisor

- 1.21.1. Shall serve as an outside advisor for the chapter.
- 1.21.2. Must be an alumni in good standing with the fraternity.

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1. Removal

1.1. An officer may be removed from office for the following reasons:

- 1.1.1. Failure to perform his duties as outlined by the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 1.1.2. Conduct not benefitting a gentleman and officer of the fraternity.
- 1.1.3. Failure to maintain a 2.70 cumulative GPA.
- 1.1.4. Missing three (3) regular meetings without excuse.

1.2. The procedure for removal:

- 1.2.1. Notice of the motion to impeach must be presented in writing to the President at least one (1) meeting in advance of the vote by at least five (5) active members of the Council of Brothers.
- 1.2.2. The President will notify the officer in question and the Council of Brothers of the motion to impeach.
- 1.2.3. The officer in question will have the opportunity to defend himself at the meeting of the vote.
- 1.2.4. A two-thirds vote of quorum by the Council of Brothers is needed to impeach an officer.

2. Vacancies

2.1. If a vacancy should occur in any office, except for the President, for any reason, an election process as stated in the By-Laws shall be conducted at the soonest practical time to fill said vacancy.

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1. Chapter Membership Reports
 - 1.1. All members must keep an online profile on OmegaFi.
2. Dues
 - 2.1. Dues will be determined by the Vice-President of Finance no later than the last week of the previous semester, and approved at the last meeting of the semester.
 - 2.2. The dues will be collected by the Vice-President of Finance through OmegaFi.
 - 2.3. Those members that do not make payment by fourteen (14) days without excuse will relinquish all voting rights until payment has been made.
 - 2.4. Those members that do not make payment by fourteen (14) days will be assessed a late fee as determined by OmegaFi.
 - 2.5. Those members that do not make payment by thirty (30) days will be referred to the Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board.
 - 2.6. The Vice-President of Finance will have the option of turning dues that are more than sixty (60) days past due over to a collection agency for collection.
3. No fraternity funds may be used for the purchase of alcohol.
4. The Vice-President of Finance may deny payment of a receipt if the merit of the purchase does not support fraternity goals or ideals.
5. In the event that the fraternity becomes inactive or ceases to exist any monies the organization may be entitled to will go to the national office of Sigma Tau Gamma.

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1. Non-Alcoholic Recruitment

- 1.1. No member will provide alcohol to a potential new member during the specified dates of fraternity recruitment.
- 1.2. No member will allow alcohol to be present at any recruitment event.
- 1.3. Any member accused of breaking 1.1 or 1.2 shall be brought before the Sigma Tau Gamma Judicial Board and reported the national office.

2. Recruitment Rules

- 2.1. Unless excused by the Vice-President of Membership, all members must be present and on time at all recruitment events. Those unexcused will receive a \$50 fine.
- 2.2. No member may be under the influence of any substance. Members in violation will receive a \$50 fine.
- 2.3. All members must behave in a manner that befits a brother with the ideals Sigma Tau Gamma.

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1. Alcohol and Drugs

- 1.1. The possession, sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event or any situation endorsed by the chapter, or in any event an observer would associate with the fraternity, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, county, city, and institution of higher education.
- 1.2. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through chapter funds nor may the purchase of some for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the chapter. The purchase or use of a bulk quantity of common sources of such alcoholic beverages, e.g. kegs, cases, party balls, or punch bowls, is prohibited.
- 1.3. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be forbidden.
- 1.4. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor.
- 1.5. The possession, sale, or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event or any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity, strictly prohibited.
- 1.6. No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcoholic distributor, charitable organization or tavern where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided is prohibited.
 - 1.6.1. Tavern defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol.
- 1.7. No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups, or organizations.
- 1.8. All recruitment activities associated with any chapter will be a dry recruitment function.
- 1.9. No member shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in “drinking games.”
- 1.10. No alcohol shall be present at any new member program, activity, or ritual of the chapter.

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2. Hazing

2.1. No chapter, colony, student, or alumnus shall conduct not condone hazing activities.

2.1.1. Hazing activities are defined as: “Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.

2.1.2. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol, paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities carried on outside or inside the confines of the chapter house, wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, engaging in public stunts or buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual, policy, or the regulations and policies of the educational institution or applicable state law.

