

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

Proposal No. 22.10

A proposed amendment to the Laws to consolidate all existing provisions related to Alumni Membership, except certain matters regarding fees and discipline, into Law III.

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

1. To amend LAW II and LAW III by moving Section 9 of LAW II and renumbering it as Section 3 of Law III:

SECTION ~~9~~3. Alumni Associations: There shall be an Alumni Association for each collegiate chapter with which each alumnus member of that collegiate chapter shall affiliate. Each alumni association shall promote the fraternal interest of its members in its collegiate chapter through regular communications.

2. To amend LAW III and LAW V by moving the language contained in LAW V, Section 2 to a new Section 4 of LAW III, as amended:

SECTION ~~24~~. Alumni Association ~~Fees—Dues~~: Alumni members shall pay alumni association dues to support their alumni association. Alumni Association dues shall be set by the association.

3. To amend LAW V by striking the existing language that was moved to LAW III, Section 4, and replacing it as follows:

SECTION 2. Alumni Association Fees: ~~Alumni members shall pay alumni association dues to support their alumni association. Alumni Association dues shall be set by the association.~~ Recognized Alumni Associations shall pay an alumni association fee annually to the Fraternity. The House of Delegates shall set, by resolution, the amount, and structure of the alumni association fee.

4. To amend LAW III, LAW VII, and LAW VIII, Section 6 by moving the language contained in LAW VII, Section 2 to a new Section 5 of LAW III, as amended, and renumbering the existing sections of LAW VII accordingly, and further by moving all but the last sentence from LAW VIII, Section 6 to the new Section 5 of LAW III, as amended:

~~SECTION 25. Alumni Association Recognition: Each collegiate chapter shall have an alumni association composed of the alumni members of the chapter. To be recognized by the Fraternity, the alumni association mission, articles of incorporation, by-laws, and dues structure must be submitted to the Headquarters and approved for review by the Chief Executive Officer or his their designee. 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 review of [T]he Chief Executive Officer who may deny recognition of a group should its governing documents conflict with the Constitution, Laws, or policies of the Fraternity. Once recognized, that alumni association shall be eligible to participate in the programs and services of the Fraternity, and represent themselves in the House of Delegates, provided that it complies with the following requirements: (i) Each alumni association shall meet at least once per year at which time directors shall be elected; (ii) Each alumni association shall submit an annual report to the Headquarters not later than June 30 that consists of a roster of its members, a list of its duly elected officers and directors, and complete information on its activities; and (iii) Each alumni association shall pay the annual dues set by the Fraternity House of Delegates.~~~~

5. To amend LAW III and LAW VIII by striking all of Section 2 from LAW VIII and moving a portion of the stricken language contained in LAW VIII, Section 2 to new Sections 6, 7, and 8 of LAW III:

~~SECTION 26. Alumni Association Name: The official name of an Alumni Association shall be the Greek name of its respective Chapter or Associate Chapter (e.g. Alpha Alumni Association).~~

~~SECTION 27. Alumni Association Officers: The officers of an Alumni Association of a chapter with at least five living alumni in good standing shall be composed of, but not limited to, the following members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, unless local law provides otherwise.~~

~~SECTION 28. Alumni Association Activities: The Alumni Association shall be responsible for the coordination of yearly/semesterly/quarterly events and/or fundraisers to benefit the Chapter or the Alumni Association. Additionally, the Alumni Association should coordinate, produce and distribute an Association newsletter twice annually.~~

6. To amend LAW III and LAW VIII by moving the language contained in LAW VIII, Section 3 to a new Section 9 of LAW III, as amended:

SECTION ~~39~~. ~~Recognized-Maintaining Alumni Association Recognition:~~ An Alumni Association will not have to reapply for recognition and be considered in good standing ~~is considered a recognized Alumni Association~~ if it continues to meet its financial obligations to the national fFraternity; it has completed all necessary paperwork and requirements annually; it is under no disciplinary action from national fFraternity ~~at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer;~~ and promotes the anti-discrimination, anti-hazing, and risk management ~~all~~ policies of the fFraternity. Recognized Alumni Associations are not issued charters or certificates stating their recognition, and their oversight falls under the Chief Executive Officer.

7. To amend LAW III and LAW VIII by moving the language contained in LAW VIII, Section 4 to a new Section 10 of LAW III:

SECTION ~~4~~10. Alumni Association Delegates: Each recognized chapter Alumni Association shall be entitled to appoint and send one delegate and one alternate delegate to represent itself 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 House of Delegates. Although the delegate and alternate delegate may attend, the Alumni Association shall be permitted only one vote.

8. To amend LAW III and LAW VIII by moving the language contained in LAW VIII, Section 5 to a new Section 11 of LAW III, as amended:

SECTION ~~5~~11. 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, at Annual Meetings, or on matters submitted for approval by mail vote of the Fraternity.

