



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE THETA PI CHAPTER OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

PREAMBLE

In order to assist each other in pursuing our personal and collective moral, scholastic, and social development through the practice and pursuit of our sacred ritual, first taught by our Founders Louis Manigault, Stephen Ormsby Rhea and Horace Spangler Weiser at Yale University on December 6, 1845, we the Brothers of the Theta Pi Provisional Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. at The University of Kansas adopt the following Constitution.

ARTICLE I. – OUR IDENTITY

- Section 1. Name: The name of this Chapter shall be known as the Theta Pi Provisional Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. at The University of Kansas(referred to herein as the Chapter).
- Section 2. National Organization: This Chapter is an organization governed by, affiliated with, and beholden to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York (herein the National Organization). To the extent this Constitution, the Bylaws or any other governing documents of the Chapter are inconsistent with the policies, procedures, regulations or governing documents of the National Organization they shall be void with regard to the inconsistent provision.
- Section 3. Purpose: To Better the Man through the creation and perpetuation of brotherhood founded upon the Values of Character : Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism.

- A. Silence: He has the strength to embrace silence and the will to build an interior life founded upon an honest desire to truly listen to others. Trust in silence transcends the gulf that is created when men feel the need to compete in action or rhetoric. He is introspective and self-reliant.
- B. Charity: He is charitable in the broadest sense of the word. A man who strives for a life of charity and service is more patient, kinder, and more forgiving of the flaws of others. A charitable man sacrifices of himself to help others and seeks no recognition in return. He is humble, reverent, and generous.
- C. Purity: He consistently strives for purity of mind, body, and soul. The man who is pure of thought, word, and deed does not shrink from adversity or lofty goals. There is no self-pity, rationalizations, or apologies. He is moral and a gentleman in the finest sense of the word.
- D. Honor: He lives a life of personal integrity, thereby accruing honor. An honorable man lives up to promises made— to others *and* to himself. A man of honor is not vain, and is willing to endure scorn or ostracism rather than conform to the pressures of peers, superiors, or the fashion of the day. He is ethical, honest, and trustworthy.
- E. Patriotism: He loves his country, remaining consistently engaged in its affairs. He seeks to know his country and to pass that knowledge on to others. He is devoted to the principles of personal freedom, justice, and civic responsibility embedded in the U.S. Constitution that have made our country. He is loyal, proud, and humble.

Section 4. Code of Conduct: All undergraduate members will adhere to the Fraternity's Code of Conduct:

- A. I will not abuse, nor support the abuse, of alcohol or controlled substances.
- B. I will not use, nor support the use of, illegal drugs.
- C. I will not condone the discrimination of any individual based on: race, color, international origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, or age.
- D. I will maintain a commitment to excellence in all of my endeavors.
- E. I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, psychologically, or sexually abuse any individual.
- F. I will be a financially responsible individual to both my Chapter and the

international fraternity.

- G. I will achieve academic excellence.
- H. I will hold myself and my brothers accountable for their actions, and understand that I always represent the Fraternity.
- I. I will pursue the values of Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism through my actions and deeds.
- J. I will understand and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and Theta Pi Chapter.
- K. I will conduct myself in accordance with laws and regulations set at the federal, state, regional, and university level.
- L. I will work to make my Chapter the most respected both on campus and within the community at large.
- M. I will conduct myself knowing that my actions represent the character and standards of Alpha Sigma Phi, the Chapter, and my fellow brothers.
- N. I will encourage my Brothers to demonstrate the behavior which exemplifies this fraternity's Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE II. - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership: Membership is limited to male persons who:

- i. Are not a member of any social Greek-letter fraternity of college grade and national in scope; and
- ii. Are not a member of any group antagonistic to fraternities; and
- iii. Are likely to be intellectually, morally and socially of benefit to the Chapter; and
- iv. Are duly elected by secret vote of the Chapter; and
- v. Are fully and duly initiated in accordance with the ritual of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; and
- vi. Fulfill any other requirements for membership contained in the Bylaws of this Chapter.

Section 2. Classes of Membership. There shall be five classes of membership and

each member of this Fraternity, regardless the class of membership, shall be known herein as a Brother.

