

ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY
State University
Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE I
Purpose of the Organization

Section 1 Name: The name of this organization shall be Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Section 2 Purpose, Goals, Objectives: The principles, policies and objectives of this organization shall be:

- (A) To provide and develop a program of activities in the Fraternity in accordance with the highest ethical standards of the profession of agriculture.
- (B) To promote, in each member, excellence in scholarship as one of the principle objectives.
- (C) To encourage the development of the finest qualities of ethical conduct from recognition of the importance of moral and spiritual growth.
- (D) To develop, within the Fraternity, an appreciation of the importance of agriculture as a profession.
- (E) To defend the right of the individual to liberty and equality of opportunity through steadfast adherence to the principles of social, economic, religious and political democracy as the only sound basis for development of responsible citizenship in the members.
- (F) To develop loyalty and allegiance to State University and its members.
- (G) To grant membership to eligible men regardless of their race, color, creed or national origin.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1: *"It is the policy of State University and Alpha Gamma Rho not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, disability or veteran status in employment or in any program or activity offered or sponsored by the University."*

Section 2 Membership: The membership of this Fraternity shall consist of all duly initiated and approved men who have indicated their willingness and desire to live in accordance with the Fraternity's principles, policies and objectives.

Section 3 Qualifications for Membership: Any man pursuing collegiate courses in agriculture or approved related programs, without regard to the school in which he is registered, provided his primary career interest is in agriculture, or any male member of an agricultural or related faculty, shall be eligible for initiation and membership in this Fraternity, provided he is not now an initiated

member of another collegiate social fraternity. The individual's overall GPA must be a 2.25 or above on a 4.0 scale, and are enrolled as a full time or part time student. If a first semester freshman, a high school GPA of 2.75 will be required for eligibility.

Section 4 Qualifications for non-State University or off campus members: not applicable to Alpha Gamma Rho

Section 5 Election: Election to membership shall be at the discretion of the established standards and decision of a recruitment officer.

Section 6 Initiation: Initiation is to occur within 72 hours of an individual's acceptance of the chapter's invitation to join. Initiation forms and fees must be submitted to National Headquarters, postmarked within 48 hours of initiation.

Section 7 Brotherhood Development and Education: All of the activities and actions of the Colony at State University must comply with the following four parameters of the Brotherhood Program:

1. No pledging.
2. If it's required of a freshman, it must be required of a senior.
3. No dominant/subservient relationships.
4. Rewards must be based on objective criteria and not encourage class division.

Section 8 Expulsion: Members whose conduct is dishonorable shall be expelled, and members whose continued presence is injurious to Alpha Gamma Rho or who willfully obstructs the work of said organization may be expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the undergraduate members. Any member who is 60 days delinquent in payment of accounts shall be subject to expulsion.

ARTICLE III Officers

Section 1 The Officers shall be: Noble Ruler; Vice Noble Ruler-Activities; Vice Noble Ruler-Alumni Relations; Vice Noble Ruler-Finance; Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Development; Vice Noble Ruler-Recruitment; Vice Noble Ruler-Planning; and Vice Noble Ruler-Management and Operations; all of whom shall be elected annually for a term of one year. Additional officers may be provided for by action of the membership. The manner of election, terms of office and duties of officers shall also be provided for by rules and regulations of the membership not inconsistent with the laws of the Fraternity.

- (A) An Executive Council will be made of the Noble Ruler, Vice Noble Rulers and Adviser.

Section 2 Eligibility: A candidate for office shall have a cumulative GPA of a 2.4 on a 4.0 scale and all officers shall maintain a 2.4 during term of office.

Section 3 Nominations: Nominations for members to fill the elective offices shall be by the nomination committee that shall be composed, if possible, of the graduating seniors. This committee shall not operate to prevent additional nominations from the floor. The nominating committee shall submit their slate of officers one meeting prior to elections.

