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Title: A Bill to Amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity to Provide for Appointment of the High Pi by the Grand High Zeta where Circumstances Warrant

Proposed by: Mike Saunders (OM), High Pi at Beta-Eta Zeta (University of Central Florida)

Endorsed by: Grand High Zeta, Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

Referred to: Committee on Constitution I

Rationale: Code IV-13 provides for the appointment of a High Pi by the Grand High Pi, but only upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Chapter. While this is the preferred process and is followed in nearly all cases, there may be a circumstance in which a High Pi is needed at a Chapter but in which the Chapter does not take the initiative or continually recommends the appointment of an individual not acceptable to the Grand High Pi. This proposal would amend Code IV-13 to provide for the initiation of the appointment process by the Grand High Pi in special circumstances.

Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity be amended as follows:

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The second sentence of Code IV-13 of the *Statutory Code* is amended to read as follows:

Code IV-13. High Pi—Qualifications and Appointment. The High Pi shall be the Chancellor of the Chapter. He shall be appointed by the Grand High Pi upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Chapter or upon the initiative of the Grand High Pi where circumstances warrant, taking into consideration the interests and welfare of the Chapter and the probable compatibility of the proposed individual in relation to the personnel of the Chapter. He shall be an alumnus of at least two years or a faculty or honorary member. He shall be a member in good standing and need not be an initiate of the Chapter he serves. Under unusual circumstances the Grand High Pi may waive the provision requiring a prospective High Pi who is an alumnus to have had alumni status for two years prior to the appointment. This provision does not prohibit an alumnus of less than two years from serving in other advisory capacities. The term of each High Pi shall expire two years after the date of his appointment, but upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, he may be reappointed by the Grand High Pi for successive terms of two years each. The Grand High Zeta may terminate the office of a High Pi at any time such action, in its judgment, is advisable. No Chapter shall pay a High Pi for his services and a High Pi, by accepting payment for any services to the Fraternity, shall automatically disqualify himself from holding that position.

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2 **Title:** A Bill to Amend the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi Alpha
3 Fraternity to Increase the Scholastic Requirements needed for a
4 Chapter to Achieve Minimum Operating Standards

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6 **Proposed by:** The Student Advisory Committee

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8 **Endorsed by:** Grand High Zeta, Executive Committee of Council of
9 Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

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11 **Referred to:** The Committee on Constitution I

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13 **Rationale:** The North-American Interfraternity Conference has
14 adopted Standards for NIC member organizations, including: (i) each
15 associate/pledge/new member has a minimum high school GPA of 2.3
16 for first semester freshman year and minimum college GPA of 2.25
17 thereafter; or has a GPA at or above each campus all-men's average
18 thereafter; and (ii) annual cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 for each
19 chapter or at or above each campus all-men's average; and (iii) the
20 adopting of a policy expressing support for open expansion on our host

1 campuses. As a member of the NIC, Lambda Chi Alpha has agreed to
2 incorporate these Standards into our Laws.

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4 Compliance with these Standards will require (i) an amendment to
5 Code VI-2 and Code X-16(a) of the *Statutory Code*, (ii) an amendment
6 to Article IV, Section 3(b) of the *Constitution*, and (iii) the adoption of a
7 Resolution expressing support for open expansion. This bill deals with
8 the amendment to the *Constitution*.

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10 **Be it Enacted that the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
11 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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13 **Article IV, Section 3(b)** of the *Constitution* is amended to read as
14 follows:

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1 **Sec. 3. Chapter Operating Standards.** . . . A Chapter in good
2 standing with the General Fraternity has successfully achieved
3 the following Operating Standards:

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5 b. The Chapter must achieve **a an annual cumulative**
6 scholastic grade point average **of not less than a 2.5 (on a**
7 **4.0 scale) or the all-men's average** ~~greater than the All~~
8 ~~Men's Average~~ for the campus (if this information is
9 available), **whichever is the lesser, but in any event not**
10 **less than the scholastic average required for graduation.**

11 The Chapter must enforce the academic standards as stated
12 in the Laws of the Fraternity.
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2 **Title:** A Bill to Amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha
3 Fraternity to Increase the Scholastic Requirements for Association and
4 Initiation and for Discipline of a Member

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6 **Proposed by:** The Student Advisory Committee

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8 **Endorsed by:** Grand High Zeta, Executive Committee of Council of
9 Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

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11 **Referred to:** The Committee on Constitution I

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14 adopted Standards for NIC member organizations, including: (i) each
15 associate/pledge/new member has a minimum high school GPA of 2.3
16 for first semester freshman year and minimum college GPA of 2.25
17 thereafter; or has a GPA at or above each campus all-men's average
18 thereafter; and (ii) annual cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 for each
19 chapter or at or above each campus all-men's average; and (iii) the
20 adopting of a policy expressing support for open expansion on our host

1 campuses. As a member of the NIC, Lambda Chi Alpha has agreed to
2 incorporate these Standards into our Laws.

