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**177TH PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021**

**MADISON BALLROOM
CONCOURSE HOTEL
MADISON, WISCONSIN**

George Rouman, Rho '22 called the 177th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021. On behalf of the Rho chapter, Brother Rouman welcomed the delegates to Madison for the Rho's 125th Anniversary. He then appointed the following temporary officers of the 177th Convention:

President: Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Recorder: Thomas J. Fox, Omicron '00

President McKeon appointed the Committee on Nominations and Credentials:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

Brad Corner, Omicron '72, Chairman
Michael Clark, Theta Theta '21, Vice Chairman

Gabriel Arcanjo, Alpha Omicron '22
Luke Becker, Omicron '24
Connor DiMarco, Phi '22
Matthew Farleo, Gamma Tau '22
Cameron Jefferson, Beta Beta '22
Zach Kempf, Phi Nu '23
Fred Nunnelley, Phi Beta '22
Dhruv Raman, Tau '24
Annie Shen, Delta '22
Omar Lopez, Psi '23

Larry Rakers, Omicron '86
Tejas Narayan, Epsilon Iota '19
Gary Pan, Eta '86
Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Prov '19

Brother Corner gave the initial report of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials**. He reported that the committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 23 active chapters, four inactive chapters, one owl club and one provisional chapter. He then placed the following names in nomination as permanent officers of the 177th Convention:

President: Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Vice President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72
Vice President: David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Recorder: Thomas J. Fox, Omicron '00

The resolution passed unanimously.

President McKeon called upon Recorder Thomas Fox, Omicron '00 who called the roll of delegates and reported the presence of a quorum.

President McKeon then gave the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the Convention. He then appointed Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 as Parliamentarian of the 177th Convention.

President McKeon then appointed the following additional standing committees to consider the business to be brought before the Convention:

RULES COMMITTEE

Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, Chairman

Brad Corner, Omicron '72
Drew Elliott, Tau Epsilon '22
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
George Rouman, Rho '22
Jon Szyrkowski, Epsilon Nu '06
Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Jon Szyrkowski, Epsilon Nu '06, Chairman
Evan Spoor, Epsilon Iota '22, Vice Chairman

Nicholas Annechino, Upsilon '23
Max Alsarraf, Beta Beta '22
Kasey Chan, Delta '24
Nigel Chege, Phi Nu '22
Jeremiah Ericson, Gamma Tau '23
Jamie Forte, Phi Beta '22
Jacob Franco, Lambda Sigma '22
Jack Keane, Eta '24
Bill McKelvain, Omega '24
Andrew Newman, Phi Delta '23

J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
Garrett Gleim, Tau '01

James Platner, Phi Delta '10
Daniella Schocken, Chi Delta '12

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08, Chairman
Sarah Teixeira, Chi Delta '21, Vice Chairman

Nathan Argust, Phi Delta '23
Lucas Baumgartner, Delta Omicron Prov '22
Sam Born, Psi '23
Ed Domanico, Upsilon '22
Mason Gabridge, Epsilon Nu '24
Conor Hogan, Pi '23
Jacob Kim, Theta Theta '23
Michael Rago, Omicron '24
Drake Witt, Gamma Tau '22
Michael Yahner, Sigma Phi '21

Douglas Jackman, Omega '89
Thomas Martin, Pi '78
John Ong, Gamma '82
Harold Ochsner, Xi '57

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Drew Elliott, Tau Epsilon '22, Chairman
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, Vice Chairman

Luca Bonini, Gamma Tau '22
Daniel Brzozowski, Phi '23
Lindsey Dial, Chi Delta '23
Davis Friedman, Upsilon '23
Michael Kornely, Rho '23
Vicente Mateus, Omega '22
Samuel Palmer, Epsilon Nu '24
Caden Van Dahm, Lambda Sigma '22
Tyler Wetherell, Alpha Omicron '23

David Garber, Phi Beta '94
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58
Robert McIntire, Omicron '68
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

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Luke Becker, Omicron '24
Connor DiMarco, Phi '22
Matthew Farleo, Gamma Tau '22
Cameron Jefferson, Beta Beta '22
Zach Kempf, Phi Nu '23
Fred Nunnolley, Phi Beta '22
Dhruv Raman, Tau '24
Annie Shen, Delta '22
Omar Lopez, Psi '23

Larry Rakers, Omicron '86
Tejas Narayan, Epsilon Iota '19
Gary Pan, Eta '86
Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Prov '19

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

George Rouman, Rho '22, Chairman
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89, Vice Chairman

