

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2022 Grand Conclave
Constitution and Laws Committee

Proposal No. 22.06

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution to make a minor clarifying amendment, to correct errors in the Constitution, and a grant of authority to the Board of Directors to correct any typographical, grammatical, or other non-substantial errors in the Constitution and to re-number any sections as may be appropriate after the amendment process.

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

1. To amend ARTICLE IV, Section 5 by inserting “absent the approval of the Board of Directors” after the word “located”
2. To amend ARTICLE XI, Section 2 by striking the word “Constitution” in the last paragraph of Section 2 and replacing it with the word “Laws”
3. To amend ARTICLE XII, Section 2, paragraph A by striking the word “Laws” and replacing it with the word “Constitution”

The Board of Directors is hereby granted the authority to make any non-substantial changes to the Constitution solely for the purposes of (1) correcting typographical errors, (2) correcting grammatical errors, (3) correcting errors in punctuation, (4) correcting any other non-substantial errors in the text of the Constitution, and (5) to re-number any sections as may be necessary after the amendment process.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

1. As Article IV, Section 5 is presently worded, a university could bar a chapter from associating and initiating new members, even under circumstances when the Fraternity disagrees with that determination. This additional language makes it clear that while the general rule is a chapter must follow its host institution’s guidelines, the Fraternity may make exceptions in appropriate circumstances to preserve its members’ right of association. The full text of Article IV, Section 5 as amended appears as Appendix A below.
2. The provisions regarding discipline referenced in this Section are all found in the Laws of the Fraternity, not in the Constitution.
3. This provision addresses amending the Constitution of the Fraternity, not the Laws.

4. Minor errors are often created or identified by the amendment process, and sections often need to be renumbered after the amendment process. This provision gives the Board of Directors the explicit authority (which has been implied in the past) to make any such corrections without the necessity of sending the matter back to the House of Delegates.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Board of Directors.

Passage of this legislation requires an affirmative three-quarters vote of the House of Delegates.

Eight minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 22.06.

APPENDIX A

SECTION 5. Chapter Adherence to Institution of Learning Rules: No person shall be pledged or initiated by any Chapter of the Fraternity in contravention of the rules and regulations of the institution of learning at which the Chapter is located absent the approval of the Board of Directors.