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Brotherhood, Culture, Tradition

Beta Chi Theta Constitution

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We, the brothers of Beta Chi Theta, in order to form a National fraternity based on leadership, cultural consciousness, and most importantly brotherhood, believe in the advancement of one's self by way of community service, academic preeminence, and perpetual kinship.

Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of this social fraternity shall be officially known as **Beta Chi Theta**, founded at the *University of California, Los Angeles on the Second day of June in the year Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Nine.*

Section 2. *This* fraternity's name, **Beta Chi Theta**, shall be symbolized by the Greek letters, "*Beta*", "*Chi*", and "*Theta*".

Article II: Purpose

The first and foremost principle of the fraternity is **BROTHERHOOD**. Further principles include following **Tradition, Service to Humanity**, promoting **South Asian Awareness**, striving for **Academic Excellence**, and creating a unified **Nationwide Network**.

Article III: Heraldry

Section 1. The colors of this grand fraternity shall be *black, silver,* and white.

Section 2. The insignia shall be the same as outlined in the **Beta Chi Theta** ritual handbook, otherwise known as *The Knot*.

Section 3. The traditions of this fraternity are defined in the **Beta Chi Theta** ritual handbook, otherwise known as *The Knot*.

Section 4. The official mascot of **Beta Chi Theta** shall be that of a Lion.

Article IV: Supreme Law

Section 1. This Constitution and the National Bylaws of **Beta Chi Theta** shall be the supreme law of the fraternity.

Section 2. All chapters, colonies, their members, and the National Council must abide by **Beta Chi Theta's** National Constitution, National By-laws, and their own Chapter/Colony By-laws.

Section 3. All chapters, colonies, and their members must abide by the rules and regulations set by their respective university/college and state law.

Section 4. The language in the Constitution and National Bylaws shall be final and binding. Any question regarding the interpretation of the Constitution and National Bylaws shall be referred to the Board of Trustees.”

Article V: Membership

Section 1. Membership in **Beta Chi Theta** will not be denied based on ones race, color, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin.

Section 2. Membership shall be limited to male students who follow the principles and traditions of the fraternity.

Section 3. Membership shall consist of *six* categories: *Active, Associate, Inactive, Affiliate, Alumni, New Member, and Honorary.*

Section 4. Expulsion or resignation may terminate membership.

4.1 The Expulsion of a member must follow the judicial process outlined in Article IX of the National bylaws.

Section 5. Active members and those individuals participating in the New Member Education process must maintain a cumulative grade point average as set forth by the host university. If no requirement exists, then a minimum cumulative grade point average must be a 2.50 (“C” average) on a 4.00 scale.

Section 6. Only active, associate, inactive, affiliate, and alumni members of **Beta Chi Theta** are allowed to wear the Greek characters “Beta” (Β), “Chi”(Χ), and “Theta” (Θ).

6.1 All exceptions are outlined in National Bylaws.

Article VI: Organization.

Section 1. Beta Chi Theta shall consist of a National Council and undergraduate chapters/colonies.

1.1 National Council shall consist of a National Board and a Board of Trustees. National Council shall be comprised of Alumni members of **Beta Chi Theta**.

1.1.1 If no alumni members are willing to run for a vacant National Board position, an undergrad active member of Beta Chi Theta may run for the National Board position.

1.2 Undergraduate chapters and colonies shall be comprised of initiated undergraduate members of **Beta Chi Theta**. Also, undergraduate chapters and colonies shall include a Board of Directors as outlined in the National Bylaws.

Section 2. National Organization

2.1 The Board of Trustees.

2.1.1 The purpose of The Board of Trustees will be to define and administer the short and long-term strategic plans of Beta Chi Theta, serve in an advisory capacity to the National Board and perform judicial functions as outlined in Article IX of the National By-Laws.

2.1.2 The Board of Trustees shall consist of at least three members, and at most eleven members. Members of the board are appointed by the existing Board of Trustees.

2.1.3 A member of the Board of Trustees will hold his seat for life. A Trustee may remove himself by submitting a written resignation to the Board of Trustees.

2.1.4 The Board of Trustees shall issue goals aligned with the short and long-term strategic plans of Beta Chi Theta for the National Board,

and perform periodic evaluations of the goals.

