

SIGMA TAU GAMMA NATIONAL FRATERNITY

48TH NATIONAL GRAND CONCLAVE

JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa Phoenix, Arizona

June 28 - June 29, 2018

Thursday, June 28, 2018



HOUSE OF DELEGATES OPENING CEREMONIES:

- I. The Opening Ceremonies were called to Order by Senior Past President, Tom Morgan, at 3:27 p.m.
- II. Chapter and Alumni Associations Processional was had.
Society of the Seventeen Processional was had.
Past National Presidents Processional was had. Board of Directors and CEO Processional was had.
- III. The Opening Meeting Ritual was held by 39th National President Jonathan Proehl - Meeting officially opened at 3:54 p.m.

The Creed was recited by President-Elect Jim Johnston

The Grand Chapter Blessing was given by Director Philip Jeanfreau
- IV. The 48th Grand Conclave Parliamentarian is Brother Doug Haman
- V. The 48th Grand Conclave Recording Secretary is Brother Paul Motin
- VI. Delegate Roll Call and Credential Verification
Delegates in Good Standing were confirmed by CEO Latour. A Roll Call was taken. 137 voting Delegates were properly credentialed. 92 Delegates (2/3) are necessary for a quorum to conduct business. More than that were present. CEO Latour announced that the Grand Chapter officially had the authority to conduct the business of the Fraternity.
- VII. Approval of Grand Conclave Procedures, Election Code, and Standing Rules

The 48th Grand Conclave Standing Rules were reviewed. Motion made by Jim Johnston to approve. Seconded by Alyx Parker. Motion passed.

The 48th Grand Conclave Procedures and Election Code were reviewed. Motion made by Jim Johnston to approve. Seconded by Philip Jeanfreau. Motion passed.
- VIII. Approval of Agendas and Grand Conclave Charges. President Proehl amended the Agenda to move the Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee Report to follow the Undergraduate Operations Committee Report. Motion to approve the Agenda, as amended, and Charges was made by Joe Gallo. Seconded by Jeremiah King. Motion approved.
- IX. Approval of the 2016 Grand Conclave Minutes. The Minutes had not been sent to Delegates with the Call. Motion made to postpone consideration of the Minutes to the 49th House of Delegates meeting in Kansas City. Seconded. Passed.

- X. State of the Fraternity Address was presented by the 39th National President, Jonathan Proehl. [President Proehl to provide a copy of his State of the Fraternity Address to Nationals for the historical record of this Grand Conclave.]
- XI. Grand Chapter Welcome and Announcements was had by CEO Steve Latour.
- XII. 2018 White Rose Sweetheart Candidate Introductions.
- XIII. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 4:31 p.m. until 4:50 p.m.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES PLENARY SESSION ONE:

- I. Call to Order. President Proehl called the meeting back to order at 4:50 p.m.
- II. Roll Call was deferred. No action is necessary at this point. Election Commission Report and Nominations Committee Report are informational.
- III. Old business. None.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Election Commission Report. Presented by Tom Morgan, Elections Commission Chairman. Tom introduced the Committee members and staff that assisted. Discussed the Board roles, duties, decision-making needs, and expectations of a Director. Spirit of Campaigns. Tom briefly introduced the candidates.
 - b. Nominations Committee Report, John Heiman, Nominations Committee Chairman. Presented by Jack Bresser, Kansas State. Jack introduced the Committee members. They selected the candidate forum questions and interviewed the candidates. In order to be nominated, a majority of Committee votes was necessary. All candidates were nominated by the Committee. In order to obtain a recommendation, a 75% vote by the Committee was necessary. The Committee recommended no one as President-Elect. The Committee recommended the following as At-Large Directors: Jeremy Daus, Joe Gallo, Jeremiah King and Paul Phillips.
 - i. President Elect Candidate Introductions
 - a. Jeremy Daus, Wisconsin – River Falls
 - b. Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T
 - ii. A President-Elect Question/Answer Forum was held.
 - iii. Director-At-Large Candidate Introductions
 - a. Jeremy Daus, Wisconsin – River Falls
 - b. Joe Gallo, Michigan Tech
 - c. Scott Kaspar, Illinois
 - d. Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T
 - e. Paul Phillips, Southeastern Louisiana
 - f. Mike Ray, Youngstown State
 - iv. A Director-At-Large Candidate Questions/Answers Forum was held.
 - c. Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee Report, Matt Arnaut, Chairman, CR&L Committee
(moved to Plenary Session Two, IV, d.)
- V. Announcements – Steve Latour provided.
- VI. The Grand Conclave was recessed for the day at 6:40 p.m.

