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**178TH PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022**

**DOLLEY MADISON BALLROOM
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Brighten Meade, Phi Beta '21 called the 178th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2022. On behalf of the Phi Beta chapter, which is currently in the process of returning to William and Mary, Brother Rouman welcomed the delegates to Washington DC. He then appointed the following temporary officers of the 178th 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

Alexander Senchak, Eta '06, Chairman
Christof Schoeller, Lambda Sigma '23, Vice Chairman

Jan Bandachowicz, Zeta '23
Carson Carr, Phi Delta '24
Jocelyn Chan, Delta '24
Jerilyn Ericson, Gamma Tau '23
Ethan Francoeur, Delta Omicron Prov '24
Luke Grogan, Phi Nu '24
Mikail Haroon, Xi '24
Jared Holmes, Zeta Zeta '23
William McKelvain, Omega '24
Katelyn Provost, Gamma Tau '23
Drew Turnbaugh, Phi Beta '24

Garrett Gleim, Tau '01
James Hinsey, Epsilon Iota '86
Bob Dorigo Jones, Epsilon Nu '85
Devon Trotter, Phi Beta '06
Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Prov '19

Brother Senchak gave the initial report of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials**. He then placed the following names in nomination as permanent officers of the 178th 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.

Brother Senchak then reported that the committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 23 active chapters, four inactive chapters, one owl club and one provisional chapter.

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 178th Convention.

Next, President McKeon asked for reports from many of the Executive Council Committees.

Tim Zepp, Chi Delta '08, gave a report of the Budget and Audit Committee and thanked J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84 and Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89 for their service.

Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06, gave a report of the Awards and Recognition Committee and thanked Jonathan Chaffin, Gamma Tau '00, Jack Scherrer, Lambda Sigma '14 and John Wiencek, Delta '88 for their service.

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, gave a report of the Bylaws, Policy and Governance Committee and thanked Ben Bariteau, Gamma Tau '13, Matt DalSanto, Omicron '03, Mark Deming, Omicron '05, and Chuck Hall, Nu Alpha '71 for their service.

Executive Director Thomas Fox then gave a report of the Expansion and Growth Committee and thanked Tom Allan, Theta Theta '89, Garrett Gleim, Tau '01, Brighten Meade, Phi Beta '21, Matt Miller, Phi Nu '11 and Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Provisional '19 for their service.

President McKeon thanked the committees for their work this past year and encouraged anyone present who would like to be more involved to see him about potentially joining a committee.

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

Daniel Brzozowski, Phi '23
Brad Corner, Omicron '72

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Javan Jones, Gamma Tau '24
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
Alexander Senchak, Eta '06
Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06
Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06, Chairman
Nicholas Annechino, Upsilon '23, Vice Chairman

Laura Barros, Gamma Tau '23
Mario Genovese, Phi Nu '23
Flavio Gualtieri, Omega '23
Leif Gullstad, Phi '23
Tyler Halloran, Tau Epsilon '24
Hannah Kubik, Chi Delta '22
Lucian Mahadeo, Alpha Omicron '23
Jake Markowitz, Epsilon Nu '25
Madelyn Minns, Delta Omicron Prov '23
Daniel Lader, Eta '24
Josie Smith, Gamma Tau '23

Douglas Jackman, Omega '89
Catherine Lefebvre, Gamma Tau '18
Gary Pan, Eta '86
Daniella Schocken, Chi Delta '12
Nathan West, Epsilon Iota '14

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08, Chairman
Emma Cohen, Epsilon Iota '23, Vice Chairman

James Bentayou, Upsilon '23
Tuna Ergan, Gamma Tau '23
Finn Johnson, Zeta Zeta '23
Aubrey Lassetter, Gamma Tau '25
James Lewis, Psi '23
Joseph Nyahay, Beta Beta '23
Tyler Parker, Tau Epsilon '23
Chris Picard, Zeta '23
Dhruv Raman, Tau '24
Mathew Segel, Pi '24
Arjun Venkatesh, Alpha Omicron '23

Will Appleman, Phi Delta '16

Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
John Ong, Gamma '82
Jake Schmidt, Chi Delta '11

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Daniel Brzozowski, Phi '23, Chairman
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, Vice Chairman

