

Charter Application
for
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Missouri Western State College

Saint Joseph, MO

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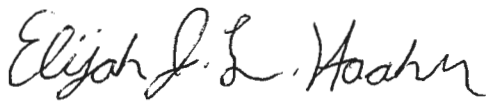
To the Grand Council:

In the spring of 2003, a representative of Alpha Sigma Phi held an informational meeting on the campus of Missouri Western State College. I attended this meeting along with about 7-8 other men. We had all heard about Fraternities and had each, in our own ways, considered joining one at one time or another.

However, on that night, each of us seemed to catch a dream, a dream of a new Fraternity that would change the way the Greek system was perceived, one that emphasized a true order of Brotherhood and not the ordinary "drinking clubs" we were used to associated with in Fraternities. We decided at that meeting that we would pursue this goal with every ounce of energy we could muster and in no way make it a halfhearted attempt. In my opinion, we have done so.

In this petition, I believe we lay out an excellent case for why we should be granted a charter. I believe that the groundwork has been set for a chapter at Missouri Western State College that will grow and flourish and be one of the brightest examples of this great Fraternity anywhere in the country. I further believe that we will demonstrate in every aspect, that we are ready to take our place as fellow brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi. I ask you to consider this petition and consider our request basing your decision on our enthusiasm as well as on our merits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elijah J. L. Haahr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elijah J. L. Haahr

President of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony

Missouri Western State College

Description of Institution*

Missouri Western State College is a four-year, state-supported institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and career-oriented degree programs. The college is authorized under Missouri statutes to offer one-year certificates, two-year associates degrees, and four-year baccalaureate programs. In addition, the college offers some pre-professional transfer programs, continuing education courses, seminars, and programs suited to the needs of the community. In addition, this institution provides conferences, workshops, and seminars appropriate for the needs of the community and serving groups throughout the United States.

With its roots in a five-county contiguous region in northwest Missouri, Western has proudly served the higher-education needs of its constituencies since 1915. Originally founded as St. Joseph Junior College to provide a two-year liberal arts transfer program, Western was transformed into a four-year college in 1969 and became a full member of the State of Missouri system in 1977. Today, over 190 faculty members teach in technologically-advanced instructional facilities, and excellent recreational amenities are complemented by a beautifully landscaped campus. Enrollment is approximately 5,100.

The institution is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Program accreditations include the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, American Bar Association, American Chemical Society, American Health Information Management Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, Council on Social Work Education, National Association of Schools of Art and Design/Dance/Music/Theater,

National League of Nursing/Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Missouri Western State College is one of 12 founding public institutions selected from 70 public institutions nationwide to participate in “Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College,” a model of how to design and implement a comprehensive and effective freshman program. This institution is one of only 19 universities and colleges nationwide selected, to date, to participate in a National Learning Communities Project Summer Institute designed to reinforce original approaches to college learning and teaching. This program provides opportunities for first-year students to take classes and live together, strengthening the bond between academic and student life. The Missouri Western chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, received the Model Chapter Award from the Psi Chi National Council. The college was also recognized in the New York Times as being one of 146 institutions in the United States to participate in the American Democracy Project, a national initiative to increase the number of undergraduate students who will be engaged in meaningful civic actions. The Education Department ranks third among Missouri’s public four-year institutions in meeting the Coordinating Board for Higher Education’s recommended National Teacher Exam Exit Goal in teacher education. Student Services and Campus Printing Services were nationally recognized for the Most Outstanding Parent Publication. A graduate in Economics was one of 50 students from around the world who was accepted to the London School of Economics and Political Science. A faculty member in English, Foreign Languages, and Journalism received a national award for Excellence in Literature for his recent book. Two art faculty members had artwork exhibited in the

Texas National Exhibit in Nacogdoches. Their work was selected from 719 artists in 48 states. Another faculty member, in Social Work, was named "Social Worker of the Year" by the Missouri organization of social workers. While at Missouri Western, approximately 74% of graduates participated in applied learning experiences, such as independent research, practica, internships, clinicals, student teaching, student newspaper, and the yearbook. Missouri Western State College contributes \$139 million in economic impact to the region each year. Students engaged in more than 26,000 of community service in 2003. Ninety-four faculty and staff members served as officers or board members of organizations in this region of the state. More than 250 students from eight departments volunteered 1,542 hours to mentor elementary students as part of the Healthy Buddies program. This program focuses on improving self-esteem as well as helping children learn healthy choices and behaviors. Almost 8,000 high school and elementary students participated in camps, competitions, and events conducted by Missouri Western. The college's Adult Basic Education programs at Crossroads Regional Corrections Center and Western Regional Diagnostic and Correctional Center were each honored by the state with the Diamond Award of Excellence. The 2002 Griffon Yearbook received an All-American Rating, the highest rating possible, from the Associated Collegiate Press. It has earned national honors 14 of the past 15 years. Eight students from the Music Department were awarded special recognition for Outstanding Musicianship at the Wichita, Kansas Jazz Festival. Three students placed in national competitions at the American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Epsilon Conference in Orlando, Florida. Two students, working in Housing and Residential Life, were awarded the Top Scholarship Program at the Annual Resident Assistant Conference.

Nine students from the Psychology Department presented three papers at the Mid-American Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference.

*portions of this were taken from the Missouri Western website

Statement of Fraternity Conditions at Missouri Western State College in Saint Joseph, Missouri

The fraternity system at Missouri Western State College is relatively young in respect to the fraternity system throughout the nation. Missouri Western was founded in 1969. The first fraternities at Missouri Western were both founded in 1971. Phi Sigma Kappa and Tau Kappa Epsilon began the Greek movement starting a strong tradition of social organizations committed to brotherhood, service, and philanthropy.

Missouri Western State College has seven fraternities including Alpha Sigma Phi. The others are: Phi Sigma Kappa, Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. In addition, Missouri Western has seven sororities that include: Sigma Sigma Sigma, Phi Mu, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Sigma Gamma Rho. With such a large number of organizations, students are able to choose among these, in addition to many professional organizations. These large number of organizations push each other to achieve higher standards of excellence on campus through healthy competition.