Section 4 Elections:

- (A) The vote must be a majority of those present in a formal meeting for the election to office.
- (B) The Noble Ruler-elect shall be installed by the outgoing Noble Ruler or by some past Noble Ruler, or if neither are present, by an acting Noble Ruler chosen by the Fraternity for the purpose; the new Noble Ruler shall then install the other officers.

Section 5 Vacancies: Should any office become vacant for any reason, the duties thereof shall be transferred to the officer next in order until a successor can be elected, or appointed, as the case may be. It shall be the duty of the Noble Ruler to call a special election whenever any elective office is vacated. In the case of vacancy in the office of a Noble Ruler, the Vice Noble Ruler designated by the membership at the time of elections, shall assume the duties of the office and shall cause the election of a new Noble Ruler.

Section 6 Removal from Office:

- (A) If any elected officer fails to perform the duties of his office in a satisfactory manner, he may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the undergraduate membership and his office declared vacant.
 - a. Add in officer meeting attendance policy from minutes
- (B) Any officer who shall fail at any time during his term of office to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.4 shall be removed automatically from office.

**ARTICLE IV
Duties of Officers**

See Officer Responsibility Addendum for additions

Section 1 Noble Ruler:

- (A) The Noble Ruler shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, maintain orderly conduct, decide all points of law and order, issue summons commanding the attendance at meetings of any or all members and enforce same, appoint all committees, sign credentials of delegates to Convention and perform such other duties as may devolve upon him under the National Constitution, Statutes and Ritual. It shall be his special care to see that all the officers properly perform their duties and he shall report any negligence to his undergraduate membership, with recommendations for removal from office or their

- (B) All Noble Rulers shall have and may exercise the power and authority to impose sanctions upon Members in accordance with the National Constitution and Statues of the Fraternity and such policies and procedures as shall have been adopted. Every member subject to sanctions, whether constitution fine, suspension of rights, or other order, shall abide thereby until such are satisfied, expire or are removed by appeal or other wise.

Section 2 Vice Noble Ruler-Activities: The Vice Noble Ruler-Activities shall be responsible for encouraging and directing brothers and prospective members toward involvement in campus activities. He shall see that Alpha Gamma Rho is represented in both the Department of Agriculture and general campus activities. The Vice Noble Ruler-Activities shall also be responsible for the risk management policy, alcohol awareness program and all social functions of the Fraternity. He shall provide social activities that develop the maturity and social awareness of the members. It shall be his specific obligation to see that all activities involving alcohol promote responsible use on the part of the members and guests. He shall oversee the coordination of all philanthropies, intramural sports and public relations.

Section 3 Vice Noble Ruler-Alumni Relations: The Vice Noble Ruler-Alumni Relations shall be responsible for the following: a) frequent contact with the Colony's alumni body and area AGR alumni; b) proper maintenance of alumni records; c) the proper observance of Homecoming; d) publishing two or more times during the year a newsletter to be known as the Crescent; e) publication of a membership directory, either supplemental or complete, arranged in both numerical and alphabetical order, identifying each brother listed therein as to his year of initiation and his latest mailing address, and a copy of said Directory of supplement shall be furnished the National Headquarters by November 15th each year.

Section 4 Vice Noble Ruler-Finance: The Vice Noble Ruler-Finance shall collect promptly all dues, fees, taxes, fines and other monies of the organization, keep a just and true account of the same and pay them out only on order of the Noble Ruler and Vice Noble Ruler-Planning with the consent of the membership; shall remit to the National Headquarters, as soon as due, all taxes, dues, fees or other monies payable to the Fraternity, and shall be personally responsible to the Fraternity for all such sums not remitted within ten days after collection; shall send with each remittance an itemized statement of explanation upon the proper forms; shall see that the accounts of the Colony are properly kept in books of accounting approved by the National Board of Directors; and shall send to the National Headquarters within twenty days after the end of each month, a complete report of finances of the Colony for such month, and shall make such other reports as he shall be required to make.