Anthony Armano, Pi '24
Tyler Beckwith, Sigma Phi '24
Camille Brent, Epsilon Iota '24
Ali Hassan, Phi Delta '25
Tiffany Jensen, Gamma Tau '25
Jacob Landis, Gamma Tau '23
Omar Lopez, Psi '23
Stephen McCowen, Epsilon Nu '25
Nicholas Mussman, Omicron '23
Kyndall Payton, Chi Delta '23
Thomas Wunder, Upsilon '23

J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
Brighten Meade, Phi Beta '21
Robert McIntire, Omicron '68
James Platner, Phi Delta '10
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Javan Jones, Gamma Tau '24, Chairman
Brad Corner, Omicron '72, Vice Chairman

Brandon Ahiemer, Phi Beta '24
Nick Beck, Lambda Sigma '22
Eleanor Bertocchi, Gamma Tau '25
Gabrielle Calderon, Gamma Tau '23
Ryan Leach, Pi '23
Luca Martini, Alpha Omicron '24
Nicholas Pillot, Sigma Phi '23
Umana Rahman, Delta '24
Dennesha Rolle, Xi '24
Elijah Underwood, Upsilon '23
Rocco Valvano, Eta '25

Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58
Helen Pickron, Gamma Tau '15

Harry Ross, Chi Delta '21

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

Jonathan Chaffin, Gamma Tau '00
Thomas Fox, Omicron '00
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 2022 Leadership Institute and 178th Convention, review the role of the UAB and election process, and to give a report on Recruitment, Community Service and Academics.

Arjun Venkatesh, Alpha Omicron '23, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #1

Resolved: The 178th Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to

Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72
Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82
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.

Ryan Leach, Pi '23, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #2

Resolved: That the 178th 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
James Platner, Phi Delta '10
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.

Carson Carr, Phi Delta '24, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #3

Resolved: That the 178th 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.

Jocelyn Chan, Delta '24, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #4

Resolved: That the 178th 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 James Volpentest, Theta Theta '90

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

All Special Resolutions passed by unanimous consent.

At 5:28 p.m. President McKeon recessed the 178th Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, July 24, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

**178TH PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
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SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**

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President Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08, called the closing session of the 178th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 2:50 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2022. President McKeon extended his appreciation to 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	5 minutes
Awards	10 minutes
New Business	15 minutes

The report of the Rules Committee was approved unanimously.

Committee on Nominations and Credentials

Katelyn Provost, Gamma Tau '23 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #1

Whereas: The committee recognizes that all chapters have had financial Difficulties impacting their abilities to fullfill their commitments to Psi Upsilon; and

Whereas: The Beta Beta, Tau, Zeta Zeta, Sigma Phi, Tau Epsilon, and Phi Nu 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.

Christof Schoeller, Lambda Sigma '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:

Jacob Landis, Gamma Tau '23,
Kaitlyn Provost, Gamma Tau '23,
Carson Carr, Phi Delta '24, and
Ethan Francoeur, Delta Omicron Provisional '24

After candidates who were present at the closing session addressed the Convention, Brother Provost and Brother Carr were elected by written ballot for one-year term as the Undergraduate Advisory Board members, ending in 2023. Brother Francoeur will serve as the alternate delegate.

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

General Resolution #2

Resolved: The Committee on Nominations and Credentials nominates the following brothers for election as the members of the Executive Council:

For a one-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Convention and ending in 2023:

Lance Miller, Epsilon Nu '80

For a two-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Convention and ending in 2024:

Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06

And for a three-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Convention and ending in 2025:

James Platner, Phi Delta '10, and
Tim Zepp, Chi Delta '08

Carson Carr, Phi Delta '24, then on behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials, placed in nomination the following brothers for election as additional members of the Executive Council:

Brighten Meade, Phi Beta '21
Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Provisional '19
Steven Malinski, Epsilon Iota '09

After candidates who were present at the closing session addressed the Convention, Brother Meade and Brother Turkette were elected by written ballot for one-year term as Executive Council Alumni Term members, ending in 2023.

