

Meeting August 31st, 2022

On August 31st, the board convened for a closed emergency meeting outside of the regular meeting schedule to hear a motion to remove a non-initiated member of the Flint chapter after a reported incident of sexual violence. The only individuals allowed at this meeting were the Board of Governors and essential team leads.

Procedure

Such a vote requires quorum (at least 9 governors). The vote was by simple majority, in accordance with the society's bylaws.

Article IX of our constitution lays out our rules regarding termination. The relevant sections of Article IX are included below:

Section 4: The Board of Governors may suspend or expel a Student Member, subject to the review of procedural due process by the Convention, pursuant to the policies established under the authority of Article XI, Sections 1 and 3. The expelled Member must be notified in writing within thirty days of said expulsion.

Section 5: In no cases shall the Board of Governors suspend or expel a Student Member without consulting the President or Vice President of the Chapter of which the Student Member shall be a member.

Section 7: ...the Board of Governors may suspend or expel a Member when it finds that the Member has brazenly violated their vows, endangered anyone's safety or bodily autonomy, or so transgressed the rules of life as to sever in spirit their connection with the Alpha Delta Phi Society.

Section 8: There shall be no suspension, expulsion, or revocation unless the provisions of Article X [Due Process] have been met. All proceedings under this article shall comply with all appropriate By-Laws or with Chapter practices.

Article X lays out our requirements for due process, as referenced in Article IX, Section 8 above:

Section 1: Each proceeding of the Alpha Delta Phi Society, its Chapters, and its Graduate Organizations shall comply with appropriate By-Laws submitted to the Board of Governors or, in the absence of By-Laws, with Chapter practices. By-Laws or Chapter practices shall be consistent with the provisions of this Constitution. They shall meet the provisions of Section 2 of this Article, and if they do not, those provisions shall apply. The Board of Governors shall determine whether By-Laws or Chapter practices meet those provisions, subject to the appellate jurisdiction of the Convention.

Section 2: Each proceeding of the Alpha Delta Phi Society, a Chapter or Graduate Organization, or its Board of Governors shall assure the equitable execution of policy and procedure for every Member, Chapter, or Organization. The Board of Governors shall establish a policy defining procedural due process, subject to the approval of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI provides our equitable Justice framework, also included in relevant part below:

Section 1: The Board of Governors shall develop and adopt procedures for the review of Member conduct and may establish a policy for Members to remain in good standing.

Section 2: The Board of Governors may develop and adopt procedures for the discipline, including the encroachment of rights described by the Constitution, of Graduate Members and non-Members at Society-sponsored events and functions.

Section 3: The Board of Governors may develop and adopt procedures for the discipline, including the encroachment of rights described by the Constitution, of Student Members, as consonant with the college or university such Student Members are enrolled.

Voting

Governor Isa Martinez moved the following:

“I move that, pursuant to Articles IX and X of the Society Constitution, the Board of Governors hereby expels the non-initiated member (pledge) [name], effective immediately. “ The motion was seconded, brief discussion occurred, and then we moved into a secret ballot vote. The motion passed. This individual is no longer a pledge of the Alpha Delta Phi Society.

Meeting concluded 9:47 PM

Attendees:

Irissa Cisternino (CAP '18), Kari Dahlen (BRN '96), Christopher Jackson (MID '20), Kylie Madden (CAP '17), Isa Martinez (BRN '17), Max Morant (PENN '16), Dena Schwartz (PENN '13), Ashley Taylor (GRN '13), Ally Bonhaus (CAP '23), Sophia Decherney (BRN '25), Kate Homes (FLNT '25), Emery Miller (BING '22), James Aykit (PENN '21), Mike Blitstein (BRN '03), Thom Clark (BDN '99), Cailyn Hansen (BRN '19), Laura Hellwig (CAP '16), Jenna Tishler (BRN '20), Mimi Walczuk (BING '20),