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Written Responses:

1: I believe Sigma Tau Gamma has the potential to be the best fraternity of them all. I hope to advocate for better relationships with the chapters but also encourage the chapters to reach out into the community more and be more involved. Whether that is raising money or just giving their time in community service. I want to continue to spread and grow the Fraternity of Sigma Tau Gamma to every Campus if possible and show others what it means to be a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma brotherhood!

2: I believe that the best opportunity that the Fraternity can offer is the ability to connect with other brothers from across the nation. I personally have met some of the best guys I know today, and it would not have been without the events that you have hosted. But I want to focus on the moments and times outside of those events and have other chapters intermingle.

I think Sig Tau can prioritize that by advocating for the chapters that are near each other, to do a cross over event. That the brothers can meet each other and expand their network beyond just their campuses or chapters.

3: Even though My Life experiences are short due to age. I can bring a new and younger perspective to the board. The past few years I have been in position of leadership but also served on a panel of some sort making decisions that would affect others. I understand that some decisions may not be liked by some of those. Unfortunately, those decisions must be made for the betterment of the organization.

Working in the funeral industry we unfortunately need to pay for the services that they have with us. To have what they want. They must pay and sometimes those costs are high. I face this moral dilemma every day. At the end of the day, we are a business and things must be done.

I believe My ability to make the hard choices and to compromise. Can give the board great input in making decisions.

4: I believe the biggest external challenge that Sigma Tau Gamma has. Has been the same one for millennia and we are just a frat and the movie stereotype. This challenge will always be there, but there can be ways around it. I have personally seen how we can change the minds of those that think that stereotype. By being transparent in our actions and what we stand for as a group can change a lot of minds about what we are as an organization. Also, by being open to the possibility of diversity. You have the chance to reach all walks of life and continue to learn from them.

In my chapter we had a tough time finding new students to join that we thought would be a good fit for us. But then I welcomed the possibility of looking beyond the stereotypically frat guy. We were able to grow the fraternity from 10 members to 22 members by the time I had graduated.

If we can show our transparency and convince that diversity is what we stand for then I think we can start to get away from that Stereotype that we are constantly stacked against.

5: I think to put ourselves a head of the ball game. Becoming a Diverse organization can make us different from the others. Even with the smallness of Pitt-Johnstown. You can see how our chapter

there stands out by being welcoming to everyone. No matter who they like or who they themselves want to be. With that alone can make us stand out to the others that just want to recruit the stereotypically frat guy.

To keep members attracted to being active I would recommend showing how brotherhood extends beyond just undergrad. For example, If Sig Tau hosted a job fair from the alumni that have decent and very successful business. It can show that even alumni want to see you succeed outside of college.

Or during their undergrad. Rather than just doing events like grand conclave. Include like a Sig Tau Carnival where we can all just have fun for a day or two without the meetings and just be able to focus on the real connections that we can make with brothers from across the states.