Friday, June 29, 2018

HOUSE OF DELEGATES PLENARY SESSION TWO:

- I. Call to Order. President Proehl called the meeting back to order at 9:20 a.m.
- II. Roll Call. CEO Steve Latour confirmed that a quorum was present. 132 present of 134 credentialed.
- III. Old business. None.
- IV. New Business

- a. Election of President-Elect – Tom Morgan introduced the candidates.
 - i. Jeremy Daus, Wisconsin – River Falls
 - ii. Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T

Voting took place. The next President-Elect (the 41st National President) will be: Jeremy Daus.

- b. Election of Director
 - i. ~~Jeremy Daus, Wisconsin – River Falls~~
 - ii. Joe Gallo, Michigan Tech
 - iii. Scott Kaspar, Illinois
 - iv. Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T
 - v. Paul Phillips, Southeastern Louisiana
 - vi. Mike Ray, Youngstown State

First ballot was had (67 votes needed). Voting took place.

Director(s) elected on First Ballot: Joe Gallo, Scott Kaspar, Jeremiah King and Paul Phillips.

- c. Undergraduate Operations Committee Report, Andrew Strigun, Chairman, Undergraduate Operations Committee. Discussed the committee's purpose. Introduced proposed legislation.
 - i. Article IV, Section 9 – Academic Performance Standards
 - ii. Law II, Section 8 – Tokens of Membership
 - iii. Law V – several changes include allowing a 2% increase to dues in the discretion of Board of Directors not to exceed 2% each year.

Motion made to accept the UOC Report by Andrew Strigun. Motion Passed.

Law V – additional discussion was had.

- a. Motion made to amend term “Board of Directors” to “House of Delegates” in Section 6, by Devon Simpson. Henderson State. Seconded. Discussion was had. Question Called. Motion to amend failed.
- b. Motion made to amend by unstriking the change to Section 1 (the language was “The House of Delegates shall set, by resolution, the amount, and structure of the membership fee.” Seconded. Discussion was had. Question called. Motion passed.
- c. Original Motion, as amended – 2/3 vote needed – Motion passed. See Appendix Approved 1.

Proposal 9 - Tokens of Membership – No discussion. Question Called. Motion Passed.
See Appendix Approved 2.

Proposal 8 – relating to Academic Performance Standards – adding the word “semester.” Question Called. $\frac{3}{4}$ vote needed. Motion failed. See *Appendix Disapproved 1*.

President Proehl thanked the committee members for their hard work.

- d. Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee Report, Matt Arnaut, Chairman, CR&L Committee. Description of the Committee purpose was presented and the committee members were introduced and thanked. The proposals of the committed were presented as part of the Committee’s report. Motion made to accept report. Motion passed.

V. Announcements

VI. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 11:20 a.m.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES PLENARY SESSION THREE:

- I. Call to Order. President Proehl called the meeting back to order at 1:40 p.m.
- II. Roll Call. CEO Steve Latour confirmed that a quorum was present.
- III. Old business. None.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee Report, Kyle Higgins, Chairman, Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee
 1. Resolution 2 – Hard Alcohol Resolution – Discussion was had. Motion made to amend resolution by Derek Olson, Platteville, Seconded. To strike the words “and facilities” to allow hard alcohol in private rooms. Question called. Motion failed. Back to main question. Additional discussion was had. Question called. Resolution passed. *See Appendix Approved 3.*
 2. Proposal 6 – increasing threshold to get 3 votes to 50 members. Discussion was had. 2/3rds vote needed. Motion made to keep number at 40 for 3rd delegate the same but add a new tier. Chapters with 70 to get a 4th vote. Seconded. Addison Schopp made motion to amend the Amendment to 75 / 50 / below. Motion passed. Motion as amended further discussed. Motion to reconsider the 75/50/below amendment. (2/3 vote needed) Motion failed. Motion to send to committee. Seconded. Passed. *See Appendix Deferred 1.*
 3. Proposal 7 – Laws – re: Submission of candidacy. Discussion was had. Question called. (2/3 vote needed) – Motion passed. *See Appendix Approved 4.*
 4. Proposal 4 – Laws – re: technical amendments (language cleanup) – Motion passed. *See Appendix Approved 5.*
 5. Proposal 2 – Constitution – Disposition of Chapter Assets upon chapter closure – (3/4 vote required) Motion passed. *See Appendix Approved 6.*
 6. Proposal 3 – Constitution – re: making sure initiation fees are paid in full. – (3/4 vote required) – Motion passed. *See Appendix Approved 7.*
 7. Proposal 1 – Constitution - re: technical amendments (language cleanup) – (3/4 vote needed) Motion passed. *See Appendix Approved 8.*
 8. Resolution 1 – Chapter Eternal (50% vote needed) – Motion passed. *See Appendix Approved 9.*