Tyler Beckwith, Sigma Phi '21
James Bentayou, Upsilon '23
Karren Cao, Delta '21
Dashiel Heidt, Gamma Tau '22
Maximilian Hess, Delta Omicron Prov '24
James Lewis, Psi '23
Jack Lightfine, Eta '24
Bennett Macaulay, Pi '24
Aidan Scheel, Tau Epsilon '24
Jeremy Young, Epsilon Iota '22

Jordan Conard, Gamma Tau '14
Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Alexander Senchak, Eta '06
Charles Werner, Omega '55
Lynn Werner, Omega '08H

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

Jonathan Chaffin, Gamma Tau '00
Thomas Fox, Omicron '00

Javon Jones, Gamma Tau '24
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72

President McKeon then called on Thomas Fox, Omicron '00 to review the schedule and logistics for the 2021 Leadership Institute and 177th Convention, review the role of the UAB and election process, and to give a report on Recruitment, Community Service and Academics.

Tyler Wetherall, Alpha Omicron '23, presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #1

Resolved: The 177th Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to

Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72
Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56;
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55;
and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64,

Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Nathan Argust, Phi Delta '23, presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #2

Resolved: That the 177th Convention expresses its profound appreciation to

Christian Brydges, Nu '95
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82;
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89;
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08;
Gregory P. Rupp, Phi '81;
Jonathan Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06
And Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

for their enormous contributions to the Fraternity as alumni term members of the Executive Council.

Davis Friedman, Upsilon '23, presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #3

Resolved: That the 177th Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of

Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83
David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66;
Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71;
Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72;
James A Swanke, Rho '80
And Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

as past presidents and Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Drew Elliott, Tau Epsilon '22, presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #4

Resolved: That the 177th Convention extends its sincere appreciation to the directors of The Psi Upsilon Foundation,

J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04;
Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '82;
Garrett Gleim, Tau '01
Doug Jackman, Omega '89;
John F. H. Ong, Gamma '84;
Gary G. Pan, Eta '86;
Larry Rakers, Omicron '86
Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06;
and Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08

for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 5:04 p.m. President McKeon recessed the 177th Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**177TH PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021**

**MADISON BALLROOM
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President Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08, called the closing session of the 177th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 2:25 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021. On behalf of the entire Convention President McKeon extended its appreciation to the Rho Chapter and its alumni for sponsoring the cookout at the chapter house Friday and thanked everyone for their work in committees.

President McKeon then asked Brother Fox to call the roll of delegates. The roll was called, and a quorum was declared to be present.

President McKeon called upon Brother Rasmussen to review the parliamentary rules by which the Convention conducts its business. Brother Rasmussen then presented the report of the Rules Committee. He indicated that after reviewing the work of all the committees, they would be called in the following order and allowed the following times to present their reports and resolutions:

Nominations and Credentials	15 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes
Budget & Development	10 minutes
Awards	15 minutes
New Business	10 minutes

The report of the Rules Committee was approved unanimously.

Committee on Nominations and Credentials

Zach Kempf, Phi Nu '23 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #1

Whereas: The committee recognizes that all chapters have had financial difficulties lately due to world events including the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas: The Delta, Upsilon, Phi, Omega, Pi, Rho, Zeta Zeta, Lambda Sigma, Delta Nu, Phi Nu, Tau Epsilon, Psi, Phi Delta, and Delta Omicron Provisional Chapters have outstanding fees due to the International Fraternity, be it

Resolved: That all voting rights are restored for this Convention to the listed chapters who lost voting rights due to financial matters as described in Article II section 2 in the constitution.

Brother Kempf continued with the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #2

Whereas: All chapters have experienced financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restriction of events and gatherings; and

Whereas: These challenges have resulted in many chapters being unable to fully cover their financial obligations to the International Fraternity; and

Whereas: The Zeta, Xi, Eta, Omicron, Chi Delta, Epsilon Iota, Phi Beta Owl Club, Gamma Tau, and Alpha Omicron have managed to meet their financial obligations without debt to the International Fraternity, be it

Resolved: The Convention congratulates the Zeta, Xi, Eta, Omicron, Chi Delta, Epsilon Iota, Phi Beta Owl Club, Gamma Tau, and Alpha Omicron for their achievement.

Zach Kempf, Phi Nu '23, then on behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials, placed in nomination the following brothers for election as the members of the Undergraduate Advisory Board:

Linsay Dial, Chi Delta '23
Matt Farleo, Gamma Tau '22
Jack Keane, Eta '24
Aidan Scheel, Tau Epsilon '24

After candidates who were present at the closing session addressed the Convention, Brother Dial was elected by written ballot for one-year term as one of the Undergraduate Advisory Board members and a runoff vote, also by written ballot, was conducted between Brother Farleo and Brother Scheel, resulting in Brother Scheel being the second elected delegate to the Undergraduate Advisory Board while Brother Farleo will serve as an alternate.