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5 Code VI-2 and Code X-16(a) of the *Statutory Code*, (ii) an amendment
6 to Article IV, Section 3(b) of the *Constitution*, and (iii) the adoption of a
7 Resolution expressing support for open expansion. This bill deals with
8 the amendments to the *Statutory Code*.

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10 **Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
11 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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13 The first paragraph of **Code VI-2** of the *Statutory Code* is amended to
14 read as follows:

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1 **Scholastic Requirements of Associate Membership and**

2 **Initiation.** To be eligible for associate membership or initiation, a
3 man must have been granted unconditional admission to the
4 institution, unless he has completed one or more terms of college
5 work in which case he must have achieved both during the previous
6 grading period and by cumulative average, a scholastic average
7 which shall be determined by the Chapter in its Bylaws, but which
8 shall not be less than a 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale) or the all-men's
9 average (if this information is available), whichever is the
10 lesser, but in any event not less than the scholastic average
11 required for graduation. ~~However, for all members associated~~
12 ~~after January 1, 1991, this minimum scholastic average shall be~~
13 ~~at least equal to a 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale) or that required for~~
14 ~~graduation from the institution, whichever is greater.~~ In no
15 case shall any Chapter be authorized to waive existing college or
16 university requirements for association or initiation. The Grand High
17 Zeta shall be empowered by petition to adjust academic
18 requirements on certain campuses.

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20 **Code X-16(a)** of the *Statutory Code* is amended to read as follows:
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1 a. Each active and associate member shall be required to have
2 achieved, both during the previous grading period and cumulatively,
3 a minimum scholastic average which shall be set by the Chapter in
4 its Bylaws, but in any event:

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6 1. the minimum scholastic average for the previous grading period
7 shall be a 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale) or the all-men's average (if this
8 information is available), whichever is the lesser, but in any
9 event not less than that required for the individual's graduation
10 from the institution, and ~~whichever is greater.~~

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12 2. the minimum cumulative scholastic average shall be a 2.25 (on
13 a 4.0 scale) or the all-men's average (if this information is
14 available), whichever is the lesser, but in any event not less
15 than that required for the individual's graduation from the
16 institution, ~~whichever is greater.~~

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2 **Title:** A Bill to Amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha
3 Fraternity to Require Earlier Submission of Proposed Legislation

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5 **Proposed by:** The Grand High Zeta

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7 **Endorsed by:** Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of
8 Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

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10 **Referred to:** Committee on Constitution I

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12 **Rationale:** Code XIII-1 provides that No proposed legislation that
13 would affect the *Constitution, Statutory Code, or Initiation Ritual* may
14 be submitted unless the proposed legislation is received by the Office
15 of Administration at least 45 days prior to the opening of the General
16 Assembly. In case of emergency, the Grand High Zeta may extend the
17 time allowed for the submission of proposed legislation.

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19 In light of the extraordinary demands on staff in the weeks leading up
20 to a General Assembly, the 45-day limitation does not give the Grand
21 High Zeta or administrative staff the time to respond adequately to last-

1 minute legislative proposals. In addition, Mandatory and Non-
2 Mandatory Resolutions are not covered by this language. In theory,
3 they can be presented from the floor of the General Assembly. Review
4 of these Resolutions is often as critical and as time-consuming as
5 review of proposed legislation affecting the *Constitution*, *Statutory*
6 *Code* or *Initiation Ritual*.

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8 Accordingly, the Grand High Zeta recommends that the provision in
9 Code XIII-1 be changed to envision a 90-day time limit, subject to GHZ
10 shortening where appropriate, and that the language of this section be
11 expanded to include not only amendments to the *Constitution*,
12 *Statutory Code* and *Initiation Ritual*, but also any Mandatory and Non-
13 Mandatory Resolutions.

