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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Petition for Chartering

Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony Mission Statement

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony, in order to provide our brothers support in all aspects of student life, to offer our brothers the best college experience possible, and to prepare our brothers for life after Clemson University, will hereby:

- I. “Create and perpetuate brotherhood” as stated in To Better the Man.
- II. Represent Alpha Sigma Phi’s highest standards of excellence, focusing on Community Service, Scholarship, Recruitment, and New member education.
- III. Instill the values of Alpha Sigma Phi.

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Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony Introduction

Starting a new chapter of a fraternity on a University campus is no easy task. It takes dedication, pride for what you are doing, and vision. The men of the Clemson Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi have shown that they have what it takes to be the newest brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi. They have worked tirelessly to build our fraternity from the ground up, including tireless efforts to recruit men of virtue, who exhibit the values of our fraternity. A perfect example of this is the post rush recruitment effort that brought it seven new men. The following petition to charter is a testament to their efforts.

Description of Clemson University Student Life

Overview of Clemson University

Clemson University is located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Northwest corner of South Carolina. Undergraduate enrollment is growing at 14,000 students this year, having said that, Clemson still has a pretty low student to faculty ratio of 15:1. The Clemson University student body is made up of 51% Men and 49% Women. 92% of incoming freshmen were in the top half of their graduating high school class. The University is ranked nationally in the top 40 of all public universities in the country. The College of Engineering and Science has five graduate programs ranked in the top 50 in the country. President James F. Barker is leading Clemson University to being ranked in the top 20 of all public universities within the next few years. In addition to that, Clemson University has a tremendous amount of School Spirit and the people who go to Clemson have a very high sense of pride for their school. Driving in from Interstate 85 you will see Tiger Paws painted on the road almost as soon as you get off the highway and once you enter Clemson, 10 miles later, you will see a Bi-Lo supermarket with a Tiger Paw instead of an O.

History of Clemson University

Clemson University began as an endowment of property from John C. Calhoun. In 1889, Clemson College was founded by Thomas Greene Clemson as an all male military college. The first class of Clemson students began in the Fall of 1893 with enrollment of 443 men. Clemson remained a single sex institution until 1950 when women were allowed to attend at a graduate level. In 1955, Clemson was no longer simply a military college and female students were allowed to attend as undergraduate students. Clemson College became Clemson University in 1960 and integrated three years later. In 1982, the Clemson University Tigers won the NCAA Division I national championship by beating the Nebraska Huskers 22-15 in the Orange Bowl.

Clemson's Football team is a big part of the college experience here. They are consistently ranked in the top 25 after preseason and **WILL** go 9-2 this coming fall to finish in the top 10 in the nation.

Description of Clemson University Greek Life Greek Life Statistics*

(*Data from 2005 Greek Life Report)

	Clemson University	Greek Life
Enrollment (All)	14,000	2,723
Men	7,140	1,129
Women	6,860	1,594
Grade Point Ratio		
Men	2.82	2.83
Women	3.13	3.27

Clemson University's Greek System came about in the 1980's. Clemson's Greek System is made up of twenty Inter-Fraternity Council fraternities, 13 National Panhellenic Council sororities and 7 National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations. The 2005-2006 School year marked reopening of Clemson's Greek Housing. The quad is home to many fraternities on campus and has a large meeting room where Greek Life is able to host our IFC meetings and our Officer roundtables.

The department of Greek Life is working very hard to level the playing field for all greek organizations and to ensure communication between councils and even between organizations in the same council. Each month there is a President's roundtable where presidents from every organization in all three councils. They also host officer roundtables each semester where officers share ideas on things like recruitment efforts and service projects.

Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony A History of our Colony

In the fall semester of 2003, Pecco Beaufays made a decision to pledge a local fraternity at the State University of New York, Buffalo campus. Due to severe hazing, Pecco decided to de-pledge and had completely ruled out ever being a part of a fraternity. However, that same semester, a few of his friends had pledged Alpha Sigma Phi. Pecco went to some of their social events and hung out with a many of the brothers. It was these men that made Pecco want to be in a fraternity again and even more so a part of Alpha Sigma Phi; it was his intention to pledge in the fall the following year.