There are many strengths and several areas that need improvement with the fraternity system at Missouri Western State College. There are strong bonds between many of the fraternities. Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Delta Theta recently ended a five-year period where they did not speak to each other. They played a game of kickball where Phi Delta Theta won and earned the opportunity to fly their flag at the Phi Sigma Kappa house for 24 hours.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony has also hosted social events with Tau Kappa Epsilon. Strong bonds are currently being forged between Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Phi. There are, however, several areas that need improvement at Missouri Western. There has not been a large amount of support from the Greek system for our athletic teams. There also is little or no support from the faculty and staff at the college for the Greek system on campus. These are two areas that the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony intends to work on and improve over the next few semesters. The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony makes it a point to have a strong presence at all athletic events. They also are beginning to form strong ties between the faculty and staff and the Greek organizations.

Overall, the fraternity system is ordinary but will continue to grow stronger. The college itself is growing by leaps and bounds and is currently attempting to become a university. Along with that, the residential life staff is working out plans for Greek housing on campus and making room for the ever-growing amount of students that choose to attend Missouri Western State College.

History of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Missouri Western State College

The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western State College began with fifteen men in the spring of 2003. This group was able to recruit nine members and gain Colony status by the end of that semester making them nearly the fastest growing Alpha Sig Colony in her 150+ year history. During autumn of 2003, they grew to 29 members with a class of seven men pledged. b

During autumn of 2003, they conducted many philanthropy projects. The colony was able to raise nearly \$1,200 dollars for a youth in the community with leukemia. These men have worked with Habitat for Humanity, building homes, and have adopted a portion of a highway that borders Saint Joseph. In addition, they have hosted several successful social events for the campus during the fall semester. During this semester, colony members also cleaned the shooting ranges at Pigeon Hill, a local conservation area, which entailed picking-up litter and sweeping the walkways. Members participated in “The Big Event,” a campus-wide community-service project which involved changing batteries in the smoke-detectors of area residences. Alpha Sigs adopted a family for Thanksgiving, providing a low-income family with Thanksgiving dinner (turkey breast, ham, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes and gravy, canned vegetables, and beverages). This group joined with the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority in trick-or-treating for canned goods for the Battered Women’s Shelter of St. Joseph, ultimately collecting 817 lbs. of food.

Among their brotherhood, they have one member who is an intern in the Center for Multi-Cultural Education. The colony also has two brothers who have recently

graduated from the Missouri Western State College Regional Law Enforcement Academy, one of which works for the campus public safety department. They have one member who is a youth minister in a local church. Two members of this organization are in the ROTC program at Missouri Western. In addition there are four Student Senators, two Former Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity officers, one Resident Assistant, one former Student Government Association president, the current Director of Finance with the Student Government Association, one intern with the Glore Psychiatric Museum, one Missouri Hunter Education Instructor, one volunteer Conservationist for the Missouri Department of Conservation, one assistant instructor on campus, one former Vice President of the Newman Club (a Catholic religious organization on campus) and one Administrative Assistant for a Missouri State Representative. Their Grand Chapter Advisor, Michael Perry, is an alumni member of Alpha Sigma Phi at Tarkio College. He is currently a Conservation Officer for the State of Missouri.

In the years to come the men of Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western State College have several goals they will accomplish as a group. They plan to attain their charter by the end of the spring 2004 semester by achieving the required number of brothers. They intend to continue their large number of community-service and philanthropy projects both on and off campus such as food drives, continued work with Adopt-A-Highway, and Habitat for Humanity. This group also is prepared to work with other fraternities and sororities on campus to build positive ties with both the campus and the community as a whole, where we have already sponsored a brother auction for a boy

with leukemia and sponsored a food drive with the St. Joseph community, along with adopting a single mother and her three children for Thanksgiving.

Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western is quickly growing and will continue this way in the future by continuing year-round recruitment. They believe that the solid foundation that they have built in the last two semesters show only good things to come and promises to make them one of the strongest Alpha Sig Chapters in the nation.

Chapter Officers

Prudential Committee

President: Elijah J.L. Haahr

Vice President: Nick Thyfault

Treasurer: Jim McKinley

Member-at-Large: Noah Haahr

Member-at-Large: Luke Vollmer

Committee Chairs

Social: Ross Svendson

Brotherhood: Luke Vollmer

Community Service: Rich Crowe

Pledge: Jeff Knapp

Other Officers

Secretary: Anthony Widhalm

Sergeant-of-Arms: Luke Kirkpatrick-Cox

Academic Director: Steve Robinette

Intramural Director: Luke Kirkpatrick-Cox

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Constitution

Preamble

The purpose of the Missouri Western State College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi shall be to foster and perpetuate brotherhood for our Fraternity, our campus, and our community. In our promise to this Fraternity and to ourselves, we restate the purpose that this organization was formed: “To foster education, to maintain charity, to promote patriotism, to encourage culture, to encourage high scholarship, to assist in the building of character, to promote college loyalties, to perpetuate friendship, and to cement social ties within its membership.” As members, we state our allegiance to this purpose and to the Fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Article I

Name

Section 1: Name

- A. The name of this organization shall be Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Missouri Western State College. This organization is affiliated with Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Article II

Membership

Section 1: Membership

- A. Membership in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity shall be open to all duly enrolled male students at Missouri Western State College. Membership is open to anyone regardless of race, color, creed, age, sexual orientation, or national origin. Membership into Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall be earned only by men who:
 - 1. Are regularly enrolled students at Missouri Western State College,
 - 2. Are not members of any social Greek letter fraternity of the college or national scope,
 - 3. Are likely to be intellectually, ethically, morally, and socially of benefit to Alpha Sigma Phi,
 - 4. Must serve a term as a pledge of the organization,
 - 5. Must be elected into the ranks of Alpha Sigma Phi,

6. Have been initiated in accordance with the rituals of the Fraternity,
7. Or he must have been initiated and a member in good standing of another Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity chapter.

Article III

Meetings

Section 1: Meetings

- A. Meetings will be held every Sunday night during each semester and conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. Regular meeting times will be determined each year. The times and dates of meetings may occasionally vary, depending on school sessions, but will agreed upon by the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College.