- A. New Member: Any male who meets the membership criteria as stated in Article II., Section 1 and is a full-time student at University of Kansas (students attending local community colleges are not eligible) shall be an Undergraduate Member of the Chapter. Once a man is given a Bid he is considered an Undergraduate Member of the Chapter (herein referred to as a New Member).
- B. Full Member: When a New Member is initiated, he is then considered an initiated Undergraduate Member of the Chapter (herein referred to as either Member or New Member; any references to all Members shall utilize the term Brother(s)).
- C. Membership Transfer: A member initiated by a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. who transfers to our institution may affiliate with our Chapter if he obtains transfer affiliation paperwork from Fraternity Headquarters and the Chapter approves his affiliation.
- D. Suspended Member: A member who has been suspended by the Chapter is not eligible to participate in meetings or any function – social, service, fundraising, etc. until such time as his period of suspension is over. A suspended member must either graduate or transfer to another institution to receive alumni status.
- E. Alumni Members: Alumni members are all those Brothers who do not qualify as an Undergraduate Member.
- F. Inactive Member: A member who decides to temporarily (or permanently) revoke their full membership in Alpha Sigma Phi. The inactive member will pay a percentage of dues and be afforded certain rights/responsibilities as outlined in Article I., Section 3 of the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 3. Local Members: There shall be no local, social, honorary or associate memberships granted. All eligible men who complete the necessary paperwork and participate in the Initiation Ceremony will be considered Undergraduate or Alumnus Members respectively.

Section 4. New Members: The Chapter may admit New Members, which shall refer to those men seeking to attain membership according to the requirements set forth in this article but have yet to fully satisfy those requirements. The requirements for a man to be accepted as a New Member shall be as follows:

- i. An undergraduate male, presently enrolled at The University of

Kansas may be considered as a New Member, provided that he meets the requirements of Article II, Section 1., to become a Member and has attained a 2.5/4.0 minimum cumulative GPA to be determined by the grade report from the semester immediately preceding the semester in which he would be offered a bid (first term students are automatically eligible having met college/university requirements in order to be enrolled); and,

- ii. The Potential New Member shall be the subject of a review by the Members to ensure a widespread belief in the integrity and honor of the man in question, a Potential New Member should exhibit the purpose and values of this Chapter as described in Article I., Section 3-4.; and,
- iii. If Members constituting a Quorum, as defined herein, vote to accept the man as a New Member he shall be extended a Bid to join Alpha Sigma Phi; and,
- iv. If the man chooses to accept the Bid he shall become a New Member of the Chapter until such time as he meets, or fails to meet, the requirements for full Membership under this Constitution and the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. – GOVERNANCE

- Section 1. Constitution: The Chapter shall be governed in all matters by this Constitution. This Constitution may not be set aside in times of adversity or prosperity and may be amended only by the procedures described herein.
- Section 2. Bylaws: The Chapter shall adopt Bylaws that describe, in greater detail, the administrative responsibilities, authorities, duties and procedures of the Officers and committees as well as other functions of the Chapter. To the extent the Bylaws are inconsistent with this Constitution, they shall be void as to the inconsistency only.

ARTICLE IV. – LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of Order, in the most recently published edition, shall govern the course of conduct of each and every meeting of the Chapter and the committees thereof except as they may conflict with any provision of this Constitution or the Bylaws.
- Section 2. Legislative Governance by Members: The Members may adopt policies and resolutions according to the terms in this section. In the event the policies or resolutions conflict with the Constitution or the Bylaws, they are

void as to the inconsistency only. In all matters where the Members wish to express the opinion of the Chapter by resolution the following process, as it may be supplemented in the Bylaws, and subject to Robert's Rules as described, shall apply:

- i. Each Full Member present at the time of voting has one vote;
- ii. When fifty percent plus one of the Undergraduate Members are in attendance at any meeting a Quorum is present, no business may be conducted in the absence of a Quorum;
- iii. Resolutions, policies, and procedures may be adopted by fifty percent plus one of a Quorum (Simple Majority).