9. To amend LAW III and LAW VIII by moving the language contained in LAW VIII, Section 9 to a new Section 12 of LAW III:

SECTION ~~9~~12. Alumni Chapters: Policies regarding the organization and recognition of Alumni Chapters may be adopted by the Board of Directors.

10. To amend LAW III to add new Sections 13 and 14 as follows:

SECTION 13. Alumni Chapter Delegates: Each Alumni Chapter in good standing shall be entitled to appoint and send one delegate and one alternate delegate to represent itself in the House of Delegates at its or its member's own expense. A member in good standing of an Alumni Chapter may be seated as the delegate or alternate for the Alumni Chapter if the appointed delegate or alternate delegate fails to attend the House of Delegates. Although the delegate and alternate delegate may attend, the Alumni Chapter shall be permitted only one vote.

SECTION 14. Alumni Chapter Voting Rights: Alumni Chapters in good standing 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, at Annual Meetings, or on matters submitted for approval by mail vote of the Fraternity.

For clarity and understanding, a complete clean version of LAW III as amended herein is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

Provisions related to alumni associations and alumni chapters are scattered throughout the Laws of the Fraternity. For consistency and ease of understanding, this proposed legislation consolidates most of those provisions into Law III, except certain provisions related to fees and discipline. In doing so, many redundant and conflicting provisions regarding alumni membership are being clarified and eliminated.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Board of Directors for the 2020 House of Delegates, and was reviewed and recommended by the Fraternity's outside counsel.

Passage of this legislation requires an affirmative two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates.

Ten minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 22.10.

APPENDIX A

LAW III. ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1. Membership Classification: Collegiate members of this Fraternity shall become alumni members when they leave college or university. Graduate students who are members may choose to become alumni members while in graduate school.
- SECTION 2. Member Responsibilities: Every alumni member may participate in the alumni program of the Fraternity. He is encouraged to participate fully in the rights and privileges of membership by affiliating with an alumni association in the area of his residence.
- SECTION 3. Alumni Associations: There shall be an Alumni Association for each collegiate chapter with which each alumnus member of that collegiate chapter shall affiliate. Each alumni association shall promote the fraternal interest of its members in its collegiate chapter through regular communications.
- SECTION 4. Alumni Association Dues: Alumni members shall pay alumni association dues to support their alumni association. Alumni Association dues shall be set by the association.
- SECTION 5. Alumni Association Recognition: To be recognized by the Fraternity, the alumni association mission, articles of incorporation, by-laws, and dues structure must be submitted to the Headquarters for review by the Chief Executive Officer or their designee. Alumni Associations shall adopt a Constitution, Bylaws, and other organic documents and rules for its own government, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity. The Chief Executive Officer may deny recognition of a group should its governing documents conflict with the Constitution, Laws, or policies of the Fraternity. Once recognized, that alumni association shall be eligible to participate in the programs and services of the Fraternity, and represent themselves in the House of Delegates, provided that it complies with the following requirements: (i) Each alumni association shall meet at least once per year at which time directors shall be elected; (ii) Each alumni association shall submit an annual report to the Headquarters not later than June 30 that consists of a roster of its members, a list of its duly elected officers and directors, and complete information on its activities; and (iii) Each alumni association shall pay the annual dues set by the House of Delegates.
- SECTION 6. Alumni Association Name: The official name of an Alumni Association shall be the Greek name of its respective Chapter or Associate Chapter (e.g. Alpha Alumni Association).
- SECTION 7. Alumni Association Officers: The officers of an Alumni Association of a chapter with at least five living alumni in good standing shall be composed

of, but not limited to, the following members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, unless local law provides otherwise.

- SECTION 8. Alumni Association Activities: The Alumni Association shall be responsible for the coordination of yearly/semesterly/quarterly events and/or fundraisers to benefit the Chapter or the Alumni Association. Additionally, the Alumni Association should coordinate, produce and distribute an Association newsletter twice annually.
- SECTION 9. Maintaining Alumni Association Recognition: An Alumni Association will not have to reapply for recognition and be considered in good standing if it continues to meet its financial obligations to the Fraternity; it has completed all necessary paperwork and requirements annually; it is under no disciplinary action from Fraternity; and promotes all policies of the Fraternity. Recognized Alumni Associations are not issued charters or certificates stating their recognition, and their oversight falls under the Chief Executive Officer.
- SECTION 10. Alumni Association Delegates: Each recognized chapter Alumni Association shall be entitled to appoint and send one delegate and one alternate delegate to represent itself 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 House of Delegates. Although the delegate and alternate delegate may attend, the Alumni Association shall be permitted only one vote.
- SECTION 11. 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, at Annual Meetings, or on matters submitted for approval by mail vote of the Fraternity.
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