Brother Kempf then presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #3

Resolved: That the Committee on Nominations and Credentials nominates the following brothers as alumni term members to the Executive Council:

For a one-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Convention and ending in 2022:

Gregory P. Rupp, Phi '81,
James Platner, Phi Delta '10,
and Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06.

For a two-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Convention and ending in 2023,

Christian Brydges, Nu '95.

For a three-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Convention and ending in 2024,

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11 and
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08.

Brother Kempf then presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #5

Resolved: That the Committee, acting upon a resolution submitted by the Executive Council, nominates Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '82, to be an Honorary Life Member of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude for his devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Committee on Unfinished Business

Aidan Scheel, Tau Epsilon '24, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1

Whereas: The attendance at the Psi Upsilon convention is required of all active chapters by the constitution of the Psi Upsilon fraternity; and

Whereas: Chapter representation at the Psi Upsilon convention serves to strengthen inter-chapter bonds; and

Whereas: The Xi, Omicron, Sigma Phi, and Theta Theta chapters were not in attendance for the 177th Convention; therefore be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council strongly encourage the aforementioned chapters to attend future Psi Upsilon conventions.

James Bentayou, Upsilon '23, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #2

- Whereas:** The attendance at the Psi Upsilon convention is required of all active chapters by the constitution of the Psi Upsilon fraternity; and
- Whereas:** Chapter representation at the Psi Upsilon convention serves to strengthen inter-chapter bonds; and
- Whereas:** The Zeta, Tau, and Beta Beta, chapters have not attended the 176th or the 177th Convention; therefore be it
- Recommended:** That the Executive Council strongly encourage the aforementioned chapters to attend future Psi Upsilon conventions.

Jeremy Young, Epsilon Iota '22, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #3

- Whereas:** The attendance at the Psi Upsilon convention is required of all active chapters by the constitution of the Psi Upsilon fraternity; and
- Whereas:** Chapter representation at the Psi Upsilon convention serves to strengthen inter-chapter bonds; and
- Whereas:** The Zeta Zeta chapter was unable to attend the 177th Convention due to Canadian government COVID-19 restrictions; and
- Whereas:** The chapter's participation in past conventions has been excellent; and
- Whereas:** The 177th Convention misses their fraternal bonds; therefore be it
- Recommended:** That the 177th Convention urges the Zeta Zeta chapter to make every effort to attend the 178th Convention.

Dashiel Heidt, Gamma Tau '22, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #6

- Whereas:** Our staff has gone above and beyond to ensure a successful convention; and
- Whereas:** Without the efforts of our staff, the convention would not have been as successful as it has been; therefore be it
- Resolved:** The 177th Convention express its sincere gratitude to the hardworking staff for all the work they have done over this weekend. Thank you to: Thomas J. Fox, Omicron '00, Executive Director; Bethann Taylor, Director of

Administration; Jonathan Chaffin, Gamma Tau '00, Director of Engagement; Renee Beck, Donor Relations Specialist; Wendy Alexander, Administrative Assistant; Stephan Oeschle, Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, Director of Chapter Services; and intern, Javon Jones, Gamma Tau '24.

Bennett Macaulay, Pi '24, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #7

Whereas: The Rho Chapter hosted the 177th Psi Upsilon Convention; and

Whereas: The Rho Chapter hosted a cookout at their chapter house on the first night of the convention; and

Whereas: Charles Leicht, Rho '67 especially went above and beyond in his service to the 177th convention; therefore be it

Resolved: That the committee on Unfinished Business on behalf of all members, extend a thank you to the Rho Chapter for hosting the 177th Convention.

Karren Cao, Delta '21, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #8

Whereas: We have had no issues as a group and have been satisfied with our accommodations; therefore be it

Resolved: That the committee on Unfinished Business extend a thank you to the Madison Concourse Hotel for a stay on behalf of all the 177th Psi Upsilon Convention delegates and guests.

George Rouman, Rho '22, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #9

Whereas: All the chapters, their delegates, and alumni who attended the 177th Convention have made it a successful event; therefore be it

Resolved: That the committee on Unfinished Business on behalf of all members extend a thank you to everyone present.

