

GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

DELTA TAU CHAPTER BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as Delta Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to fulfill as an individual chapter the objects of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; to develop the highest type of womanhood through education, social life, and service to country and humanity.

ARTICLE III - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Government shall be according to the International Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Rules and Procedures of Gamma Phi Beta, Inc.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be only one class of members in Delta Tau Chapter, namely initiated collegiate members. Such membership entails the fulfillment of all obligations imposed by the Sorority and the chapter.

Section 2. New Members shall be considered non-voting members regarding the requirements and regulations of these Bylaws and shall fulfill all the obligations imposed by the Sorority and the chapter.

Section 3. There shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, physical handicap, sexual orientation, or age.

ARTICLE V - AFFILIATION

Section 1. A member of another Greek-letter chapter of the Sorority who transfers to Colgate University may be affiliated by a 2/3 vote of the members in good standing of Delta Tau Chapter.

Section 2. The member may be affiliated provided:

- a. The chapter which initiated her and any subsequent chapter to which she was affiliated have sent a recommendation for affiliation and a statement affirming her fulfillment of all chapter, international and house corporation board financial obligations.
- b. College Panhellenic Association and college administration regulations permit affiliation.
- c. All procedures outlined in the Collegiate Operations Manual have been followed, including payment of affiliation fee not to exceed \$25.00.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective offices of the executive council of Delta Tau Chapter shall include: President, Administrative Vice President, Financial Vice President, Education Vice President, Membership Vice President, Public Relations Vice President, and Panhellenic Affairs Vice President. The chapter president will be the chairwoman. Other elective offices are: PACE chairwoman, philanthropy chairwoman, new member chairwoman, recording secretary, social chairwoman, house manager, REAL Wellness chairwoman, Risk Manager, standards chairwoman, and the standards representatives from each class. Other officers specified by Gamma Phi Beta Bylaws will be appointed.

Section 2. The term of office shall be one year.

Section 3. Not later than the first formal meeting in November of each academic year, a nominating committee shall be formed; composed of the Chapter Advisor, **two seniors, two juniors and two sophomores.** If the new member class has not been initiated by the time the nominating committee begins functioning, its representative shall be elected and serve without a vote. She shall present a list of prospective officers, chosen by the new member class, to the nominating committee prior to the committee meeting. She shall not participate in the committee meetings.

A list of candidates, one for each office, shall be presented by the nominating committee not later than the last business meeting of the fall semester of the academic year. Each candidate for an elective office shall be approved by the regional coordinator before election, whether at a regular election time or to fill a vacancy.

Section 4. Other offices, as listed in the chapter Standing Rules, shall be filled in a timely manner following annual elections and shall be appointed by the executive council. The term of office shall be for one year.

Section 5. In order for a member of Delta Tau Chapter to be qualified for any of the foregoing offices, she shall be carrying regular college work and be in good standing with the chapter and Colgate University. In the term preceding her election/appointment she shall have attained at least a 2.75 grade point average and/or a cumulative grade point average 2.75. She shall maintain this average each term in order to remain in office, unless granted special permission by the Regional Coordinator.

Section 6. Intersession, summer school, correspondence courses appropriate for Colgate University shall be included in the scholastic qualifications for holding office.

Section 7. In order to verify fulfillment of the preceding conditions, each nominee and officer shall submit a statement regarding her academic good standing and scholastic average signed by an appropriate university official or her official grade report for the relevant academic terms.

Section 8. The officers of Delta Tau Chapter shall be installed anytime after elections, but not later than the first business meeting in January.

Section 9. Vacancies in all offices shall be filled by following the procedures for regular nominations, elections, and/or appointments. Vacancies shall be filled no later than two weeks after the vacancy occurs. Members filling vacancies shall serve until the next regular annual election or appointment of officers.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the officers of Delta Tau Chapter shall be those which may be provided for in the International Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, and as enumerated in the **Officer responsibilities sections of the Collegiate Operations Manual**.

Section 2. After each International Convention of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., a copy of the Model Bylaws will be sent from International Headquarters to Greek-letter chapters. A Bylaws revision committee shall be formed by the end of the first full month of the fall term after the Convention. The parliamentarian-censor, recording secretary and Bylaws revision committee shall review and revise the chapter Bylaws and then the Bylaws shall be voted on by the chapter and be approved by regional coordinator on or before December 1 of that year.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular chapter meetings shall be held at a time and on a day of the week convenient to the chapter, as set forth in the chapter Standing Rules. There shall be at least two business meetings with ritual per month, with the remainder being one PACE meeting and one **Fidelity**/committee meeting.

