MINUTES of the Meeting of the Grand Prudential Committee, at National Headquarters, on Tuesday, January 5, 1937, at 5:45 P.M.

Those present were Brothers Cleworth, Pierce, Gantt and Burns, Executive Secretary.

Brother Cleworth was elected Executive President and Chairman of the Grand Prudential Committee; Brother Gantt, Vice-Chairman; and Brother Pierce, Secretary.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to write to the bank and the bonding company to secure proper blanks to adjust the changes in the Grand Prudential
Committee.

The Committee instructed the Executive Secretary to proceed with the collection of the note on Tau Chapter, signed by Brothers Moore and Mosiman. Discussion regarding the auditor's recommendations on the annual audit of the Fraternity did not lead to any final or definite decisions.

The Grand Prudential Committee also instructed the Executive Secretary to ascertain from the auditing committee their opinion as to whether the item of furniture and fixtures was not set too high on our books. The feeling of the Committee is that it is too high.

Discussion on the services of Elmer Loemker, who sublets part of the Office, in hiring him as an adviser on the "Tomahawk" at \$15.00 an issue, resulted in the opinion that this was a very nominal sum, and we should proceed to take advantage of it. Executive Secretary brought up the topic of telephone and he was told to make any arrangements he wished with Mr. Loemker.

Although the life subscriptions to the "Tomahawk" of the Alpha men are not paid, it was considered essential that, they should receive or at least have an opportunity to read it. It was decided to send twelve copies of the "Tomahawk" to the

house each issue. This led into the discussion of the proper mailing of the "Tomahawk", and how that could be accomplished so that most of the readers would receive their copy soon after it was published—this would mean a lot of changes of address, but it would prove time and work well spent. A plan is also to be submitted to the Committee by the Executive Secretary on a campaign for the non-subcribers to the "Tomahawk".

It was decided that a report on the condition of the chapters in the National Organization be submitted and sent out to the chapters as soon as possible.

The Executive Secretary was directed to draw up a report on visitation, giving dates when the different individuals from the National Office visited the chapters in the last few years. This report is to give the Committee a better working knowledge as to what visitation should be done in the future. Brother Gantt stated that, he would be in Syracuse the last of January, at which time, he would visit the chapter. Brother Gantt plans to visit Yale on February 22.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to draw up a comparative monthly accounts receivable list of each chapter showing the trend and also a record of the total income and what each chapter paid and what percentage of the total income was paid by the individual chapters. Collection of accounts receivable is to go ahead as rapidly as possible.

Brother Gantt suggested that part of the alumni dues should revert back to the chapters, and in so doing, we would probably have better collections. This suggestion is to be submitted to the Re-organization Committee.

It was decided to set up a file containing suggestions on various subjects coming from the alumni and Grand Prudential Committee.

Brother Cleworth led the discussion on the Re-organization Committee. He stated that Brother Worthington had volunteered to submit a first draft of the new

Constitution to the Committee. The Committee is composed of Brothers W. H. Cramblet, Benjamin Clarke, Wentworth F. Gantt, Maurice J, Pierce, C. William Cleworth, Lloyd Cochran, Richard Archibald, Robert Landman and George E. Worthington. Chairmanship of this Committee was discussed and it was decided to select Brother Worthington as he would not be affiliated directly with National Headquarters and the general feeling of having someone not on the Grand Council as chairman would be better, but it seemed that Brother Cleworth with the mechanics of the National Office available would be the most logical man for the chairmanship. Brother Cleworth said he would write Brother Worthington announcing the decision of the Grand Prudential Committee. It was decided that a copy of the report of the Re-organization Committee be sent to each one on the Committee along with a copy of the Resolutions, which were passed at the Conference.

A copy of the report on Alumni Organization is to go to each member of the Grand Prudential Committee.

It was suggested that, a budget for the National Organization was needed, and it should be considered by the budget and auditing committees, so that we could begin our new year July 1, 1937 with a budget.

To have a definite continuity between the chapter and the National Office, it was decided that instructions should be sent out at specific times each year which would give the qualifications needed for each man to fill an office in the chapter, these instructions to cover the various problems which usually confront the chapter each year.

The Executive Secretary presented a letter from the H. S. P. at Ohio-Wesleyan to be inviting him to attend the Greek Conclave, held on the campus the 5th, 6th and 7th of February. The Grand Prudential Committee did not feel that the expense of the trip would warrent Brother Burns going as he had visited the chapter in November. It was

decided to write Brother H. H. Yoder, newly elected Grand Corresponding Secretary, who is an alumnus of Ohio-Wesleyan, to see if he would represent the National Office in an official capacity.

The Committee directed the Executive Secretary to write the Alpha Beta Chapter at the University of Iowa about their financial condition--stating that the Grand Prudential Committee was very much concerned and not in entire sympathy with their accounts receivable within the chapter, the letter to be approved by Brother Cleworth.

It was decided to place the seal of the Fraternity on the letter head. The Executive Secretary was instructed to make proper changes on the stationery.

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the conditions at Syracuse and their financial difficulties. The Grand Prudential Committee instructed him to proceed at his own discretion.

The meeting adjourned at Nine P. M. to meet on Tuesday, January 12.

Secretary

Those present were Brothers Cleworth, Gantt, Pierce and Burns, Executive Secretary.

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It was strongly recommended by the Committee that no positive action be taken in regard to Alpha Chapter unless Alpha forces our hand. The situation is such that we should not get terribly excited about it.

