

THE
CONSTITUTION
OF
MU EPSILON DELTA

ARTICLE I

Section I

This organization shall be called **Mu Epsilon Delta**.

Mission:

It shall function as a non-profit national health-science honor and service pre-professional fraternity and will operate for the benefit of its members.

Section II

Purpose:

The objects of this organization shall be:

1. To encourage excellence in health scholarship.
2. To stimulate an appreciation of the importance of health- science education in the study of medicine.
3. To promote cooperation and contact between medical and health-science students and educators in developing an adequate program of health-science education.
4. To bind together similarly interested students.
5. To be of local and individual service whenever possible.
6. To familiarize its members with careers in the health- sciences.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section I

This organization shall consist of active members

Section II

All actives and eligible members must at all times:

1. Be engaged in courses leading to the study of any of the health-sciences.
2. Have a general scholastic standing of 2.75 and an average of 2.75 in the sciences calculated on a 4.00 scale. This average is to be used as a basis by each chapter. A chapter may set a minimum acceptable average greater than 2.75, but not less. Those members who do not maintain the chapter's minimum average, will be put on probation for one (1) grading period.

After this time if the member has increased his/her average to the chapter's minimum average, he/she will be removed from probation. If the member fails to increase his/her average to at least the chapter's minimum average, then he/she will be required to follow the chapter's rules regarding inactivity and to increase his/her average to at least the chapter's minimum average to return to active status. Neophyte (pseudo-active) status shall be left to each chapter's discretion.

3. Not be discriminated against due to race, sex, religious belief, or national origin.
4. Be of good character, general ability, and personality.

Section III

Membership

For first semester, first 60 to reach out on Facebook can become members. Starting from second semester, pledges must go through rush process including attending an information session, interview, and game night.

To remove a member, we would have a vote by eboard and we would remove them from our email list, hence barring them from fraternity events.

Section IV

1. Attendance to all regularly scheduled meetings, induction, initiation, and speaker's meetings shall be required. Absences require a written notice to the secretary of the organization to be submitted to the executive committee for approval. It will be considered an absence if you leave the meeting before it is adjourned. Therefore, leaving the meeting will require a note to the secretary. Failure to adhere to the attendance policy will result in a fine by the organization as assessed by the chapter. Fines left unpaid by the end of the first meeting of the following term will result in dismissal from the organization.
2. The amounts of dues and fines, and the deadlines thereof, shall be left to our discretion.
3. Any member may be dismissed of membership by a vote of 2/3 of the eboard.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 1

The organization shall be governed by a set of chapter by-laws which will abide by the constitution of the national organization, added by a 2/3 vote of a majority of the membership.

ARTICLE VII

Five (5) dollars per member per year must be paid by the chapter to the national office by October 15. New members by February 15 must pay a fee of three (3) dollars by March 1. New members by May 15 must pay a fee of one (1) dollar by May 15.

ARTICLE VIII

By-laws of new chapters are subject to approval of the National Committee.

ARTICLE IX

A national convention will be held at least every other year, or as felt necessary by the National Committee.

Affiliations: The chapter of Mu Epsilon Delta at the University of Michigan is affiliated with the national chapter of Mu Epsilon Delta

ARTICLE X

The National Committee will be elected at the convention for the following year.

Section II

The Executive Committee of Mu Epsilon Delta will consist of the President, Vice President of Membership Development, Vice President for Public Relations, Treasurer, Secretary and Historian. They shall be elected at a regular meeting governed by the by-laws for each chapter.

Section III

Big brothers or sisters for the pledges shall be approved by the executive committee and shall be responsible for all activities undertaken by the pledges.

ARTICLE IV

Any active member may propose an amendment to the constitution. To become a part of the constitution, the amendment must pass by a 2/3 vote of the active membership present at the chapter meeting.

ARTICLE V

The following items shall be considered symbols of this society:

Flower: Red Rambling Rose

Colors: Maroon and Gold

Mascot: White Dove of Peace

Jewel: Ruby

Motto: "With purity and holiness I will pass Thy life and practice my art." --Hippocrates

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE: I

The chapter of Mu Epsilon Delta at the University of Michigan will maintain regular meetings only during the regular academic year (Fall, Winter). Spring and summer session is not considered part of the regular academic year.

ARTICLE II

Section I

Definition of active membership: All initiated members of Mu Epsilon Delta must be full-time registered students to be considered active members.

Section II

An active semester is any semester following the pledge semester with the exception of summer sessions.

ARTICLE III

Dues, as set by the chapter are to be paid by when the Eboard tells members.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section I

Requirements for office: Any active member considered for an office must have been an active member of the organization for a minimum of one semester which may include the semester in which he or she pledged. The floor for nominations will be opened the meeting prior to the elections. Nominations can also be received thereafter through electronic mail. Following nominations each nominee will receive information pertaining to his/her office and will be tested by the executive committee over such material prior to the election. Nominations for each office shall also be accepted from the floor the meeting of the elections. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to notify the members of the election. The officers will be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting set aside for the election, in so far as a majority of the membership is present.

Section II

Elections for officers shall be held during the last third of regular meetings of the spring semester (starting the second spring of the existence of this chapter) with nominations the preceding regular meeting, and inauguration shall take place during the last chapter meeting of winter semester. Prior to the end of the winter semester, Incumbent officers should educate the new officers with their experiences as leaders of the organization to ensure the smooth transition of leadership. Officers shall serve for one year - initial set of officers may serve for 2 to ensure a stable fraternity foundation.