Section 3. Amendment of Constitution: The Chapter cannot modify or change any part of the Constitution or Bylaws that contradict that of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. Constitution or Bylaws. The Chapter is able to enhance requirements or increase them, but cannot pass changes that reduce requirements below the set minimum. There are sections of this Constitution taken directly from the national fraternity's constitution and should those items change on a national level – they would automatically be updated in this document and do not require approval by the Chapter . This Constitution may be amended by the following process:

- i. At any meeting where a Quorum is present, any Member may propose an amendment to the Constitution; OR any Member may propose an amendment to the Constitution to the Prudential Board, at any meeting of the same and at the next meeting of the Members, where a Quorum is present, the Prudential Board may present the proposed amendment; and,
- ii. The amendment then may be discussed and debated upon the motion of a Member, and a second, and after a full and fair opportunity for debate the amendment shall be tabled by the chair until a subsequent meeting occurring at least three days later; and,
- iii. Following any final debate a vote shall be called and in the event that a supermajority numbering at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present votes in favor of its adoption, the Amendment is adopted and shall become part of this Constitution; and,
- iv. VP of Communications shall ensure that the Amendment is properly incorporated into this Constitution and the President and Vice President shall agree that it was properly incorporated.

ARTICLE V. – EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Executive Authority of Officers: Those Members elected by the Members of the Chapter to various offices, as described herein (collectively known herein as Officers), shall have executive authority over the Chapter in accordance with the terms of this Constitution and the Bylaws.
- Section 2. Elected Officers: The following positions are hereby created and endowed by the Members with such responsibility as defined herein and as may be further defined in the Bylaws. Each Member wishing to hold an office listed in this section shall stand for election according to the terms of this Article as may be supplemented by the Bylaws.
- A. President
 - B. Vice President of Member Retention
 - C. Vice President of Finance
 - D. Vice President of Standards
 - E. Vice President of Growth
 - F. Vice President of Communications
 - G. Vice President of Membership Enrichment
 - H. Vice President of Service and Philanthropy
 - I. Vice President of Rituals and Traditions
 - J. House Manager
 - K. Vice President of Family and Alumni
 - L. Rush Chairs
- Section 3. Election of Officers. Officers of this Chapter shall be elected as follows:
- i. Provided a Quorum is present, the President shall accept and record nominations of Members for each Office no later than the last meeting of October each year; and,
 - ii. Provided a Quorum is present, the President shall accept additional nominations no later than the first meeting in November each year; and,
 - iii. Following such time as is necessary to allow for all nominations to be made and accepted or declined the President shall open elections no later than the first meeting in November and shall proceed to call for each nominee to come forward and be heard; and,
 - iv. Each nominee shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to speak and the Members shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to question the nominee; and,
 - v. After each nominee has had an opportunity to be heard and

questioned by the Members, the President shall call for a secret ballot vote to select the Officer from among the nominees; and,

- vi. The President, assisted by the Vice President of Member Retention, shall collect and tally the votes in the presence of the Grand Chapter Advisor or a member of the Chapter Council; and,
- vii. A majority of all votes cast shall be required to win an election and in the event no nominee achieves a majority, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be disqualified, and the procedure will begin again from step iv.; and
- viii. Upon establishing a majority the President shall announce the winner; and,
- ix. In the event that any Member wishes to challenge the result he may move to have the ballots presented to the Chapter and upon a second and the approval of a Simple Majority the ballots shall be brought forth to be examined by the Members, provided that any such challenge must occur prior to end of the meeting during which elections are held; and,
- x. Following any permitted challenge the President shall declare the winner to be the position elect and the entire process beginning from sub-paragraph (iii) of this Paragraph shall begin again and repeat; and,
- xi. The elections process must be completed no later than the last Chapter meeting in November. The Officer installation can occur no later than Founder's Day or at some point during Founder's Day Weekend.

Section 4. Term: Each Officer elected under this Constitution shall serve a term of one year beginning no later than Founder's Day Weekend, unless he is removed or resigns according to the terms of this Constitution or the Bylaws.