Jack Lightfine, Eta '24, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #10

Whereas: The staff of the International Office provided continuity and exceptional service to the fraternity and the foundation during the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore be it

Resolved: The 177th Convention extend a special thanks to the International Office and the Foundation.

Dashiel Heidt, Gamma Tau '22, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #4

Whereas: The Alpha Omicron chapter is celebrating its 25th anniversary, in 2024; and

Whereas: The Alpha Omicron chapter has never hosted a convention; therefore be it

Recommended: That Newark be considered as the site of the 180th Convention.

George Rouman, Rho '22, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #5

Whereas: The Lambda Sigma chapter has never hosted a convention; therefore be it

Recommended: That Malibu be considered as the site of the 180th Convention.

Karren Cao, Delta '21, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #11

Whereas: The 177th Convention reviewed the records of the 176th Convention and the Executive Council minutes for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 years; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 177th Convention reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 176th Convention, ratifies those actions, and thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the fraternity during that time.

Committee on Budget and Development

Sarah Teixeira, Chi Delta '21, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #12

Resolved: That the 177th Convention reviewed the financial statements for the 2020-21 fiscal year through June 30, 2021 and found them acceptable.

Drake Witt, Gamma Tau '22, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #13

Whereas: The 177th Convention notes both the past debts of the Beta Beta Chapter from years prior to the pandemic and their outstanding assessments from the current year; and

Whereas: It is the expectation of the 177th Convention that steps are taken by the Chapter to improve its financial governance; therefore

Resolved: That any failure to improve significantly the debt of the Chapter to the Fraternity and any failure to pay in full 2021-2022 assessments will result in a review of the Chapter's status at the 178th Convention.

Lucas Baumgartner, Delta Omicron Prov '22, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #6

Whereas: The 177th convention reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2021- 2022 with projected revenues of \$612,225 and projected expenses of \$664,481; therefore, be it Recommended: That the Executive Council adopt the proposed budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year as presented.

Conor Hogan, Pi '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #14

Whereas: The Canadian chapters of Psi Upsilon have historically been subject to the currency fluctuations between the currencies of United States and Canada; and

Whereas: Fluctuating exchange rates can have a detrimental effect on Canadian chapters; be it

Resolved: That the Initiation Fee, Member Tax and Chapter Services fees paid by Canadian chapters shall be fixed at the current five year average of 0.80 USD / CAD, rounded up to the nearest \$5 increment; be it further

Resolved: That the committee on Budget and Development shall review the exchange rate periodically and consider changes to the exchange rate as needed.

Committee on Awards

Jeremiah Ericson, Gamma Tau '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #4

Whereas: The Beta Beta, Eta, Omicron, Epsilon Nu, Alpha Omicron, Delta, Omega, and Chi Delta chapters exceeded the all men's average or the campus average for the previously reported academic year; be it

Resolved: That the Convention recognizes the following chapters for the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence:

Beta Beta, Eta, Omicron, Epsilon Nu, Alpha Omicron, Delta, Omega, and Chi Delta

Kasey Chan, Delta '24, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #5

Whereas: This past academic year was extremely hard for all students considering the stress of the pandemic and adapting to constantly changing academic courses. Some chapters did not even have in person classes; and

Whereas: Various brothers were not allowed to live in their own fraternity houses or on campus; and

Whereas: Some Universities decided to forgo the typical grading system; and

Whereas: Most students did not have normal access to previously expected resources; be it

Resolved: That the Convention recognizes the following chapters for the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance:

Delta, Zeta, Phi, Omega, Tau, Omicron, Zeta Zeta, Epsilon Nu, Gamma Tau, Alpha Omicron, and Upsilon

Nicholas Annechino, Upsilon '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #6

Whereas: The Rho, Beta Beta, Pi, and Lambda Sigma chapters raised a significant amount of money for various charities; and

Whereas: The Zeta, Lambda Sigma, Omicron, and Alpha Omicron chapters gave a substantial amount of their time and effort to help further the mission of many different causes; be it

Resolved: That the Convention should give the Clasped Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service to the following chapters:

Zeta, Lambda Sigma, Omicron, Rho, Pi, Beta Beta, and Alpha Omicron

Andrew Newman, Phi Delta '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #7

Whereas: Campuses all over the country were closed to residential students and in-person instruction at the same time requiring brothers live at home within a limited family bubble without much in person social interaction outside their immediate families, thus causing many brothers to feel in limbo because most Universities did not schedule a return to campus or even schedule in-person classes; and

Whereas: The Gamma Tau chapter at Georgia Tech established a Discord server for recruitment purposes and invited other chapters of Psi Upsilon to communicate over the Discord server; and

Whereas: Duke University deferred recruitment for Greeks one year and most fraternities left campus with only four fraternities remaining, whereupon the Chi Delta volunteered to help the campus Interfraternity Council by assuming three of the five officer positions for the Interfraternity Council at Duke, thus preserving the Interfraternity Council for the other Fraternities at Duke University in the future, be it

Resolved: That the Convention present the Award of Distinction the Gamma Tau Chapter and Chi Delta Chapters.