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15 **Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
16 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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18 **Code XIII-1** is amended to read as follows:
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1 | **Proposed Legislation and Resolutions**. No proposed legislation
2 | that would affect the *Constitution, Statutory Code, or Initiation*
3 | *Ritual, and no proposed Mandatory Policy Resolution*, may be
4 | submitted unless said proposed legislation **or proposed**
5 | **Mandatory Policy Resolution** is received by the Office of
6 | Administration at least 45 days prior to the opening of the General
7 | Assembly. In case of emergency, the Grand High Zeta may
8 | extend the time allowed for the submission of proposed legislation
9 | **or a proposed Mandatory Policy Resolution**.
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Title: A Bill to Amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity to place a limit on the amount of time a colony can exist without becoming a Chartered Zeta.

Proposed by: Student Advisory Committee

Endorsed by: Grand High Zeta, Executive Committee of Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

Referred to: Committee on Constitution II

Rationale: Article IV, Section 2 of our *Constitution* provides that a Colony may be granted a Charter if it meets certain requirements, including successful achievement of the Chapter Operating Standards enumerated in Article IV, Section 3. There are no standards set for termination of a Colony, and no timeframes have been established for achievement of the Chartering requirements. Thus a Colony could, conceivably, remain a Colony for an indefinite period of time.

1 Experience has shown that the longer an organization remains a
2 Colony, the less likely it is to become a strong Chapter. The
3 enthusiasm among the members is never greater than when striving
4 toward the goal of Chartering. If this goal is not sufficient to motivate
5 the Colony to develop, it is unlikely that the Chapter will be strong if
6 and when Chartering takes place. In addition, if a Colony remains a
7 Colony for longer than two years, it is likely that all or most of the
8 “founding fathers” will have graduated.

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10 While there is no provision in our Laws setting forth how long a Colony
11 should have to become a Chapter, it is instructive that the concept of a
12 two-year period is present in a number of our laws, for example: our
13 General Assemblies are held every two years (Code III-1); a High Pi
14 must be an alumnus for at least two years (Code IV-13); High Pi’s are
15 appointed for a two-year term (Code IV-13); Chapters are to update
16 their bylaws every two years (Article IV, Section 3); and two of our
17 Grand High Zeta members are elected for two-year terms (Article III,
18 Section 4(a)).

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20 This Bill proposes adding to our Laws a limit on the length of time a
21 Colony has to achieving Chartering standards.

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Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity be amended as follows:

A new **Code XI-5** is added to read as follows:

Code XI-5. Termination of a Colony. Any colony established after September 21, 2006, must meet the standards for chartering set forth in Article IV, Sections 2 and 3 within two years after the date of colonization, which shall be the date of the first Associate Member Ceremony performed by or for the Colony. If a Colony created during a spring term reaches its second anniversary of the colonization without having met the standards for chartering, the Colony shall be brought before the Status of Chapters Committee at the General Assembly or Leadership Seminar next following that two-year anniversary to show cause why the Colony shall not be terminated. If a Colony created during a fall or summer term reaches its second anniversary of colonization without having met the standards for chartering, the colony's case shall be brought before the Grand High Zeta at its next scheduled meeting. If the Status of Chapters Committee or Grand High Zeta elects not to terminate the Colony at that time, and if the Colony

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1 | fails to meet the standards for chartering within the ensuing year, then
2 | the Colony, unless the Grand High Zeta determines otherwise, shall be
3 | terminated at the end of that one-year period.

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2 **Title:** A Bill to Amend the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi Alpha
3 Fraternity to Eliminate the Provisions for a Board of Investment
4 Advisers

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6 **Proposed by:** Grand High Zeta

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8 **Endorsed by:** Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of
9 Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

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11 **Referred to:** Committee on Constitution III

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13 **Rationale:** The role of the Board of Investment Advisers historically
14 was used to provide guidance to the Grand High Zeta in investing in
15 individual securities and to review individual chapter loan requests.
16 This 'Board' existed before the Grand High Zeta established a standing
17 committee on Audit and Finance, and before the creation of both the
18 Educational Foundation and Lambda Chi Alpha Properties. The
19 creation of the Educational Foundation and Lambda Chi Alpha
20 Properties as separate entities with their own boards of directors
21 resulted in the transfer of many of the investment holdings to those

1 entities. The remaining assets can be effectively managed through the
2 Grand High Zeta Audit and Finance committee.

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4 The current Board of Investment Advisers agrees that its role is now
5 redundant and encourages the dissolution of the committee.

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7 This bill removes all references to the Board of Investment Advisers
8 from the *Constitution*.