Section 5. Resignation: Any elected Officer who can no longer perform his responsibilities may resign his office by notifying the President and the Vice President of Communications in writing. In the event the President must resign he shall notify the Vice President of Member Retention and the Vice President of Communications in writing.

Section 6. Vacancies: Except for the President, any elected Officer who is no longer able to fulfill his responsibilities due to resignation, removal, long term illness, long term absence from the Chapter or any other reason shall be

replaced as follows:

- i. Provided a Quorum is present, the President shall accept and record nominations of Members for the vacant Office at the Chapter at which the vacancy is announced; and,
- ii. Provided a Quorum is present, the President shall accept additional nominations the following week the vacant Officer position is announced unless the end of the academic semester is less than three Chapters away, in this case, nominations will only be accepted at the Chapter at which the vacant Officer position is announced; and,
- iii. Following such time as is necessary to allow for all nominations to be made and accepted or declined the President shall open the election for the vacant Office the following week and shall proceed to call for each nominee to come forward and be heard; and,
- iv. Each nominee shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to speak and the Members shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to question the nominee; and,
- v. After each nominee has had an opportunity to be heard and questioned by the Members, the President shall call for a secret ballot vote to select the Officer from among the nominees; and,
- vi. The President, assisted by the Vice President of Member Retention, shall collect and tally the votes in the presence of the rest of the Executive Board; and,
- vii. A majority of all votes cast shall be required to win an election and in the event no nominee achieves a majority, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be disqualified, and the procedure will begin again from step iii.; and
- viii. Upon establishing a majority the President shall announce the winner; and,
- ix. In the event that any Member wishes to challenge the result he may move to have the ballots presented to the Chapter and upon a second and the approval of a Simple Majority the ballots shall be brought forth to be examined by the Members, provided that any such challenge must occur prior to end of the meeting during which elections are held; and,

- x. Following any permitted challenge the President shall declare the winner to be the position elect and the entire process beginning from sub-paragraph (ii.) of this Paragraph shall begin again and repeat; and,
- xi. The elections process must be completed by the last Chapter meeting of the academic semester.

Section 7. Succession of the President: In the event that the President is removed or resigns from office, the Vice President of Member Retention shall serve as the President until the expiration of the term of their elected predecessor in office expires.

Section 8. Removal of an Elected Officer: Officers elected according to this Article may be removed by the Chapter for conduct unbecoming of a gentleman or in the event the Officer has lost the confidence of the Chapter to fulfill the objects and responsibilities of his office according to the following procedure:

- i. At any meeting of the Members where a Quorum is present any Member may move that an elected Officer be removed and, upon a second for the motion, such moving Member shall state specific reasons for the motion; and,
- ii. The President shall open the floor for any Member to be recognized to speak for or against the motion, in the event that the President is the subject of the motion then the Vice President of Member Retention shall serve as the chairman of the meeting for the limited purpose of carrying forth the following process; and,
- iii. Upon offering an adequate opportunity for Members to speak to the issue the President shall offer the floor to the Officer who is the subject of the motion granting him a full and fair opportunity to speak to the charges;
- iv. Having afforded the subject Officer such opportunity the HSP shall call for a vote;
- v. At least 2/3 of the Members present must vote in favor of the motion to remove the subject Officer.

Section 9. Multiple Positions: No single Member may hold more than one elected Office.