- b. Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee Report, Kyle Higgins, Chairman, Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee. Presented the committee report and thanked the committee members. Motion made to accept report. Motion passed.
 - 1. Proposal 10 – Laws. Fee law change. Where Board of Directors would have right to increase Alumni Association fees by 2% per year. 2/3rds vote needed. Motion passed. See Appendix Approved 10.
 - 2. Proposal 11 – Laws – For non-WPN houses, names the Fraternity as an additional insured. (2/3rds vote needed) Motion passed. See Appendix Approved 11.
 - 3. Proposal 12 – Laws – Review of Alumni Association Bylaws, not “approving” the Bylaws. (2/3rds vote needed) – Motion passed. See Appendix Approved 12.
 - 4. Proposal 3 – Resolution 3 – Re: Form 990 – refers to Board of Directors to research issues relating to IRS requirements for alumni associations (majority vote needed) – Motion passed. See Appendix Approved 13.
- c. Ritual Committee Report, Rom Profesorsky, Chairman, Ritual Committee. Presented report. Thanked Committee members. Motion made to accept the report. Motion passed.
 - 1. Ritual Committee Resolution – recommends the 40th President and BOD establish a committee to consider changes to the Ritual. Motion passed. See Appendix Approved 14.
- d. Undergraduate Operations Committee (continued) – Resolution 4 - Consider Undergraduate fees - Fee Structure and Schedule. Schedule was presented showing amounts from 2017 (for historical perspective) through 2024. Discussion was had. (Majority vote needed). Motion passed. See Appendix Approved 15.

V. Announcements

VI. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 3:49 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES CLOSING CEREMONIES:

- I. Call to Order. President Proehl called the meeting back to order at 5:45 p.m.
- II. Chapter Eternal Ceremony. Presented by Zeta Beta Chapter, University of Cincinnati, and the Society of the Seventeen.
- III. Recognition of the 2016 – 2018 Board of Directors
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- VI. Closing Meeting Ritual, Jonathan Proehl, 39th National President
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Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Undergraduate Operations Committee

Proposed LAWS Amendment 5 – Amendments to the method of determining the amount of initiation fees and dues and fees paid by members and collegiate chapters.

The Undergraduate Operations Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Laws of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

To amend LAW V as follows:

SECTION 1. Initiation Fee: Every initiate into this Fraternity shall pay a membership fee before his initiation. The House of Delegates shall set, by resolution, the amount, and structure of the membership fee. ***[Recording Secretary Comment: As presented for consideration, the previous sentence was suggested to be deleted; however, by action of the Grand Chapter, it was not.]***

~~SECTION 2. Payment of Fees: Each collegiate chapter shall pay the Fraternity the membership fee for each collegiate member initiated by that chapter into the Fraternity.~~

~~SECTION 3. Local Fees: Collegiate members shall pay chapter dues to support their chapter program. Chapter dues shall be set by the chapters.~~

SECTION ~~5~~3. Payment of Fees: Each collegiate chapter shall pay the Fraternity the membership fee for each collegiate member initiated by that chapter into the Fraternity. Payment of membership fees must be made within the time limits, procedures and conditions set by the policy of the Headquarters of the Fraternity. ~~Thereby, each initiate shall receive a membership manual, a badge, a membership card, a membership certificate, and a life subscription to The SAGA of Sigma Tau Gamma.~~

SECTION ~~6~~4. Collegiate Chapter Fee Increase: Upon evaluation and approval by the Board of Directors the Fraternity may increase undergraduate membership fees and dues and chapter fees no more than 2% each academic year.

Further, to amend LAW VII, Section 4 as follows:

SECTION 4. Payment of Fees and Dues: Each collegiate chapter shall pay into the General Fund of the Fraternity, semester fees and dues to be set by the Board of Directors. ~~House of Delegates resolution~~ and each collegiate

chapter shall remit promptly to Headquarters the dues and fees which are prescribed by the Constitution and Laws.