Article IV

Government

Section 1: Constitution, By-Laws, and Rituals

- A. All laws, rules, and regulations of the Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Inter-Greek Council (IGC) of Missouri Western State College, Missouri Western State College, the state of Missouri, and the United States Federal Government shall be considered the first laws of the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College.
- B. The By-Laws shall define the administrative responsibilities, authorities, duties, and procedures of the officers, committees, and all others having function with Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College.
- C. Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall observe the Ritual prescribed by the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- D. The Constitution, By-Laws, rules, regulations, legislation, and other orders of a general nature of Alpha Sigma Phi can be subject to public inspection. The Ritual and matters of a private nature concerning the Fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi shall be kept strictly secretive.
- E. Violations of this constitution, By-Laws, rules, regulations or orders of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College will be dealt with in accordance to this Constitution and By-Laws.

Article V

Committees

Section 1: Major Committee

A. Prudential Committee

1. The Prudential Committee serves as the executive committee for the functioning of the Fraternity.
2. The Prudential Committee shall be composed of five members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Two Members-at-Large.
3. This Committee shall meet prior to all regular meetings.
4. This Committee shall be solely responsible for submitting all motions involving policy, and/or expenditures over \$50.00 to be put forth to a vote by the members of the Fraternity as a whole.

Section 2: Minor Committees

A. Social Committee

1. Shall organize events open to the public
2. Shall recruit and organize members for all competitive events

B. Brotherhood Committee

1. Shall organize events open only to the members of this Fraternity
2. Shall ensure the academic success of the members of this Fraternity

C. Community Service Committee

1. Shall coordinate service projects for the betterment of the campus and local community

D. Pledge Committee

1. Shall place into effect the approved rules, and standards for all interested parties
2. Shall organize rush activities
3. Shall supervise all pledge education, training, and activities

E. Fundraising Committee

1. Shall plan fundraising events and activities each semester to generate revenue to assist the Chapter in meeting its financial needs

F. Risk-Management Committee

1. Shall monitor all Fraternity activities to ensure their accordance with risk-management policies set forth in *To Better the Man*

2. Shall possess and convey knowledge of IGC of Missouri Western State College, Missouri Western State College, and Alpha Sigma Phi, Inc. risk-management policies
3. Shall advise the Fraternity in reference to risk-management policies of the above mentioned regulating agencies

Article VI

Officers

Section I: Officers

- A. Eligibility for consideration of all Fraternity offices shall be limited to active members in good standing.

Section II: Elections

- A. Elections for officers shall be held during the tenth week of each semester and shall be conducted with the use of a secret ballot.

Section III: Duties and Responsibilities

- A. The **President** is the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the activities and success of the Chapter as well as the official representative of the Fraternity. This officer is charged with preserving harmony, delegating responsibilities, mentoring all other officers of their respective duties, and encouraging all standing committees and members. He shall serve on the Prudential Committee. He is elected annually.
- B. The **Vice-President** assists the President in all of his official duties and responsibilities. He shall serve as chief officer of the Chapter in the absence of the President. He shall serve on all standing committees and supervises the duties and responsibilities of said committees. He shall serve on the Prudential Committee. He is elected annually.
- C. The **Treasurer** is the financial manager of the Chapter. He shall be responsible for all business details under the supervision of the Prudential Committee. He shall serve on the Prudential Committee. He is elected annually.
- D. The **Secretary** shall keep all records and minutes of each meeting. He shall submit copies of said reports to the President, the Historian, and maintains one copy for his office. He shall read the minutes aloud at each meeting, take attendance, and determine quorum. He is elected annually.

- E. The **Marshall** shall be responsible for the sacred ceremonies of the Fraternity including the pledge ceremony, formal Chapter meetings, and all other rituals in the Fraternity. He is elected annually.
- F. The **Sergeant-at-Arms** ensures the Chapter meeting room is in order in readiness for all Chapter meetings and shall maintain order and dignity at all Chapter meetings. He shall be familiar with Roberts Rules of Order and make sure that they are observed during Chapter meetings. He is elected each semester.
- G. The **Historian/Editor** shall be responsible for keeping the history of the Chapter, submitting materials for national and local publication, and keeping all records of the Fraternity (both official or unofficial). He is elected annually.
- H. The two **Members-at-Large** shall serve on the Prudential Committee. One of the Members-at-Large shall serve as chair of the Prudential Committee. Both members are elected annually. The chair is elected by the Fraternity membership.
- I. The **Rush Chair/ Pledgemaster** shall be responsible for organizing and overseeing the rush program and pledge training for the Fraternity. He shall provide the brothers and pledges with a detailed outline of the pledge process at the beginning of the pledge program. He is elected each semester.
- J. The **Brotherhood Chair** is responsible for organizing events within the Fraternity to perpetuate and promote brotherhood within the ranks of Alpha Sigma Phi and its pledges. These events should be set up so that quality time, with as little outside distraction as possible, can be spent among one's brothers. He will ensure that 75% of all brotherhood events are alcohol free during his term.
- K. The **Community Service Chair** is responsible for organizing events where the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College will become involved with local service and betterment of the community.
- L. The **Risk-Management Chair** shall monitor Fraternity activities to ensure their compliance with the policies of the Missouri Western State College IGC, Missouri Western State College, and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is elected each semester.
- M. The **Social Chair** shall be responsible for planning activities with other Greek social organizations to help perpetuate the brotherhood of our Fraternity with that of the Greek system at Missouri Western State College and Chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi, Inc. He will organize events to display

a positive image of Alpha Sigma Phi to the campus community. He is elected each semester.

- N. The **Fundraising Chair** shall be responsible for planning fundraising events to financially assist Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College. He shall maintain a close working relationship with the Treasurer of the Fraternity. He is elected each semester.
- O. The **Alumni Chair** shall be responsible for maintaining contact information of brothers who have departed Missouri Western State College. He shall serve as a liaison between the Chapter and the Fraternity alumni. He shall inform the alumni of the Fraternity regarding current Chapter activities and plan events that will help to bring the active members together with alumni. He is elected each semester.