2.2. The fraternity has a zero tolerance view on hazing in accordance with NIC standards.

3. Sexual Abuse and Harassment

3.1. No chapter will tolerate or condone any form of sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional. This is to include any actions which are demeaning to women or men including, but not limited to: date rape, gang rape, or verbal harassment.

4. Fire, Health, and Safety

4.1. All chapter houses should meet all local fire and health codes and standards.

4.2. All chapters should have posted by common phones emergency numbers for fire, police, and ambulance and should have posted evacuation routes on the back of the door of each sleeping room.

4.3. All chapters should comply with engineering recommendations as reported by their insurance company.

4.4. The possession and/or use of firearms or explosive devices of any kind within the confines and premises of the chapter house is expressly forbidden.

5. Socials Gatherings

5.1. All social gatherings (parties) to be held at the chapter house must be voted upon by the Council of Brothers and must pass with a majority vote.

5.2. All social gatherings must be planned a minimum two (2) weeks in advance of the date the event is being held.

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- 5.3. A risk management jobs list must be completed a minimum of one (1) week in advance of the date.
- 5.4. If the jobs list is not completed by said time, the event will be automatically cancelled, and must therefore be rescheduled by vote.

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1. Appearance

- 1.1. Items will not be displayed that can be considered racist, sexist, or insensitive by any group. These items include, but are not limited to: banners, billboards, posters, signs, etc.
- 1.2. All chapter properties will be kept clean. Clean chapter properties include, but are not limited to: cut grass (includes trees and shrubs), no trash on chapter premises, and no furniture and/or carpet outdoors.
- 1.3. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to sanctions by the Executive Board.

- 2. All fraternities which occupy a building that is in some manner designated a Chapter House shall submit to the IFC Executive Board the address of the Chapter House to be kept on file in the Office of Student Life, and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the IFC Constitution and By-Laws, the University, and the State of Michigan for any functions that take place on said premises.

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1. Minimum Standards

- 1.1. Chapters must maintain a minimum 2.50 semester average GPA.
- 1.2. Each new member class must maintain a minimum of 2.50 semester average GPA.

2. Sanctions

- 2.1. Members falling below the minimum standard Chapter GPA shall be reviewed by the Executive Board to determine appropriate action.
- 2.2. Members falling below the minimum standard Chapter GPA for two (2) or more consecutive semesters will automatically be placed on social suspension until said member is reviewed by the Executive Board to determine appropriate action.

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1. A quorum shall exist when two-thirds of the entire voting body of the Council of Brothers is present.

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1. The following sanctions are reserved by the Executive Board as possible punishments for violation of the Constitution and/or By-Laws:
 - 1.1. Notification to national headquarters
 - 1.2. Loss of Intramural Greek sports privileges
 - 1.3. Social probation and/or suspension
 - 1.4. Fines not to exceed \$100 per incident, unless otherwise noted
 - 1.5. Mandatory sponsorship of an education program or activity
 - 1.6. Mandatory participation in a community service activity

2. Sanctions imposed by the Executive Board cannot exceed one semester in length.

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1. All brothers must sign up for a minimum of two (2) separate sober and designated driver (DD) nights at a previously designated meeting.
2. Brothers who fail to be present at this meeting will be assigned their sober and DD nights.
3. Failure to finish one's obligations as a sober or DD will result in a \$100 fine.

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1. Schmootzes may only be presented at its distinguished time at a chapter meeting.
2. Schmootzes may only pertain to actions that are detrimental to the fraternity.
3. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall designate a punishment for a schmootzed member that must be completed by said member within seven (7) days of its announcement.
4. Failure to complete a schmootz punishment will result in a \$25 fine.

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1. Any active member may introduce an amendment to these By-Laws.
2. A proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the President or Executive Vice-President at least one (1) meeting in advance of the vote.
 - 2.1. The written submission will be the formal introduction of the proposed By-Law and how it will appear, if adopted.
 - 2.2. The written submission will be available for all active members to view and debate prior to voting.
3. Proposed amendments are adopted as part of these By-Laws upon receiving three-quarters vote of quorum.

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1. House Occupancy

- 1.1. House occupancy must be established and completed no later than two (2) meetings before the end of the spring semester before signing occurs the following fall semester.
- 1.2. Occupancy shall be set at twelve (12) active members in good standing.
- 1.3. All brothers must live in the house a minimum of one (1) year prior to becoming an alumni member.