ARTICLE VI. – PRUDENTIAL BOARD

- Section 1. Principal Governing Body: The Prudential Board is hereby established by the Members as the principal governing body of the Chapter which shall be responsible for ensuring the successful completion of the specific activities of the Chapter and continually ensuring progress toward the Chapter's ENDS. The Prudential Board shall provide guidance and good counsel to the President
- Section 2. Membership: The Prudential Board shall be comprised of ten members who shall be the President, Vice President of Member Retention, Vice President of Finances, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Membership Enrichment, Vice President of Growth, Vice President of Alumni and Family Relations, Vice President of Standards, and Vice President of Ritual and Tradition, and Vice President of Service and Philanthropy all of which shall be elected in accordance with the terms of this Constitution.
- Section 3. Governance: Except for the President, each member of the Prudential Board shall have one vote thereon, with the President deciding the outcome of any tie. The Prudential Board shall be chaired by the President who shall conduct the meetings of the same in an orderly fashion, according to Robert's Rules of Order, to ensure that all business before the committee is completed in a professional manner affording each member the opportunity to participate and have his voice and his vote heard.
- Section 4. Responsibilities: The Prudential Board shall be responsible for the following.
- i. Chapter Finances: The Prudential Board shall work with the Vice President of Finances to develop the Chapter's budget each year. The Prudential Board shall regularly review budget updates, projections and the Chapter's balance sheet and ensure that all are current and that the Chapter's financial policy and activity is sound; and,
 - ii. Standards Board of Appeals: The Prudential Board, excluding the Vice President of Standards and the Vice President of Rituals and Traditions, shall serve as an Appeals Board, should a Member wish to appeal the sanction or decision of the Standards Board. The Prudential Board may either uphold the decision and/or sanction, make modifications, and/or reverse the decision.
 - iii. Chapter Officers: The Prudential Board shall ensure the success of the Chapter's Officers at every level by holding the President and the Vice President of Member Retention accountable for their conduct.

The Prudential Board should assist the President and the Vice President of Member Retention in the many tasks for which they are responsible and should serve as a board to which these senior Officers report on the progress, successes and failings they have achieved or suffered in working toward the Chapter's End's. The Prudential Board should do all in its power to work with the Chapter's elected Officers and provide good counsel, advice and support to the same.

- iv. Constitution and Bylaws Disputes: The Prudential Board shall resolve all disputes with regard to the meaning and implementation of this Constitution and the Bylaws. In the event that two or more Members reasonably disagree, in good faith, on the interpretation of this Constitution or of the Bylaws, and the outcome of the dispute will have some consequence regarding the actions of the Chapter or an Officer in the immediate term and not in a hypothetical or academic way, then the following process will be used to resolve the dispute:
 - A. The dispute will be presented to the President and the Vice President of Member Retention by at least one Member from each side of the dispute; and,
 - B. If the President and Vice President of Member Retention agree that (1) a reasonable, legitimate dispute exists and (2) that the resolution of the disagreement will have an impact on a pending action or matter related to the Chapter or an Officer or Director, then,
 - C. The two sides may select spokesmen to present arguments for their interpretation of this Constitution or the Bylaws to the full Prudential Board at a meeting thereof open to all Members; and,
 - D. The Prudential Board shall offer each side a full and fair opportunity to present its case and the Committee may ask questions in any meeting open to all Members until such time as the Committee is satisfied that it has heard enough argument to render a considered decision; then,
 - E. The Prudential Board may retire to deliberate the matter in private and shall only interpret what Constitution or Bylaws actually state and not what they may later be amended or revised to state or what they might ideally state; and finally,
 - F. The Prudential Board shall vote by a show of hands in any meeting open to all Members to resolve the dispute and the majority decision of the Committee shall be binding and beyond appeal.

Section 5. Constitutional Amendments: The Prudential Board shall carefully consider each and every proposed constitutional amendment prior to its adoption, either upon presentation to the Committee by a member prior to introduction at a Chapter meeting or in the required period between introduction and adoption of such proposed amendments. In considering such proposed amendments the Prudential Board shall develop their understanding of the proposed amendment and the short and long term consequences of adopting the same. The Committee may vote on a specific recommendation for, or against, adopting an amendment or may present a report in another manner to the Chapter.

Section 6. Meetings. The Prudential Board shall meet weekly during the academic year and on an as needed basis during any periods between academic periods.

ARTICLE VII. – STANDARDS BOARD

Section 1. Principal Disciplinary Body: The Standards Board is hereby established by the Members as the principal disciplinary body of the Chapter which shall be responsible for managing Chapter and individual disciplinary problems. The Standards Board shall receive, review, and investigate incidents or complaints; and conduct hearings to determine if an individual has broken the Chapter's and/or Fraternity's Code of Conduct.