Article VII

Finances

Section 1: Finances

- A. Dues shall be paid to the national organization as required by the National Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi, Inc. The Chapter determines local dues at the time of elections for the upcoming semester. If an individual has not paid his fees in full or made arrangements to make payments by the third week of the semester, that individual *will not* be in good financial standing with the Chapter.

Article VIII

Judicial Affairs

Section 1: Judicial Review

- A. In the event any member of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College represents the Fraternity in a manner that is inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws; or orders of a general nature of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College rules and regulations; or orders of IGC of Missouri Western State College; or the laws of the State of Missouri; or the laws of the United States Federal Government, a Judicial Committee shall be convened to investigate the incident in question and shall make a finding concerning the guilt or innocence of the accused brother.
- B. The President of the Chapter shall randomly appoint six brothers to serve on a Judiciary Board. All brother(s) accused in the alleged incident(s)

shall be excluded from serving on this board. This board shall investigate any and all accusations. In the event that the President has been accused, the highest-ranking officer in the Fraternity who has not been accused of involvement shall be charged with selecting the board. The highest-ranking member of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall serve as the chairman and seventh member of the Judicial Committee.

- C. The Judicial Committee and the accused may call witnesses from the members and/or pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College to testify concerning the incident. Under no circumstances shall non-members of Alpha Sigma Phi be allowed as observers into the Judicial Committee proceeding. This shall not exclude witnesses or plaintiffs from outside the Chapter from providing testimony. Both the Judicial Committee and the accused may present evidence and statements during the investigation.
- D. Verdicts and recommended actions issued by the Judicial Committee require a super-majority vote of five/seven of the Judicial Committee members. In the event that a five/seven vote for action against the accused is reached, the individual accused shall no longer be considered a member in good standing. After a vote in favor of action by the Judicial Committee, all members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall gather and discuss the accusations upon the accused parties, and a vote will take place on whether to accept the action recommended by the Judicial Committee on the member in question. The verdict and the consequences to be rendered shall be voted on separately, and each will need a two-thirds majority of the non-accused members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College to be approved.
- E. In the event that the verdict is not passed among the brothers the investigation will be dropped and the members in question will remain in good standing with the Fraternity. In the event that the verdict is passed by a two-thirds majority of the non-accused members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College, but the consequences recommended by the Judicial Committee are not approved, the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall agree upon a suitable consequence, and it shall be voted upon, passing with a majority vote.
- F. The brother under review will again be in good standing with the Fraternity once he completes the recommended action(s).

Article IX

Amendments

Section 1: Amendments

- A. The Constitution and the By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall become active upon ratification.
- B. Ratification requires an affirmative vote by three-fourths of the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College.
- C. Any member of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College may propose an amendment to the Constitution or the By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College in the following manner:
 - 1. The proposed amendment must be presented in written form at an Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College Charter meeting.
 - 2. During the next scheduled Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College meeting, the members shall vote concerning the proposed amendment.
 - 3. Discussion of the proposed amendment shall be permitted at the time of presentation and immediately prior to the vote.
 - 4. Approval of an amendment requires an affirmative three-fourths majority vote of the present eligible members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College.
 - 5. Upon passing by an affirmative vote of qualified members, the amendment shall immediately become part of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Chapter providing there is no activation clause.
 - 6. Formatting changes and typographical error corrections to the Constitution and By-Laws may be approved to the Constitution and By-Laws by a majority vote of the Prudential Committee.

**By-Laws
For
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Of
Missouri Western State College
January, 2004**

Article I: Membership

- A. Pledgeship shall be attained.
- B. An individual cannot be considered for pledgeship if that person is on academic probation by Missouri Western State College.
- C. Initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Missouri Western State College requires that the individual seeking membership have a 2.5/4.0 GPA.
- D. To be eligible for initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi, the person seeking initiation must go through the pledge process that has been proposed by the Chapter's Pledgemaster and has been approved by the Fraternity's members by a vote.
- E. For one to be approved for pledge initiation, a 4/5 + 1 majority vote of eligible members of this Chapter in favor of the candidate is required. ***Note:** Absentee ballots from eligible voting members shall be accepted up to 24 hours prior to an election by the President of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College towards voting on potential members of Alpha Sigma Phi for this voting process.*
- F. The procedure for approval of a pledge for membership into Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall be:
 - 1. Upon approval from the members of Alpha Sigma Phi to enter the pledge process,
 - 2. The pledge must participate in the approved pledge training including getting to know the current brothers of the Chapter to develop and apply the gentlemanly ways of Alpha Sigma Phi.
 - 3. At the end of the pledge process, Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College will have a member's only, closed time of discussion about the individual pledges.
 - 4. Following the discussion, all eligible voting members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College will cast a vote of

approval/disapproval toward each individual pledge. If the pledge in question receives a 4/5 + 1 vote towards approval for membership into Alpha Sigma Phi, the individual shall become a member of this Chapter.
Note: *Absentee ballots from eligible voting members shall be accepted up to 24 hours prior to an election by the President of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College towards voting on potential members of Alpha Sigma Phi for this voting process.*

Article II: Election of Officers

- A.** A quorum of two-thirds of the eligible voting members of the Chapter is required to hold an election.
- B.** The electoral process shall occur during each semester of each school year as follows:
 1. Nominations for new officers shall occur during the eighth week of the semester and continue through the ninth week of the semester. During this time, the nominee will make apparent his reasons, purposes, and intentions for the office he is nominated.
Notes: *An individual shall be eligible to serve consecutive terms in the same office. There shall be no self-nominations.*
 2. Elections shall take place during the tenth week of the semester and shall be governed by the following voting procedure:
 - a. Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College shall have a member's only closed time of discussion regarding the nominees for each office, with the nominees for that office absent.
 - b. Following the discussion, a vote will be called and all eligible voting members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College will cast a vote of approval towards one nominee per office via a secret ballot.
 - c. The individual receiving the most votes in favor of him taking on the office shall be declared the winner. The victor shall assume the duties of that office upon installation.
 3. The three weeks following the elections the officers-elect shall become acquainted with the duties of their respective offices.
 4. Installation of new officers shall occur during fourteenth week of the semester and the new officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at that time.
Note: *Absentee ballots from eligible voting members shall be accepted up to 24 hours prior to an election by the President of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College towards voting on potential members of Alpha Sigma Phi for this voting process.*
- C.** All officers must have a minimum GPA of 2.5/4.0 or have attained a 3.0/4.0 or higher during the previous semester at the time of the election.
- D.** In order to be considered an eligible voter, an individual must be a member of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College, be an undergraduate, be

on the Chapter roster, be in good financial standing with the Chapter, and have a minimum GPA of 2.25/4.0.