Brother Cleworth stated that, he had written Brother Worthington to proceed with the first draft of the new Constitution.

Brother Cleworth also reported that, he had finished about one half of the Grand Prudential Committee report to be sent to the chapters, alumni councils and other interested alumni. A discussion on the esoteric publication followed and Brother Cleworth stated it would cost almost \$450.00, first class mailing to 9,000 members. Brother Gantt quoted \$64.00 for 2,800 copies, $9\frac{1}{2}$ xll, four pages. It was decided to proceed with sending a shorter report to the chapters as soon as possible, to be followed by a more complete report at a later date. We are to proceed with the esoteric publication, which should include contributions from the members of the Grand Prudential Committee and lists of all chapters and alumni councils. It was decided to have the publication a standard size, $8\frac{1}{2}$ xll. The Executive Secretary was instructed to keep a folder for ideas on the publication.

Different phases of the work of the National Organization were assigned to the members of the Grand Prudential Committee for their careful supervision and counsel.

- I. Financial, budgets and accounts receivable Gantt-chairman
 Pierce
- II. Chapter and Council visitation and Expansion Pierce-chairman Gantt

III. Alumni organization - Gantt

IV. Tomahawk - Cleworth-Chairman

V. Constitution Revision-Cleworth-chairman

It was felt that various standing committees should be set up to function when called upon.

In regard to the National Interfraternity Conference, Brother Cleworth stated that, he had talked with Mr. McFall on the telephone after our National Conference stating the desire of our organization to be re-instated. Brother Cleworth was asked to write Mr. McFall to see if some action couldn't be taken in the near future.

Appointment of the trustees of the Tomahawk Fund was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Secretary

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Grand Prudential Committee, at National Headquarters, on Tuesday, February 2, 1937, at 5:45 P. M.

Those present were Brothers Gantt, Pierce and Burns, Executive Secretary.

Brother Gantt reported on his visit to Syracuse, Tuesday, January 26, 1937.

He stated that the boys were no longer maintaining a table because there were not enough men eating in the house to make it pay. Brother, Gantt offered them suggestions to aid them in building up the chapter. He feels that a nucleus can be found within the chapter, who will take a hold of things and see them develop as they should.

Brother Gantt also stated that he may be able to visit the chapter within another month or six weeks.

Brother Pierce suggested that, it was quite necessary that we send out a questionnaire in regard to chapter finances and other activities so that we may know just what their position is and what their problems are. This would make it possible for the Committee to know how to proceed with problems as they arise. The information from these questionnaires will prove valuable in making visitation trips and also for the district secretaries, who will visit the chapters. The Executive Secretary was instructed to draw up a questionnaire to be approved by the Grand Prudential Committee --questionnaires to be sent to the chapter and chapter alumni adviser.

A book on budget building received from L. G. Balfour Company was submitted Gant/
by Brother Burns, who suggested that instead of purchasing these books for the chapters at fifty cents a copy that he would formulate an article for the "Tomahawk", incorporating the best from the book and other points which would meet the problems of our chapters. The suggestion was approved and the Executive Secretary was instructed not to purchase any of the books.

The question of visitation was brought up by Brother Pierce. The Executive Secretary was requested to draw up geographical areas for all the chapters from which

a district secretary would be chosen to visit the chapters. All pertinent information on each chapter to be sent to the district secretaries so they might know the condition of each chapter in their district. It was felt that, Brother Burns should plan to go on the road the month of April and the first two weeks in May, visiting most of the Mid-West Chapters and staying a minimum of two days in each chapter. It was also felt that, it would be better to wait to visit the West Coast Chapters early next Fall. The Executive Secretary was requested to draw up an itinerary of proposed visitation trip.

A request for additional help in the office was made by Brother Burns. He went over quite carefully the routine of the work and it was decided to secure a girl for \$16.00 per week for temporary help until things were in satisfactory condition. Brother Burns was requested to take the matter up with Brother Cleworth and to secure his opinion before proceeding with hiring a new girl. Brother Gantt offered several suggestions as to possible changes in the filing which would prove much more efficient.

It was suggested that, the Executive Secretary read the amount of each check which had been written since the last meeting and give the cash balance in the bank so that the Grand Prudential Committee would have clearly in mind these transactions.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P. M. to meet on February 9, 1937.

Secretary

PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

DATE AND TIME: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1937 - 5:45 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce Ralph F. Burns

PRESIDING OFFICER: William C. Cleworth, Executive President

- 1. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of February 2, 1937, were duly approved.
- 2. ADDITIONAL HELP: Brother Cleworth expressed favorable opinion of securing an additional girl in the National Office for a period of four weeks at \$16.00 per week.
- 3. VISITATION: Visitation through the Mid-West by Brother Burns during April and the first of May was approved by all members, and it was thought wise to visit the chapters at Pennsylvania and Middlebury in the near future.
- 4. INACTIVE MEN: The Grand Prudential Committee will not recognize the state of inactivity of a member in a chapter. A member, who is unable to be active because of finances, etc., should be suspended.
- 5. ALUMNI BILLS: It was decided to change the form of the alumni bills and to bill only for current dues. Brother Cleworth and Brother Burns are to work on a new form of bill.
- 6. INACTIVE CHAPTERS: Need for the appointment of committees for study of each inactive chapter to solve the matter of the proper procedure to follow in each case. Brothers Cleworth and Burns to draw committees.
- 7. TOMAHAWK NON-SUBSCRIBERS: Brother Cleworth is to write Brother Kirkpatrick, who set up the life subscription plan for the Fraternity, to learn if it would not be possible to reduce the amount which the alumni have to pay for a life subscription.
- 8. REPORT OF GRAND PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Executive Secretary reported that the Confidential Report of the Grand Prudential Committee had been sent to all chapters, alumni councils and two hundred other alumni members.
- 9. NEW CONSTITUTION: Executive Secretary reported the first draft of the new Constitution by Brother Worthington would be in the hands of the Constitution Revision Committee by the end of the week.