Committee on Unfinished Business

Elijah Underwood, Upsilon '23, 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 Zeta, Xi and Beta Beta chapters were not in attendance for the 178th Convention; be it

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

Gabrielle Claderon, Gamma Tau '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 Epsilon Iota chapter was unable to attend the 178th Convention due to a Covid-19 Exposure; and

Whereas: The chapter's participation at past conventions has been excellent; and

Whereas: The 178th Convention misses their fraternal bonds; be it

Recommended: That the 178th Convention urges the Epsilon Iota chapter to make every effort to attend the 179th Convention.

Javan Jones, Gamma Tau '24, presented the following resolution.

Special Resolution #5

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; be it

Resolved: The 178th 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;
Stephan Oeschle, Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, Director of Chapter Services;
Travis Smith, Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, Director of Growth; and
Keith Willard, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, Director of Member Services
Clanton Johnson, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Director of Donor Relations

Nick Beck, Lambda Sigma '22, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #6

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

Resolved: That the Convention extend a thank you to the Madison Hotel for our stay on behalf of all the 178th Psi Upsilon Convention delegates and guests.

Umana Rahman, Delta '24, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #7

Whereas: All the chapters, their delegates, and alumni who attended the 178th Convention have made it a successful event; be it

Resolved: That a thank you and congratulations be extended to all those present.

Nick Pillot, Sigma Phi '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #8

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Foundation hosted a reception at the Old Ebbitts Grill on the first night of the Convention; be it

Resolved: That the Convention extends a thank you to the Psi Upsilon

Foundation for hosting the outstanding Friday night reception.

Ryan Leach, Pi '22, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #9

Whereas: The Pi Chapter at Syracuse University will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2025; and

Whereas: Since its installation in 1875 the Pi Chapter has hosted the Psi Upsilon Convention on its major anniversaries in 1900, 1925, 1950, 1975 and 2000; and

Whereas: The Pi Alumni Association has committed to hosting the 181st Convention in 2025; be it

Resolved: That the 181st Psi Upsilon Convention be held in Syracuse, New York and be hosted by the Pi Chapter.

Elijah Underwood, Upsilon '23, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #3

Whereas: The Phi Beta Chapter at the College of William and Mary will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2024; and

Whereas: The Phi Beta Chapter has been reestablished in 2020; be it

Recommended: That the Phi Beta Chapter be considered to host the 180th Convention in the event neither of the chapters tentatively designated as hosts for that Convention are able to serve as host for that convention.

Rocco Valvano, Eta '25, presented the following resolution.

Special Resolution #10

Whereas: The 178th Convention reviewed the records of the 177th Convention and the Executive Council minutes for 2021-2022 year; be it

Resolved: That the 178th Convention ratifies those actions of the Executive Council taken since the 177th Convention; and be it further

Resolved: That the 178th Convention thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the fraternity during that time.

Elijah Underwood, Upsilon '23, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #4

Whereas: The 177th Convention was held at the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison Wisconsin; and

Whereas: The 178th Convention was held at the Madison Hotel, in Washington DC; be it

Recommended: That the Fraternity Staff seek a little more diversity in choosing convention venues and find a place to hold a convention that does not contain the word "Madison."

Committee on Budget and Development

James Bentayou, Upsilon '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #11

Resolved: That the 178th Convention reviewed the financial statements for the 2021-22 fiscal year through June 30 and found them acceptable.

James Lewis, Psi '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #12

Whereas: The Beta Beta chapter did not pay their current assessment in full as requested by the 177th convention; and

Whereas: The 178th Convention appreciates the efforts of the Beta Beta chapter to reduce their outstanding prior year debts; and

Whereas: The 178th convention expects the chapter and the Beta Beta Alumni Association (Colt Trust) to make additional progress towards repaying its past debt by the 179th convention; be it

Resolved: That the International Office shall coordinate with the Colt Trust and Beta Beta chapter to establish a written payment plan for the Chapter which shall be shared with the Budget and Audit Committee no later than October 31, 2022; and be it further

Resolved: That any failure to meet the benchmarks in that plan by the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year will result in a referral to the Nominations and Credentials Committee to review the Chapter's status at the 179th Convention.

Aubrey Lassetter, Gamma Tau '25, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #5

Whereas: The 178th Convention reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2022- 2023 with projected revenues of \$653,275 and projected expenses of \$679,100; be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council adopt the proposed budget for 2022-2023 fiscal year as presented.