- E. Any member of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State college who meets the qualifications of Article II, points C and D and shall have time sufficient enough to perform the required duties of office to the best of their ability is eligible to be nominated for office.
- F. The Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College President shall tally votes in elections and an automatic recount will take place following the President's tally, which will be performed by the Secretary. In the event that the current President is part of an election, the Vice President shall first tally the votes and the automatic recount will still take place and be tallied by the Secretary.
- G. Miswritten, illegible, or mutilated ballots shall not be considered.

Article III: Descriptions of Officers

A. General Office Requirements

- 1. All officers shall have a minimum GPA of 2.5/4.0 or have attained a 3.0/4.0 or higher during the previous semester at the time of the election.
- 2. Be responsible for all National Citation Applications applicable to their respective chairs.
- 3. Maintain a working binder for new officers, which will proceed them at the end of their term. This binder shall contain contact information, resources, event descriptions, transition guides for the respective Fraternity positions, and other pertinent information.
- 4. Submit a budget each semester for needs that will arise during a semester.
- 5. Form committees, if needed.

B. The President is the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the activities and success of the Chapter, and is the official representative of the Fraternity. He presides over all Chapter meetings and prepares the agenda for all Chapter meetings. He possesses the tie-breaking vote on all matters before Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western State College. He preserves harmony, delegates' responsibilities, ensures officers have knowledge of their respective roles, and encourages all standing committees and members.

C. The Vice-President assists the President in all his duties and responsibilities as well as serves as presiding officer for the Chapter in the absence of the President. He serves on all standing committees and supervises all work carried out by said committees.

D. The Treasurer is the financial manager of the Chapter. He performs all the Chapter's financial matters under the supervision of the other executive officers. He shall record, maintain, and make available to any member of the Fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western State College an accurate record of the receipts, assets, disbursements, and debits of the Fraternity. He shall prepare financial reports as requested by the President or Vice President.

He shall be accountable for any shortage of Chapter funds upon discovery of such a situation.

- E. The **Secretary** keeps all records and minutes at each meeting. He submits a copy to the President, the Historian, and maintains one copy for his office records. He reads the minutes aloud at each Chapter meeting, takes attendance at all Chapter meetings and rituals, and determines quorum.
- F. The **Marshall** is in charge of the sacred ceremonies of the Fraternity and other events, including the pledge ceremony, formal Chapter meetings, and all other rituals in the Fraternity. He is to keep in his possession and maintain any ritualistic paraphernalia.
- G. The **Sergeant-at-Arms** puts the meeting room in order in readiness for the Chapter meetings and maintains order and dignity at all Chapter meetings. He is at the service of the Marshall to aid in the conducting of rituals.
- H. The **Historian/Editor** is responsible for keeping the history of the Chapter, submitting materials for national and local publication, and keeping all records of the Chapter (both official and unofficial).
- I. The two **Members-at-Large** are solely responsible for all new motions concerning policy and financial matters of over \$50.00 to be put forth to a vote by the members of the Chapter as a whole.
- J. The **Rush Chair/ Pledgemaster** is responsible for organizing and overseeing the rush and pledge phases of the Chapter and providing the brothers and pledges with a detailed outline of the processes at the onset. He shall work to ensure that all rush activities adhere to the rush guidelines set out by IGC, Missouri Western State College, and Alpha Sigma Phi, Inc. He shall develop and coordinate activities designed to show the pledges the qualities of brothers and benefits of brotherhood.
- K. The **Brotherhood Chair** is responsible for organizing events within the Fraternity to perpetuate and promote brotherhood within the ranks of Alpha Sigma Phi and its pledges. These events should be set up so that quality time, with as little outside distraction as possible, can be spent among one's brothers. He will ensure that 75% of all brotherhood events are alcohol free during his term.
- L. The **Community Service Chair** is responsible for organizing events where the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College will become involved with local service and betterment of the community.
- M. The **Risk-Management Chair** oversees Chapter activities to ensure their compliance with the risk-management policies of the Missouri Western State College IGC, Missouri Western State College, and Alpha Sigma Phi, Inc.
- N. The **Scholarship Chair** encourages and promotes good scholarship with his brothers. He supervises and sets up any needed tutorial sessions and study sessions. He is to be in charge of any academic reference material. He shall be responsible for discouraging Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western State College from pledging men with poor academic backgrounds.
- O. The **Social Chair** is responsible for planning activities with other fraternities and sororities that help to perpetuate the brotherhood of our Fraternity along

with that of the Greek system at Missouri Western State College. He will organize events to display a positive image of Alpha Sigma Phi to the campus community. He will ensure that 75% of all social events are alcohol free during his term.

