

***THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE GAMMA CHAPTER OF  
THE OMEGA TAU SIGMA FRATERNITY***

Article I -- Name and Location

Sec. 1 The name of the fraternity shall be the Gamma Chapter (herein referred to as the "Chapter") of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity (herein referred to as "OTS").

Sec. 2 It shall be located in Columbus, Ohio. The Chapter shall provisionally operate out of the Omega Tau Sigma House located at 4673 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43220, herein referred to as the "House".

Article II -- Purpose and Non-Discrimination Policy

Sec. 1 The purpose of this fraternity shall be the promotion of and provision for professional, fraternal, philanthropic, and social interaction among its membership.

Sec. 2 This fraternity and its members shall not discriminate against any individual for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender, nationality, age, handicap, political affiliation, or veteran status.

Article III -- Membership

Sec. 1 The fraternity shall be composed of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine candidates, herein referred to as DVM, of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University, alumni, associate, and honorary members as defined below.

Sec. 2 An alumni member shall be one who has been a member of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity through graduation as a DVM.

Sec. 3 An associate member shall be one who is a graduate of any college of veterinary medicine recognized or accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, and who has been a member of any chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

Sec. 4 An honorary member shall be any person upon whom this Chapter confers honorary membership.

Sec. 5 An active member of the fraternity shall be a student member who meets and maintains his or her moral, participatory, and financial obligations to the fraternity.

Sec. 6 In order to remain in good standing, active members are required to pay semesterly dues and acquire three (3) attendance points in the categories of: one (1) social, one (1) community service, and one (1) non-social.

- a. The events are defined by the Executive Board.
- b. These requirements are to be completed within the academic calendar.
- c. Fourth year active members are excluded from this requirement due to clinical rotation responsibilities.
- d. Failure to meet point requirements shall result in a monetary fine.

Sec. 7 A member shall have the option to seek financial inactivity during the term of education not including his or her senior year.

- a. Financially inactive members shall be free of all financial and social obligations providing that all balances have been paid in full or arrangements have been met for the former.
- b. Members who have chosen financial inactivity will be assessed all social entrance fees.

Sec. 8 An active member can request inactive status upon presentation of a written request to the Executive Board showing sufficient and worthy cause.

- a. An inactive member shall be free of all financial and social obligations; however, he or she shall remain morally obligated to the fraternity.
- b. Any member granted inactive status shall be allowed a period of inactivity of not more than two (2) semesters, which shall not include the inactive's fourth year of Veterinary education.

Sec. 9 Any member wishing to disaffiliate from the fraternity may do so. Disaffiliation denotes a member that has chosen to relinquish all financial, social, and moral ties with the fraternity for their entire professional tenure.

- a. All outstanding financial obligations must be met in full prior to granting disaffiliate status.
- b. Any member wishing to disaffiliate from the fraternity must notify the President and Treasurer.
- c. To be granted disaffiliate status, a 75% majority vote by the quorum must be obtained at the subsequent general meeting.

Sec. 10 During their fourth year, the active members of the fourth year class are responsible for planning a senior project. The fourth year active members shall choose a project that aides in the betterment of the fraternity and see to its planning, and it shall be completed before the class graduates from the university.

## Article IV -- Officers

Sec. 1 The elected officers of this fraternity shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Sergeant-at-Arms, two (2) Recruitment Chairs, one (1) Historian, two (2) Public Relations Chairs, two (2) Professional Development Chairs, two (2) Social Chairs, two (2) Tailgating Chairs, two (2) Fundraising Chairs, two (2) Merchandise Chairs, two (2) Community Service Chairs, one (1) Health and Wellness Chair, two (2) Veterinary Explorers Chairs, and Class Representatives (minimum one for each class year).

Sec. 2 Non-elected officers of this fraternity shall be as follows: one (1) Senior Delegate, one (1) Junior Delegate, and a minimum of one (1) House Manager(s).

Sec. 3 The order of succession shall be as listed in Article IV, Sec. 1.

Sec. 4 The duties of the various officers shall be as described in Article V.

