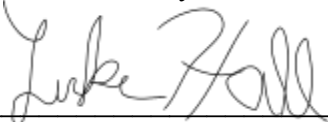


The Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Upsilon Chi at Clemson University




Chapter By-Laws

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2022 Chapter President
Luke Hall

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2022 Chapter Secretary
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Article I: Elections

- A. The officer election timeline will be provided by the third chapter of the Fall semester by the President to ensure adequate preparation and prayer for candidates.
- B. Any brother in good standing may be nominated for any officer role. In order to be slated onto the ballot, the brother must have completed the Intent to Run Form and have received two nominations from brothers in good standing. The Intent to Run Form and Nomination Form will be distributed by the President at the beginning of the Election Period.
- C. For the Office of Presidency, the ballot shall be limited to brothers who have been initiated members for 3 semesters or more (the semester of election counts towards the total semester count but the pledgeship semester does not). If less than 2 eligible brothers run for President, the ballot will be opened to the rest of the chapter.
- D. In the case of an election for an officer position with three or more candidates, ranked choice voting will be used. The candidate with the majority (more than 50%) of first-choice votes wins outright. If no candidate gets a majority of first-choice votes, then a new counting process will begin. The candidate in last place is eliminated, and that candidate's voters' ballots are redistributed to their second-choice pick. This process will continue until there is a candidate with more than 50% of the vote.

Article II: New Member Education

- A. New Member of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Upsilon Chi must: attend weekly New Member Meetings and active chapter, have no more than three unexcused absences, complete between 4-8 weeks of New Member Education, pay their New Member dues, maintain honorable conduct throughout the New Member process.
- B. All New Members are required to adhere to the Beta Upsilon Chi Doctrinal Statement, the Purpose of Beta Upsilon Chi, and the Beta Upsilon Chi Honor Code.
- C. Pledge Membership of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Upsilon Chi shall be a positive experience for new members; hazing is strictly prohibited.

Article III: Officership

- A. Officer terms follow a calendar year rotation. An officer term officially begins when the final exam time period is over in the Fall Semester and ends the following Fall Semester after final exams."
- B. The officers for the Alpha Eta chapter as President, External Vice President, Internal Vice President, Pledge Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chaplain.
- C. All duties of the officers can be found in Article 3 of the Beta Upsilon Constitution, with the exception of External Vice President and Internal Vice President. The External Vice President will be responsible for the facilitation of all events involving brothers and members of the general public. These events would include Parent's Weekend, Semi-Formal, Date Nights, and any other event at the discretion of the President. The Internal Vice President will be responsible for the facilitation of all internal operations, including house and hall maintenance, Brotherhood Retreat, Brotherhood Events, and any other event at the discretion of the President.

- D. Resignation of an officer requires a letter of resignation and meeting with the current president. If the president wishes to resign, a letter of resignation and meeting will be held with a representative from National Headquarters.

Article IV: House and Hall Rules

- A. As long as Clemson BYX occupies an off-campus house or on-campus hall, new members will be required to live on the hall/house for the year following their pledgship, if required to fill capacity. If any new member has a circumstance that prohibits him from living on the quad, a majority vote of the officer corps can excuse the brother from this obligation. A formal appeal must be presented in writing to the president.
- B. Decisions regarding the house and hall are under the house and hall monitor, respectively. These positions which will be appointed by the president at the start of each academic year. These positions are responsible for ensuring the upkeep, room assignments, quiet hours, and other issues as they arise. If damage occurs to either property, the monitor will investigate and report their findings, along with a proposed penalty, to the officer corps for a majority approval vote. Should the damage occur on the hall, these damages must be reported to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Clemson.
- C. If the hall monitor is unable to fulfill his duties for the entire year, the president may appoint a new hall monitor for the next semester. However, this is to be avoided at all costs.

Article V: Finances and Fines

- A. Dues will be required to have been collected by the third chapter meeting of each semester.
- B. It is the Treasurer's discretion to fine any brother that does not use a checking account instead of a credit or debit card to pay on BillHighway.
- C. It is the Secretary's discretion to levy fines. Brother fines maybe include, but are not limited to, absences at required events, incorrect formal attire, and late dues payment.
- D. Absences may be excused by the Brother Secretary in the event of: a scheduled test, a compelling personal crisis/problem, a scheduled engagement, a scheduled athletic event, or a University-excused absence.
- E. All monetary transactions must be completed electronically through the BillHighway billing system.
- F. At the end of each billing period (defined by BillHighway as the 16th of each month), if a member has a remaining balance, he will be required to attend a standards meeting with the secretary and the treasurer. Penalty for late payments will be recommended by the standards committee and approved by a majority of the officer corps.

Article VI: Standards

- A. The BYX Code of Conduct extends to online profiles and representations for all members, including but not limited to Instagram profiles, Twitter profiles, Facebook profiles, Snapchats, Youtube videos, Reddit posts, GroupMe messages, and TikTok videos. Therefore, no BYX member is permitted to have profanity, underage consumption of alcohol depictions of lewd conduct, or anything else of an inappropriate

nature on the aforementioned websites while also claiming membership in, or affiliation with, the fraternity. Appropriateness will be determined by officers.

