

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

Proposal No. 22.12

A proposed revision to the Academic Standards Policy to clarify the academic standard for individual members of the Fraternity and chapter officers.

The Constitution and Laws Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Academic Standards Policy enacted by the 38<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates on August 1, 1998 (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

Pursuant to LAW VII, Section 6 and LAW XIV, Section 1:

RESOLVED, that collegiate members shall maintain a grade point average equal to the greater of (1) the minimum grade point average established by the college or university where the member's chapter is located, as required by Law XIV, Section 1, or (2) have achieved an accumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 2.50 on a 4.00 scale (or an equivalent score on an alternate scales), and it is further

~~Pursuant to Law 7, Collegiate Chapters, Section 6:~~

~~RESOLVED that to be eligible for nomination or election to an elective office of a Collegiate Chapter or Associate Chapter, a member of the Fraternity must have achieved an accumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 2.25 on a 4.00 scale (or an equivalent score on an alternate scales,) or, failing this test, shall have achieved an accumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 2.00 on a 4.00 scale and scored in his most recently completed academic term, a grade point average equal to or greater than 2.50 on a 4.00 scale (or an equivalent score on an alternate scale,); and further,~~

RESOLVED, that elected officers of a chapter or associate chapter of the Fraternity shall maintain academic eligibility according to the aforesaid criteria during the entire term of their office, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that an elected officer who fails to maintain academic eligibility shall be removed from office within seven days of the receipt of evidence that he is no longer eligible and a new officer elected to complete his term, and it is further

~~And, pursuant to LAW 15 XIV, Collegiate Member Discipline, Section 1:~~

RESOLVED, that all chapters shall administer a program of academic remediation prescribed by the Fraternity ~~in its publication, Scholarship Manual,~~ and it is further;

- RESOLVED, that collegiate members failing to achieve in any term (semester or quarter) the minimum academic standard as ~~defined by the Laws of the Fraternity~~ set forth herein shall be placed on Academic Probation and be required to participate in the Fraternity's academic remediation programs, and it is further;
- RESOLVED, that collegiate members failing to achieve the minimum academic standard as ~~defined by the Laws of the Fraternity~~ set forth herein for a second consecutive term shall be placed on Academic Suspension for one term (semester or quarter) and it is further;
- RESOLVED, that Academic Suspension is defined as the loss of Fraternity membership privileges, including the right to hold any elective or appointed office or to participate in any meeting or event of the Fraternity, including the Fraternity's participation in college or university organized events such as intramural sports, provided however, that a suspended member may participate in the Fraternity's academic remediation program, and it is further;
- RESOLVED, that the collegiate members failing to achieve the minimum academic standard ~~to qualify for graduation as set forth herein~~ for a third consecutive term may be expelled from membership in the Fraternity.

For clarity and understanding, a complete clean version of the Academic Standards Policy as amended herein is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

There is some confusion as to what the minimum GPA is required to be considered in good academic standing by the Fraternity. The Laws already establish this number as whatever the college or university the member attends considers to be good academic standing. However, the Fraternity is also subject to NIC guidelines, which establish a minimum GPA as 2.50 on a 4.00 scale. The revisions to the policy make it clear as to what GPA a member needs to maintain.

Also, the revisions to this Policy clarify that the minimum GPA to be elected to chapter office is the same as that required of all members.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Board of Directors and amended by the Committee to clarify the GPA requirement for chapter officers.

Passage of this legislation requires a simple majority vote of the House of Delegates.

Fifteen minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 22.12.

## APPENDIX A

### **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

*Revised by the 49<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates, June 24, 2022*

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