Sec. 5 The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer-elect, and Senior and Junior Delegates.

## Article V -- Duties of Officers

Sec. 1 The duties of the President shall be:

- a. To preside at all meetings of the fraternity and conduct said meetings according to the Order of Business, detailed in Article XI, Sec. 4, following Robert's Rules of Order.
- b. Any decision made by the President shall be subject to appeal by the membership, and can be overturned by a 75% majority of the quorum.
- c. To sign all legal documents pertaining to the business of the fraternity when so ordered by the fraternity.
- d. To hold title to all property of the Chapter, both real and personal, but shall have no power to dispose of said property unless so ordered by the Chapter.
- e. To appoint all standing committees, chairpersons thereof and non-elected officers and other committees; all appointments are to be with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board.
- f. To officially represent the fraternity, either personally or by a duly appointed representative, on all occasions that might arise and call for such representation.
- g. To serve as the liaison between the Chapter and the Alumni Chapter Executive Board, herein referred to as the Gamma Club.
- h. To oversee the transition of duties between current and newly elected officers.
- i. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- j. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 2 The duties of the Vice President shall be:

- a. To preside in the absence of the President.

- b. To defend the decisions of the President from the floor.
- c. To fulfill, in the event of the death, resignation, or impeachment of the President, all the duties of the President until the next annual elections. In such event, at the next general meeting a successor, the Vice-President, shall be elected.
- d. To oversee the operations of committee chairs, including helping the chairs create standard operating procedures (SOPs), which shall be reported back to the President.
- e. To assist the President with the transition of duties between current and newly elected officers.
- f. To represent the Gamma Chapter in all matters pertaining to the foundation of new chapters of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.
- g. To be responsible for organization of food for all monthly meetings.
- h. In a year Grand Council is hosted by Gamma Chapter, organize and lead the Grand Council Committee.
- i. To serve as the Chair of the Awards Committee, order awards for the Formal Initiation Banquet, and obtain white carnations for the banquet.
- j. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- k. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 3 The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- a. To keep a correct record of all proceedings of each meeting of the fraternity, to call the roll whenever directed by the President, to read the minutes of any previous meeting whenever so directed, to read and distribute all incoming fraternity correspondence, and to reply to same when so directed.
- b. To be responsible for the orderly and safe-keeping of all current records, books, seals, papers, etc., except those pertinent to other officers.
- c. To keep permanent record of all members joining the Chapter, including full name, home and local address, and telephone number, and all changes of address as they are reported by the members.
- d. To procure from the Secretary of the Grand Council graduate certificates for graduating seniors of the fraternity. This is to be accomplished at least ninety (90) days prior to the Senior Appreciation Banquet.
- e. To submit nominations for each elected office of the fraternity.
- f. To maintain and update the OTS listserv and member roster.
- g. To perform such other duties as directed by the President.
- h. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 4 The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a. To be responsible for all collections and disbursements of moneys of the fraternity.
- b. To render a financial report of the fraternity when directed to do so by the President or with the request by a petition signed by three (3) members of the fraternity.
- c. To notify in writing any member who may be indebted to the fraternity for one (1) academic semester, and to arrange with said member for prompt payment, and to report to the Executive Board when satisfactory arrangements cannot be agreed upon.

- d. To ensure that payments to the Gamma Chapter, and annual dues payments to the Grand Council of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity are promptly disbursed when due.
- e. To maintain the financial records and procedures in accordance with the directives of the Auditing Office, at The Ohio State University, and to submit such records to said office for audit when so directed or requested.
- f. The office of the Treasurer shall be a compensated position. The semesterly dues shall be credited on his or her behalf.