Arjun Venkatesh, Alpha Omicron '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #13

Whereas: The International Office of the fraternity has invested in additional staff and continued to invest in member services in recent years; and

Whereas: Initiation Fees and Member Taxes have not increased in nearly five years, despite inflation reaching 40 year highs in recent months; be it

Resolved: That the Initiation Fee shall be increased from \$240 to \$250 per initiate and Member Taxes shall be increased from \$195 to \$205 per member; and be it further

Resolved: That the 2022-2023 Budget shall be adjusted accordingly.

Committee on Awards

Daniel Lader, Eta '24, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #3

Whereas: The Upsilon, Eta, 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: Upsilon, Eta, and Chi Delta

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

General Resolution #4

Whereas: The Eta chapter has increased its rank among on campus fraternities from 1/12 and 2/12 for the previously reported academic year and an increase

from 10/12 to 5/12 for the prior year and has maintained a GPA significantly above the all-men's average; and

Whereas: The Delta and the Xi chapters are located at rigorous academic universities and nonetheless, maintained remarkably high semester and cumulative GPAs for the previously reported academic year; be it

Resolved: That the Convention recognizes the following chapters for the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance: Eta, Delta, and Xi

Leif Gullstad, Phi '23, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #5

Whereas: The Theta Theta, Epsilon Iota, and the Alpha Omicron chapters gave a substantial amount of their time and effort to further the mission of several causes; and

Whereas: The Pi Chapter has raised over \$78,000 for the Movember foundation and creating Psi U Quesadillas for raising funds as well; and

Whereas: The Upsilon Chapter raised \$8,100 for various organizations such as Prevent Child Abuse America, Service for Sight, and the Make Wish Foundation; and

Whereas: The Phi Chapter raised \$6871 for causes including Aid for Ukraine, The Autism Alliance, the Women's Center, and the Fisher House Foundation; and

Whereas: The Delta Omicron Chapter quickly put together a fundraiser for RAINW as response to rising accounts of sexual assault on campus; and

Whereas: The Lambda Sigma Chapter raised \$14,400 through their annual Psi U Think You Can Dance event that hosts over 400 people on campus; be it

Resolved: That the Convention present the Clapsed Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service to the following chapters: Theta Theta, Epsilon Iota, Alpha Omicron, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Lambda Sigma, and Delta Omicron

Committee on New Business

Martin Brayboy, Gamma '86, presented the following recommendation

Recommendation #6

Whereas: Psi Upsilon's insurer FRMT may require all its members to adopt single tier membership in the near future; be it

Recommended: That each chapter examine its initiation process and consider what changes it would need to make to achieve single tier status, and report on the chapter's self-assessment at next Convention; and be if further

Recommended: That a “playbook” of single tier best practices be distributed to each chapter based on the experiences garnered from existing single tier membership chapters.

Jacob Landis, Gamma Tau '23, presented the following resolution, which passed by voice vote.

General Resolution #6

Whereas: The Committee on New Business has reviewed FRMT feedback on the Psi Upsilon Constitution; be it

Resolved: That Article V Section 4 shall henceforth read “The Executive Council may relegate the chapter to an inactive status as defined in Article IV, Section 1, if a possibility of the chapter’s future reactivation is deemed to exist”; and be it further

Resolved: That Article V Section 5 shall henceforth read “The Executive Council may suspend the charter of an active chapter for a specified period of time, removing all rights of undergraduate membership within Psi Upsilon until specific conditions are met”; and be it further

Resolved: That Article V Section 6 shall henceforth read “The action of the Executive Council to relegate a chapter to inactive status pursuant to Section 4 or 5 above shall become final unless an appeal of that action to the Convention is received by the executive director of the Fraternity within 30 days of the date of the official notice by the Executive Council to the chapter of its decision to relegate the chapter to inactive status. If a timely notice of appeal is received, the next Convention will consider and act on the appeal by a three fourths vote of the accredited delegates”; and be it further

Resolved: Article V Section 7 shall henceforth read “Where a chapter (a) lacks sufficient membership to sustain itself financially, or as a part of the university or college community, (b) lacks sufficient organized alumni support to keep itself as a healthy and contributing member of fraternity life on its campus, (c) finds itself in a financial condition where it can no longer maintain its solvency, (d) fails to meet its assessment obligations to the Executive Council on a continuing basis, (e) fails to carry out on a continuing basis an effective rushing program, thereby failing to provide the chapter with the new members necessary to sustain its existence, or (f) is confronted with other serious conditions affecting the normal existence of a college or university fraternity chapter, and, furthermore, fails to correct any of the foregoing conditions after strenuous and organized efforts have been made to assist it,

the Executive Council, upon finding any such condition to be present, may take action under Section 1 through 4 of this Article.”