- B. For any overnight event sanctioned by BYX Fraternity, the possession or consumption of alcohol will be strictly prohibited for the duration of the entire trip (from departure to arrival at Clemson). This includes brothers, pledges, dates, alumni, and guests.
- C. Any individual appointed or elected to a chair position will be held to the alcohol standards set for brothers, not those governing the officers of BYX Fraternity, found in Article 15 Number 96.

Article VII: Rush

- A. In addition to the attendance policy set forth in the BYX Constitution, the following is also mandatory for all BYX members: Rush events, Bid Ceremony, and Initiation. Failure to attend will result in one (1) absence. Excused absences will be determined by the Secretary.
- B. Required rush events will be announced at least 7 days prior to the start of the event. In the event of disruption (including but not limited to tornados, hurricanes, snowstorms, pandemics, technological issues, and University-closings) announcements of these events may be less than 7 days.
- C. In order to be offered a bid into the Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Upsilon Chi, the student must be a student at Clemson University (not in the Bridge to Clemson Program) and have a cumulative GPA above 2.7. If an incoming freshman, high school GPA will be requested.
- D. Interviews will be conducted between first and final round of formal rush. There must be a minimum of 1 officer and 1 brother in each interview. The officer will lead the interview, and each brother will report on the interview during voting following final round.
- E. Voting on potential new members will be held between the officers and rush chairs for first round and interview rounds, and then fraternity-wide voting will be held immediately following final round.

Article VII: Activity

- A. An Active member of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Upsilon Chi must have completed the following: successfully completed the program of Pledge Membership, maintain membership only in Beta Upsilon Chi and no other social fraternal organization, have three or fewer unexcused absences per semester, pay dues in full and on time, fulfill a minimum of one service project per semester, maintain honorable conduct throughout active membership, and attend and participate in all formal chapter events, cell group meetings, and weekly chapter meetings.
- B. An active Member may be assigned Inactive Status by the current elected Officers of the Fraternity only when he no longer wishes to be held accountable to the obligations of Active Membership, and makes his wishes known in writing to the elected Officers of the Fraternity; or has failed to meet the obligations and requirements of Active Membership. Any Member assigned Inactive Status may return to Active Membership after a meeting with the current elected Officers of the Fraternity to discuss returning to the Chapter as an Active Member, paying any and all outstanding debts owed to the Chapter, and Only if

the current elected Officers of the fraternity approves his return to Active Membership. These steps for return are required to occur by the beginning of an academic semester, by the third Weekly Chapter Meeting of that semester or before dues are due, whichever is first.

- C. There are two types of Inactivity within the chapter: voluntary and involuntary. Official designation of one of these two categories of inactivity are the responsibility of a majority vote of the officer core.
 - i. Voluntary Inactivity: A brother is considered to be voluntarily inactive if he chooses to go inactive for reasons within his control and by his own choice. Voluntary inactivity will follow the same procedures as defined in the constitution, as found in Article 8, Number 57-59. This includes removal from all fraternity GroupMes, newsletters, and official modes of communication. The inactive brother will not be allowed to attend social events, cell groups, chapter, and any other event officially sanctioned by Clemson BYX, even as a guest of an active brother.
 - ii. Involuntary Inactivity: A brother is considered to be involuntarily inactive if the brother goes inactive for reasons beyond his control, for reasons officially excused by Clemson University (study abroad, co-ops, and athletics), or for medical reasons. This brother will stay in all fraternity GroupMes, newsletters, and official modes of communication. The inactive brother may stay in a cell group if he wishes, but he will be unable to attend social and brotherhood events, unless granted an exception by a majority vote of the officer corps.

Article VIII: Alpha Eta Elder Council: The Elder Council will conduct hearings with brothers -- at the Elder Council's discretion or when requested by the Secretary or Chapter President- to bring an unbiased perspective and advise the Officer Corps in decisions and/or disciplinary action.

- A. The Elder Council will consist of 5 members of junior or senior class rank, selected by the President and approved by the majority of the officer corps.
- B. The Elder Council delegates should be established members of the fraternity and exhibit Christ-like character in all areas of their life as they will be recognized as role models to the rest of the fraternity.
- C. The Elder Council members will be appointed for 1 semester, with no acting term limits.
- D. The Elder Council will conduct hearings with brothers -- when requested by the Chapter President- to bring an unbiased perspective and advise the Officer Corps decisions and/or disciplinary action.
 - a. If the Elder Council chooses to conduct a standards meeting without being prompted by the current Officer Corps, the President will be notified prior to the meeting.
- E. The Elder Council will also meeting twice a semester to consult with the Officer Corps to give general advisement on the direction of the fraternity.
- F. The Elder Council will meet with the National Leadership Consultant at the required semesterly campus visit.

- G. The officer corps has the discretion to remove member of the Elder Council by a majority vote at any time.

Article IX: Academic

- A. All active members of the chapter are expected to abide by the requirements listed in the Academic Regulations portion of the yearly Clemson University Undergraduate Catalog.
- B. After the establishment of an official Clemson Grade Point Average, any member who boasts a Grade Point Average (GPA) below a 2.70 will be placed on a social probation and restricted from attending social events including but not limited to: mixers, open parties, formals, and functions.
- C. Should a member's cumulative GPA persist to be beneath a 2.70 for more than two semesters, the member will be moved to an Inactive Status
- D. All members below a cumulative GPA 3.00 at the start of any semester will be put on strict academic watch to be monitored by the Academic/Scholarship Chair and the Secretary.