- P. The **Fundraising Chair** is responsible for planning fundraising events to help Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College. They will also be responsible for having a close working relationship with the treasurer of the Fraternity to assist in meeting the financial needs of the Chapter.
- Q. The **Alumni Chair** is responsible for maintaining contact information of brothers after they have left Missouri Western State College. He will be responsible for keeping the alumni of the Fraternity informed on current activities and planning events that will bring the active members together with the alumni.
- R. The **Athletic Chair** is responsible for organizing teams that consist of members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College to compete in intramural sporting events at Missouri Western State College. He will be responsible for ensuring that his teams give their best effort and display good sportsmanship, for the character of Alpha Sigma Phi will be on display as they compete for all present to see.
- S. The order in which these offices have been listed in this article, shall also be the order in which rank of order in the Fraternity shall be displayed.
- T. Impeachment and removal if necessary shall follow these guidelines:
 - 1. Upon the review of the performance of the officer by the Prudential Committee, the officer may be asked to resign his position if he is not performing his duties as directed by the Constitution and its By-Laws.
 - 2. Any elected officer who fails to fulfill his duties and responsibilities may be impeached by a two-thirds majority vote of eligible voters of Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western State College, with removal effective immediately.
 - 3. Upon resignation or removal, a special election for the specific office must be held at the next Chapter meeting, as specified in Article III, Section C.
- U. Special elections for any of the offices mentioned in Article III of these By-Laws may be held. A three-fourths vote of the eligible voting Alpha Sigma Phi members present is necessary for a special election to occur. Previous notice and election procedure will be the same as for regular elections. New officers will take office after a one week internship during which the incumbent officer shall acquaint him with duties and responsibilities of that office.

Article IV: Financial

- A. All duties of a financial nature shall be conducted by the Treasurer. He may appoint an assistant treasurer to aid him if he so desires, with the approval of a unanimous vote of all eligible voting members.

- B. The Treasurer shall be required to submit a budget for each academic semester two weeks prior to the first meeting of an academic semester to the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College for a formal vote, which will take place during the first meeting of an academic semester. The budget shall be approved by a unanimous vote of all eligible voting members.
- C. He shall be responsible for collecting dues from his brothers in one of two methods:
 - 1. Paid in full on or before the second meeting of each semester.
 - 2. One half of payment on or before the second meeting and the balance paid by the ninth meeting of a given semester.
 - 3. If other arrangements need to be made for the payment of dues by a member, that member and the Treasurer shall come to an agreement on a payment method with the understanding that all dues are to be paid in full by the twelfth of each semester. This arrangement must be approved by the Prudential Committee.

Each member shall notify the treasure of his choice for the method of payment in writing before the first day of classes that semester. If payment method two or three from above is chosen, a promissory note shall be signed at the first meeting of the semester.
- D. A receipt shall be issued for each transaction.

Article V: Substance Abuse

- A. The men of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College substance abuse policies shall be in accordance with those described in *To Better The Man*, pages 158 to page 161.
- B. Any brother may refer another brother to the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College to determine if the issue needs to be brought in front of a Judicial Committee if he is suspected of the use, possession, or purchase of an illegal drug(s), if it is warranted with significant hearsay or witness testimony.
- C. A Judicial Committee shall hear all cases of possession, use, or purchase of any illegal drugs and rule as to the guilt or innocence of the brother based on presented evidence.
- D. If a brother is found guilty by his Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College peers, and he recognizes and acknowledges that his drug abuse is a negative aspect of character and a detriment to himself and to the men of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College, he may remain a member if he complies with the following:
 - 1. The brother in question must enter a local drug treatment center for counseling and the brother shall report to the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College as to the results of his counseling.
 - 2. The brother shall then follow the recommendations of the counseling sessions.
 - 3. The brother shall then become a spokesman for drug abuse prevention to the men of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College and to

the community, leading the members of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College in at least one drug abuse prevention seminar per semester.

- E. If the brother is found guilty a second time by the Judicial Committee of possession, use, or purchase of any illegal drugs he shall be expelled from Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College and shall no longer be recognized as a member of Alpha Sigma Phi of Missouri Western State College.

Article VI: Chapter Dues

- A. Current Chapter dues are \$100 per semester.

Article VII: Hazing

- A. The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony of Missouri Western State College prohibits all forms of hazing. The rules, regulations, and laws of the national chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc., Missouri Western State College, and the State of Missouri will be followed by the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony of Missouri Western State College. Any member found to be participating in any act of hazing will be expelled from the Chapter immediately. Each case of potential hazing will be reviewed by the Judicial Committee.

Fraternity Grades

Name:	GPA:
1) Jimmy Archibald	2.63
2) Josh Baker	3.04
3) Cody Benitz	2.78
4) Luke Kirkpatrick-Cox	2.40
5) Rich Crowe	3.73
6) Elijah J. L. Haahr	3.72
7) Noah Haahr	3.72
8) Michael Hanshaw	3.88
9) Brad Hembree	1.85
10) Will Hemeyer	3.59
11) Jeff Knapp	3.50
12) Don Lawrence	3.14
13) Ben Micheel	2.53
14) Jim McKinley	2.91
15) Jacob Nacke	2.95
16) Steve Robinette	2.80
17) Chris Schmitz	2.70
18) Mark Sosa	3.13
19) Tyson Schank	3.60
20) Ryan Sevcik	4.00
21) Jordan Stuppy	3.56
22) Ross Svendsen	3.06
23) Nick Thyfault	3.16
24) Brandon Todd	3.73
25) Adam Perry	3.62
26) Adam Vader	2.42
27) Cody Vaughn	3.68
28) Lucas Vollmer	3.30
29) Anthony Widhalm	3.03

Current Fraternity GPA: 3.18

Short and Long Range Action Plans

The local Alpha Sigma Phi Colony has established several short- and long-term goals that are in-sync with the national ideals as well as being valuable to the local members, campus community, and Greek system.

Although these plans are subject to change, their base is set here:

1 Year Plan (for 2004)

- **Receive Charter**
- **Win “Best New Student Organization” award from Missouri Western State College**
- **Membership to reach 45**

In less than ten full months, Alpha Sigma Phi has gone from 15 to 29 members.

The goal of 45 is very attainable by the fall 2004. There are a few techniques that are being administered to keep recruitment numbers up. First, each member will be responsible for recruiting one other person and getting them to meetings and rush events. Also, the men will use 5x5 technique. Each member will meet and get to know five new men. They will then get the members to rush events and other activities that the Fraternity is holding. In addition to these techniques the graduating members will be required to find one man to replace them when they leave. This will keep our numbers steady.

- **Elect 8 Student Senators and 3 Executive Board members to the Student Government Association**

Alpha Sigma Phi elected 5 Student Senators and one Board member in the spring of 2003. This organization is already recruiting more to run.