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, presented the following resolution, which passed by voice vote.

General Resolution #7

Whereas: The Committee on New Business has reviewed FRMT feedback on the Psi Upsilon Constitution; be it

Resolved: That Article III, Section 5 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to strike "; and shall decide all points at issue between chapters when requested" and "The Executive Council shall, at regular periods, arrange for the chapters to be visited by one or more of its own members or the chief executive officer. Concerns developing from such visits shall be communicated with discretion, conditioned strictly by an intent to serve the best interests of the chapter affected."; and be it further

Resolved: That Article V, Section 2 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be removed and subsequent sections in Article V renumbered accordingly; and be it further

Resolved: That Article II, Section 2 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to replace the word "required" with encouraged; and be it further

Resolved: That Article VI, Section 2 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to replace both occurrences of the word "shall" with "should"; and be it further

Resolved: That Article VI, Section 3 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to read "The alumni body of each chapter should incorporate itself and should hold at least one meeting a year to which all the members of the chapter's alumni body shall be invited. At such meetings, an annual report of the operation of the chapter should be rendered, covering the activities of the undergraduates and the alumni. A board of trustees, or its counterpart, composed of alumni of the chapter, should be established to conduct the business of the alumni corporation. The election of members to such a body, as vacancies exist or as terms of such expire, shall be held at such annual meetings. The purpose of such alumni corporation shall be (1) to conduct the business affairs of the corporation, (2) to aid in the financial operation of the chapter, (3) to support the educational and risk management programs of Psi Upsilon, (4) to cooperate, as appropriate, with the administration of the institution where the chapter is located, (5) to hold title to and ownership of the chapter house where such is feasible, and (6) to support the actions of the Executive Council pertaining to its respective undergraduate chapter. The board of trustees

should meet at least two or more times a year with at least one such meeting to be held at their respective chapter houses. Such procedure will permit the board of trustees to maintain close contact with the affairs of the undergraduates and of the house and to review communications between the Executive Council or Convention, and the chapter.”; and be it further

Resolved: That Article VII of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to replace all occurrences of the word "shall" with "should" and "officers of the Executive Council" with "International Office Staff"; and be it further

Resolved: That Article VIII, Section 1 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to replace "shall require" with "should encourage"; and be it further

Resolved: That Article IX, Section 9 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to replace all occurrences of "shall" with "should".

Nicholas Mussman, Omicron '23, presented the following resolution, which passed 37 in favor and 1 opposed by a standing vote.

General Resolution #8

Whereas: The Committee on New Business has reviewed the FRMT recommendations on Article IX, Section 10; be it

Resolved: That a large portion of text be omitted so that Article IX, Section 10 reads: “Disciplinary action may also be taken by the alumni organization of a chapter or by the Executive Council. Any disciplinary action shall be fully documented and immediately relayed to the entire undergraduate membership of such chapter. This decision may be reviewed by the annual Convention as the final authority, at the request of the affected members or chapter. Under no circumstances may disciplinary action be taken against any undergraduate member or alumni member or members of a chapter if such action is contrary to law or to the rules and regulations of the university or college where the chapter is located.”

Thomas Wunder, Upsilon '23, presented the following resolution, which failed 32 in favor and 8 opposed by a standing vote.

General Resolution #9

Whereas: The Committee on New Business has reviewed FRMT feedback on the Psi Upsilon Constitution; be it

Resolved: That Article I, Section 5 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be removed; and be it further

Resolved: That Article I, Section 6 be renumbered to Section 5

Upon a motion duly made by Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56, seconded by John Ong, Gamma '82, and approved unanimously, the 178th Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 5:17 p.m.

Thomas J Fox, Omicron '00
Recorder