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Brother Church,

As provided by Statutes 9.01 and 9.02 in the Governing Laws, I am proud to sponsor and submit two (2) proposed amendments to the Constitution and four (4) proposed amendments to the Statutes. Additionally, I am sponsoring and submitting a proposed amendment to Executive Committee Regulation 9.02-2. Attached are a synopsis and the text of the proposed amendments. I request that these items be considered and placed on the agenda at the 83rd Grand Chapter in Scottsdale, Arizona. Furthermore, I have included the names of the chapters endorsing these proposals, and the name of the chapters' Consul and/or President. Please reach out to me regarding further information pertaining to these proposed amendments.



Carter W. Ray
Troy University, Eta Phi, 2021
Undergraduate Representative to the Executive Committee

Endorsing Chapters:

Eta

University of Mississippi

Clayton M. Kirby

Gamma Upsilon

Mississippi State University

Noah Methvin

Iota Iota

University of Alabama

William F. Stiers

Eta Epsilon

University of South Alabama

Connor W. Bradford

Eta Rho

University of North Alabama

Tucker Walters

Gamma Sigma

Auburn University

John G. Stone

Eta Phi

Troy University

James M. Hill

Pi

Samford University

Hilton H. Francine

Chi Chi

Birmingham-Southern College

Zachary M. Wilkins

Eta Omega

Baylor University

Liam Stevenson

Eta Upsilon

Texas A&M University – College Station

Michael A. Johnson

Theta Tau

Texas State University

Matthew P. Jesko

Eta Theta

Georgia Southwestern State University

Timothy A. Bryan, Jr.

Theta Epsilon

North Georgia College and State University

Nicholas G. Langford

Gamma Rho

Dalhousie University – St. Mary's University

Nolan White

Epsilon Omega

Ball State University

Matthew B. Hustel

Iota Tau
University of St. Thomas
Matthew J. Karel

Delta Xi
San Diego State University
Hayden C. Thompson

Beta Rho
Montana State University
Weston P. Danley

Alpha Kappa
Hillsdale College
Blake K. Hawkins

Mobile Alumni Chapter
John L. Mclean

Proposal No. 1

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, proposed amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to the Executive Director no later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening session of the Grand Chapter. This proposal would amend the law to allow for proposed amendments to the Constitution to be submitted to the Executive Director no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening session of the Grand Chapter, rather than ninety (90) days.

Statute 9.01 of Statute No. 9, Amendments, shall be Amended to Read as Follows:

S9.01 Only the Governing Laws Committee pursuant to Statute 4.13 or members in good standing may propose amendments to the Constitution. Any proposal by members in good standing must be endorsed by a petition presented by five percent of the total of the active and alumni chapters in good standing as of the date of the petition. Any proposed amendment shall be ~~placed in the hands of~~ submitted to the Executive Director ~~ninety (90)~~ no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening session of the Grand Chapter, for his prompt distribution to all chapters and persons entitled to vote thereon and considered reported on by the Governing Laws Committee pursuant to Statute 4.13.

Proposal No. 2

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, proposed amendments to the Statutes must be submitted to the Executive Director no later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening session of the Grand Chapter or the opening session of the Grand Council. This proposal would amend the law to allow for proposed amendments to the Statutes to be submitted to the Executive Director no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening session of the Grand Chapter, the opening session of the Grand Council, or the date of the mail vote.

Statute 9.02 of Statute No. 9, Amendments, shall be Amended to Read as Follows:

S9.02 The Statutes may be amended by a simple majority vote of any session of the Grand Chapter or of the Grand Council. Any proposal to amend the Statutes must be (i) proposed by the Governing Laws Committee pursuant to Statute 4.13, or (ii) endorsed by a petition presented by five percent of the total of the active and alumni chapters in good standing as of the date of the petition. Any proposed amendment shall be ~~placed in the hands of~~ submitted to the Executive Director ~~ninety (90)~~ no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening session of the Grand Chapter or the Grand Council, as the case may be, for his prompt distribution to all chapters and persons entitled to vote thereon and considered and reported on by the Governing Laws Committee pursuant to Statute 4.13. The Statutes may also be amended by majority vote of the active and alumni chapters in good standing on submission to them of the proposed amendment or amendments by mail endorsed either (i) by the Governing Laws Committee pursuant to Statute 4.13, or (ii) by a petition presented by five percent of the total of the active and alumni chapters in good standing as of the date of the petition. Any ~~amendment or amendments~~ proposed for mail vote must be ~~placed in the hands of~~ submitted to the Executive Director ~~forty-five (45)~~ no later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the mail

vote, for his prompt distribution to all chapters and persons entitled to vote thereon.

Proposal No. 3

SYNOPSIS: Various provisions in the Governing Laws call for the existence of specific standing committees to perform specific duties and grant the Grand Consul the privilege of appointing members to the committees. However, many standing committees of the General Fraternity exist that are not mentioned in the Governing Laws. Additionally, there is not a specific provision in the Governing Laws that give the Grand Consul the general authority to maintain the standing committees and form new ones. Traditionally, it has just been implied that the Grand Consul holds this power. This proposal gives the Grand Consul, with concurrence of the Executive Committee, the authority to form committees, disband existing committees, and appoint members thereof. Further, the proposal requires that all committees of the Fraternity have at least two (2) undergraduate voting members.

A Statute 4.14.1 shall be Adopted and Read as Follows:

The Grand Consul shall appoint a Governing Laws Committee, and he shall designate one member as chairman. The committee shall consider and report to the Grand Chapter and Grand Council upon all proposals to amend the Constitution or these Statutes, and to the several active chapters upon all proposals to amend the Ritual. The committee may propose amendments to the Constitution or Statutes on its own motion.