Sec. 5 The duties of the Treasurer-elect shall be:

- a. To assist the Treasurer.
- b. To become thoroughly familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer.
- c. To track attendance of all events and meetings in order to determine members' current standing and to award dues reductions/fees owed based on participation.
  - i. Report member standing following dues collection each semester to the Treasurer for record keeping

Sec. 6 The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be:

- a. To serve as chaplain for the fraternity.
- b. To maintain the Robert's Rules of Order at all fraternity meetings.
- c. To serve as the Parliamentarian and oversee the Constitution and its maintenance.
- d. To maintain a complete and current copy of the constitution, and shall make said copies available to the Executive Board and to any fraternity member requesting said copies.
- e. To prohibit the admission or supervise the removal of all unauthorized persons at any fraternity function they attend.
  - i. Should this person be unable to attend, the Sergeant-at-Arms reserves the option to appoint a substitute in their absence.
- f. To be responsible for the preparation of the meeting room prior to and after all meetings.
- g. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 7 The duties of the Recruitment Chairs shall be:

- a. To have the option to request a Recruitment Committee and to serve as its co-chairs.
- b. To plan and direct recruitment events to encourage new members to join.
  - i. They shall comply with the directives of the fraternity, but shall have direct authority in all Pledge activities.
- c. To plan Informal Initiation, including, but not limited to, the disbursement of dates, venues, and events.
- d. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- e. To plan the Formal Initiation ceremony prior to White Carnation.
- f. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 8 The duties of the Historian shall be:

- a. To be responsible for the orderly and safe-keeping of all past records, books, seals, papers, etc. except those pertinent to other offices.

- b. To create a Chapter history book for their term of office and post tasteful photos of service and events to the OTS Gamma Chapter social media accounts.
- c. To maintain the Gamma Chapter website (if applicable).
- d. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- e. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 9 The duties of the Public Relations Chairs shall be:

- a. To promote and advertise meetings, parties, extracurricular activities, and to submit articles to any Veterinary College publications at the discretion of the Executive Board and Membership.
- b. To be responsible for all alumni relations of the fraternity as directed by the Executive Board.
- c. To be responsible for maintenance of the current mailing address for all alumni members of the Gamma Chapter, and to forward any known address changes to the Grand Council Secretary.
- d. To be responsible for the production and mailing of the Golden Gamma
- e. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- f. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 10 The duties of the Professional Development Chairs shall be:

- a. To organize and conduct Case Rounds monthly.
- b. To coordinate with officers of the Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA) to organize the "Dress for Success" event.
- c. To maintain a professional and working relationship with the faculty and staff of the College.
- d. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- e. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.
- f. To organize review sessions and/or wetlabs with professors for all active members.

Sec. 11 The duties of the Social Chairs shall be:

- a. To plan, prepare, and supervise the social program of the fraternity as directed by the Executive Board (with the exception of tailgates).
- b. To coordinate with Public Relations for advertisement of social events.
- c. To coordinate with Sergeant-at-Arms for securing beverages for social events.
- d. To prepare social event themes, decorations, etc.
- e. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- f. To plan and execute Formal Initiation Banquet, also known as White Carnation.
- g. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 12 The duties of the Tailgate Chairs shall be:

- a. To plan, prepare, and supervise all of the sports tailgates including, but not limited to, football, basketball, and professional sports as directed by the Executive Board.
- b. To Coordinate with Public Relations for advertisement of tailgate events.

- c. To coordinate with Sergeant-at-Arms for securing, if needed, beverages for social events.
- d. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- e. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 13 The duties of the Merchandise Chairs shall be:

- a. To create, order, and sell Gamma Chapter Merchandise.
- b. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- c. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 14 The duties of the Community Service Chairs shall be:

- a. To survey the Chapter and determine their philanthropic areas of interest, and arrange events accordingly.
- b. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- c. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 15 The duties of the Veterinary Explorers Chairs shall be:

- a. To recruit high school students to the program.
- b. To collect program fees and provide them to the Treasurer.
- c. To ensure students have filled out a liability waiver.
- d. To ensure that the required amount of adult volunteers is met, per the Boy Scouts of America
  - i. Ensure that adult volunteers complete the required paperwork, including background checks.
- e. To provide reasonable accommodations for students participating in the programs.
- f. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- f. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 16 The duties of the Health and Wellness Chair shall be:

- a. To plan and conduct the intramural athletic program of the fraternity (if the Chapter holds interest).
  - i. These can be both structured and paid for through the university, or can be self run at a designated location.
- b. To provide the Chapter with resources and activities that foster mental/physical health and wellness.
- c. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- d. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 17 The duties of the Class Representatives shall be:

- a. To create announcements and foster communications among the members of the fraternity.
- b. To coordinate inter/intra class studying and mentoring opportunities.
- c. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.