Due to other circumstances and influences, Pecco decided to transfer to Clemson University. He was set on pledging Alpha Sigma Phi here at Clemson, however, when he found that there was not a chapter here, he decided not to rush. A few weeks later, Pecco met Sean McGee at a neighbor's birthday party. The two discussed starting a fraternity and within a week, the two had grown to ten men. After several meeting with the office of Greek Life, Sean and Pecco were given the "ok" by Clemson University and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. to start Alpha Sigma Phi at Clemson. On October 12, 2004, the Declaration of Intent was sent in with signatures from Sean, Pecco, and 16 other men. Of the men who signed the declaration, only Sean, Pecco, and John Abels still remain active in the Colony. The Clemson University Interest Group was formed.

Over the rest of the semester, the men saw roughly 40 to 50 men come through the interest group's doors. However, few had what it took to see it through. The members of the group quickly developed a great bond and learned exactly what brotherhood meant. The next year brought many adventures for the group as they began to get involved in Greek Life and what it means to be in a fraternity. They faced the challenges and despite some low points, finished the semester with a roster of twelve men who were committed to see this through to the end.

The beginning of the fall semester in 2005 came quicker than anybody had imagined it would. With a visit from Will Lasher, our expansion coordinator, the group recruited 19 men in just one week. On November 4, 2005, the men of the Clemson University Interest Group were officially made pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi. The Colonization ceremony was performed by the brothers of the Alpha Psi chapter. Since the colonization ceremony, the colony refocused their efforts and began to behave as though they were part of an active chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. They performed 8 service events, participated in fundraising efforts, and recruited 4 men during their first rush. Though the number may seem low, 4 was the average number of men recruited in this rush. The colony did not stop there, however, their recruitment efforts continued throughout the semester and seven more men were picked up along the way.

The spring 2006 semester was a testament to the fact that the Clemson Colony is prepared to be the next chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. Two years of hard work and perseverance has shown that this group of forty four men truly is ready to take on the responsibilities of initiated brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.

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Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony Outline of Goals

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi have set the following goals for our colony:

- I. To be an active chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi
- II. To be the best fraternity at Clemson University
- III. To promote and support academic growth and success of each of our brothers
- IV. To live by and uphold the five values of Alpha Sigma Phi
- V. To have a positive impact on and off campus in the Clemson community

Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony Goals

Goal I - To be an active chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi

To us, being an active chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi means having a chapter that can run itself and maintain the brotherhood. We strive to reach and maintain a brotherhood of 65 men. Each year it will be our goal to recruit at least as many people as those who are graduating.

We strive to have a chapter that can run itself, meaning that we will have guidelines for officers to use to perform their duties. These will be used as a helpful tool in case an officer is unsure as to how he should go about planning something. In addition to guidelines for planning events, each officer will have benchmarks for the semester based on Alpha Sigma Phi's annual report.

Goal II – To be the best fraternity at Clemson University

Each year, the campus newspaper evaluates the fraternities on campus and recognizes who they picked as the best fraternity. The selection is based on numbers of brothers, group and individual GPR, impact on the community, and popularity on campus. Our chapter will have to do the following things to achieve this goal:

Strive for academic excellence and start up programming to help our brothers who are not performing to the best of their abilities. For example, starting a tutoring program, and continuing our already helpful study hall.

Be active in the community, this year we performed 8 service events and we plan on continuing this.

Goal III – Promote and support academic growth and success of each of our brothers

Academic success is the reason that we are all at college. As such, our foremost priority is to see all of our brothers succeed in their classes. We have set up study hours and an academic probation period for those who do not have satisfactory grades. Academic success is a large focal point of ours and we are dedicated to finding ways to help brothers succeed.

Goal IV – To live by and up hold the five values of Alpha Sigma Phi

The five values of Alpha Sigma Phi, silence, honor, purity, patriotism, and charity, are the heart of what it means to be a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi. We realize that it is impossible for someone to change overnight in order to encompass each of these values in their every actions. However, we expect and strongly encourage all fellow brothers to use these values as a moral compass

daily in order to live up to the high standard that is expected of us. We will try to live up to those values as much as possible, and to support our brothers when they falter.