- 10. INITIATION FEES: The Executive Secretary was instructed to write a letter to all the chapters, who have not paid initiation fees in the past, that no more credit would be issued.
- 11. CHAPTER QUESTIONNAIRE: Questionnaire to secure information from each chapter so that the Grand Prudential Committee might know the conditions in each chapter to be submitted at the next meeting of the Grand Prudential Committee.

Secretary

PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

DATE AND TIME: TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1937 - 5:30 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

G. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce Ralph F. Burns

PRESIDING OFFICER: C. William Cleworth, Executive President

- 12. MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting of February 9, 1937 were duly approved.
- 13. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: On Wednesday, February 10, 1937, we received a telegram from Ralph Schaack, Sigma Phi Epsilon, at Syracuse, asking us to advise him as to the frate nity standing of Parker Webster at Alpha Epsilon, our chapter, at Syracuse. We answered Schaack by wire giving no information. We have nothing in our files concerning Parker Webster. The National Office wired Brother Edward O'Brien, H. S. P. of Syracuse Chapter, asking him for information.

February 12, a letter was received from Brother O'Brien stating that Parker Webster had been initiated into Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi during the Spring of 1936. No record was sent to National Headquarters and no initiation fee was paid. He stated that he had informed Schaack of Webster's initiation. No more immediate action was taken.

A long distance telephone call was received on February 17 from Carl Eshelman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Corporation, asking us what we knew of the Parker Webster case and stating that Sigma Phi Epsilon was planning to pledge him. The Executive Secretary telephoned the members of the Grand Prudential Committee and then telephoned Carl Eshelman that we would recognize the initiation of Parker Webster but would like more definite proof, such as a membership record for Webster. We advised that Sigma Phi Epsilon be notified definitely of this initiation, and the chapter proceed to expell Parker Webster.

On February 19, a letter was received from Carl Eshelman stating that they had no records of Parker Webster's initiation except his signature on the chapter roll. Did not feel they should expell the man completely, as he would be able to join Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Eshelman also stated that Brother Stephen Toadvine of Cornell was contracting the University officials. No further action was taken by the National Office which is awaiting developments from the chapter.

Yale Initiation - A letter was received from Brother Cleaveland Rice on February 23, 1937 asking us to order pins for nineteen men to be initiated on February 25, 1937. Brother Cleworth telephoned Brother Rice and said the National Office would have to expect a larger payment from the chapter than has been paid. Brother Rice was interested in seeing if a plan could be worked out to make a cash payment on a percentage basis for those men who, at the present time, are not receiving the "Tomahawk".

Cornell Invitation - Executive Secretary was invited to attend the initiation banquet and formal dance on Saturday, March 6, 1937. Previous arrangements to visit Middlebury and Massachusetts State will prevent him from going, but Brothers Gantt and Pierce are planning to go.

Auditing Committee - The auditing committee composed of Brothers Thomas Glenn Hoffman, Harold Yeager, Dean Wiggins and john Louis Donnelly met (with the exception of Brother Wiggins) on Monday, "ebruary 15, 1937 at 5:45 P. M. This committee went over the auditors' report of the National Organization and the report of the Tomahawk Fund. The later report is that of the trustees. They made the following general suggestions:

- 1. An operating budget for National Headquarters was needed.
- 2. The matter of accounts receivable of each chapter should be studied as an individual case.
- 3. The trustee fund showed very good results, but would advise steering clear of too much real estate. More study should be given this item.
- 4. Item of furniture and fixtures--reserve for depreciation taking care of this.
- 5. It was suggested that a verification of chapter balances be made at the time of each audit.
- All of these suggestions were quite general, but the committee would be very willing to meet at a later date if the Grand Prudential Committee desired.
- 14. CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE: This committee met at National Headquarters on Saturday, February 27, 1937 from 12:30 to 7 P. M. Meeting adjourned to room 202 Hotel Woodstock until 1 A. M. Committee reconvened at 10 A. M., Sunday, February 28, and adjourned at 5 P. M. A new Constitution for the Fraternity was drafted.

The committee had a 100 per cent attendance - Brother C. William Cleworth, Chairman, Richard M. Archibald, Benjamin Clarke, Lloyd S. Cochran, Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Wentworth F. Gantt, Robert E. Landman, Maurice J. Pierce and George E. Worthington. Brother Jagocki and Brother Rice were invited by Brother Cleworth to attend the meetings of the this committee.

Brother Archibald is to submit the By-Laws and Brother Clarke the Codes of Procedure. The committee are making every effort to have the report in the hands of the chapters by April 1.