Section 5 Vice Noble Ruler-Management and Operations: The Vice Noble Ruler-Management and Operations shall be responsible for ongoing exploration of group housing options. If and when the colony obtains group housing, the VNR-Management and Operations shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Colony's property. He shall oversee its care, maintenance, shall report on necessary replacement or addition of capital items and shall recommend and implement safety programs and be responsible for the search process of different forms of housing.

Section 6 Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Development: The Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Development shall be responsible for the moral, mental and fraternal development of the members and prospective members. He shall oversee the membership education program.

Section 7 Vice Noble Ruler-Recruitment: The duties of the Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Recruitment shall be to coordinate all recruitment activities throughout the year.

Section 8 Vice Noble Ruler-Planning: The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning shall be responsible for the annual development and updating of the membership-operating plan. He shall coordinate with the Executive Council all changes to the plan and he is responsible for conducting a meeting between the incoming and outgoing officers to discuss their progress, reviewing and updating the plan accordingly. He shall monitor and encourage progress of individuals responsible for areas of the plan. The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning shall keep a record of all proceedings of the meetings and shall transmit a copy of the same to the Secretary of the National Fraternity upon request. He shall perform the duties of corresponding secretary for the membership; shall send to the National Headquarters report upon proper forms of all initiations, affiliations, deaths and expulsions of members and election of officers within three days after he has notice of such events. He shall make such other reports as may be required of him by the National Officers of the Fraternity. He shall act as or oversee the Historian and he shall act as a custodian of archives and records. The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning shall send the credentials of the Convention delegates to the National Headquarters at least thirty days prior to the Convention. He shall be subject, personally, to payment of such fines and to performance of such acts as the National Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe for failure to perform the duties of his office.

Section 9 Scholarship: The Vice Noble Ruler-Scholarship shall promote good academic achievement within the chapter. He shall develop and administer scholarship incentive and scholarship development programs within the chapter and submit such reports as specified from time to time by the National Board of Directors including a report for each term of the chapter's scholarship information.

Section 10 Archives: The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning & Programming shall serve on this committee with a Historian and anyone else appointed by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE V Committees

Section 1 Finance:

- (A) The Finance Committee shall consist of five (5) members: the treasurer, two (2) alumni (the advisor and one other alumnus), and two (2) additional undergraduate brothers.
- (B) The committee shall have general supervision over financial affairs of the organization.

Duties are:

1. Collect all outstanding bills.
2. Approve purchases of an unusual manner. (See Article VI, 5.).
3. Prepare a budget by May 1 for the following year.
4. Establish initiation fees, dues and other assessments.

Section 2 Enumeration: The Noble Ruler has the authority to name committees that he feels are necessary to carry on the business of the Colony.

Section 3 Appointment: The Noble Ruler shall, with approval of the Executive Council, appoint all members of the Committees and they shall hold office until new officers are installed, or committee is dissolved, subject to removal for a good cause. The Noble Ruler shall be an ex-officio member of each committee.

Section 4 Chairmanship: No member may hold the chairmanship of more than two committees at one time.

Section 5 Recruitment: This committee shall be composed of the Vice Noble Ruler-Recruitment and anyone else the Executive Council may appoint. The Recruitment Committee shall formulate the recruitment program and see it is carried out successfully. Each brother will fulfill his obligations of recruitment.

Section 6 Scholarship: The duties of the Scholarship Committee shall be to investigate the scholastic work of members and prospective members, and see that their work is kept up to standard. In addition, they are to maintain the exam file.

Section 7 Membership Development: This committee shall be composed of the Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Development and anyone else the Executive Council may appoint to work with him. The Committee's duties shall be to investigate prospective members, to work recommendations for membership, to entertain (with the help of the remaining Fraternity members) candidates for

membership and to formulate membership education policy.

Section 8 Alumni Relations: The Alumni Relations Committee shall consist of the Alumni Secretary and any other member whom he chooses to help him strengthen relations with the alumni of the organization. Members should also help with any publications sent to the Alumni.