Andrew Newman, Phi Delta '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #8

Whereas: The Tau Epsilon chapter faced a significant challenge related to a large number graduating seniors and Covid 19 struggles; and

Whereas: The Tau Epsilon chapter was one of the smallest fraternities at Clemson, and

Whereas: The Tau Epsilon chapter changed their rush strategy and utilized small, direct conversations with potential members, and

Whereas: The chapter recruited 24 new members, which doubled the size of Tau Epsilon; be it

Resolved: That the Convention present the Award of Distinction the Tau Epsilon Chapter.

Flavio Gualtieri, Omega '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #9

Whereas: The Movember Foundation supports various men's health causes, ranging from mental health and suicide prevention to prostate cancer awareness; and

Whereas: Michael Dellon, Pi '17, started a Movember team in the Pi chapter as an undergrad and has helped the effort grow in the years since, with the amount raised increasing from \$7,000 the first year to \$29,000 in 2019; and

Whereas: The Pi Chapter raised over \$48,000 in support of the Movember Foundation in the fall of 2020; be it

Resolved: That the Convention present the Award of Distinction the Pi Chapter.

Flavio Gualtieri, Omega '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #10

Whereas: The Phi Beta Owl Club worked diligently to plan and promote a career services program open to all students; and

Whereas: The Phi Beta worked with its alumni association to put a focus on creating a program campus wide to help manage stress, anxiety, and other emotional issues during finals; be it

Resolved: That the Convention present the Award of Distinction the Phi Beta Owl Club.

Committee on New Business

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #12

Whereas: The New Business Committee has reviewed the proposed editorial changes to the Initiation Ritual; and

Whereas: The New Business Committee feels these changes effectively represent the gender diversity of our members; therefore be it

Resolved: That the editorial changes for more gender-inclusive language in the Initiation Ritual, as reviewed by the New Business Committee, be adopted.

Mae Ensley-Field, Epsilon Iota '15, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #7

Whereas: Mental health wellness and awareness are important for college students; and

Whereas: The Fraternity is in a unique position to help normalize mental health issues, educate members on where to get help, and offer a supporting environment; therefore be it

Recommended: that every chapter appoint or elect a “Health and Wellness Chair” or create an equivalent position in the chapter to oversee a committee tasked with:

- Participation in the “You Can Help a Brother” or other training program provided by the International Office to assist members with identifying signs of distress, appropriately intervening, and finding help.
- Coordinating participation in a local Out of Darkness Walk or similar service activity to help lessen stigmas around mental health issues and raise awareness at least once a year where all members able are expected to participate.
- Identification of all campus and additional local contacts for mental health support, as well emergency numbers and the suicide prevention hotline and sharing this information at a chapter meeting and new member education at least once a term, and if there is a physical chapter house also posting the information in a publicly visible place.
- Encouraging participation in any additional campus programs that can help support mental health awareness.
- Inviting a speaker to address the chapter at least once a year from your campus counseling center or other local resource to review services and discuss topics like managing stress, proper rest, etc.

Lindsay Dial, Chi Delta '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #15

Whereas: Psi Upsilon strives for academic excellence and believes we should hold our members to high academic standards; and

Whereas: The Chapters should foster intellectual growth by maintaining an environment of professional and academic excellence; therefore be it

Resolved: The Executive Council should review the revisions that the New Business Committee made on the draft of the policy on Academics and Intellectual Engagement, and determine whether to adopt that policy.

Davis Friedman, Upsilon '23, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #8

Whereas: Many undergraduate attendees to Conventions are unaware of the Undergraduate Advisory Board before arriving; and

Whereas: There may be undergraduate Brothers who wish to participate in the Undergraduate Advisory Board but cannot attend Convention; therefore be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council reach out to chapter leadership in advance of 178th Convention to discuss the Undergraduate Advisory Board and promote applying for membership.

Upon a motion duly made by Harold Ochsner, Xi '57, seconded by John Ong, Gamma '82, and approved unanimously, the 177th Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 4:04 p.m.

Thomas J Fox, Omicron '00
Recorder