- d. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.

Sec. 18 The duties of the House Manager(s) shall be:

- a. To be responsible for the general maintenance and day to day upkeep of the House and grounds.
- b. To be responsible for the collection of rent from the House residents.
- c. To serve as chairman of the House Committee.
- d. To fulfill any other duties as ascribed by the Executive Board or Gamma Club of Omega Tau Sigma
- e. To be responsible for the supervision and placement of the required number of fire extinguishers and any and all other fire detection, warning, and safety devices required by state and/or local fire and building codes. The House Manager shall also be responsible for the routine inspection and maintenance of said fire safety devices to ensure their proper function.
- f. To organize event volunteers and report event attendance to the Treasurer-elect.
- g. To communicate with the Treasurer to submit a budget for the position's expenses.
- h. The House Manager shall be a resident of the House.
- i. This position is compensated, with the salary to be determined by the Executive Board each year.

Sec. 19 The Gamma Chapter delegates are an unelected officer position, and the selection and term requirements are as follows:

- a. Two delegates, a Junior and Senior, shall serve as representatives for the Gamma Chapter to the Grand Council.
- b. Each year, the Senior Delegate shall appoint a Junior Delegate based upon a letter of intent submitted to the Senior Delegate.
  - i. This letter shall convey the applicant's desire to represent the Gamma Chapter at Grand Council.
  - ii. They will assist the Senior Delegate with preparation and presentation of the Chapter Presentation and Report at the Grand Council Delegates meeting.
  - iii. They will assist with all plans regarding traveling to, or hosting, the Grand Council meeting that year.
- c. The appointed Junior Delegate will be charged with a two year commitment consisting of holding the Junior Delegate position for one year, and upon completion of their initial term will be automatically appointed to the Senior Delegate position.
- d. The Senior and Junior delegates are required to attend Grand Council in order for the Chapter to remain in good standing.
  - i. The Chapter assumes the costs associated with sending the delegates to Grand Council.
  - ii. This includes all fees associated with registration, travel, and lodging.
- e. The Executive Board shall approve the transference of title, role, and responsibility of the Senior Delegate to the Junior Delegate upon successful completion of a one year term as Junior Delegate.



- i. Transference of this title shall occur during the annual elections and will be announced to all members present at the meeting.
- ii. Should the Executive Board not approve the transference of this title, they reserve the right to appoint a new Delegate to fill the Senior Delegate vacancy.

Sec. 20 Inactivated or deactivated title-bearing officers of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma shall be penalized in the following manner:

- a. The offending member may not list on any professional or legal document as being active in their relinquished position, nor having ever been active in their relinquished position, so as to misinform viewers as to the nature of their responsibilities and their leaving.
- b. If going on inactive-status during their terms as either an elected or appointed titled-officer, the offending member may not hold office again upon reactivation of their membership, nor may they list on any professional or legal document that they held the aforementioned title in any capacity upon their reactivation.
- c. All title-bearing officers who wish to deactivate or go on inactive-status must contact the current President of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma, and must find a suitable candidate for replacement unless otherwise instructed by the President and Executive Board.
- d. Failure to abide by these regulations will cause the offending member or party to be held responsible for any consequences deemed suitable by the President and Executive Board of the Gamma Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma.

## Article VI -- Committees

Sec. 1 The President has the authority to appoint the following standing committees from among the membership of the fraternity: House Committee, Constitution Committee, and Awards Committee. Their duties shall be described in Article VII.

Sec. 2 The President shall appoint a minimum of one (1) House Manager(s), whose duties shall be communicating with residents, upkeeping the house, assuring the bill and dues of the house are in order, maintain cleanliness of the house, and reporting house functions to the Executive Board. Other duties are as assigned by the President.