Goal V – To have a positive impact on and off campus within the Clemson community

As a new organization in the Clemson community, we feel it is important to prove ourselves and let everyone know who we are. By fulfilling our service goals and our academic strategies, we feel that we will be able to prove to the students and faculty of Clemson University and to the residents of Clemson, SC that we are here to be a positive force and more importantly that we appreciate them letting us join the community.

Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony Financial Report

Spring 2006 Budget

<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Amount PP</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chapter Dues			
Brothers	30	\$300.00	\$ 9,000.00
New Members	3	\$405.00	\$ 1,215.00
Co-Op	3	\$126.00	\$ 378.00
Previous Semester Balance			\$ 627.96
Total			\$11,220.96

<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Expended</i>
1. Brotherhood Development		\$ 2,664.00	\$ 2,664.00
2. Dues to Nationals		\$ 2,701.00	\$ 2,701.00
3. Recruitment		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
4. Tent		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
5. Printing Supplies		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
6. Social		\$ 3,261.20	\$ 3,261.20
Total		\$10,676.20	\$10,676.20
Net Gain		\$ 544.76	

**There are certain expenses not reflected in this report. We were faced with several unplanned expenses that we did not realize we would have to pay when we came up with this budget. The end result of which was that we ended up with an actual Net Gain of \$23.00. Due to this we have planned for a bigger surplus at the end of the semester.*

Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony Financial Report

Fall 2006 Projected Budget

<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Amount PP</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chapter Dues			
Brothers	43	\$400.00	\$17,200.00
New Members		\$405.00	\$ -
Co-Op	1	\$126.00	\$ 126.00
Previous Semester Balance			\$ 23.00
 Total			 \$17,349.00

<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Expended</i>
1. Brotherhood Development		\$ 4,140.00	\$ -
2. Dues to Nationals		\$ 3,111.00	\$ -
3. Recruitment		\$ 800.00	\$ -
4. Tent		\$ 800.00	\$ -
5. Printing Supplies		\$ 50.00	\$ -
6. Social		\$ 1,700.00	\$ -
7. Chartering*		\$ 3,400.00	\$ -
 Total		 \$13,951.00	 \$ -
 Net Gain		 \$ 3,398.00	

**Money has been set aside provided we are approved for chartering as an effort to avoid breaking even or possibly not having enough money for other events.*

Alpha Sigma Phi Clemson Colony Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi

PREAMBLE

We, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, in order to provide for effective management and judicious legislation in the operation of the Colony, and to provide a structure within which this Colony may grow successfully in the pursuit of the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, do hereby adopt and approve this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as Alpha Sigma Phi.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of Alpha Sigma Phi shall be to organize its membership in such a manner as to foster greater academic achievement, to promote community and campus service, to create a more productive individual in society, and to teach ideals of integrity, honor, and chivalry within the hearts and the minds of its members.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be no discrimination such that race, creed, religion, color, disability, medical condition or sexual orientation will affect a candidate's possibility for membership.

Section 2. Membership shall be granted by virtue of acceptance of invitation extended by the vote of the undergraduate membership.

Section 3. Membership may be suspended or revoked through a judicial process overseen by the Prudential Board.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Stated meetings of Alpha Sigma Phi shall be held at least once a week during the academic year with the exception of conflicting holidays and other major conflicting events as approved by the President. Location and time of meetings shall be at the discretion of the President.

Section 2. Special meetings of Alpha Sigma Phi may be called only by the President, or at the request of fifty percent (50%) of the active members.

Section 3. The procedure for all meetings shall be governed by those stated in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS & ELECTIONS

Section 1. The elected officers of Alpha Sigma Phi shall be the President, Vice President, Risk Management Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Public Relations Chairman, Treasure, two Members-At-Large of the Prudential Board, Rush Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Service/Philanthropy Chairman, New Member Educator, Editor/ Webmaster, Sergeant-At-Arms, Marshal, Intramural Chairman, Brotherhood Development Chairman, Historian, Social Chairman, Alumni / Parent Director, and secondary Interfraternity Council Representative (if the President or VP are unable to attend.)