- **Continue to build and perpetuate brotherhood**

In order to achieve this goal they will have weekly required brotherhood events. In addition they will also hold bi-monthly weekend brotherhood retreats. They will use the books “Brotherhood Building Ideas (1st & 2nd ed.)” to plan a portion of the activities at these events.

- **Maintain and expand Philanthropy Services**

To maintain service and philanthropy projects they will clean their stretch of highway at a minimum of four times a year. They will continue to clean the Pigeon Hill conservation area at least once a year. Alpha Sigma Phi will continue to choose one needy person or organization to raise money for by holding an annual Alpha Sigma Phi auction. Every Thanksgiving we will adopt a family and make sure they have a warm meal. They will expand their projects by contacting the Kansas City chapter of Canine Companions for Independence and setting up service projects. They will also begin an annual fundraiser for Canine Companions for Independence. They will further expand by having monthly service projects in the St. Joseph community.

- **Have the highest GPA on campus among recognized Fraternities**

To further increase the standard of academic excellence in Alpha Sigma Phi these men will develop a tutoring program to ensure that members who are struggling in classes will achieve the highest standards of academic achievement. Also, midterm grades will be submitted to the Academic Chair in order to ensure that members are doing well. If their grades are not where they should be the Academic Chair will develop an action plan for the member to raise their grades. They will continue to require a minimum of three library hours a week.

- **Continue to compete in all intramural sports**

3 Year Plan (2004-2007)

- **Membership to 60**
- **Have a recognized presence of members and leaders in Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board, and Resident's Council**

This will ensure that Alpha Sigma Phi is deeply involved in the campus community and taking dramatic strides to improve the institution.

- **Win "Fraternity of the Year" award at least one of the three years**

To achieve this goal Alpha Sigma Phi will continue to exceed in academics, service and philanthropy, intramurals, and a sense of brotherhood. These men will be the most involved and active not only in on the Missouri Western campus but also in the St. Joseph community.

- **Have the best Philanthropy Service of any recognized Fraternity**

This will be achieved by continuing and expanding the one year plan. During these three years Alpha Sigma Phi will make strides towards doing group service and philanthropy projects with the other Greek and non-Greek organizations on campus.

- **Have the highest GPA on campus among recognized Fraternities and Sororities**
- **Build an organized intramural team that consistently finishes in the top three in any sport**
- **Bridge the gap between Greek organizations and staff and faculty.**

The Alpha Sigs of Missouri Western will invite staff and faculty to help and participate in service events and other related activities.

10 Year Plan (2004-2013)

- **Membership to reach 75**
- **Have a dramatically improved Alumni Relations' board with all former Missouri Western State College graduates of Alpha Sigma Phi**
- **Be recognized as one of the Top 10 Alpha Sig chapters in the nation and annually compete for the Grand Senior President's Award**
- **Yearly reunions of all current and former members to maintain brotherhood ties**
- **Have an established outreach program that continues Service and Philanthropy**
- **Continue to have members and leader on Student Government, Campus Activities Board, and Resident's Council and continually encourage members to be involved with these organizations**
- **Be considered the top Fraternity chapter on campus**

Demonstrate Positive Impacts on the Greek Community, Campus Community, Local Community, and Among Members

Alpha Sigma Phi has been a dramatic and inspiring presence on the community and campus of Missouri Western State College. Their various events have affected numerous people and they have spent their first full semester making strong ties on and off campus. This can be demonstrated in several areas.

Brotherhood is one of the key areas of the local Chapter and they have made every effort to strengthen ties among members. This has included two brotherhood retreats to Kansas City and one ropes course the entire Fraternity participated in. Also, brotherhood has included (just in the autumn) a pre-semester, mid-semester, and end of semester barbecue at various members' houses. These have been both to help perpetuate the brotherhood as well as to draw in new men who are interested in joining the Fraternity.

As far as being campus leaders, The Alpha Sigma Phi's of Missouri Western State College include:

- 5 elected student Senators on the Student Government Association
- 3 Western VIP's. These are student ambassadors of Missouri Western State College. Some of their many responsibilities include directing tours with prospective students, and act as liaisons between the campus and community

- 4 Griffon Edge (orientation) leaders. These students assist incoming freshmen with orientation, adapting to college life, answering questions and problem-solving
- 1 Resident Assistant. This individual assists and advises campus residents on both a professional and personal level
- 2 Missouri Western State College Public Safety interns
- No fewer than 12+ members of the Missouri Western State College Honor's Society

The Alpha Sigma Phi's at Missouri Western State College also include many leaders in other organizations:

- Intern for Center of Multi-Cultural Education
- Student Government Association President (2002-2003)
- Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity President (2002-2003)
- Vice President of Newman Club
- Student Government Association Director of Finance
- Missouri Hunter Education Instructor
- Missouri Department of Conservation Volunteer Conservationist

Finally, the Alpha Sig's of Missouri Western State College are also very active in many campus events. They participated in Missouri Western State College Intramurals, including football, volleyball, and softball (which they won in the spring semester). They had two cast members in the play "Grease," the first play to sell out in Missouri Western

State College history. Also, Tyson Schank was voted "Mr. MWSC" in the spring and Elijah Haahr was placed on the homecoming court in the fall semester.

The members of Alpha Sigma Phi are always adamant that philanthropy is of the utmost importance to them. In the fall semester alone, the Alpha Sigma Phi's have managed to record dramatic levels of philanthropy. This includes participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program, working on a Habitat for Humanity house, adopting a family for Thanksgiving, and running a food-drive for the local battered women's shelter. This group also was responsible for cleaning up the shooting ranges at Pigeon Hill Conservation Area. This task entailed picking up, disposing of litter and sweeping the walkways.

We have had two very significant community service events that stood-out from the others. One was a trick-or-treat for canned goods (with the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority) which netted 817 lbs. of food for the Battered Women's Shelter of St. Joseph. This included going door-to-door in costumes on Halloween to collect food which proved to be a dramatic success. Secondly, upon hearing of an 8-year-old boy who had contracted Leukemia, they conducted an auction to raise funds for his medical services. Selling themselves to the highest bidder (to perform manual labor jobs or as study partners), the Missouri Western Alpha Sig's were able to raise over \$1,100 dollars for Jared Peters and his single mom to help them pay for the frequent trips to Kansas City for Chemotherapy. This auction, also, was featured on the local news and was written about

in the campus newspaper as well as The St. Joseph News Press. These two events were quite significant and extremely rewarding for all involved.