Sec. 3 The President has the authority to appoint such other committees if deemed necessary. Such committees shall serve until revoked by the President, or until the expiration of his or her term of office.

## Article VII -- Duties of Committees

Sec. 1 The House Committee is an elective committee, consisting of three (3) members at minimum of whom at least one (1) must be a nonresident of the House.

- a. The chairman shall be the House Manager.
- b. The House Manager shall run the Committee as they see fit to address the needs of the House and it's residents.
- c. The House Manager shall report at general meetings of the fraternity and shall be responsible for complying with the directives of the fraternity.

Sec. 2 The Recruitment Committee is an elective committee that shall consist of members of the fraternity.

- a. They shall advise and assist the Recruitment Chairs in planning and directing the rush program of the fraternity.
- b. The Recruitment Chairs shall run the Committee as they see fit to address the needs of the pledges, and their relationship with the active members of the fraternity.

Sec. 3 The Constitution Committee is an elective committee, and shall consist of three (3) members at minimum who shall acquaint themselves with the Constitution of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity, and shall determine the constitutionality of actions of the fraternity.

- a. The Sergeant-of-Arms acts as the chair of this Committee and shall present constitutional amendments to the general membership.
- b. The Constitution committee shall review proposed amendments submitted in accordance with the Constitution by any members of the fraternity for constitutionality and clarify them if necessary before placing them before the fraternity for ratification procedures.

Sec. 4 The Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President, and consist of a minimum of seven (7) members, two (2) of whom shall be alumni of the Gamma Chapter.

- a. The Committee shall serve for one (1) year.
- b. This Committee is responsible for accepting nomination and selecting award recipients, procurement of all certificates and awards to be presented there at, and the procurement and presentation of past officer's certificates for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Recruitment Chairs,
- c. The Committee is also charged with keeping a record of all award recipients and such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5 Any other committees may be formed at the request of an officer to aid and assist in the functions of that officer's position.

- a. These auxiliary committee positions may be elected, delegated, nominated, or volunteered for by the membership or the Executive Board.

Sec. 6 All immoral or questionable activities considered by any committee or fraternity member must be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee for recommendation of appropriate disciplinary actions.

- a. The recommendations of the Executive Committee will be presented to the active Chapter for a majority vote, being not less than 50% majority of the quorum.
- b. It will be the duty of the President to inform the committee or member of the fraternity's action.

## Article VIII -- Elections/Impeachment

Sec. 1 All active members in good standing, as defined in Article III, Sec. 6, with the fraternity are eligible to vote in elections.

Sec. 2 All elections shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. A quorum is defined as 25% of the active membership. A majority is defined as greater than 50% of the quorum.

Sec. 3 All officers except the Treasurer, and one (1) Veterinary Explorers Chair shall be elected at the second to last general meeting of the Spring Semester. Newly elected officers shall be in a transition period and officially assume office following the last day of Spring Semester.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer-elect, at the end of their term, shall automatically assume the office of the Treasurer following the transition period as previously described in Article V, sec. 1.

Sec. 5 All elected officers shall serve office for a term of one (1) year except the Veterinary Explorers Chairs, which will serve for two (2) years.

Sec. 6 Vacancies in any elected office shall be filled by the active membership of the fraternity at the second general meeting after such a vacancy has been declared. The member who serves in such office for the remainder of the term shall be entitled to the full honors of the full term.

Sec. 7 A fraternity member in good standing may submit absentee ballots, received from the executive committee, by the start of the meeting at which voting is to take place. Any member who uses an absentee ballot acknowledges the inability to vote for nominations added during this meeting and as such the ballots may not be changed once submitted.

Sec. 8 In the event of unsatisfactory performance of an elected officer, an impeachment petition shall be put forth in writing and signed by 10% of the active membership and one faculty advisor.

Sec. 9 A 75% majority vote of the active membership, held at the following meeting, will confirm impeachment. A new officer for the position will be elected at the following meeting after the

vacancy is confirmed, with the exception of an impeached president, in which case the Vice-President will assume all duties assigned to the President.