Further, to amend LAW VII, Section 7 as follows:

SECTION 7. National Fees: Each collegiate chapter shall pay into the General Fund of the Fraternity, such other dues and fees to be set by House of Delegates resolution.

Further, to amend LAW VII, Section 8 as follows:

SECTION 8. Convention Fee: Each collegiate chapter shall pay a semi-annual fee set by ~~the Board of Directors resolution of the House of Delegates to the Fraternity~~, to be set-aside in a convention fund. Said convention fund shall be used to offset a portion of the costs of holding the annual meetings of the Fraternity, including the House of Delegates.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Appendix - Approved - 2.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Undergraduate Operations Committee

Proposed Laws Amendment 9 – Tokens of Membership

The Undergraduate Operations Committee hereby recommends that the following amendment be made to LAW 2, Section 8 of the Laws of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

SECTION 8. Tokens of Membership: An initiate of this Fraternity shall receive a membership manual, ~~a membership card~~ and a membership certificate, a membership badge, and a life subscription to The SAGA of Sigma Tau Gamma.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Appendix - Approved - 3.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Constitution, Laws and Resolutions Committee

Proposed Resolution 2 – Elimination of the use of Hard Alcohol during Fraternity Events or within Fraternity facilities

The Constitution, Laws, and Resolutions Committee hereby recommends that the following Resolution be adopted by the Fraternity:

- WHEREAS in Sigma Tau Gamma, true fraternalism is nurtured in an atmosphere of social and moral responsibility, respect for duly constituted authority, and loyalty to the Principles of the Fraternity; and,
- WHEREAS the excessive and/or unsupervised use of hard alcohol poses a risk to the health and welfare of collegiate members of the Fraternity and their guests; therefore, be it,
- RESOLVED that as of September 1, 2019, hard alcohol is prohibited from any and all Chapter events and facilities, unless served by a licensed third-party vendor; and further,
- RESOLVED that “hard alcohol” be defined as an alcoholic beverage with an alcohol by volume (“ABV”) above 15% (30 proof).

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Constitution, Laws and Resolutions Committee

Proposed LAWS Amendment 7 – Amendments to the deadlines and method of submission of the declaration of candidacy for the Board of Directors

The Constitution, Laws, and Resolutions Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Laws of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

To amend LAW XI, Section 3 as follows:

SECTION 3. Candidate Filing: Candidates for offices on the Board of Directors of the Fraternity shall file for office with the Chief Executive Officer on or before ~~(120 days)~~the 15th day of March in the year of the House of Delegates biennial meeting, or the next regular business day if that day falls on a weekend or holiday. ~~and~~ Candidates shall be certified as eligible to hold office by the Chairman of the Election Commission to qualify for candidacy. Candidates shall file for office using the Candidate Filing Declaration form provided by the Election Commission, and this Candidate Filing Declaration must be received by the filing deadline for the candidate to be certified as eligible. The filing Declaration shall be submitted electronically to the electronic mail address designated by the Chief Executive Officer. However, should the number of eligible candidates filing for a position be the same or less than the number of seats open for the position then the filing deadline shall be extended (30) days ~~in the year of the House of Delegates.~~ And, further, however, should the number of eligible candidates filing for a position be less than the number of seats open for the position ~~(60) days before the deadline, then the filing~~ after the second extended deadline, then the filing deadline shall be extended ~~to~~ 10 business days before the published opening date of the House of Delegates. An eligible candidate is defined as a member in good standing with the Fraternity who has completed orientation on the Fraternity's Governance Policies as approved by the Board of Directors.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Constitution, Laws and Resolutions Committee

Proposed LAWS Amendment 4 – Technical and Corrective Amendments

The Constitution, Laws, and Resolutions Committee hereby recommends that the following technical amendments be made to the Laws of the Fraternity to correct grammatical, typographical, and syntax errors, and to correct terms no longer used by the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

- a. To amend LAW I as follows:

SECTION 1. Collegiate Chapter Role: ~~The structure of the e~~Collegiate chapters shall be organized for the successful accomplishment of the purposes of the Fraternity among collegiate members.

SECTION 2. Alumni Members Role: Alumni members of the Fraternity shall share an active role in the direction and guidance of the collegiate chapters.

