

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Tau Sigma National Honor Society**

#### **Article I      Name**

The name of the organization shall be Tau Sigma National Honor Society.

#### **Article II      Mission**

Tau Sigma is an academic honor society designed specifically to "recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students."

The Mission of the Tau Sigma Chapter at ETSU is:

- To recognize and support transfer students academic success & achievement
- To help transfer students develop leadership skills
- A coordinator of community & campus service opportunities
- A bridge for transfer students to assist in becoming acclimated to ETSU
- An advocate for transfer students at ETSU

#### **Article III      Membership**

##### Section (1)

Membership in this organization shall be open to full time, first time undergraduates with 3.5 or higher GPA who have transferred from another institution. Eligibility is limited to the first term of enrollment at the institution to which the student transfers. Membership in the Organization shall be based upon superior academic achievement by students during their first term in the institution to which they transfer (only credit hours that count toward a bachelor's degree can be used to determine Tau Sigma eligibility).

##### Section (2)

Membership shall be for life.

##### Section (3)

Any current member who pays his/her dues shall be considered in good standing.

##### Section (4)

Member responsibilities are, but not limited to, attending meetings, volunteering in community service projects and organizing social events.

##### Section (5)

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.

#### **Article IV      Removal of Members**

Grounds for removal of any member are: removal by vote of the board of directors due to major conflict or dropping below the GPA requirement for membership.

## **Article V      Dues**

### Section (1)

The chapter dues are set by the chapter.

### Section (2)

In the case of organizational dissolution, the organizational funds will be redistributed to the advising department for disbursement.

## **Article V      Leadership**

### Section (1)

The leadership of this organization shall consist of a Board of Directors consisting of at least three (3) members in good standing.

### Section (2)

The election or selection of the leadership will be held during the semester before the position becomes vacant.

### Section (3)

The term of office for leadership positions shall be for at least one semester. Leaders may be reelected for four (4) terms.

### Section (4)

A leader may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of the members for not performing duties as assigned, abuse of power of position or irreconcilable conflict with other members or advisors.

### Section (5)

Should a leadership position become vacant in mid-term, a new leader shall be elected. The advisor will call for nominations and winner will be elected by simple majority vote of the members.

### Section (6)

Requirements to be a leader include being a registered student, in good academic standing, at ETSU for the entire term of the position and registered full time.

## **Article VI      Duties of Leadership Board**

Advisor Duties:

- manage the finances and distribution of funds
- facilitate meetings in the physical location and online
- offer ideas and suggestions for social and service projects
- advise as needed on how best the members can carry out their projects
- provide information about university policy regarding activities on campus

#### Board of Directors' Duties:

- create social events and service projects for the members to carry out
- facilitate the creation of committees for each project
- delegate tasks to committee members with the required skill set
- organize social and service projects for the campus and the community
- represent leadership for the organization, the university and the community

### **Article VII      Organization Meetings**

#### Section (1)

There shall be a minimum of one (1) meeting per semester during the spring and fall semesters. The committees working on various events and service projects may call additional meetings or volunteer activities as necessary.

#### Section (2)

The business of these meetings shall be conducted informally, via zoom, email or in person.

#### Section (3)

This organization is subject to the policies and procedures of ETSU and the Tennessee Board of Regents.

#### Section (4)

The faculty advisor should attend the official meetings of this organization, excluding satellite meetings by committees within the organization.

#### Section (5)

All general meetings shall be open to members in good standing.

### **Article VIII      Amendments**

This constitution may be amended during any regular meeting by any member submitting a proposal change and being passed by a simple majority vote.