A Statute 4.14.2 shall be Adopted and Read as Follows:

The Grand Consul, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall have the authority to appoint members to the various standing committees of the General Fraternity. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or these Statutes, all committees of the General Fraternity shall have no less than two (2) undergraduates in good standing serve as voting members. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or

these Statutes, members of the various standing committees shall be appointed within ninety (90) days after the adjournment of each regular meeting of the Grand Chapter, and serve for a term of two (2) years, or until the succeeding Grand Consul appoints new members as provided by this Statute.

A Statute 4.14.3 shall be Adopted and Read as Follows:

Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or these Statutes, The Grand Consul, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, may disband existing standing committees, form new standing committees, or form ad hoc committees or task forces.

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Proposal No. 4

SYNOPSIS: This proposal seeks to change the membership of the Nominating Committee. Under this proposal, the Nominating Committee for Grand Chapter shall include two (2) Past Grand Consuls, two (2) Grand Praetors, one (1) Grand Trustee, the two (2) most recent International Balfour Award winners, one (1) alumni, and the two (2) undergraduate representatives of the Executive Committee. This proposal further defines the purpose of the committee. Additionally, this proposal changes the required number of nominations for candidates for the undergraduate representative positions to the Executive Committee to ten (10) chapters rather than five (5) percent of the active chapters.

Statute 4.12 of Statute No. 4, Organization, shall be Amended to Read as Follows:

S4.12 Not less than ninety (90) days before each regular meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Consul shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of two (2) Past Grand Consuls, to be selected by the Past Grand Consuls; ~~two one (1) Grand Trustees~~ to be selected by the Grand Trustees; two (2) Grand Praetors to be selected by the Grand Praetors; the two (2) most recent International Balfour Award winners who are available to serve; ~~and two other members, at least one of whom shall be an undergraduate~~ one (1) alumni; and the two (2) undergraduate representatives of the Executive Committee. The Grand Consul shall designate the chairman and secretary. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be published in *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* or *The Sigma Chi Bulletin* as expeditiously as possible after such appointment. The report of the Nominating Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor of the Grand Chapter. If the name of a member of the Nominating Committee has been placed before the committee for an office not currently held by the member, he shall withdraw from consideration or resign from the committee. The Nominating Committee shall not consider the active undergraduate Executive Committee positions in

its deliberations; however, each candidate for these positions must secure the declared support of ~~a minimum of five percent of the~~ ten (10) or more active chapters in good standing.

Proposal No. 5

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, Grand Trustees are elected to four (4) year terms. This proposal seeks to change the length of the term for Grand Trustees to two (2) years.

Chapter D, Grand Trustees, of Article IV, Organization, of the Constitution, shall be Amended to Read as Follows, and Take Full Force and Effect at the Beginning of the Opening Session of the 84th Grand Chapter in 2023:

D. Grand Trustees. There shall be eighteen (18) Grand Trustees, ~~nine to be elected for a four-year term~~ at each regular meeting of the Grand Chapter. The several chapters of the Fraternity shall be apportioned into Regions by the Executive Committee. For each such Region there shall be one or more Grand Trustees, with the number of Grand Trustees to be set by the Executive Committee. At the time of his election or appointment, each Grand Trustee shall reside either in the Region that he will serve or in an adjacent Region. The Grand Trustees collectively shall be known as the Board of Grand Trustees. They shall elect from among their number at each regular meeting of the Grand Chapter a chairman who shall be known as the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Any vacancy in the office of Chairman shall be filled only by an election held from within the Board of Grand Trustees.

Proposal No. 6

SYNOPSIS: This proposal seeks to re-write Chapter B of Article VI, Amendments, relating to amendments of the Ritual. This proposal adds Ritualistic Statues into the language of the Chapter and increases the number of chapters that may propose an amendment to the Ritual or Ritualistic Statues to ten (10), rather than five (5).

Chapter B of Article VI, Amendments, of the Constitution, Currently Reads as Follows:

B. With due regard for secrecy, the Executive Committee may at its own initiative, or shall at the request of any five or more active chapters, submit to the active chapters proposed amendments to the Ritual. A three-fourths vote of the active chapters in good standing that cast a vote, provided that not less than two-thirds of the active chapters in good standing cast votes, shall be necessary to amend the Ritual.

Chapter B of Article VI, Amendments, of the Constitution, shall be Amended to Read as Follows:

B. With due regard for secrecy, amendments to the Ritual or Ritualistic Statutes may only be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the active chapters voting on a proposal, provided that no less than three-fourths (3/4) of the active chapters cast votes. Proposed amendments to the Ritual or Ritualistic Statues shall be proposed and submitted to the active chapters either (i) by a petition presented by ten (10) or more active chapters, or (ii) by the Executive Committee.

Proposal No. 7

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, policies enacted by the Executive Committee for the General Fraternity are not able to be amended by a vote at any session of the Grand Chapter or Grand Council. This proposal seeks to provide that policies enacted by the Executive Committee may be amended by a majority vote of any session of Grand Chapter or Grand Council.

Executive Committee Regulation 9.02-2 shall be Amended to Read as Follows:

E9.02-2 Executive Committee Regulations and policies enacted by the Executive Committee for the General Fraternity may be amended by a simple majority vote of any session of Grand Chapter or Grand Council. Any proposed amendment must be endorsed in principle either (i) by ten chapters in good standing, or (ii) by the Governing Laws Committee. In either case, the proposal shall be received by the Executive Director thirty (30) days prior to the opening session of Grand Chapter or Grand Council, for prompt distribution to all chapters and persons entitled to vote thereon.