## Article IX -- Pledgeship

Sec. 1 A Pledge shall be any student with class rank of either first, second, third, or fourth year enrolled at the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University who has been invited by the members of this fraternity, and has been accepted for candidacy by optional participation in the informal and formal pledging ceremony.

Sec. 3 The Pledge class shall be under the jurisdiction of the Recruitment Chairs.

Sec. 4 Initiation to active membership and assumption of active obligations, financial and otherwise, is mandatory following Formal Initiation.

Sec. 5 The length of Pledgeship shall be not less than one (1) semester.

Sec. 6 All Pledges of the fraternity shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of the fraternity.

Sec. 7 Active membership will be granted to a Pledge that has met all assessed and authorized financial obligations as stated in Article V, Sec. 1.

Sec. 8 All those seeking Pledgeship will be granted the opportunity to become an active member of the fraternity and will not be discriminated against based on race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender, nationality, age, handicap, political affiliation, or veteran status.

## Article X -- Fees, Dues and Property

Sec. 1 The fees and dues of the fraternity shall be determined by the Treasurer. Membership dues shall account for the following: Chapter dues, Chair budgets, House usage fee, House beautification fund, National Dues (spring semester only). Pledge dues shall be adjusted to reflect their time as an active member per semester.

Sec. 2 The Treasurer and Executive Board reserves the right to adjust dues according to the needs of the Chapter.

Sec. 3 Dues will be assessed the first month of the semester and are to be paid by the third general meeting of the semester. Exception is made during the Senior year, as well as in the case where payment plans are approved by the Executive Board.

Sec. 4 Dues reduction credits are accrued per semester, and are applied to the following semester in which the member is active. Dues reduction credits are determined by the Executive Board and are announced prior to each opportunity. Each active member is eligible to receive up to \$10 in dues reductions per semester. Officers are eligible for an additional \$5 dues reduction per semester served in their position.

Sec. 5 All fraternity losses, not accounted for in dues, shall be prorated among all active fraternity members monthly. All fraternity profits shall be accumulated as a reserve for any future losses.

Sec. 6 The house beautification fund is assessed semesterly to provide a renewable fund for maintenance, repairs, and improvements of the house and grounds. The money collected for this fund will be deposited in a separate savings account. No money can be withdrawn from this account without the express authorization of the active membership or by authorization of the House Manager. The expenditures of which shall be overseen by the Executive Board and approved by the active membership.

Sec. 7 Active Members who have failed to maintain their good standing, as stated in Article III, Sec. 6, will be subject to a fine up to \$30.00. A \$10 fine shall be assessed for each missing attendance point. This fine shall be paid at the time of the collection of dues.

Sec. 8 The funds and property of the fraternity having been accrued for the defrayment of all proper and legal liabilities of the fraternity, they shall not be divided in any manner among the members individually, nor between this fraternity and any other that may stem from it without the approval of 67% of the active membership. Upon the written proposals to donate a specific sum of money to aid in the reestablishment of the Gamma Chapter of the Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity.

Sec. 9 Whenever a brother/sister ceases to be a member by reason of death, expulsion, suspension, or withdrawal, his or her right, title and interest in and to the property or funds of this fraternity, or any part thereof, thereby becomes null and void, and shall be reported to the Grand Council Secretary.

Sec. 10 A prompt payment discount of \$10 shall be allowed for those whose payment is made on or before the third general meeting.

Sec. 11 A grace period of thirty (30) days will be automatically granted to any active member needing one, provided they contact the Treasurer before the due date of payment. The Treasurer shall record all extensions granted.

Sec 12 A \$10 late fee is applied when dues are delinquent according to Article V, Secs. 10 and 11.

Sec. 13 Payment plans waiving late fees may be made at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Sec. 13 Failure to arrange payment with the Treasurer by the third general meeting will enact the following: Any amount uncollected for six (6) calendar months without Treasurer's extension will be referred for collection, at the member's cost.