2.1.5 All strategic and judicial decisions made by Beta Chi Theta's Board of Trustees must be passed with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees.

2.2 The National Board

2.2.1 The purpose of the National Board shall be to execute the short and long-term strategic plans, set forth by the Board of Trustees, and oversee all undergraduate, organizational and alumni operations.

2.2.2 All disciplinary and organizational decisions made by Beta Chi Theta's National Board must be passed with an (80%) vote of the National Board.

2.2.3 The National Board shall consist of: National President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Alumni Affairs, Vice President of Financial Affairs, and Vice President of Records.

2.2.4 Each of the National Board members shall hold his position for a term length of one year. If an existing board member wishes to hold his position for another term, he must be re-elected according to the election procedures as outlined in Article IV of the National Bylaws.

Section 3. Undergraduate Organization

3.1 All undergraduate chapters and colonies must have a board of directors. The purpose of the board of directors of each chapter or colony is to oversee all local matters of their chapter. In addition, the board of directors exists in order to foster, develop, and maintain the principles of **Beta Chi Theta**.

3.2 The Board of Directors must consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Director, Service Director, and New Member Educator.

Section 4. All elected and appointed officers of undergraduate chapters, colonies, National Board, and the Board of Trustees must take his respective officer's oath as outlined in "The Knot."

Article VII: Elections.

Section 1. The National Board and the undergraduate executive board positions must be filled according to the election guidelines outlined in the National Bylaws Article IV.

Article VIII: Meetings.

Section 1. National Meetings

- 1.1 The National Board shall meet a minimum of once a year. This annual meeting must be held within the first three months of their initiation into the executive board.
- 1.2 All National Board members are required to attend all board meetings.
- 1.3 A meeting shall be defined as a means of communication of all board members at a specific time with the exception of the annual board meeting, in which all of the board members must physically be in the same room.

Section 2. Undergraduate Chapter and Colony Meetings

- 2.1 General body meetings will be held on a weekly basis.
- 2.2 Board meetings will be held on a weekly basis in addition to the general body meetings.
- 2.3 General meetings and Board meetings shall begin with the **Beta Chi Theta** Constitution *pre-amble*.

Article IX: Finances

Section 1. All National Council, Chapter, and Colony assets and funds must be used for the betterment, furtherance, and preservation of **Beta Chi Theta**.

Section 2. The National Board may collect monetary funds from undergraduate members in order to fund its activities.

Section 3. Undergraduate Chapter and Colony Finances

- 3.1 Each member will be charged a membership fee in accordance to his membership status.
- 3.2 Fines may be assessed based on infringement of fraternity policies and or traditions.

Article X: Hazing

Section 1. **Beta Chi Theta** is a non-hazing fraternity.

Section 2. All Undergraduate Chapters and Colonies must refrain from all activities that are defined as “hazing” by their respected university/college and/or State Law.

Article XI: Judicial Procedures

Section 1. There will be a National and Undergraduate Judicial Board.

Section 2. All National Council and Undergraduate Boards must adhere to the judicial procedures as outlined in the National Bylaws.

Article XII: Charters

Section 1. All authority to hand out charters is left to the discretion of the National Board as outlined in Article X of the National Bylaws.

Article XIII: Amendments

Section 1. All amendments made to the Constitution and National Bylaws of **Beta Chi Theta** must adhere to the guidelines found in the National bylaws.

Article XIV: Founding Fathers

Section 1. The Founding Fathers of the Alpha Chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles shall be recognized as the *National* Founding Fathers of **Beta Chi Theta**.

Section 2. List of National Founding Fathers

- 2.1 Abu Abraham
- 2.2 Hashu Datwani
- 2.3 Samir Khandhar
- 2.4 Ankur Kumar
- 2.5 Ashish Nagdev
- 2.6 Ankur Parikh
- 2.7 Roshan Patel
- 2.8 Ali Zhumkhawala

Article XV: Statement of University Compliance

Section 1. This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article XVI: Anti-Hazing Policy

Section 1. Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article XVII: Personal Gain Clause

Section 1. This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.