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The permanent Standing Committees of Alpha Sigma Phi shall be as follow:

- a) Prudential Board
- b) Recruitment Committee
- c) Service / Philanthropy Committee
- d) Social Committee
- e) Alumni / Parent Committee
- f) Brotherhood Development Committee
- g) Fundraising Committee

Section 2. The Prudential Board shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large. The Vice President shall serve as chairman. The Prudential Board shall be responsible for all matters of finances, budgeting, judicial concern, and management of the general operation of the fraternity.

Section 3. The Recruitment Chairman shall be chairman of the Recruitment Committee; The Service Chairman shall be the chairman of the Service Committee; The Social Chairman shall be the chairman of the Social Committee; The Alumni / Parent Director shall be the chairman of the Alumni / Parent Committee; The Brotherhood Development Chairman shall be the chairman of the Brotherhood Development Committee.

Section 4. Special Committees can be appointed to handle issues not relevant to the defined committees of Alpha Sigma Phi.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

Section 1. The revenues of Alpha Sigma Phi shall be derived from the members' dues, the group's fund-raising projects and any donations.

Section 2. All finances shall be managed by the Prudential Committee. All budgets are to be approved by the Prudential Committee and voted on the brotherhood.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING

Section 1. Alpha Sigma Phi operates as a Colony of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. All of her functions and actions should exhibit the principle upheld by the national organization Alpha Sigma Phi as listed in the *Code of Conduct*.

Section 2. Every human being deserves to be treated with dignity and not harassed, tormented, abused, or violated by another human being.

Section 3. No activity construed even in the slightest way as abusing someone physically, psychologically, or sexually or placing someone into circumstances such that the person's dignity, individuality, or beliefs are compromised, will be tolerated by this brotherhood.

Section 4. Any brother accused of hazing will be summoned to appear in front of the judicial board.

ARTICLE IX. HOUSING

Section 1. The chapter house (satellite or otherwise) for Alpha Sigma Phi of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will adhere to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity's national Alcohol-Free housing policy.

Section 2. No alcohol regardless the age of the person will be permitted on or in chapter premises. (*policy has been temporarily suspended by the national organization*).

ARTICLE X. SUSPENSION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Section 1. This clause hereby allows for the opportunity for the membership to suspend the constitution and by-laws of this fraternity only when deemed necessary. In order to suspend the constitution, a four-fifths vote of confidence by the general membership is required.

Section 2. If a member wishes to suspend this constitution, he must present to Prudential Committee at their next meeting. Prudential Committee is bound by the Alpha Sigma Phi Code of Conduct to hereby request a vote of confidence by the general assembly to approve suspension of the constitution. There must be a four-fifths (4/5) vote of approval for such a motion to pass.

- Section 3. If a member presents a valid case for suspension and Prudential Committee fails to report this to the general assembly at the next meeting. The petitioning member must file an appeal with the President immediately following the Chapter meeting.
- Section 4. Appeals requested more than one (1) hour after the chapter meeting may be dismissed at the discretion of the President.
- Section 5. The Vice President may veto approval of suspension of the constitution by following the same procedure as stated in Section 3 and Section 4. In such a case, the Vice President must present in his veto to the President enough evidence and purpose to overturn such a vote. In such a case, the President is at his own discretion to support and thereby enforce the veto or to deny the Vice President veto power.
- Section 6. If the Vice President and President agree upon veto of suspension, the Vice President must present his case to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XI. CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES

- Section 1. This Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity may be amended in part or in full by the active members.
- Section 2. A copy of this constitution shall be filed with the National headquarter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Greek Office at Clemson University, the Interfraternity Council at Clemson University, the Prudential Committee, and Clemson University Student Government.