2. Occupancy Selection

2.1. Chapter house occupancy shall be determined in the following order:

2.1.1. Volunteer

2.1.2. If there are not enough volunteers to occupy the house, it will then be determined by class seniority, beginning with oldest to youngest.

2.1.2.1. Class seniority is defined as active member association class.

2.1.2.1.1. If there is more than one (1) active member within the association class, seniority is then determined by class standing (e.g. senior, junior, sophomore, freshman).

2.1.2.1.2. If there is more than one (1) active member within the class standing, seniority will then be determined by last name.

2.2. Appeals Process

2.2.1. If an occurrence shall arise where an active member is unable to occupy a room in the chapter house, the active brother must provide written documentation to the Executive Board demonstrating reason(s) they are unable to occupy a room in the chapter house.

2.2.1.1. A written appeal must be submitted no later than the first meeting of the fall semester in which the active member is to sign the lease to occupy a room in the chapter house.

2.2.1.2. The Executive Board will render a decision based on the submitted appeal no later than one (1) week following the submission of the appeal.

2.2.1.3. If the Executive Board fails to render a decision on the appeal in the said timeframe, the decision will automatically favor the active brother, and the active brother will be excused from living in the house.

1. Attendance for all fraternity meetings, rituals, and other mandatory events.
2. Excused absences must meet one of the following criteria.
 - 2.1. Illness
 - 2.1.1. Illness is defined if a member is too ill to attend. If a member chooses to miss an event due to illness the active member should not attend any events until better.
 - 2.2. Work
 - 2.2.1. If an active member is scheduled to work, a copy of the work schedule must be submitted.
 - 2.3. Class
 - 2.3.1. If you have a normal schedule class, a copy of the active member's current schedule must be submitted or on file.
 - 2.3.2. Group projects
 - 2.4. Family
3. Submission of excused absences
 - 3.1. In order to have an absence excused, a formal excuse must be submitted to sigtaucmu@gmail.com prior to the start of the event that is being missed.
 - 3.2. If a formal excuse is submitted after the start time, the absence will be considered unexcused.
4. Unexcused absences
 - 4.1. If no submission or submission is late or does not meet requirements stated above, it will be considered an unexcused absence.
5. Fines
 - 5.1. All active members will be permitted one (1) unexcused absence without consequence.
 - 5.2. All active members will be permitted one (1) excused absence without consequence.
 - 5.2.1. If a member exceeds excused absences limit, it will be determined by the Executive Board whether a fine is imposed on the active member.
 - 5.3. Fines for missing a mandatory event will be \$50 for each absence.
 - 5.3.1. Fines are subject to change or be modified if voted and passed with two-third majority.

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1. For every fundraising and/or philanthropy event that is sponsored by Sigma Tau Gamma Psi Chapter, ticket sales may be required for participation and to insure the success of the event.
 - 1.1. All active members must participate in ticket selling.
 - 1.2. All associate members must participate in selling.
 - 1.3. All tickets will be distributed to all active and associate members prior to the event.
 - 1.4. All active and associate members will be charged in advance the sum of \$20.00 or the cost of five (5) tickets.
 - 1.5. Any active or associate member may sell more than and is encouraged to sell more than the minimum requirement.
 - 1.5.1. Additional tickets will follow the same initial pre-selling ticket protocol.
 - 1.6. All monies collected from the pre-selling of tickets shall be collected by the Treasurer or through OmegaFi as determined by the Executive Board of Sigma Tau Gamma.
 - 1.7. Non-compliance with this protocol will result in a fine of \$20.00 or the cost of five (5) tickets.
 - 1.7.1. Fines will be charged to an individual's OmegaFi account.
2. During fundraiser or philanthropy event
 - 2.1. All monies collected at the event are considered at the door ticket sales
 - 2.2. All at the door ticket sale monies shall be collected by
 - 2.2.1. Executive Vice-President of Finance
 - 2.2.2. Treasurer
 - 2.2.3. Designee appointed by
 - 2.2.3.1. President
 - 2.2.3.2. Executive Vice-President
 - 2.2.3.3. Executive Vice-President of Finance
 - 2.3. Monies collected from the event shall be immediately deposited in the bank account of Sigma Tau Gamma
 - 2.4. Vice-President of Finance or Treasurer will report the amount raised at the following meeting.