

Gamma Phi Beta Eta Beta Chapter Bylaws

ARTICLE I — NAME

This organization shall be known as Eta Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ARTICLE II — OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to fulfill as an individual chapter the mission of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., which is to foster a nurturing environment that provides women the opportunity to achieve their potential through the life-long commitment to intellectual growth, individual worth and service to humanity as well as inspiring highest type of womanhood

ARTICLE III — GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Government shall be according to the International Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Procedures of Gamma Phi Beta, Inc.

ARTICLE IV — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. — There shall be only one class of members in Florida Southern College Chapter, namely initiated collegiate members. Such membership entails the fulfillment of all obligations imposed by the Sorority and the chapter.

Section 2. — New members shall be considered uninitiated voting members regarding the requirements and regulations of these bylaws and shall fulfill all of the obligations imposed by the Sorority. and the chapter.

Section 3. — There shall be no membership discrimination based upon factors such as race, color, national origin, ethnic heritage, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation. Males are not eligible for membership based on an exemption given to social sororities by Title IX.

Section 4. — Members shall be enrolled in Florida Southern College as a full time student with a minimum of 12 credit hours, unless otherwise granted exception by the regional coordinator.

ARTICLE V — AFFILIATION

Section 1. — A member of another collegiate chapter of the Sorority who transfers to Florida Southern College may be affiliated by a 2/3 vote of the members in good standing of the Eta Beta Chapter.

Section 2. — The member may be affiliated, provided:

- a. The chapter which initiated her and any subsequent chapter to which she was affiliated have sent a recommendation for affiliation and a statement affirming her fulfillment of all chapter, international, and house corporation board financial obligations.
- b. College Panhellenic Association and college administration regulations permit affiliation.

- c. All procedures outlined in the *Collegiate Operations Manual* have been followed, including payment of affiliation fee of \$25.00.

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS

Section 1. — The elected offices of the executive council of the Eta Beta Chapter shall include: president, administrative vice president, education vice president, financial vice president, membership vice president, Panhellenic affairs vice president, and public relations vice president. Other elected offices are PACE chairwoman, philanthropy chairwoman, new member educator, recording secretary, ritual chairwoman, scholarship chairwoman, social chairwoman, standards chairwoman, and REAL Wellness Consultant.

The following elected officers shall not hold more than one position: president, administrative vice president, education vice president, financial vice president, membership vice president, Panhellenic affairs vice president, public relations vice president, recording secretary, new member educator, and REAL Wellness Consultant.

The following elected officers may hold one of these positions and an appointed position if necessary: PACE chairwoman, philanthropy chairwoman, ritual chairwoman, scholarship chairwoman, social chairwoman, and standards chairwoman.

Section 2. — The term of office shall be one calendar year.

Section 3. — Not later than November 10 of each year, a nominating committee shall be formed, composed of the chapter advisor and one initiated representative elected by each class. A freshmen class is to be included if the chapter has new members who are freshmen. New members have a vote on the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall present a list of candidates, one for each office, no later than the second to last regular meeting of the fall semester. Each candidate for an elected office shall be approved by the regional coordinator before election, whether at a regular election time or to fill a vacancy.

Section 4. — Other offices, as listed in the chapter standing rules, shall be filled in a timely manner following annual elections and shall be appointed by the executive council. The term of office shall be for one calendar year.

Section 5. — In order for a member of Eta Beta Chapter to be qualified for any of the foregoing elected offices, she shall be enrolled in at least 12 hours of course work and be in good standing with the chapter and Florida Southern College. In the term preceding her election she shall have attained a cumulative grade point average of 2.7. She shall maintain this average each term in order to remain in office unless granted special permission by the regional coordinator.

In order for a member of Eta Beta Chapter to be qualified for any appointed offices, she shall be enrolled in at least 12 hours of course work and be in good standing with the chapter and Florida Southern College. In the term preceding her appointment she shall have attained a cumulative grade point average of 2.6. She shall maintain this average each term in order to remain in office unless granted special permission by the regional coordinator.

Section 6. — Intersession, summer school, correspondence courses shall not be included in the scholastic qualifications for holding office, although they may be included the cumulative grade point average as determined by Florida Southern College

Section 7. — In order to verify the fulfillment of the preceding conditions, each nominee for office and officer shall submit to the chapter administrative vice president, on a confidential basis, a copy of her unofficial transcript, regarding her academic good standing and scholastic grade point average.

Section 8. — The officers of the Eta Beta Chapter shall be installed any time after election and initiation, but not later than the second business meeting of the following semester.

Section 9. — Vacancies in all offices shall be filled by following the procedures for regular nominations, elections, and/or appointments as outlined in the *Collegiate Operations Manual*. Vacancies shall be filled no later than two weeks after the vacancy occurs. Members filling vacancies shall serve until the next regular annual election or appointment of officers.