Section 9 Activities: The Activities Committee shall consist of the VNR-Activities and any brother whom he may appoint to work with him. Its duties shall be to manage the social affairs and athletic affairs of the Fraternity in a manner satisfactory to that of the body.

Section 10 Archives: The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning shall serve on this committee with a Historian and anyone else appointed by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VI Finances

Section 1 Fees: The fees of the local Fraternity shall be set by the Finance Committee and approved by the membership (in connection with the approval of the budget).

Section 2 Dues: Dues for each member shall be set by the Finance Committee and approved by the membership (in connection with the approval of the budget).

Section 3 Payment of Accounts:

- (A) All bills are to be posted by the 1st of each month and are payable by the 10th of the month.
- (B) All brothers failing to pay by the due date will be assessed a \$10 fine. Those bills over 30 days delinquent will be assessed a finance charge of 18% per annum and the person whose account is unpaid must go before the Finance Committee to establish a payment plan. The Finance Committee has full authority to act on each case. Any member who is 60 days delinquent in payment of account shall be subject to expulsion.
- (C) This policy is effective for all undergraduates and other contract holders.

Section 4 Special Assessments: When need arises for a special assessment, one may be levied by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the undergraduate membership. All such assessments, unless otherwise specified, shall be payable with the next regular monthly bill. The provisions of Section 3 of the article shall also apply to this section.

Section 5 Capital Expenditures: The purchase of all items of value exceeding \$100 shall be authorized by majority vote of the undergraduate membership at any authorized meeting.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Section 1 Regular Meetings: A regular meeting of the fraternity shall be held each week of the academic year, unless postponed by the Noble Ruler for sufficient reason.

Section 2 Special Meetings: the Noble Ruler may call a special meeting of the undergraduate membership at any reasonable time, or by the VNR-Planning upon written demand of ten (10) members.

Section 3 Attendance: All undergraduate members shall be required to be present at each regular and special meeting of the undergraduate membership. An unexcused absence may be appealed in person or by submitting a written reason for the absence at the next meeting of the executive council.

Section 4 Quorum: A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of undergraduate members present in person.

Section 5 Order of Business: The order of business for meetings shall be:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Proposals for membership.
5. Election of officers.
6. Reports of committees and officers.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Discussion and balloting on proposed members.
9. Initiation of candidates (when applicable).
10. New business.
11. Suggestions for betterment and constructive criticism.
12. Adjournment.

The presiding officer shall conduct meetings with careful attention to correct parliamentary procedure. Wherever the organization regulations and the Fraternity's Constitution and Statutes are not specific, Robert's Rules of Order shall apply.

Section 6 Conduct of Meetings: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings, unless the same is at variance with the Constitution and Bylaws of Alpha Gamma Rho.

ARTICLE VIII Miscellaneous

Section 1 Amendments: This Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members (undergraduate), and then provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the previous meeting and that it shall have been laid on the table for at least one week. Any amendment found to be in conflict with the National Constitution shall not be considered for a vote. Upon revision of the constitution a copy will be submitted to the AGR Home Office following the advisers approval.

Section 2 Reading of Constitution: This Constitution shall be read in the Colony meeting at least once each year.

Section 3 Big Brothers: Duties of Big Brother shall be to assist the new member in scholarship and also in supervising him in his educational program. Additionally the Big Brother will be expected to meet with his little Brother on a regularly scheduled basis.

Section 4 Adviser: One or more faculty member(s), and/or local AGR alumni shall be designated as Faculty Adviser(s). (S)he shall act as adviser to the membership of Alpha Gamma Rho in all instances. The Adviser certified that all prospective members meet the eligibility requirements of the Fraternity. All Colony Advisers shall have and may exercise the power and authority to impose sanctions upon members in accordance with the National Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity and such policies and procedures as shall have been adopted. Every member subject to sanctions, whether constitution fine, suspension of rights, or other order shall abide thereby until such are satisfied, expire or removed by appeal or otherwise. In addition, with just cause and approval of the National Fraternity, an Adviser may remove an officer from office.