

# **Sigma Nu – Gamma Nu Constitution**

## **Preamble:**

We, the members of the Gamma Nu Colony of Sigma Nu, in order to develop exceptional young men through brotherhood, do hereby establish this constitution.

## **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization will be Sigma Nu.

## **Article II: Affiliation with other groups**

The Gamma Nu Chapter of Sigma Nu is affiliated with Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. and the University of Michigan Interfraternity Council.

## **Article III: Purpose, vision, mission, aims, functions of the organization.**

Section 1. Purpose:

Excelling with Honor

Section 2. Mission:

To develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of Love, Honor, and Truth. To foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart, and character. To perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitments to the Fraternity.

Section 3. Sigma Nu understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by the University of Michigan policies and procedures.

## **Article IV: Membership**

Section 1. Active membership shall include:

Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of Michigan as registered students. In addition, the following requirements are necessary to constitute active members: a) Payment in full of financial obligations as determined by Sigma Nu. b) Active participation in all activities and events sponsored by Sigma Nu. c) Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of Sigma Nu.

Sigma Nu is classified as a single-gender men's fraternal organization, which is protected through Title IX. Sigma Nu 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.

Section 2: Joining the Organization: Interested individuals may join the organization by attending recruitment events, achieving a 100% approval vote from active members, and being extended a bid for candidacy.

Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of Sigma Nu.

Section 3: Withdrawal. A candidate may withdraw his membership at any time. In order for an Initiate to withdraw, he must complete a notarized withdrawal request form issued by the General Fraternity and submit it to the High Council of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. for approval.

#### **Article V: Officers**

**Sigma Nu will be governed by an executive committee consisting of the following elected officers whose roles and responsibilities are defined in The Law of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.: a) Commander, b) Lieutenant Commander, c) Treasurer, d) Recorder, e) Marshal, f) Chaplain, g) LEAD Officer, h) Recruitment Officer, i) Alumni Relations Officer, j) Sentinel, and k) Chapter Historian.**

#### **Article VI: Advisor**

The role and duties of the chapter advisor shall include attending meetings, providing counsel to the executive committee, and advising the organization on policies, decision making, and leadership development. A willing Sigma Nu alumnus, faculty member, or staff member can be asked to serve in the role by the executive board in consultation with the general body members. The advisor shall not vote on official organization business.

#### **Article VII: Operations**

Section 1. Voting Eligibility: Those members meeting all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article IV, Section 1 will be granted voting privileges.

Section 2: a) All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voting members of Sigma Nu. All elections will be held on an annual basis during the month of November. Incoming officers will assume their positions January 1 following their election. b) All interested parties may elect to run for positions, but for the sake of time may be subjected to a slating process by which the outgoing officer and an advisor select the top candidates to present speeches for consideration. c) All voting shall be done by secret ballot to be collected and tabulated by the outgoing Recorder, Commander, and Lt. Commander of Sigma Nu. If any of these officers are nominees for other positions, they should recuse themselves of tallying ballots and appoint another officer to take their place.

Section 3: Meetings. All meetings will occur on a weekly basis at a time selected by the executive committee and will follow the procedure set forth: i) Open Chapter, ii) Report from the Commander, iii) Committee Reports, iv) Old Business, v) New Business vi) Close Chapter

#### **Article VIII: Finances**

Sigma Nu will finance the activities it engages in through membership dues.

#### **Article IX: Quorum**

Two-Thirds (2/3) of the active members must be present to constitute quorum for elections and official business that requires a vote.

#### **Article X: Removal of Members and Officers**

Section 1: Removal of Officers

Any officer failing to meet his fraternal obligations may be removed from his position with a two-thirds vote of all active members.

**Section 2: Removal of Membership**

Any member of Sigma Nu in violation of Sigma Nu's purpose, constitution, or who fails to meet the membership requires as outlined herein and in The Law of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. may have their privileges as a member revoked through the Trial Code Procedure. Members must be given at least two-weeks written notice to best prepare their case for a Trial Code Procedure.

**Article XI: Ratification**

This constitution must be ratified by two-thirds of all active members to take effect and shall be reviewed at least annually.

**Article XII: Statement of Compliance**

Sigma Nu has read and agrees to fully comply with the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on acceptance of these policies.