

SIGMA
GAMMA
RHO
SORORITY,
INC.

CONSTITUTION

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Mission Statement

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically and economically.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Title

Section 1. Name. The body shall be known as Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

Section 2. Operational Levels. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority shall consist of alumnae and undergraduate chapters and colonies within the various regions established or hereinafter established by this Sorority.

Section 3. Seal. There shall be an official seal.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership. To be eligible for membership:

- a. Undergraduate students must be matriculating on a four-year accredited college campus working toward a bachelor's degree or eligible junior or community college students who submit proof of intention to enter and obtain a degree while in attendance or after completion of the junior college program.
- b. Prospective members must:
 1. maintain high scholastic standing.
 2. show interests and abilities for growth in leadership, social and democratic principles.
 3. maintain high standards of character and reputation acceptable by the school and Sorority.
- c. Sigma Gamma Rho legacies who meet the criteria for membership shall be granted such membership based on qualifications.

Section 2. Unrestricted Membership. Membership in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. shall not be restricted because of race, color, creed or national origin.

ARTICLE III Grand Chapter

Section 1. Composition. The Grand Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority shall be composed of the Board of Directors, past Grand Basilei, members-at-large, life members, and the duly elected representatives from subordinate chapters and colonies only for the Boule to which they are elected and to any special Boule that shall be held by the Grand Chapter between the last Boule to which they were elected and the next Boule.

Section 2. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the National Officers, Founders, and the Regional Syntaktes, Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator and Youth Services Coordinator of each region.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. National Officers. The officers of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. shall be:

- a. Grand Basileus
- b. First Grand Anti-Basileus
- c. Second Grand Anti-Basileus
- d. Grand Grammateus
- e. Grand Anti-Grammateus
- f. Editor-in-Chief of The AURORA
- g. Grand Tamiochus
- h. Grand Epistoleus
- i. Legal Advisor
- j. Parliamentarian
- k. National Philo Coordinator
- l. National Rhoer Coordinator
- m. National Program Coordinator

Section 2. Selection. National officers of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority shall represent a cross section of its territories, and their election shall be so that at no time will there be an entirely new staff of officers. The Parliamentarian, National Philo Coordinator, National Rhoer Coordinator and National Program Coordinator shall be appointed by the Grand Basileus. The Legal Advisor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Officers and Bonds. Officers required by law to give bonds shall not assume the duties of said office until such bonds are duly approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Tenure.

The terms of all elected National Officers shall be from Boule to Boule.

- b. National Officers shall not serve more than two consecutive terms and shall not be re-elected to the same office within a period of four years. These are the exceptions: The Grand Grammateus, Grand Anti-Grammateus, Grand Tamiochus and Editor-in-Chief of The AURORA may be re-elected to serve four consecutive terms but shall not be re-elected to the same office within four years.
- c. The office of the Legal Advisor may be vacated upon written petition of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Removal of Officers and Directors. The Board of Directors may suspend any elected member of the Board of Directors for the following reasons:

- a. Inattention to duties of her office.
- b. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Board of Directors of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.
- c. Action prejudicial to the best interest of the Sorority.
- d. Before suspension, the said member of the Board shall have the right to be heard in her own defense and must have been given at least one month's notice in writing.

ARTICLE V
Boules

Section 1. Regular Boules. There shall be regular Boules every two (2) years. A stated Board Meeting shall be held in the year in which there is no Boule.

Section 2. Special Boules. Special Boules or other Board Meetings may be called as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI
Regions

Section 1. Regions Established. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish regions when and wherever the need becomes evident.

Section 2. Regional Meetings. There shall be annual regional meetings.

ARTICLE VII
Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be standing committees as prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII
Amending Constitution

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Grand Chapter in the regular Boule or a special Boule called for that purpose, provided chapters have been notified six months in advance.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. Dissolution. On the dissolution of the Sorority, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payments of all the liabilities of the Sorority, shall dispose of all of its assets to such organization or organizations exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE X

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Sorority shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the Sorority shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the preamble of the Constitution thereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Sorority shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).