SECTION 3. ~~Purpose of~~ Alumni Chapter Role: ~~The structure of the a~~Alumni chapters shall be organized primarily for the successful accomplishment of the purposes of the Fraternity among the alumni members of the Fraternity.

- b. To amend LAW II, Section 4 by replacing the word “Laws” with the words “Constitution, Laws, and policies of the Fraternity”.
- c. To amend the first sentence of LAW VI, Section 5 to replace the words “A Associate chapter” with “An Associate Chapter”.
- d. To amend LAW VII, Section 9 by replacing the words “Executive Board Structure” with the words “Executive Cabinet Structure”.
- e. To amend LAW VII, Section 11 by replacing the words “Purpose of Property” with “Purchase of Property”.

f. To amend LAW VIII, Section 8, paragraph C to replace the word "Council" with the word "Team" where ever it appears.

g. To amend LAW VIII, Section 8, paragraph G as follows:

G. Members of a Chapter Advisory Team shall not serve concurrently ~~as~~ on the Board of Directors, ~~or as officers~~ of or on the board of any chapter-based affiliate organizations.

h. To replace the word "Colony" with the words "Associate Chapter" where ever it appears in the LAWS.

i. To Amend LAW VIII Sections 4 and 5 as follows:

SECTION 4. ~~Alumni Association Grand Conclave Delegates:~~ Each recognized chapter Alumni Association shall be entitled to appoint and send one delegate and one alternate delegate to represent itself ~~at the Grand Conclave~~ in the House of Delegates at its or its member's own expense. A member in good standing of an Alumni Association may be seated as the delegate or alternate for the Alumni Association if the appointed delegate or alternate delegate fails to attend the ~~Grand Conclave~~ House of Delegates. Although the delegate and alternate delegate may attend, the Alumni Association shall be permitted only one vote.

SECTION 5. Alumni Association Voting Rights: Recognized Alumni Associations shall be entitled to the same voting privileges other than on issues of undergraduate fees and dues as chapters in good standing at the House of Delegates ~~Grand Conclave~~, Annual Meetings, or on matters submitted for approval by mail vote of the Fraternity.

j. To amend LAW IX, Section 1 to replace the word "Corp" with the word "Corporation" and to replace the word "Corps" with the word "Corporations".

k. To amend the LAWS to replace the words "Regional Vice President" with "Regional Director" where ever it appears.

l. To amend LAW XIV, Section 6 to replace the words "collegiate, alumni member" with "collegiate or alumni member".

- m. To amend the LAWS to replace the words “Board Board” with the word “Board” where ever it appears.
- n. To amend LAW XV to change the title of that law from “DISCIPLINE: COLLEGIATE CHAPTER, AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION” to “DISCIPLINE: COLLEGIATE CHAPTER, ALUMNI CHAPTER, AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION”
- o. To amend LAW XV, Section 4 as follows by deleting the phrase “The penalties that may be levied by a Standards Board regarding discipline under this Law include:” following the word “Penalties:”
- p. To amend LAW XV, Section 4, paragraph a, subparagraphs iii, iv, and v by adding the word “Association,” after the word “Chapter,”.
- q. To amend LAW XV, Section 4, paragraph a, subparagraph vi by adding the words “or Alumni Association recognition” after the words “Chapter Charter”.
- r. To amend LAW XV, Section 4, paragraph c by deleting the words “or stop”
- s. To amend LAW XVI, Section 4, to add the word “a” before the word “vest” and the word “collared” before the word “shirt”
- t. To amend LAW XVI, Section 3 to replace the words “Extra Ordinary” with the word “Extraordinary” the first time it appears.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Constitution, Laws and Resolutions Committee

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2 – Amendments to Article XII, Section 3

The Constitution, Laws, and Resolutions Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

SECTION 3. Disposition of chapter and affiliate group assets.