By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi

PREAMBLE

These By-laws are the statutes for the government of the Alpha Sigma Phi, enacted in conjunction with the Constitution of the Colony to more fully define the powers, duties, and functions which are authorized there under.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. To maintain active status, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi must:

- a) Be a male student at Clemson University
- b) Not be affiliated with another Greek social fraternity.
- c) Maintain a cumulative of at least 2.30 GPA

Section 2. To receive a bid for membership in the Alpha Sigma Phi a prospective member must meet all requirements of Article I. Section 1.

Section 3. A bid for membership into Alpha Sigma Phi is extended to those who receive a four-fifths (4/5) vote from qualified members of the Colony.

- a) No abstention for membership voting is permitted.
- b) Prospective members will be voted on individually.
- c) Bids by proxy must be given directly to the Marshal prior the voting session.
- d) At least fifty percent plus one of the membership must be present to hold a voting session
- e) The Marshal shall count the ballots and shall report to the membership whether or not a bid will be extended to the prospective member.
- f) Should an individual be extended a bid to join the Clemson University Colony, he maintains the right to turn the invitation down without question.
- g) Should an individual not be given a bid, he will be notified as an act of courtesy by the Recruitment Chairman.
- h) An individual who wishes to become a member of the Clemson University Colony may accept the bid within two weeks of receiving it.

Section 4. All members of the Alpha Sigma Phi must maintain the standards established by Clemson University, the Interfraternity Council, and the Colony regarding education and scholarship.

Section 5. Should a member fail to meet the scholarship standards or the general requirements and/or responsibilities of the Alpha Sigma Phi, he shall be placed on probation for the time period of one semester, and given "Associate Membership."

- a) An "Associate Member" is required to attend meetings of the general assembly.

- b) All voting rights shall cease.
- c) An “Associate Member” must remain financially responsible to the local and national fraternity.
- d) An “Associate Member” has one semester to meet the scholastic requirements.
- e) If an “Associate Member” does not meet the scholastic requirements of the chapter, he shall be suspended from all activities and functions of the Colony until his cumulative GPA is above the required 2.30 for up to one year.
- f) All paper work for suspension must be submitted to headquarters no more than five business days after suspension.
- g) If a suspended individual does not raise his GPA above 2.30, the individual will be made an alumnus. All paperwork must be completed and submitted to the National Headquarters no more than five business days after decision.
- h) Scholarship standards are to be evaluated once a year, at the beginning of the Fall semester.

Section 6. All members of Alpha Sigma Phi must abide by all federal, state, local, university, Interfraternity Council, and fraternity laws and code of conduct.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

Section 1. All officers shall perform the duties of their respective positions as set forth by the respective officer manuals and guidelines. Should an officers' position not be described, that officer will accept the responsibilities bestowed upon him by the President, the Prudential Board, and/or the general membership and shall abide by the general rules and laws applicable to any officer of the brotherhood.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Recruitment Committee will organize and educate all rush activities and events for Alpha Sigma Phi. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Clemson University.

Section 2. The Service / Philanthropy Committee will organize and execute service and philanthropic projects for the brotherhood of our Interest Group. The committee may restrict said projects for the Brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. In the case of a Philanthropic event, the Prudential Board will determine where the moneys raised from these activities will be donated. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by Alpha Sigma Phi

Fraternity Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council, and Clemson University.

Section 3. The Social Committee will organize and execute social events for the Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi. The committee may restrict said projects for the Brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Clemson University.

Section 4. The Alumni / Parent Committee will organize and execute events for the Brothers, Alumni and Parents of Alpha Sigma Phi and shall keep Alumni and Parents informed as to the goals and events decided and acted upon by the membership. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council, and Clemson University.

Section 5. The Brotherhood Development Committee will organize and execute development retreats, the mediation and well being of the Brotherhood, and the education and leadership of the Alpha Sigma Phi. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council, and Clemson University.

Section 6. Any Special Committees will be appointed by the President and shall operate as long as deemed necessary by the President. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations established by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council, and Clemson University.

ARTICLE IV. PRUDENTIAL BOARD

Section 1. The Prudential Board has been established to manage the financial, judicial, and managerial affairs of the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony. The members of this board will include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two (2) members-at-large, with the Vice President being the chairman.