Section 2. All meetings, including membership selection, shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

Section 3. All members and new members shall be required to attend each meeting and to fulfill the duties assigned to them.

Section 4. A majority of members and new members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. Only members and new members in good standing may vote or transact chapter business in chapter meetings. Only initiated members in good standing may vote in chapter elections and membership selection meetings. Good standing is defined as having fulfilled all local and international obligations.

Section 5. The president shall appoint a mentor for the next business meeting. The mentor shall prepare a written and unsigned report which shall be a constructive discussion of the attitude of the chapter toward any chapter issue. The mentor's name shall be known only to the president, who shall read the report at the business meeting and then place it in the chapter files.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCES

Section 1. Chapter and International dues shall be payable to the chapter financial vice president as stipulated in the chapter Standing Rules. Chapter dues shall be determined annually by the chapter and shall be based on the chapter budget for the current year.

Section 2. Financial obligations not paid by dates stipulated in the chapter Standing Rules are considered delinquent and are subject to a late fee or collection by an outside party. Delinquent members not in good standing may not vote at chapter meetings or membership selection meetings, nor attend social functions until their financial obligations are met.

Section 3. The International initiation fee and the International faculty fee shall be paid in full within 3 weeks of Bid Day

Section 4. The purchase of a Gamma Phi Beta badge is a requirement of all prospective members prior to the time of initiation

Section 5. The Affiliated House Corporation will bill all members a common area fee.

Section 6. The local facility fee is payable to the Affiliated House Corporation at one time (initiation) or over two semesters beginning the semester after initiation. All members pledged at Delta Tau will be required to pay the full amount regardless of the duration of their matriculation at Colgate University. Upon payment in full of the building fund, a member becomes a voting member of the Affiliated House Corporation.

Section 7. An affiliation fee, not to exceed \$25.00, shall be paid by a member at the time of her affiliation with Delta Tau Chapter.

Section 8. Members wishing to resign from Gamma Phi Beta must pay the local facilities fee along with any other local or international financial obligations before being allowed to do so.

ARTICLE X - SCHOLASTIC QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1. Members shall conform to the scholastic qualifications as required by the International Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, Panhellenic Bylaws and Colgate University.

Section 2. Scholastic qualification for joining Delta Tau Chapter is at least 2.7 cumulative grade point average (A = 4.0)

Section 3. Scholastic qualifications for initiation in Delta Tau Chapter are that the new member must be in academic good standing with Colgate University.

Section 4. Off-Campus Study Groups, summer school, correspondence courses appropriate for Colgate University shall be included in the semester scholastic qualification for joining or initiation if it equals the normal requirements for units and grade point average by the university. This is subject to the regional coordinator's approval.

ARTICLE XI - DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Major infractions of the International Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, Loyalty Pledge, or any other cases deemed necessary shall be handled by the executive council in accordance with the discipline procedures as outlined in the Collegiate Operations Manual

Section 2. Minor discipline infractions and social behavior shall be handled by the standards chairwoman and her committee as set forth in the chapter Standing Rules.

Section 3. Delta Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. shall not tolerate nor participate in any form of hazing.

Section 4. All members and new members of Delta Tau Chapter shall abide by the chapter Standing Rules and House Rules or face disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. An amendment shall originate in the business meeting or executive council meeting.

Section 2. The amendment shall be proposed at one business meeting of the chapter and voted upon at the next business meeting. Before it is proposed, it shall be referred to the parliamentarian-censor for the proper wording and for the necessary research to determine that it does not conflict with the International Bylaws, Rules and Procedures of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., or with the Colgate University regulations.

Section 3. These bylaws may be amended by a vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing of Delta Tau Chapter.

Section 4. Bylaw amendments shall be in effect after approval by the Regional coordinator.

ARTICLE XIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and Rules and Procedures of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Approved by the regional coordinator and in effect on April 30, 2018

(After approval by the regional coordinator, each chapter member, new member and advisor shall be given a copy of the chapter bylaws.)