- A. Fraternity Property: Should a ~~Chapter~~ chapter or its affiliate alumni group become inactive or have its Charter and/or recognition suspended or revoked, ~~the Charter, records, archives, ritual equipment and paraphernalia shall become the property of the Fraternity~~ all Fraternity property shall be returned to the Headquarters office, including but not limited to the Charter and all ritual equipment and paraphernalia.
- B. Assignment of Obligations: If a chapter owes money to the Fraternity at the time it becomes inactive or has its charter and/or recognition revoked, upon election of the Chief Executive Officer, any obligations owed to the chapter by its undergraduate and alumni members shall be deemed to have been assigned to the Fraternity, and Headquarters shall have the right to collect any of said obligations due and owing to the chapter apply said funds to the debt due and owing to the Fraternity. ~~All outstanding debt of the chapter at the time it becomes inactive or has its charter revoked shall become the joint and civil liability of the undergraduate members of the chapter at the time the debt was incurred.~~
- C. Personal Property: ~~Future Recognition:~~ Should a chapter or its affiliate alumni group become inactive or have its charter and/or recognition suspended or revoked, any and all obligations and fines due and owing the Fraternity from the Chapter or affiliated alumni group shall be immediately paid to Headquarters from any funds held by the Chapter or its affiliated alumni group, and a failure to do so may constitute grounds for denial of recognition by the Fraternity in the future.
 - 1. ~~Should a chapter or affiliate group become inactive or have its Charter suspended or revoked, its non-real property assets of less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall become the property of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Inc. and will be absorbed into its general fund.~~

- D. Management of Remaining Assets: After the payment of all debts due and owing the Fraternity, any remaining funds or other liquid assets belonging to a chapter or affiliate group that has become inactive or had its charter and/or recognition revoked or suspended may be deposited with the Headquarters, who will manage and hold said funds according to an agreement reached between the Headquarters and representatives of the affected group who have not been expelled by the Fraternity.

~~Should a chapter or affiliate group become inactive or have its Charter suspended or revoked, its non-real property assets of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be held in trust for a period of eight years by Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Inc. During this time, interest earned on the funds held in trust will accrue to the trust, less a reasonable management fee which will accrue to the Fraternity on a yearly basis. In the event said chapter or affiliate group remains inactive or non-chartered after the eight-year period, then the non-real property assets shall be absorbed into the Fraternity's general fund.~~

- E. Real property: The Fraternity may condition the recognition of any alumni association or housing corporation, and the benefits afforded thereby, upon the adoption of certain provisions in the entity's governing documents that protect the continuity of housing at the host institution.

~~1. Should a chapter or affiliate group become inactive or have its Charter suspended or revoked, all real property owned by said chapter or affiliate group shall be transferred to the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc. to be managed in the best interest of Sigma Tau Gamma.~~

~~2. Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Inc. shall have (90) days from dissolution to disclaim its rights granted under this section. In the event, it does not disclaim its right then said property shall be transferred as applicable by law.~~

Note:

Some of the provisions contained in this recently added Article of the Constitution were deemed to be not legally proper or enforceable by the Fraternity's counsel. The proposed amendments do not raise the same legal concerns.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Constitution, Laws and Resolutions Committee

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 3 – Article IV Section 6

The Constitution, Laws, and Resolutions Committee hereby recommends that the following amendment be made to Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

SECTION 6. Notification for Initiation: No Chapter shall initiate any person until Fraternity Headquarters has been notified of the initiation date and location, the application for membership has been completed, and the associate and initiation fee are paid in full.

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- a. To amend Article III Section 1 paragraph C to place the word “the” before the words “Chief Executive Officer.”
- b. To amend the word “Rituals” to the word “Ritual” as appropriate where ever it appears.
- c. To amend Article V Section 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. ~~The supreme legislative authority of the Fraternity is the House of Delegates, for the good of the Fraternity, and to adopt and amend the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity.~~
Authority to legislate for the good of the Fraternity, and to adopt and amend the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity, shall be vested in the House of Delegates.

- d. To amend Article VII Section 2 as follows:

SECTION 2. Composition of Regions: Each Region shall have administrative officers appointed by the Chief Executive Officer who shall be alumni ~~or honorary~~ members of the Fraternity.

- e. To amend the second sentence of Article VIII Section 8 as follows:

The opening and closing ~~of~~ chapter meetings Ritual is considered esoteric and any changes thereto also requires the approval of the House of Delegates.

- f. To amend Article IX Section 6 to substitute “e.g.” for “i.e.” in the last sentence thereof.
- g. To amend the first two paragraphs of Article XI Section 1 as follows:

Relationship Defined: Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity is a non-profit corporation. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri. ~~It is headquartered in Warrensburg, Missouri.~~

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity ~~as a non-profit corporation~~ is formed for the purposes of fostering fraternity and as an educational and service resource for collegiate chapters of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, and for persons associated with those chapters.