Section 2. Membership: Hearings of the Standards Board for groups with 40 or more men should be comprised of five members in addition to the Vice President of Standards and the Vice President of Ritual and Traditions (seven total). For groups of 40 men or fewer, hearings should be held with three men and the Vice President of Standards and Vice President of Ritual and Traditions (five total). Although the Standards Board will be made up of those seven or five men, it is recommended to train more in the event a conflict arises (conflict of interest or scheduling) with one of the Standards Board members.

Section 3. Governance: Each member of the Standards Board shall have one vote thereon. The Standards Board shall be chaired by the Vice President of Standards who shall conduct the meetings of the same in an orderly fashion, according to Robert's Rules of Order, to ensure that all matters before the board are completed in a professional manner affording each Member the opportunity to participate and have his voice heard. The Marshal will serve as the chairman in the absence of the Vice President of Standards.

Section 4. Responsibilities: The Standards Board shall be responsible for the following.

- i. **Member Disciplinary Problems:** The Standards Board shall be responsible for investigating actions of Members that reflect poorly on the Chapter as a whole, that violate the Fraternity's Code of Conduct, violate the Chapter's Constitution and/or Bylaws, the National Constitution or Bylaws, Campus Policy, local, state, and national laws, or are not in conformity with the values of the Chapter. The Standards Board shall give any Member accused of conduct unbecoming of a gentleman the opportunity to present himself, face his accusers and explain or deny the conduct leading to the hearing. In the event the Standards Board believes it appropriate, after careful consideration and a full and fair opportunity for the accused Member to be heard, the Board may impose sanctions upon the Member that are appropriate given the severity of his conduct.

ARTICLE VIII. – CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

- Section 1. **Principal Legislative Body:** The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is hereby established by the Members, with its purpose being to consider and review proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws; to draft amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws; and to make recommendations to the Chapter in accordance with the provisions of this Article and Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution.
- Section 2. **Membership:** The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be comprised of five to nine Members ideally without additional responsibilities, all of whom shall be appointed by the Prudential Board. Upon appointment, the Committee members shall select among themselves, a member to be the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and this member shall not hold an H-Officer position.
- Section 3. **Responsibilities:** The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for the following:
 - i. **Proposing Amendments:** Amendments may be proposed to the Committee by a member prior to introduction at a Chapter meeting or in the required period between introduction and adoption of such proposed amendments.
 - ii. **Considering Amendments:** The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall carefully consider each and every proposed amendment prior to either deciding to recommend it go to the Chapter for a vote, or deciding to not recommend it go to the Chapter for a vote. In considering such proposed amendments, the Committee shall develop their understanding of the proposed amendment and the short and long term consequences of adopting the same.
 - iii. **Reporting to Prudential Board:** Upon deciding to recommend an

amendment go to the Chapter for a vote, the Chair of the Committee shall formulate a report, outlining the Committee's understanding of the proposed amendment and any considerable short and long term consequences of adopting the same. The Chair shall then present the report along with the proposed amendment to the Prudential Board for their consideration in accordance with Article VI, Section 5.

- iv. Incorporating Adopted Amendments: Any adopted amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as voted upon by the Chapter, shall be incorporated into the Constitution and Bylaws by either the Vice President of Communications, or the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee under the direction of the Vice President of Communications, as outlined in Article IV., Section 3, Subsection iv.

Section 4. Meetings: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall meet at least once a month during the academic year, and on an as needed basis during any periods between academic periods.

ARTICLE IX. – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1. Budget: The Chapter shall approve a budget no later than two weeks into the term of elected Officers. The Chapter shall have a balanced budget each year.

Section 2. Fiscal Responsibility: The Chapter shall promptly pay its debts to its creditors and to Fraternity Headquarters and shall not permit a lien or encumbrance to accrue against its property or its good standing with the National Organization.

Section 3. Individual Responsibility: Each Member of the Chapter will pay his dues and debts to the Chapter promptly when due and shall pay all debts or dues that may accrue to the National Organization.

Section 4. Authorized Persons: Only the President, Vice President of Finances, and Chapter Officers specifically authorized by the Prudential Board may bind the Chapter to any agreement, financial or otherwise. No person, corporation, entity or creditor of any kind may rely on any act or agreement unless approved by the President, the Vice President of Finances, or an Officer authorized by the Prudential Board.