Gentlemen of the Grand Chapter,

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for the Missouri Western State College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi for their quest for charter-status. I have served as Chapter advisor with this group of men since their formation and I have been pleased and impressed with the growth that I have seen.

In the short time they have been in existence, this group of men has been able to establish their committees and secure funding for their group. On the first night these individuals met, they listed a set of goals that they sought to accomplish and have made great strides to see these goals into reality. Along the way, they have grown together as a brotherhood and added to their ranks.

This group has benefited their campus and local communities through many acts of philanthropy and community service. A few of these projects would include helping Habitat for Humanity in building homes for lower-income families, canned food drives, a benefit auction for a boy with Leukemia, and Adopt-a-Highway.

In keeping with their above-mentioned activities, they have also held to their high academic standards. One of these men has maintained a 4.0 GPA, while many more are close or no lower than a 3.0 GPA. They have learned personal skills, which will make them good family men as well as community leaders. They have found that, while academics are important to college life, it is merely a part of the whole college-growth experience.

In closing, I recommend the Missouri Western State College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi be elevated to Charter status. I would be willing to discuss this further, if so desired. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Michael Perry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

S. Michael Perry, '70

01/19/04

Dear Committee members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the students of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity on the campus of Missouri Western State College.

This fraternity has been involved with numerous charitable and school spirit related events and has generally garnered the respect of peer fraternities on campus, the community, and faculty and administrators.

I am particularly proud of the membership in the fraternity which includes high ranking student governmental officials as well as student club leaders. I know many of these students as majors and attendees in my classes and I can vouch that they are of the highest caliber.

This is a serious bid for joining your national fraternity and I think you will find that these students will represent Alpha Sigma Phi well.

Please consider counting them among your active branches.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Cox", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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January 22, 2004

The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Alpha Sigma Phi for their chartering petition. Alpha Sigma Phi has worked hard to make a positive impact at Western.

They have spent their first semester making strong connections on campus and within the community. Their members have participated in many leadership opportunities at Western. Alpha Sigma Phi has five student senators serving on the Student Government Association, three Western VIP student ambassadors, three Griffon Edge orientation leaders, and many other leaders in several organizations on campus.

This group of young men has participated in many community philanthropies. They adopted a family for Thanksgiving, did a clean up at the Pigeon Hill Conservation area shooting range, collected canned goods for the Battered Women's Shelter of St. Joseph and conducted an auction to raise money for an eight year old boy with leukemia as community service events. The colony is involved with the Adopt-A-Highway program and Habitat for Humanity.

Alpha Sigma Phi is a valuable asset to the Western campus, Greek community, and to the city of St. Joseph. I would appreciate your strong consideration in granting this petition for a charter.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Klostermeyer
Acting Dean of Student Development



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January 21, 2004

The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write this letter in support of Alpha Sigma Phi's chartering efforts. After much thoughtful consideration I agreed. Being a past fraternity president as well as Student Government Vice President it gives me great pleasure to write this letter. Since Alpha Sigma Phi first step foot on campus as a interest group they have been a positive asset to the Greek community. Their hard work and determination has helped them get recognized locally within Student Government, make connections within the community, as well as make allies in the Greek community.

Alpha Sigma Phi in the future will be facing their most difficult times as a chapter with continuing to recruit quality members and maintain their amount of campus involvement. Not having Greek housing on Western's campus makes it difficult to sell the Greek system, this is something the entire Greek community struggles with not just Alpha Sigma Phi.

These last few semesters Alpha Sigma Phi have been highly visible and active on campus. This year alone they have 5 student senators serving on Student Senate, 4 Griffon Edge Leaders for new student orientation, along with members in various other clubs and organizations. In addition they have volunteered at various philanthropic events, which include Habitat-for-Humanity, food-drives, adopt-a-family as well as numerous other events.

I regard Alpha Sigma Phi very highly these days. They along with my fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon have formed an ally or bond with one another. In a Greek world where it is easier to make enemies then friends they have gone above that and reached out to one another to form a friendship that I can say confidently will last a long time in to the future.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, Student Government Association, along with myself would appreciate that you strongly consider Alpha Sigma Phi for chartering this semester.

Sincerely,

John Fabsits
Vice President
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January 15, 2004

The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi
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To the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the men of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Missouri Western State College. Alpha Sigma Phi was organized the spring semester of 2003. Since then this organization has managed to accomplish several goals and tasks of campus leadership. The men of Alpha Sigma Phi have also made a huge impact to the St. Joseph, Mo. community as well as the Inter-Greek Council.

At Missouri Western State College when the words involvement & leadership come up it would be hard to leave the men of Alpha Sigma Phi out. Their involvement consist of 5 Senators on the Student Government Association, 3 Western's VIP's (student ambassadors), 3 Griffon Edge (orientation) leaders, 12 members of the Missouri Western State College Honor Society and much more. The men of Alpha Sigma Phi have held leadership positions including: Intern for Center of Multi-Cultural Education, Student Government Association President (2002-2003), Alpha Kappa Psi business Fraternity President (2002-2003) just to name a few.

Alpha Sigma Phi has contributed to the community greatly. The Missouri Western Alpha Sigma Phi were able to raise over \$1,000 dollars for Jared Peters and his single mom to help them pay for the frequent trips to Kansas City for Chemotherapy. This auction, also, was featured on the local news and was written about in the campus newspaper as well as the Saint Joseph News Press.

The men of Alpha Sigma Phi have committed themselves to the betterment of the institution advancement and play a major role in student development here at Missouri Western State College. Alpha Sigma Phi is a true asset to the Western Community. Therefore, I give my full support to the men of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony to receive a national charter.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Brandon II
Student Government Association President
Missouri Western State College