Notes:

- 1. When speaking of the belief system of the Fraternity, it is appropriate to refer to it as the Ritual. When referring to individual ceremonies, those events could alternatively be referred to as ceremonies or rituals.
- 2. Article V Section 1 does not make sense grammatically in its current form, most likely due to a prior error in updating the Constitution. The proposed amended language is identical to the most recent version that did grammatically make sense, substituting the words “House of Delegates” for the words “Grand Chapter.”
- 3. The Fraternity has eliminated honorary membership.
- 4. The term i.e. is an abbreviation for the Latin words *id est* which translates to “that is” or “in other words. The term e.g. is an abbreviation for the Latin words *exempli gratia* which translates to “for example.”
- 5. Headquarters is no longer located in Warrensburg, Missouri. Alternatively, instead of deleting the location altogether, it could be corrected to “Indianapolis, Indiana.”

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Appendix - Approved - 9.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Constitution, Laws and Resolutions Committee

Proposed Resolution 1 – Recognition of Brothers who have entered Chapter Eternal

The Constitution, Laws, and Resolutions Committee hereby recommends that the following Resolution be adopted by the Fraternity:

WHEREAS Sigma Tau Gamma is a national college fraternity founded on June 28, 1920, that builds noble generations of men by exemplifying the ideals, principles and purpose of the Fraternity, and;

WHEREAS Members of the Fraternity are initiated into a brotherhood, not for their lifetime but indefinitely, and;

WHEREAS The Brothers honored by this resolution and in the Eternal Light Ceremony we will conduct tonight have benevolently served and made valuable contributions to their college, community, and country and in doing so set forth and built noble generations of men and advanced Sigma Tau Gamma; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED That we Hail These Brothers and commend them to Chapter Eternal.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee

Proposed LAWS Amendment 10 – Amendments to the method of determining the amount of dues and fees paid by alumni associations and alumni chapters, and the operation of Alumni Chapters.

The Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Laws of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

To amend LAW V as follows:

SECTION ~~32~~. Alumni Association Fees: Alumni members may support the alumni program through a system of dues or fees. shall pay alumni association dues to support their alumni association. Alumni Association dues shall be set by the association.

~~SECTION 6. Alumni Tokens of Membership: Each alumnus member of a local fraternity or Associate chapter which is installed as a collegiate chapter of this Fraternity, who is certified in good standing and eligible according to ARTICLE 3 of the Constitution, may be initiated as a member upon payment of a fee set by resolution of the House of Delegates and shall receive a membership card, a membership certificate and a life subscription to The SAGA of Sigma Tau Gamma.~~

SECTION ~~65~~. Alumni Association Fee Increase: Upon evaluation and approval by the Board of Directors the Fraternity may increase or decrease alumni association fees and dues no more than 2% each academic year.

SECTION 6. Alumni Chapter Fees: Each Alumni Chapter shall pay into the General Fund of the Fraternity fees and dues to be set by the Board of Directors.

Further, to amend LAW VIII by adding a new Section 9 as follows:

SECTION 9. Alumni Chapters: Policies regarding the organization and recognition of Alumni Chapters may be adopted by the Board of Directors.

Note:

Section 6 is proposed to be deleted because of a proposed amendment pending before the Undergraduate Operations Committee – which would not make any distinction between

undergraduate initiates and alumni initiates (all would be treated the same). The Committee may consider conditioning recommending this proposal contingent on the proposal to treat all initiates the same being adopted.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018

Appendix - Approved - 11.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee

Proposed LAWS Amendment 11 – An amendment to the require the Fraternity be named as an additional insured for alumni association and housing corporation properties

The Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Law VII, Section 11 of the Laws of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

SECTION 11. ~~Purpose~~Purchase of Property: Collegiate chapters may not purchase, lease or otherwise occupy real property for use as a residence or lodge except through an incorporated alumni association or housing corporation. An incorporated alumni association or housing corporation that owns real property is charged with the responsibility of maintaining adequate insurance on the property, and shall name the Fraternity as an additional insured.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee

Proposed LAWS Amendment 12 – An amendment to clarify that alumni association recognition is contingent upon abiding by the Constitution, Laws, and Policies of the Fraternity

The Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Law VIII, Section 6 of the Laws of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

SECTION 6. Constitution and Bylaws of Alumni Associations: Alumni Associations shall adopt a Constitution, Bylaws, and other organic documents and rules for its own government, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fraternity. Such Constitutions and Bylaws shall be subject to the ~~approval~~ review of the Chief Executive Officer, who may deny recognition of a group should its governing documents conflict with the Constitution, Laws, or policies of the Fraternity. Chapter Advisory Teams shall not maintain independent constitutions or bylaws.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee

Proposed Resolution 3 – A resolution regarding the filing of the IRS Form 990 by Alumni Associations

The Alumni/Volunteer Operations Committee hereby recommends that the following Resolution be adopted by the Fraternity:

- WHEREAS As there is confusion on the filings on 990 forms on alumni associations that may have individually filed for tax exemption with the Internal Revenue Service, therefore, let it be
- RESOLVED That the Board of Directors will seek professional advice on federal findings that are properly includible in the Sigma Tau Gamma Inc. Master 990 vs. independently filed, and, it is further
- RESOLVED That the Board of Directors will remedy any unneeded or unnecessary fees associated with those individual filings, and it is further
- RESOLVED That the Board of Directors will present their findings and any necessary remedies shall be presented at the next national meeting.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.

2018 Grand Conclave

Ritual Committee

Proposed Resolution – To charge the National President with the creation of an academic-year-long Ritual Committee to review and recommend revisions in the Rituals of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity for consideration at Endeavor Conference 2019.

The Ritual Committee hereby recommends that the following Resolution be adopted by the Fraternity:

- WHEREAS in the Association Ceremony of Sigma Tau Gamma, upon reviewal, the newly created committee should consider: clarifying logistics and instructions, introduction of the officers of the chapter, incorporating the current branding and verbiage into the ceremony, instructions of how to properly set-up the room for the chapter size, room size, etc.; and,
- WHEREAS in the Initiation Ritual of Sigma Tau Gamma, upon reviewal, the newly created committee should consider the 4th Degree of the ritual, appropriate ritual symbols, and wording for today's undergraduates; and,
- WHEREAS research into external organization's public rituals and ceremonies, the committee found that additional ceremonies and rituals should be taken into consideration by the newly created committee; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED the academic, year-long committee charged by the National President recommends revisions of the Rituals of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity for consideration by the select group that the National President sees fit at the Endeavor Conference of 2019.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Approved by the House of Delegates, June 29, 2018

Pursuant to Law 5, Fees, of the Laws of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc., the House of Delegates, assembled in the 47th Session, June 29, 2018, in Phoenix, Arizona, does hereby set or amended this schedule of dues and fees.

COLLEGIATE Applicable Dates	Membership Fees		Semester Dues	Summer Conference Fee
	Associate	Initiation		
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	\$50	\$270	\$115	\$450
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$50	\$275	\$120	\$475
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	\$50	\$280	\$120	\$475
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	\$50	\$285	\$125	\$500
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	\$50	\$290	\$125	\$500
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	\$50	\$295	\$130	\$525
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	\$50	\$300	\$130	\$525

The Summer Conference Fee is paid each semester (twice per year) and accumulates to provide a fund for support of collegiate member participation in the annual summer conference.

MOTION PASSED. June 29, 2018.

Appendix - Deferred - 1.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Constitution, Laws and Resolutions Committee

Proposed LAWS Amendment 6 – An Amendment to change the method of calculating the number of delegates each collegiate chapter is entitled to send to the House of Delegates.

The Constitution, Laws, and Resolutions Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Laws of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

To amend LAW X, Section 2 as follows:

SECTION 2. Chapter Representation: Each collegiate chapter in good standing shall be entitled to representation by a number of delegates at the meetings of the House of Delegates, which shall be determined by the following formula: Chapters having a total initiated college membership on the ~~closing day of the school year~~ 15th day of April in the year the House of Delegates meets of ~~thirty~~forty-nine (349) or fewer members shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, and ~~forty~~fifty (450) or more members shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, provided that each of the said delegates shall be elected by and from the collegiate members of the collegiate chapter.

MOTION PASSED TO SEND TO COMMITTEE. June 29, 2018.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2018 Grand Conclave
Undergraduate Operations Committee

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 8 – Academic Performance Standards

The Undergraduate Operations Committee hereby recommends that the following amendment be made to Article IV, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

SECTION 9. Academic Performance: Each Chapter shall maintain a semester grade point average of all undergraduate members in good standing at least equal to the all men's grade point average at the institution of learning at which the Chapter is located.

Note:

This amendment is being made to ensure that high standards are maintained in the Fraternity.

MOTION FAILED. June 29, 2018.