## Article XI -- Meetings

Sec. 1 The general meeting of the fraternity shall serve as the official forum for all fraternity business. The general meetings shall be held at least once a month during the regular academic semester.

Sec. 2 Special meetings may be called by the President at his or her discretion or when petitioned to do so by a written request of 10% of the active membership. No business shall be transacted at special meetings except that for which the meeting is specifically called.

Sec. 3 All fraternity meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 4 Order of Business: The meeting shall be called to order by the presiding officer. The agenda shall be as follows:

- a. Invocation
- b. Summarization/Approval of previous meeting minutes
- c. Financial Report (Treasurer)
- d. Officer Reports
  - i. Old/New Business
- e. Announcements
- f. Date of the Next Meeting
- g. Motion to Adjourn

## Article XII -- Amendments

Sec. 1 All motions for amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution Committee for its consideration and approval. The Constitution Committee must present the proposed amendment(s) to the active membership at the next general meeting.

Sec. 2 The Constitution may then be amended by a quorum of 25% of the active membership, with a greater than 50% majority vote of the quorum.

## Article XIII -- Gamma Awards

Sec. 1 Annually, during the first four (4) weeks of the academic Spring Semester, at a specific time to be selected by the active membership, the fraternity shall sponsor an initiation and recognition banquet, referred to as "White Carnation".

Sec. 2 During the banquet proceedings, recognition shall be given to members of the fraternity, alumni of the Gamma Chapter, and to an outstanding member of the veterinary profession, regardless of fraternal affiliations. These recipients of the Gamma Award Certificates shall have established themselves as outstanding in promoting the objectives of the fraternity or the veterinary profession.

Sec. 3 Gamma Award Certificates shall be awarded as follows:

- a. National Gamma Award (1 award) - a nationally recognized veterinarian (not necessarily an OTS member) who has made significant contributions to the field. This person will be the honorary speaker at White Carnation. The recipient of this award rotates between local and national individuals, with the local recipients falling on the even numbered years.
- b. Gamma Award (1-2 awards) - fourth year student(s) who has/have shown dedication to the fraternity throughout their entire membership.
- c. Buckeye Award (2 awards) - third year students who have shown dedication to the fraternity throughout their third year of membership.
- d. Scarlet and Gray Award (2 awards) - second year students who have shown dedication to the fraternity throughout their second year of membership.
- e. Gamma Alumni Award (1 award) - a Gamma alumnus who has made significant contributions to the Gamma Chapter over the past year.
- f. Honorary Gamma Award (up to 5 awards) - members of the Ohio State University community, not necessarily veterinarians, who are not OTS members and who are not current students, but have shown considerable dedication to students and uphold fraternal standards.

Sec. 4 A person to be nominated must receive a majority of the Awards Committee's votes. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and the number of recommendations to the committee shall have no bearing on the committee's decision.

Sec. 5 Any member of the fraternity may submit as many names to the committee as desired, each name is to be accompanied by a written statement containing supporting evidence for nomination.

Sec. 6 To receive a Gamma Award Certificate, an alumnus must have graduated from the Chapter in good standing.

Sec. 7 All recipients are encouraged to be present at the presentation ceremonies. All nominations shall be kept confidential by the committee except for notifying recipients to ensure their presence at the presentation ceremonies.

### Article XIV -- The Gamma Plaque

Sec. 1 An award to be known as the Gamma Plaque shall be awarded annually at the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association's recognition banquet. This award shall be presented to a member of the graduating senior class who is also an active OTS member in good standing, selected as outstanding by a committee of clinicians appointed by the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University. The basis for selection shall include character, adeptness, scholarship, and personality during your clinical year.

Sec. 2 The inscription of said plaque shall be as follows:

"The Gamma Award, Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity, is awarded to (name), a member of the Senior Class of 20XX, in recognition of outstanding character, adeptness, scholarship, and personality as determined by the Clinical Staff of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University."

Sec. 3 It shall be the duty of the President of the fraternity to ensure timely selection of said recipient of this award, as well as the purchase and engraving of an appropriate plaque for said presentations.

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