Should the President, Vice President of Membership Development, Vice President for Public Relations, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, for any reason, be unable to fulfill the obligations of the office, an election will be held at large to fill the office. The newly elected officer will take office immediately.

Section III

Duties of the officers and of the executive committee:

PRESIDENT:

1. Shall be responsible for the organization of all events and meetings or the designation of such duties.
2. Shall be the official spokesman for Mu Epsilon Delta.
3. Shall be responsible for designating committees and appointing the chairpersons that are nominated by the executive officer to whom that committee chair will report.
4. Shall be responsible for establishing the agenda for both Executive Committee and general meetings.
5. Shall uphold the constitution.
6. Shall be responsible for the initiation of pledges, members, and induction of officers.
7. Shall hold the tie-breaking vote in all decisions.
8. Shall perform any other duties deemed necessary by the chapter.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

1. Shall be responsible for developing the membership through means of the Membership Development cabinet.
2. Shall be responsible for nominating to the President the committee heads for Pledge Education, campus involvement, and scholarship, which will be referred to as the Membership Development cabinet.
3. Shall be responsible for serving as chair of the Membership Development cabinet and reporting back to the Executive Committee.
4. Shall be responsible for maintaining communication with members concerning committee and membership obligations.
5. Shall take the office of the President if the President, for any reason, should be unable to fulfill the obligations of the office.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Shall be responsible for developing and promoting relations between the organization and the university, other campus organizations, and the surrounding community.
2. Shall be responsible for nominating to the President the committee heads of alumni relations, community service, and webmaster, which will be referred to as the Public Relations cabinet.
3. Shall be responsible for serving as chair of the Public Relations cabinet and reporting back to the Executive Committee.
4. Shall be responsible for acting on behalf of the Vice President of Membership Development in the case that he/she is unable to do so or if the position shall become vacant for any reason until an election can occur.

SECRETARY:

1. Shall be responsible for recording the minutes for all meetings, both general and Executive Board, and keeping those minutes on record.

2. Shall be responsible for recording attendance at each regular meeting.
3. Shall be responsible for maintaining an updated membership information list and updated contact information with the university and all other organizations with which Mu Epsilon Delta will interact.
4. Shall be responsible for reporting the minutes at the beginning of meetings as well as any necessary announcements to the website chairman.
5. Shall be secretary of the by-laws.

TREASURER:

1. Shall be responsible for keeping the financial books of the organization.
2. Shall be responsible for collecting all accounts receivable and paying all accounts payable on time.
3. Shall be responsible for maintaining the budget created by the Executive Committee and presenting a financial report at each meeting.
4. Shall serve as the chair of the finance committee.
5. Shall be responsible for nominating to the President the committee head of fundraising committee and report back to the Executive Committee.
6. Shall be responsible for collection of dues.

HISTORIAN-RECORDER

1. Shall be responsible for keeping all membership records.
2. Shall be responsible for receipt and presentation to officers of petitions of reinstatement of inactive members.
3. Shall be responsible for the keeping of a scrapbook of the organization's activities during the year.
4. Shall serve as the Librarian of the organization.

If an **eboard member needs to be removed**, the other eboard members must vote on it. If majority vote yes, then the eboard members is stripped of their title and responsibilities.

ARTICLE V

NEW MEMBERS

Section I

Requirements for new members which must be fulfilled before acceptance into active membership in the organization shall be:

1. Service of a minimum of ten hours of service work.
2. Service of a minimum of ten hours of organizational work.
3. Participation in the organization's programs and activities.
4. Arrangement and attendance of a conference with all officers, big brother/sister, and three-fourths of the active membership. When active membership exceeds 50, a maximum of 40 signatures will be required. This number includes officers and big brother or big sister.
5. Passing a test concerning the organization, its functions, constitution, and parliamentary procedure.
6. Payment of dues not to exceed those of active member for the semester pledged.
7. Payment of a five dollar induction/initiation fee.
8. The pledge pin shall be worn with appropriate clothing as designated by the Pledge Education Committee.
9. Must be planning to attend at least two semesters at the academic institution after the initial pledge period.

This does not include the semester in which the major portion of pledging occurred or summer session. Any individual in a curriculum of less than four years may be admitted upon approval of the executive committee.

Section II

A pledge failing to: 1) complete his/her organization or service work, 2) attain the required signatures, 3) pass the pledge test, or 4.) maintain the required grade point average will be considered a neophyte. Neophytes may attend regular business meetings with no voting privilege and other chapter functions, until the next pledge period at which time they must complete their area of deficiency. During the second pledge period they will pay pledge dues. If they fail to complete the requirements the second time they will be removed from the organization.

Section III

In addition, the following rules shall be observed:

1. The pledges shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer whose responsibilities are likened to those of the respective offices of the active chapter.
2. All business carried on by the prospective members shall be held from the regular organization business.

Section IV

The pledges shall not:

1. Wear or order any organizational emblem during the pledge period.
2. Attend closed business sessions of the organization.

3. Attend special trips if there is a limited number of students who can attend. Actives shall be given priority in such cases.

Section V

There will be two pledge periods each academic year to begin prior to the third meeting of the fall semester and the 3rd meeting of the spring semester.

Section VI

When appropriate, an honorary member will be elected by a majority vote of the active members during the Spring semester to be inducted at the Faculty Banquet.

ARTICLE VII

Statements

Mu Epsilon Delta is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of Mu Epsilon Delta

The Eboard can ratify this constitution however they see fit based on a majority vote every semester.