- 15. CHAPTER QUESTIONNAIRE: Brother Pierce reported this to be in shape within a few days.
- 16. <u>VISITATION</u>: Brother Gantt and Brother Pierce are to visit Cornell on the 6th of March, and Brother Burns to visit Middlebury and Massachusetts State within the next week. No definite itinerary has been set up for the Executive Secretary's trip in April.

Brother Pierce is to submit, at a later date, suggestion for possible division of the country for the district traveling secretaries.

It was also decided that the Grand Prudential Committee should visit Yale Chapter some time this month in order to obtain a better understanding of the situation there.

- 17. FINANCES: Grand Prudential Committee requested the Executive Secretary to compile statistics showing the disbursements and receipts for each month and chapter receivables.
- 18. LETTERS: Grand Prudential Committee wished an extra copy made so that they would be easily accessible.
- 19. INACTIVE CHAPTERS: Item 6, page 1, February 9, 1937- Brother Cleworth has written to Brother Larry Clarke, Minnesota, Brothers Hamstead, Riggs, Simons and Samuel at Morgantown, West Virginia.

Brother Cleworth reported that he had talked with Brother Prosser an alumnus of Dartmouth, who stated that Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Chi Rho and Phi Kappa Epsilon had pooled their resources and formed a local, Gamma Delta Chi. Brother Prosser suggested writing to Brother Stewart G. Orr, Secretary-Treasurer of the Dartmouth Chapter Alumni Organization, which Brother Cleworth has done.

Brother Mahan, H. H. Wilson, Heselbarth and Ralph Hudson have been selected to study the Carnegie Tech situation.

Brother Benjamin Clarke is studying the situation at the Chicago Chapter.

- 20. TOMAHAWK *LIFE SUBSCRIPTION: Brother Cleworth to write Brother Arthur L. Kirkpatrick concerning possible reduction of alumni cost for life subscription.
- 21. RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE: Blakeslee and alumni committee to proceed with their work. Work on rush and pledge manuals to be started.
- 22. KAPPA: Executive Secretary was instructed to write Kappa Chapter regarding their delay in sending in their action on the Resolutions passed at the recent Conference—the delay causing their action not to be counted.
- 23. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P. M.

Secretary	

PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1937 - 5:30 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce Ralph F. Burns

PRESIDING OFFICER: C. William Cleworth, Executive President

- 24. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of March 2, 1937 were duly approved.
- 25. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Work on the files is being completed, and the extra girl is to be dismissed on Saturday, March 27th. All mailings from the National Office in the future will be handled with a great deal more efficiency.

Regarding the Syracuse situation - No further developments have shown in regard to the Parker Webster case. The chapter is preparing formal charges against Parker Webster for his expulsion. The Executive Secretary had lunch with Brother O'Brien past H.S.P. of the chapter on Wednesday, March 18th. Brother O'Brien stated that the chapter had had an election of new officers, and that they were planning to initiate a few men after Spring vacation.

Executive Secretary presented financial statements showing the trend of accounts receivable of chapters from January 31, 1935 through February 28, 1937. He also presented a report showing the past month's receipts and disbursements as requested by the Grand Prudential Committee in section 17, March 2, 1937.

- Tomahawk Trustee Fund: A lengthy discussion terminated with the decision to have a thorough audit made, to make some changes in the personnel and to secure more advice. It was decided to call a joint Grand Prudential Committee and Auditing Committee (Brothers Thomas G. Hoffman, Epsilon, Harold Yeager, Eta, Dean Wiggins, Iota, and John Louis Donnelly) meeting for Saturday, April 3 at 12:30 at National Headquarters. This meeting is to aid the Grand Prudential Committee in making their final decisions concerning the Tomahawk Fund.
- 27. <u>VISITATION</u>: Brother Gantt reported on his and Brother Pherce's trip to Cornell on March 6th and 7th. The chapter is progressing in pretty fair shape and with an additional number of men in the house next Fall should be in a good position.

Brother Gantt also reported on visiting the Syracuse Chapter on Monday, March 8th and finding conditions in a pretty bad way. A proposal was presented by Brother Gantt which Brother Stephen Toadvine, Iota, feels is the only solution to the situation at Syracuse. This plan consists of securing a group of pick men with the aid of the University administration and turning over the affairs of the chapter to them. Brothers Pomeroy and Eshelman, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Alpha Epsilon Corporation are in favor with this suggestion and feel this is the only solution to get new blood into the chapter. The alumni corporation own the house, and the present chapter owe them alarge sum in back rent. The chapter just have not the push to meet their problems.

It was decided to appoint a committee of five men to study the situation at Syracuse and to render a report. This report would give the Grand Prudential Committee a more definite basis upon which to give a decision. The committee decided upon was: Carl Eshelman, Alpha Epsilon '25, Chairman, Stuart Pomeroy, Alpha Epsilon '26, Stephen P. Toadvine, Iota '19, E. M. Waterbury, Alpha '07, and Charles Megargel, Upsilon '22, Brother Gantt is to write these men concerning this committee.

Brother Burns reported on his visit to Middlebury on March 5, 6 and 7 and Mass. State on March 8, 9 and 10, 1937. The bookkeeping in both of these chapters is very poor. They use a single entry set of books, and there are many discrepancies in them. Definite financial supervision is needed at Middlebury, but the alumni are quite active in the Mass. State Chapter which helps a great deal.