Section 2. The Prudential board will periodically review the Constitution and the by-laws of Alpha Sigma Phi and make suggestions to the general assembly as to the improvement of the above mentioned. All amendments will be reviewed by the Prudential Board, and shall be approved by the general assembly by a four-fifths (4/5) vote.

Section 3. All Prudential Board meetings will be closed with minutes posted each week.

a) Financial meetings will be open to those requiring funds.

- b) Guests may be invited into the meeting, only by the Vice President, for purposes of discussion relevant to the meeting.

Section 4. The Prudential Board should meet once a week during the school year and once a month during the summer.

Section 5. In order to protect the Foundation and Image of Alpha Sigma Phi at any time the Prudential Board may hold a hearing to determine whether an individual brother has stepped beyond the beliefs and values of the Colony. If such a hearing takes place, the Prudential Board should hold a hearing within one week of the reported incident. Any member of the brotherhood may attend this hearing, unless the accused requests a private meeting. During the hearing, the accused will be allowed to state his case followed by a questioning period by the Prudential Board. The Prudential Board as well will be required to follow the above mentioned procedures on testimony and questioning. The Prudential Board will convene for an appropriate amount of time to discuss the issue and make a judgment.

- a) If found innocent, the case is dropped.
- b) If found guilty, the Prudential Board will apply an appropriate measure upon the individual(s) that applies to the severity of the case.
- c) If the guilty party feels that the judgment was made unfairly, he may appeal the General Assembly with a written statement and an appearance at the next meeting of the General Assembly.
 - a. A vote by secret ballot will immediately follow the hearing to overturn the judgment of the Prudential Board.
 - b. If the General Assembly votes to overturn the punishment of the Prudential Board, the Prudential Board will reassess its ruling.
 - c. A reassessed ruling can again be challenged by the same process.
 - d. The General Assembly may also chose to overturn the case in its entirety, therefore relieving the brother of all punishment and further investigation.
 - e. A four-fifths (4/5) vote is required to overturn a punishment or decision by the Prudential Board.

Section 6. The Prudential Board will enforce an attendance policy at the General Assembly meetings. The first and second excuse will be considered an academic leave. The third absence will result in a loss of voting privileges for the remainder of the semester. The fourth absence in a semester will result in a dismissal hearing in front of the Prudential Board.

Section 7. Any member, regardless of age, attending fraternity events intoxicated, in any form, will be sent home and fined as if he did not attend if the event was previously declared. Prudential Board may take further measures if necessary.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- Section 1. Committee meetings, Prudential Board meetings, and General Assembly meetings will be held on a regularly scheduled basis each week or as deemed necessary by the chairman of each individual meeting during the school year.
- Section 2. Attendance by all members is mandatory for the General Assembly meetings as defined in Article 5, Section 5. Attendance polices for all other meetings are determined by the chairman of the meeting.
- Section 3. A quorum consisting of fifty percent plus one of the active memberships must be present in order to act upon any legislation.
- Section 4. A majority vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a general motion unless otherwise specified for matters described in this constitution.
- Section 5. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a constitutional by-law change.
- Section 6. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of the present brotherhood is required to offer a bid to a prospective member.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

- Section 1. All permanent standing officer and Chairman Positions shall be decided by yearly election by the membership. A majority vote is required by each candidate in order to win the election to that position. In such a case where no candidate receives a majority vote, there will be a run off vote between the two candidates that received the most votes.
- Section 2. In order to be eligible to run for Officer or Chairman Positions, a member must have been initiated to the Colony for a minimum of one full semester.
- Section 3. Elections shall be held in the month of November of each year. The term of office shall be for the period of one year, beginning on January 1, following the election.
- a) Nominations for officer and chairman positions shall be made by the membership at the first weekly general assembly meeting in November. A member may not nominate himself. The nomination becomes official when the nominee accepts the nomination.
 - b) Nominees shall present speeches to the membership during the second weekly general assembly meeting in November. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall establish the guidelines for candidates' speeches and / or debates and / or question and answer periods.
 - c) During the third weekly general assembly meeting, the membership will vote on all officer and chairman positions. A majority vote by the present membership is required for a candidate to win an officer or chairman position.