Section 10. — In the event of an officer not fulfilling her responsibilities the regional coordinator may remove the officer from office.

ARTICLE VII — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. — The duties of the officers of the Eta Beta Chapter shall be those which may be provided for in the International Bylaws, Rules and Procedures and as enumerated in the Gamma Phi Beta *Collegiate Operations Manual*.

Section 2. — A bylaws revision committee shall be formed by the end of the first full month of the fall term each year. The parliamentarian, recording secretary and bylaws revision committee shall review and revise chapter bylaws as necessary. The revised bylaws, if applicable, shall be voted on by the chapter and be approved by the regional coordinator on or before December 1 of that year.

ARTICLE VIII — MEETINGS

Section 1. — Regular chapter meetings shall be held at a time and on a day of the week convenient to the chapter, as set forth in the chapter standing rules. There shall be at least two business (formal) chapter meetings with ritual per month, with the remainder being one PACE night meeting and one Fidelity meeting.

Section 2. — All meetings, including membership selection, shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

Section 3. — All members and new members shall be required to attend each meeting and to fulfill the duties assigned to them.

Section 4. A majority of members (which shall include initiated and new members) in good standing shall constitute a quorum. Only members and new members in good standing may vote or transact chapter business in chapter meetings. All members, initiated and new, in good standing may vote in chapter elections. New members may not vote in membership selection meetings. Good standing is defined as having fulfilled all local and international financial obligations.

Section 5. — The president shall appoint a mentor for each chapter business meeting with ritual. The mentor shall prepare a written and unsigned report, which shall be a constructive discussion of the attitude of the chapter toward any chapter business. Only the president, who shall read the report at the chapter business meeting and then place it in the chapter files, shall know the mentor's name.

ARTICLE IX — FINANCES

Section 1. — Chapter and international dues shall be payable to the Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, and paid via Billhighway as stipulated in the chapter standing rules. Chapter dues shall be determined annually by the chapter and shall be based on the chapter budget for the current year.

Section 2. — Financial obligations not paid by dates stipulated in the chapter standing rules are considered delinquent and may be subject to a late fee or collection by an outside party. Delinquent members not in good standing may not vote at chapter business meetings, membership selection meetings or attend any social event until their financial obligations are met.

Section 3. — First and second membership fee installment fees are non-refundable upon remittance to International Headquarters.

Section 4. — Non-resident members shall pay a facility fee as determined by the affiliated house corporation.

Section 5. — The first installment of the membership fee and the international building fund fee shall be paid prior to initiation.

Section 6. — The purchase of a Gamma Phi Beta badge is a requirement of all prospective members at the time of initiation.

Section 7. — The local building fund fee shall be paid by the end of the first full semester following the semester in which the member was pledged.

Section 8. — An affiliation fee of \$25.00, shall be paid by a member at the time of her affiliation with Eta Beta Chapter.

ARTICLE X — SCHOLASTIC QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1. — Members shall conform to the scholastic qualifications as required by the International Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, Panhellenic Bylaws, and Florida Southern College.

Section 2. — Scholastic qualifications for pledging in the Eta Beta Chapter are at least 3.0 for entering freshmen and at least 2.7 for all other students (A = 4.0). Exceptions may be made with approval of the chapter advisor and regional coordinator after consultation with the sorority coordinator-scholarship.

Section 3. — Scholastic qualifications for Initiation in Eta Beta Chapter are that the new member must be in academic good standing with Florida Southern College.

ARTICLE XI — DISCIPLINE

Section 1. — Major infractions of the International Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, Loyalty Pledge, or any other cases deemed necessary shall be handled by the executive council in accordance with the discipline procedures as outlined in the *Collegiate Operations Manual*.

Section 2. — Minor discipline infractions and social behavior shall be handled by the standards chairwoman and her committee as set forth in the chapter standing rules.

Section 3. — The Eta Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. shall not tolerate nor participate in any form of hazing.

Section 4. — All members and new members of the Eta Beta Chapter shall abide by the chapter standing rules and Florida Southern College rules or face disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS

Section 1. — An amendment shall originate in the regular chapter business meeting or executive council meeting.

Section 2. — The amendment shall be proposed at one regular meeting of the chapter and voted upon at the next regular meeting. Before it is proposed, it shall be referred to the parliamentarian for the proper wording and for the necessary research to determine that it does not conflict with the International Gamma Phi Beta Bylaws, Rules and Procedures and Florida Southern College regulations.

Section 3. — These bylaws may be amended by a vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing by the Eta Beta Chapter.

Section 4. — Bylaw amendments shall be in effect after approval by the regional coordinator.

ARTICLE XIII — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with the Bylaws and Rules and Procedures of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Adopted by the Eta Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta on March 28, 2016.

Approved by the regional coordinator and in effect on March 30, 2016