Middlebury has very, very little alumni supervision and help. Dr. L. S. Walker, Jr., Gamma '26, is the only brother in Middlebury besides Edgar J. Wiley, who is director of admissions and a charter member of the local group--but never joined the National Organization. Both of these men show a definite interest but a great deal more is needed. The chapter realizes this and wishes us to contact their alumni to build up as strong an alumni group as possible.

Mass. State is most fortunate in having a strong alumni organization back of them. Earle Carpenter, Gamma '21, is the chapter alumni adviser and is doing a fine piece of work. Brother Edwin F. Gaskill, Gamma '13, is treasurer of the C.S.C.(College Shakespearean Club) which is the alumni organization name. The C.S.C. own the house and collect the rent and keep a strict supervision over the chapter finances. Brother Gaskill is very interested in the chapter and co-operates in every way.

Both of the chapters have a very congenial group of men, and there is a minimum of friction between the members. With a few matters cleared up which need attention both chapters will be in fine shape.

Brother Burns submitted his tentative plans to visit all chapters in Mid-West and Central West States; plan to leave the first week in April if possible.

- 28. CHAPTER QUESTIONNAIRE: Brother Pierce submitted a chapter questionnaire which he had drawn up for additions, suggestions and approval. After going through it carefully, it was decided to have it mimeographed on legal size paper, to be mailed in duplicate to each chapter and alumni advisor who would be of assistance in seeing that it was filled out completely. This questionnaire will give us valuable information about our chapters which will be of great value.
- 29. CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE: Brother Cleworth submitted a letter received from Brother Clarke regarding his recommendations on the codes. It was decided to send out the constitution for approval on April 1, without the by-laws or codes, which could be taken care of at another time. It was the opinion of all the members that key men among the alumni(close to the chapters) should be written to by the Grand Prudential Committee and Executive Secretary to stimulate interest in the approval of the constitution by the chapters.

Brother Cleworth is to write a letter to all the chapters about the proposed constitution on committee stationery and a letter is to be sent by the Grand Prudential Committee accompanying the constitution.

The by-laws have not been received.

- MATIONAL CONVENTION: If the constitution is approved by the chapters a convention will be held this Summer. After considerable discussion, it was decided to hold the convention in the Chicago area before school begins next Fall. More definite plans will be made in May after returns have come in on the constitution. Brother Pierce is to write the Illinois Chapter to see if they will act as hosts.
- 31. YALE CHAPTER: Because of Spring vacation, it was impossible for the Grand Prudential Committee to visit the chapter on March 25. It was decided to make the trip on Thursday, April 22, and the Executive Secretary was instructed to notify them of this date.
- LIFE SUBSCRIPTION TO TOMAHAWK: Brother Cleworth presented a letter from Brother A. L. Kirkpatrick, Theta'l6, who headed the actuary study committee on the Tomahawk when it was set up on a life subscription plan. He saw no reason why alumni should not receive a life subscription for \$10.00 instead of \$15.00 as it was originally set up. The Grand Prudential Committee decided on reducing the life subscription for the Tomahawk for alumni to \$10.00 to replace the \$15.00 figure.
- DEFUNCT CHAPTERS: Brother Cleworth stated Brother George McDonald had accepted the chairmanship to handle the Chi Chapter situation, Brother H. H. Wilson at Carnegie Tech. and Brother Larry Clark at Minnesota with Brothers Krusemark and Schroeder. Brother Hamstead refused the chairmanship at West Virginia so Brother Harry Samuel has been asked but no reply has been received. No reply has been received from Brother Orr at Dartmouth either.
- 34. NATIONAL INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE: This matter was tabled until the joint meeting of the Grand Prudential Committee and the Auditing Committee.
- 35. COLUMBIA CHAPTER: Brother Burns attended a meeting of the Columbia Chapter on Monday, March 22. There are five actives in the undergraduate school and they have eleven pledges at the present time. The alumni are in charge of the chapter and hold the offices until they feel these new men are able to take over the responsibilities of running the chapter. Their problem, at the present time, is to initiate some of their eleven pledges before school closes in June. The men are not financially able to stand the complete expense of the \$33.00 at present and they wish to make some arrangement to stagger their payments.

The Grand Prudential Committee will permit the men to be initiated if they pay at least \$10.00 at the time of initiation and the balance at the time school opens in the Fall.

- 36. INCORPORATION OF THE FRATERNITY: Brother Cleworth is to write Brother George E. Worthington about this matter.
- 37. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

PLACE OF MEETING: ALPHA CHAPTER AT NEW HAVEN, CONNETICUT

DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce

PRESIDING OFFICER: C. William Cleworth, Executive President.

- 38. MINUTES: The minutes of March 25, 1937, were duly approved.
- 39. Alpha Chapter: The purpose of this meeting was to visit Alpha Chapter to find out the attitude of the chapter toward the National Organization and toward their debt to Headquarters.

We were met in New Haven by Brother Rice, who took us to the chapter house; where we attended a chapter meeting after which an informal discussion was held with the Chapter Prudential Committee and others sufficiently interested to attend. Out of this conference the following facts were determined:

- 1. There is very little, if any, interest in Alpha Sigma Phi as a National.
- 2. Alpha Chapter is not conducted as a fraternity such as our other chapters, but as a club.

