

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

Proposal No. 22.14

A proposed amendment to the Laws to permit the Board of Directors to create special membership statuses for collegiate members who are away from school for an extended period of time.

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):

To amend LAW II by inserting a new Section 8 after Section 7 and renumbering the existing sections accordingly:

SECTION 8. Special Membership Statuses. The Board of Directors may create special membership statuses for collegiate members who are away from campus for an extended period of time, typically no less than an entire term, without moving them to alumni status. It is the responsibility of the chapter and/or the member seeking the status to document that they qualify. The Board of Directors may provide that a chapter would be relieved from paying all or part of the fees and dues attributed to that member for each term the special membership status remains in effect.

To amend LAW III, Section 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. Membership Classification: Collegiate members of this Fraternity shall automatically become alumni members when they leave college or university, except as provided in LAW II, Section 8. Graduate students who are members may choose to become alumni members while in graduate school.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

Chapters and Headquarters have identified a need to address members who are currently away from school for military service, study abroad, or for treatment of a medical condition. This Section allows the Board of Directors to address that issue. Law III is amended to be consistent with the new Law II, Section 8.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Board of Directors.

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

Fifteen minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 22.14.