- d) At the last meeting of the fall semester, the officer transition ceremony of Alpha Sigma Phi will take place.

Section 4. All officer chairman elections shall be secret ballot, and counted by an active advisor of the group.

Section 5. The President retains the power to appoint members to special positions and committees for purposes of fulfilling a specific temporary or short term goal with approval of the Prudential Board.

- a) The President's appointments may be challenged to the Prudential Board by any member.
- b) An appointment can last no longer than one year before a reappointment is needed.

Section 6. Any officer or chairman may be impeached if an officer or chairman is negligent in his duties and/or in violation of university, state, federal, or Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters regulations. The Prudential Board will host an investigation and make a ruling. A ruling may be appealed to the General Assembly and overturned by four fifths (4/5) vote of the general assembly.

- a) An officer under investigation shall be temporarily suspended from the duties of his office until due process has taken place.
- b) An officer may resign before being impeached.
- c) If the President is under investigation, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President until due process has taken place.

Section 7. In the event that an officer or chairman is removed from his office or resigns or is unable to effectively fulfill his duties, the President shall appoint, with approval of the Prudential Board, a member to replace the officer until the next yearly election. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Prudential Board will set a time and date for a special election.

ARTICLE VII. DUES

Section 1. The Prudential Board shall determine the appropriate amount of dues that each member must pay, at which time the general assembly will vote to amend the dues. A two thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly is required to amend the dues.

Section 2. Local dues are currently set at three hundred dollars (\$300) per semester.

Section 3. Dues will be paid at the first weekly meeting of each semester.

Section 4. Special Assessments: Under such circumstances that a member may have difficulty paying the full amount of dues at one time, that member may opt to accept an alternative payment plan provided by the Prudential Board, which will extend a minimum period of the current semester.

Section 5. Should a member be unable to pay the full amount of dues, even with respect to the Special Assessments Clause, within the same semester the individual will be suspended from all chapter activities and functions for a maximum of one year.

- a) If he is not in good financial standing, the prudential committee will petition the brothers to suspend the member indefinitely.
- b) All paperwork must be filed appropriately with the President.

Section 6. Should a person whose membership has been suspended due to financial difficulties wish to rejoin the membership, he must repay all his outstanding debts to the brotherhood, be approved for re-admittance or for release of suspension by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the membership, and apologize in person to the entire brotherhood.

ARTICLE VIII. HOUSING

Section 1. Under no circumstances will alcohol be allowed in or on chapter premises as defined by the National Organization and the chapter, regardless of age. *(Policy has been temporarily suspended by the National Organization)*

Section 2. Under no circumstances will the chapter host a social function with alcohol present at the chapter house as defined by the National Organization and the chapter.

Section 3. Those violating the alcohol-free policy will be subject to:

- a) 1st offense: \$200 fine, loss of voting privileges for one month, social probation for one month
- b) 2nd offense: \$400 fine, loss of voting privileges for one semester, social probation for one semester
- c) 3rd offense: Suspended by the chapter for one year, prudential will petition the brothers to suspend violator indefinitely

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws will be presented to the Prudential Board. The Prudential Board will then present the amendment to the brotherhood at the next General Assembly meeting.

Section 2. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of the membership may amend the Constitution and/or By-laws of this Colony.

ARTICLE X. UPHOLDING THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. All members of this brotherhood shall do their utmost to uphold the justness and the integrity of each of these by-laws, and to obey them to the best of their ability.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each brother to report to the Prudential Board any violation of these by-laws by a fellow member. Responsibility falls upon each member to act in the manner that is best for the brotherhood, namely ensuring that his fellow brothers do not disrespect the laws and traditions which have been set by the brotherhood both within this Constitution and as decided upon by the membership.

Section 3. Any reports of violations will remain confidential between Prudential Committee and the member reporting the offense. For no instance should Prudential Committee disclose, to the accused party, the identity of the member who reported the incident.

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