 Many of the active members are strangers to each other.
- 3. It is questionable as to whether Yale will ever be a good field again for fraternities in view of its obligatory dormitory system and its college plan.
- 4. The actives refuse to pay dues and full initiation fees to the National Organization until such time as their own financial conditions are entirely cleared up--if ever. They will pay only \$10.00. They will pay their debt to the National someday--when their own finances are cared for and they collect from members from time to time in the future.
- 5. They are not inclined to do anything about the situation because they say that it is impossible for them to pay anything and insinuate that if we are insistent, they will go local.

It was the decision of the committee that the entire case must again be put before the convention for action next September.

40. CONVENTION: It was decided to pay convention expenses of all official delegates to the National Convention this September. However, those chapters which owe money to National Headquarters will be required to put up the expenses of their delegates, and said expenses will be credited against their indebtedness.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Secretary

PLACE OF MEETING: PLANTERS RESTAURANT, NEW YORK CITY

DATE AND TIME: WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce

PRESIDING OFFICER: C. William Cleworth, Executive President.

- 41. MINUTES: The minutes of April 22, 1937, were duly approved.
- 42; VISITATION: Brother Burns' trip was discussed and several letters from actives and alumni visited by him were read--all reported favorably.

The question arose as to the advisability of having him eliminate visits to the Ohio Chapters as he had been there previously this school year, and the work at Headquarters is pressing. It was decided to have him complete his itinerary as planned.

43. CONVENTION: It was decided to announce to the chapters that the convention would be held September 8, 9, 10 and 11 in or near Chicago with a formal banquet in Chicago on the night of the 11th.

Brother Pierce was instructed to write to Brother H. O. Pinther to see if Kappa would invite us to hold the Convention at Madison.

44. ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER: Brother Cleworth was instructed to notify Brothers F. F. Hargear, F. E. Kislingbury and Robert Gilmore of their appointment as judges in the trial for suspension of Brothers Wendell Womble, Willard Hall, and Herman Martin Volheim of Alpha Zeta Chapter--Brother Hargear to serve as Presiding Judge.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Until Tuesday, May 11, 1937.

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PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

DATE AND TIME: TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1937 - 5 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce

PRESIDING OFFICERS: C. William Cleworth, Executive President.

- 45. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of May 5, 1937, were duly approved.
- SYRACUSE CHAPTER: Brother Toadvine's letter re Syracuse Chapter was read. His committee proposed a combination of the present actives with a new group under the supervision and guidance of a university official -- the new group to have control.

The Grand Prudential Committee agreed as follows and instructed Brother Cleworth to so notify Brother Toadvine:

- 1. \$8.00 to be paid in cash before initiation.
- 2. \$10.00 to be paid during the school year 1937-1938.
- 3. \$15.00 of the initiation fee for each member of the new group to be in the form of a note payable on or before 1940.
- 4. Dues and other regular charges for these men to be effective beginning with the school year 1938-1939.
- 5. The debt of the chapter to National Headquarters is to be cancelled as uncollectible.

This was somewhat in line with the general proposal of Brother Toadvine's committee, and we felt that it was advisable to have them proceed with negotiations along these lines, the details to be worked out later if this is acceptable.

Brother Cleworth was instructed to write to the Syracuse Chapter giving approval for initiation of Mr. Merrick for whom the full initiation fee was received, but to withhold for Mr. Countryman until the balance of \$14.00 was received. If the chapter does not want to pay this, the \$19.00 received for this man is to be returned.

- 47. CONVENTION: As no word had been received from Brother Pinther of Kappa in reply to Brother Pierce's letter regarding the convention, it was voted to send him a wire urging a prompt reply.
- 48. COLUMBIA CHAPTER: The Grand Prudential Committee adjourned to the joint meeting of the New York Alumni Council and Lambda Chapter initiation banquet in honor of eighteen new Lambda initates this year. This has resulted in a real revival of the chapter from a low of only two members. They contemplate securing an apartment this Fall. Brother Charles Hall has been the leader in the reorganization of Lambda.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Until May 17, 1937

PLACE OF MEETING: PLANTERS' RESTAURANT, NEW YORK CITY

DATE AND TIME: MONDAY MAY 17. 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce

PRESIDING OFFICER: C. William Cleworth, Executive President.

- 49. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of May 11, 1937, were duly approved.
- 50. CONVENTION: Discussion re location of convention in view of Brother Pinther's letter stating that Kappa would not be in a position to have it.

Decided to hold convention at Champaign on September 8, 9, 10 with a formal banquet in Chicago on the 11th.

Brother Pierce is to have charge of accomodations and entertainment arrangements. He was instructed to write the Eta Chapter H.S.P. and Brother Hilton of Chicago asking them to head committees of actives and alumni of their own choice to handle the arrangements at Champaign. He was to write to the President of the Chicago Alumni Council to ask if that body would take care of Chicago arrangements. These men are to be requested to discuss and co-operate with Ben Clarke.

Brother Cleworth was instructed to notify the chapters and to write to Brother Clarke in regard to the program for the convention meetings.

- ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER: Brother Kislingbury was relieved from the appointment as judge in the trials of expulsion for Brothers Willard Hill, Wendell Womble and Herman Martin Volheim, all of Alpha Zeta Chapter, because of his connection with that chapter. Brother Edward Thayer of Phi Chapter was appointed to replace him.
- SYRACUSE CHAPTER: Brothers Pomeroy and Eshelman are, if not too late, to be relieved from serving as judges at the trials for expulsion of Brothers Parker Webster and Francis Dorio of Alpha Epsilon Chapter, because of their connection with that chapter. Brother Bolton of Omicron was suggested as one judge, and the other is to be suggested by Brother Toadvine.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

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PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

DATE AND TIME: MONDAY, JULY 12, 1937 - 3:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. William Cleworth Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce: Ralph F. Burns

PRESIDING OFFICER: C. William Cleworth, Executive President

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of June 12th were duly approved.