ARTICLE X. – RELATIONSHIP WITH ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Section 1. Relationship Defined: Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. is a non-profit corporation. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. It is headquartered in Carmel, Indiana.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. as a non-profit corporation for the

purposes of fostering fraternity, and as an educational and service resource for collegiate Chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc., and for persons associated with those Chapters. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. has a limited staff. It has limited funding sources which necessarily limit the size of its staff.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. maintains and processes membership and other records for collegiate Chapters associated with it. These Chapters are located throughout the United States. These Chapters have in excess of 2500 undergraduate members.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. also serves as an educational resource and service organization for affiliate groups, members associated with those Chapters, and for local alumni who volunteer their time on an independent basis to assist a collegiate Chapter and its associated collegiate members. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. provides education through conferences, written materials, and periodic consultant visits to collegiate Chapters. Staff visits result in advisory recommendations for Chapter operations. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. strives through these educational efforts to enhance life skills, leadership skills and ethical traits for those who take advantage of these educational opportunities, and to assist through education and consultant recommendations the success of Chapters associated with it.

No Chapter of and no member of any Chapter or affiliate group of Alpha Sigma Phi is an agent of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. No Chapter and no member of any Chapter have been appointed as an agent of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Section 2. Chapter Operations: Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. is not involved in the day-to-day activities of a Chapter. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. does not and cannot control or supervise the day to day operations or activities of a Chapter.

Each collegiate Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. is a self-governing, financially self-sufficient association comprised of students of the institution at which they are enrolled. Under the Constitution and Bylaws, each collegiate Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. selects and initiates its own members, elects its own Officers, establishes its own rules, operates and determines its methods of operation, and governs its own affairs, subject only to those rules and operations being in harmony with the policies, Constitution and Bylaws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. The autonomy of a collegiate Chapter in organizing and determining and conducting its own operations through a democracy is part of an educational process which association with the Chapter adds to collegiate life and to the development and refining of life skills.

If a collegiate Chapter's operations are not in harmony with the policies,

Constitution and Bylaws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. has the right after the fact to determine whether that Chapter will continue to be recognized by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. as a Chapter associated with it. In some situations, after an action by a Chapter has occurred that is not in harmony with the policies or Constitution and Bylaws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc., a “not in good standing” status may be implemented for the Chapter by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. In “not in good standing” situations, the Chapter continues to be a self-governing, financially self-sufficient association of collegiate students. If a Chapter ceases to be recognized by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity as a Chapter associated with it, but that group of collegiate students nonetheless continues its operations, they do so without any affiliation with Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. does not have the right to suspend or affect the membership status of a collegiate student associated with a Chapter other than in those situations and in accordance with the procedures specifically set forth in the Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Section 3. Disposition of Chapter and Affiliate Group Assets:

- i. Should the Chapter or our affiliate groups become inactive or have its Charter suspended or revoked, the Charter, records, archives, ritual equipment and paraphernalia shall become the property of Fraternity Headquarters.
- ii. Personal property.
 - A. Should our Chapter or an affiliate group become inactive or have its Charter suspended or revoked, its non-real property assets of less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall become the property of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Inc. and will be absorbed into its general fund.
 - B. Should our Chapter or an affiliate group become inactive or have its Charter suspended or revoked, its non-real property assets of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be held in trust for a time period of eight years by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Inc. During this time, interest earned from the funds held in trust will accrue to the trust, less a reasonable management fee which will accrue to the Fraternity on a yearly basis. In the event said Chapter or affiliate group remains inactive or non-chartered after the eight year period, then the non-real property assets shall be absorbed into the Fraternity's general fund.
- iii. Real property.

- A. Should our Chapter or an affiliate group become inactive or have its Charter suspended or revoked, any and all affiliate groups shall be dissolved and all real property owned by said Chapter or affiliate group shall be transferred to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Inc. to be managed in the best interest of Alpha Sigma Phi.

- B. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Inc. shall have ninety days from dissolution to disclaim its rights granted under this section. In the event it does not disclaim its right then said property shall be transferred as described in Article X. Section 3, D1 of the national Constitution.