

National Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this society shall be Lambda Sigma Society.

Section 2. The insignia shall be a diamond-shaped gold pin with royal blue field and the raised Greek letters, Lambda Sigma, signifying leadership and scholarship, respectively. The diamond shall signify strength of purpose.

Section 3. The colors shall be royal blue and gold, signifying truth and honor respectively.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The ideals of Lambda Sigma Society shall be leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service.

Section 2. Lambda Sigma Society shall identify its ideals among members of the first year class and shall foster the development of these ideals by forming an association of these students to serve the institution and the broader community.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Lambda Sigma Society shall be composed of collegiate chapters admitted and structured according to the Bylaws.

Section 2. A chapter shall be an association of individuals selected for distinguished ability and achievement in leadership, scholarship and service.

Section 3. Membership shall be composed of active, alumni, and honorary members.

Section 4. Active members shall be second year students in good standing, elected and initiated as provided by the Bylaws.

Section 5. Alumni members shall be those members who have completed the year of active membership as defined by the Bylaws. Alumni members of local or national organizations which have been installed as Lambda Sigma Society Chapters shall be alumni members.

Section 6. Honorary members may be elected to membership in a manner provided by the Bylaws.

Section 7. Members may be dismissed if they fail to comply with Lambda Sigma Society standards and obligations. Procedures for this action shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The executive power of this organization shall be vested in the National Executive Board, which shall consist of the national officers, two student representatives, three administrative or faculty advisors, and additional appointed members as needed for the efficient operation of the society.

Section 2. The following national officers shall be elected biennially at the national convention: president, vice president, recording secretary, and editor. They shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws. They shall serve terms of two years and may serve consecutive terms. They shall assume office at the close of the convention at which they are elected.

Section 3. A treasurer and an executive secretary shall be appointed by the National Executive Board biannually. They shall serve as national officers.

Section 4. One student representative shall be elected for a two-year term by the student delegates at each convention.

Section 5. Three administrative or faculty advisors from institutions at which there are member chapters shall be appointed by the national officers to serve terms not to exceed six years.

Section 6. Any member of the National Executive Board who is no longer able to perform the duties of the position may submit a resignation to the President, who shall convey it to the Board. The Board shall appoint a replacement at the earliest possible date to serve out the unexpired term.

Section 7. If, in the judgment of the National Executive Board, any officer or advisor is not adequately performing the duties of the position, that person shall be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present and voting provided a quorum is present. A successor, chosen by the Board, shall be appointed to serve out the unexpired term.

Section 8. The National Executive Board shall meet at least two times per year.

Section 9. Seven members shall constitute a quorum of the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. NATIONAL MEETINGS

Section 1. National Convention--A national presidents convention shall be held annually. The voting delegates of the national convention shall be members of the National Executive Board and the presidents or appointed representatives of each chapter in good standing. In order to vote, delegates must be approved by the National Executive Board.

Section 2. Only the chapter presidents or their designated representatives may attend the convention. Selected advisors may be invited by the Board to attend the convention.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the National Executive Board to make all arrangements for the National Convention.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any national convention. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the National Executive Board for consideration at the Board meeting preceding the National Convention. The amendment will be presented to the national convention with Board recommendation. An amendment may be passed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates and then will be sent to the chapters for ratification. Ratification by each chapter will require an affirmative vote of the majority of the chapter members present and voting. The vote of the chapter must be conveyed to the National Recording Secretary, who shall compile the votes. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the chapters shall ratify the amendment. Any chapter which does not convey its vote shall be counted in the affirmative.