C. WILLIAM CLEWORTH: Brother Cleworth announced that he was leaving for Chicago and offered his resignation as Executive President and member of the Grand Prudential Committee. It was unamimously decided that he should maintain his membership on the Grand Prudential Committee until the National Convention in September.

CONVENTION INVITATION: A letter to be sent to all alumni councils inviting them to attend the Convention.

DEFUNCT CHAPTERS: Reports from committees on defunct chapters must be in before the Convention.

CHAPTER REPORTS: It was decided that each official delegate must submit a short written report relative to his chapter at the Convention.

G. P. C. REPORT: Brother Gantt and Pierce are to write G. P. C. report for the Convention and submit it to Brother Cleworth for his approval. Brother Cleworth to present it to the Convention. This report to be sent to all chapters and alumni councils.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME: Dr. Cramblet, Grand Senior President to render the address of welcome to the Convention.

CONVENTION EXPENSES: It was decided to pay half of the traveling expenses of the Constitutional Revision Committee plus their room and board in Champaign, and their banquet and hotel expenses in Chicago.

The fraternity will pay the actual railroad and pullman fare for each delegate from his home to the convention and return to his chapter location, provided it does not exceed the charges from his chapter location to the convention and return to the chapter.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS: Brother Cleworth to write President Willard of Illinois and invite him to address an opening session of the Convention. Brother Pierce to write Mr. Fred Turner and invite him to speak to us at our Wednesday evening session. Brother Burns to write Paul Beam, Executive Secretary of Phi Delta Theta to speak to us on "Chapter Finances" at our Thursday afternoon session.

CONTRACT OF BAILMENT OF FRATERNITY BADGE: Brother Burns submitted a contract of bailment of fraternity badge to an initiate which designates the badge as the property of the fraternity and can only be used by a member in good standing and must be returned when any contrary condition arises.

CONVENTION BUSINESS: Various topics submitted which it was felt necessary to bring up at the convention. Besides a permanent chairman, it was deemed advisable to appoint session chairmen to be responsible for specific business sessions.

GRAND COUNCIL: Possibilities of members who would qualify for the Grand Council were discussed and the Executive Secretary was instructed to give information about each of these possibilities and submit their names to the B. P. C.

LETTER TO DELEGATES: The executive secretary was instructed to send a letter to each delegate with a sheet of instructions concerning the Convention.

CALENDER AND AGENDA OF CONVENTION: A mimeograph calender to be sent out before the convention with blank spaces for any possible changes to be made at the time of the convention. Committees to be attached to the calender at the convention. An agenda of the convention to be sent out before the convention.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

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Secretary	

July 12, 1937

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL

PLACE OF MEETING: TRAIN EN ROUTE FROM CHAMPAIGN TO CHICAGO

· DATE AND TIME: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1937 - 1:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet Benjamin Clarke Llcyd S. Cochran Wentworth F. Gantt Maurice J. Pierce George E. Worthington

PRESIDING OFFICER: Dr., Wilbur H, Cramblet, Grand Senior President.

1. Temporary Chairman: Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet was unanimously elected temporary chairman on a motion presented by Brother Cochran and duly seconded by Brother Worthington.

### 2. Election of Officers:

Grand Senior President-Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet
Grand Junior President-Maurice J. Pierce
Grand Secretary-Frank F. Hargear
Grand Treasurer-Wentworth F. Gantt
Grand Marshall-Benjamin Clarke
Grand Councilors-Lloyd S. Cochran
Floyd W. Mosiman
Edward B. Shotwell
George E. Worthington

#### 3. Assignament of Duties:

Extension-George E. Worthington
Ritual, Constitution and By-Laws-Benjamin Clarke
Publications Edward B. Shotwell
Alumni Relations-Frank F. Hargear
Visitation, National Advisory Councilors-Lloyd S. Cochran
Chapter Finances-Wentworth F. Gantt
Endowment Fund-Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet

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- Banta's Greek Exchange: Executive Secretary suggested that National Headquarters take out a group subscription for all chapters, Grand Council and National Office to aid in keeping abreast with interfraternity affairs. He was instructed to prodeed with the plan immediately.
- 5. Bank Resolutions: Executive Secretary was instructed to proceed with any changes needed for bank signatures and bonding of New York members of the Grand Council.

Adjournment of Meeting:

# Memorandum re INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Present: Grand Councillors, Pierce, Gantt and Shotwell; Executive Secretary Burns.

See attached analysis of this indebtedness. Two active members of the chapter were present part of the conference: they stated that the carrying charges of the New Haven house (taxes and interest etc) precluded the payment of anything on account of this debt this year out of the expected revenue; they hoped, however, to be able to increase from \$10 to \$20 the remittance to Headquarters upon the initiation of each member (the \$13 balance of the \$33 required remittance to be paid by a note due during that school year); they also incend to pay the \$5 dues for

The consensus of opinion of the Councillors present was that the current indebtedness shown by the analysis be frozen for the year and that the initiation remittance be accepted on that basis for this year. Yale has not opened yet and the actives had not had the opportunity of a chapter meeting on the subject; their statements were based on talks with finance officers only.

