

A CODE OF ETHICS FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

THIS CODE OF ETHICS HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE SIGMA ZETA CHAPTER OF PHI THETA KAPPA AS A DECLARATION OF THE HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT TO WHICH WE HOLD OURSELVES IN CARRYING OUT THE BUSINESS OF THE CHAPTER. THE CHAPTER IS COMMITTED TO A DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP THAT RESULTS IN THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICE TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER, THE STUDENTS OF OUR COLLEGE, AND THE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS CODE SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND RE-ADOPTED BY ALL NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND FURNISHED TO ALL MEMBERS.

- 1. WE WILL MAINTAIN AN ATMOSPHERE THAT RECOGNIZES THE DIGNITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, WHICH SHOWS RESPECT FOR DIFFERENCES IN STYLE, VALUES, AND OPINIONS, AND WHICH ENCOURAGES ATTENTIVENESS TO ONE ANOTHER AND RESPONSIVENESS IN OUR COMMUNICATIONS.**
- 2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICES TO WHICH WE WERE ELECTED OR APPOINTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER AND THAT ANY BENEFITS WHICH WE MAY REALIZE INDIVIDUALLY ARE SECONDARY TO THIS.**
- 3. WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT. WE WILL NOT HOLD SECRET MEETINGS, WITHHOLD USEFUL INFORMATION, OPERATE UNDER HIDDEN AGENDAS, ENGAGE IN GOSSIP, NOR INTENTIONALLY EMBARRASS OUR FELLOW MEMBERS. WE WILL CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHAPTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTION AND THAT OF THE SOCIETY.**
- 4. WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO DEALING WITH ISSUES AND PLEDGE TO SET ASIDE ANY PERSONAL DIFFERENCES WE MAY HAVE TO WORK IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHAPTER.**
- 5. WE RECOGNIZE THAT EACH MEMBER HAS BOTH A RIGHT AND A RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPRESS DISSENTING OPINIONS, BUT WE PLEDGE THAT ONCE THE GROUP HAS MADE ITS COLLECTIVE DECISION, EACH MEMBER WILL SUPPORT THAT DECISION AND WORK TO CARRY IT OUT TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER ABILITY.**
- 6. WE RECOGNIZE THAT A SUCCESSFUL CHAPTER IS A TEAM EFFORT AND WE PLEDGE TO WORK TOGETHER IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO CARRY OUT THE CHAPTER'S PROJECTS.**
- 7. AS SERVANT LEADERS TO THE CHAPTER, WE WILL RESPOND PROMPTLY, COURTEOUSLY, AND POSITIVELY TO THE CONCERNS AND THE REQUESTS OF OUR MEMBERS.**
- 8. WE WILL WORK WITH THE CHAPTER'S ADVISOR IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF COOPERATIVE WE DISPLAY IN OUR DEALINGS WITH EACH OTHER.**
- 9. WE RECOGNIZE THAT NO OFFICER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS INDEPENDENTLY UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED TO DO SO AND THAT, THOUGH OUR RESPONSIBILITIES DIFFER, AS MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER WE ARE EQUALS.**