## Tomahawk Trustees

Regarding the three trustees to be elected, it was felt that one old trustee should be reflected for a two year term and that two new trustees be elected for four and six years respectively. The attached names were suggested and it was hoped that other suggestions would be received. It was recommended that the trustees books be kept at Headquarters and that the headquarters staff be used by the trustees in the performance of their duties.

# New York Bity Alumni Council

A form of charter to be presented to this council was drafted.

It is the intention of the members of the Grand Council to exchange ideas informally between meetings. It is hoped that those members of the Council who can not meet together will write their ideas to the executive secretary at Headquarters, so that they may be relayed to the others.

[&]quot; Causa latet, vis est Notissima "

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL

PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 330 WEST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

DATE AND TIME: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1937 - 9:30 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet
Lloyd S. Cochran
Wentworth F. Gantt
Maurice J. Pierce
Edmund B. Shotwell
George E. Worthington
Ralph F. Burns - Executive Secretary

PRESIDING OFFICER: Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Grand Senior President.

6. Finances: Brother Burns submitted an operating statement for the four months, beginning July 1 and ending October 31, which was approved.

Brother Pierce presented a motion to increase the budget for the office of Expansion from \$100.00 to \$200.00, which was duly seconded and passed.

7. By-Laws: The Executive Secretary reported that the new By-Laws were unanimously accepted by all chapters and became effective November 23rd, 1937.

In this regard, Brother Cochran presented a motion, seconded by Brother Worthington, that pursuant to Article XI, Section 7, which states that, "dues and other charges of a similar nature fixed upon the chapters shall become due and payable the first day of November etc" penalties for non-payment of dues will go into effect January 1, 1938. The motion was duly passed.

- 8. Incorporation: Brother Gantt presented a motion, which was seconded by Brother Cochran and duly passed, that Brother Worthington, Brother Shotwell and Brother Burns should proceed with details in regard to the incorporation of the Fraternity and report back to the Grand Council before the final work or decision is made.
- 9. Trustees: A motion was brought before the meeting by Brother Cantt, seconded by Brother Cochran and duly passed, that the present Tomahawk Trustees submit a complete report to the Grand Council by January 1, 1937, giving a description of the portfolio and a statement of the present investments and present investment conditions.

Brother Gantt also presented the motion, seconded by Brother Cochran and duly passed, that upon receipt of the above report from the trustees, that members of the Grand Council should personally interview these men concerning their report. Any action in regard to change of personnel was tabled until the next meeting, January 15, 1938.

10. Endowment Fund: Brother Worthington presented a motion, seconded by Brother Pierce and duly passed, that Dr. Cramblet formulate and propose a program for an endowment fund to be offered at the next meeting of the Grand Council, January 15, 1938.

- Visitation: Brother Burns presented his plans in regard to his western trip to begin on or near February 1, 1938. Brother Cochran offered the motion, seconded by Brother Worthington and duly passed, that the Grand Council endorse and authorize the western visitation trip not to exceed \$500.00.
- 12. National Interfraternity Conference: It was decided that a letter should be written to the National Interfraternity Conference, making a formal request for reinstatement. Grand Council meeting temporarily adjourned at 11 A. M. to permit Brothers Cramblet, Pierce and Burns to attend the closing session of the National Interfraternity Conference. They met the Chairman of the Conference, Mr. Russell C. McFall, who stated that he saw no reason why our reinstatement would not be in order in the near future. They also met George Banta, Jr., who was elected the new Vice-Chairman, and L. G. Balfour, Member of the Executive Committee.
- 13. Expansion: A report was presented by Brother Worthington on his activities as Chairman of Extension. Brother Gantt offered a motion, seconded by Brother Shotwell and duly passed, that said report be approved and be distributed to other members of the Grand Council.

Brother Worthington presented a motion, seconded by Brother Gantt and duly passed, that the attached list of colleges and universities be sent to the chapters and chartered alumni councils for approval for strategic expansion.

- 14. Distinguished Service Award: The plan suggested by Brother Hargear was approved in principle. Brother Shotwell presented a motion, seconded by Brother Gantt, that a committee of three be appointed from the Grand Council with Brother Hargear acting as chairman, the other two members to be appointed by Dr. Cramblet, to study the desirability of reviving the old Delta Beta Psi pin and ritual. This committee to make a definite report and recommendation at the next meeting of the Grand Council.
- 15. Fraternity Directory: The Grand Council authorized the Executive Secretary to proceed with the preparation of the records for the publication of a directory.
- 16. Liquor Question: Matter was tabled until the next meeting, and the Executive Secretary was instructed to proceed with the investigation of the same.
- 17. Alumni Councilors: Brother Worthington suggested Calvin Floyd Schwenker, Kappa '09, who is located with the Union Trust Company of Madison, Wisconsin, as alumni councilor for the Wisconsin Chapter.

Brother Cochran suggested James Alrutz, Sigma '35, who is graduate adviser at the Syracuse Chapter, as alumni councilor for Syracuse. Both of the above men were approved. Executive Secretary was instructed to inform the above men of their appointment, and it was requested that Dr. Cramblet write them a follow up letter.

It was also requested that the other Grand Council members not in attendance make suggestions in regard to alumni councilors for the different chapters.

18. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned to meet, if possible, on Saturday, January 15, 1938;