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10 **Be it enacted that Article III, Sec. 6, which reads in whole as**
11 **follows:**

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13 ~~**Sec. 6. Board of Investment Advisers.**~~
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- 15 ~~a. Composition. There shall be a Board of Investment Advisers~~
16 ~~consisting of six members of the Fraternity, none of whom may~~
17 ~~concurrently serve as an officer of the Fraternity or as an~~
18 ~~administrative officer.~~
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- 20 ~~b. Appointment and Term of Office. Following each General~~
21 ~~Assembly the Grand High Zeta shall appoint two members to~~

1 ~~the Board of Investment Advisers to serve for a term of six~~
2 ~~years.~~

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4 ~~c. Organization. The Board of Investment Advisers shall elect a~~
5 ~~Chairman and Vice Chairman who shall serve for a period of~~
6 ~~two years, subject to approval of the Grand High Zeta. The~~
7 ~~Grand High Alpha and the Executive Vice President or a~~
8 ~~member of the Office of Administration appointed by the Grand~~
9 ~~High Zeta shall serve as Ex-Officio Member and Secretary to~~
10 ~~the Board of Investment Advisers, respectively.~~

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12 ~~The Board of Investment Advisers shall meet at least once~~
13 ~~during each fiscal year upon call of the Chairman and shall~~
14 ~~submit a summary of the investments and make such~~
15 ~~recommendations for change in policy, defined in Code VII-19,~~
16 ~~as may be desirable. Interim revisions or amendments to the~~
17 ~~policy may be made at any time during the year by a majority~~
18 ~~vote of the members of the Board of Investment Advisers, such~~
19 ~~policy change being reported to the Grand High Zeta prior to~~
20 ~~implementation.~~

1 ~~The Chairman may select one or more other members of the~~
2 ~~Board of Investment Advisers who jointly shall be given~~
3 ~~authority to advise with respect to purchase, sale, and/or~~
4 ~~transfer of specific securities within the limitations of the~~
5 ~~investment policy of the Board of Investment Advisers and the~~
6 ~~policy set forth in Code VII-19 for investment of funds.~~

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8 ~~d. Powers and Duties. The Board of Investment Advisers shall~~
9 ~~monitor the investment portfolios of the Fraternity, and shall~~
10 ~~instruct the portfolio managers to modify the portfolios within~~
11 ~~the guidelines of the Investment Policies established by the~~
12 ~~Grand High Zeta. The Board of Investment Advisers shall~~
13 ~~make investment policy recommendations to the Grand High~~
14 ~~Zeta and shall advise the Grand High Zeta on the retention or~~
15 ~~replacement of portfolio managers. To the extent requested by~~
16 ~~the Grand High Zeta, the Board of Investment Advisers shall~~
17 ~~work with the Administrative Staff in developing cash flow and~~
18 ~~budget strategies.~~

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1 ~~Every action of the Board of Investment Advisers shall be duly~~
2 ~~recorded in the minutes of the Board of Investment Advisers, of~~
3 ~~which the Office of Administration shall keep a complete file.~~

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5 ~~The Board of Investment Advisers shall review, monitor, and~~
6 ~~report to the Grand High Zeta on the portfolio management~~
7 ~~activities of any agents hired by the Grand High Zeta.~~

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9 **Be stricken from the *Constitution*.**

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11 Article III, Section 7 (providing for Administrative Officers) will be re-
12 numbered as Section 6.

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3 Fraternity to Eliminate the Provisions for a Board of Investment
4 Advisers

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6 **Proposed by:** Grand High Zeta

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8 **Endorsed by:** Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of
9 Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

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11 **Referred to:** Committee on Constitution III

12

13 **Rationale:** The role of the Board of Investment Advisers historically
14 was used to provide guidance to the Grand High Zeta in investing in
15 individual securities and to review individual chapter loan requests.
16 This 'Board' existed before the Grand High Zeta established a standing
17 committee on Audit and Finance, and before the creation of both the
18 Educational Foundation and Lambda Chi Alpha Properties. The
19 creation of the Educational Foundation and Lambda Chi Alpha
20 Properties as separate entities with their own boards of directors
21 resulted in the transfer of many of the investment holdings to those

1 entities. The remaining assets can be effectively managed through the
2 Grand High Zeta Audit and Finance committee.

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4 The current Board of Investment Advisers agrees that its role is now
5 redundant and encourages the dissolution of the committee.

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7 Certain conforming changes are needed in the *Statutory Code*. These
8 amendments to the *Statutory Code* will be considered only if the
9 underlying amendment to the *Constitution* is approved.

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11 **Be it enacted that the Statutory Code of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
12 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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14 **Code III-21. Financial Adviser is amended to read:**

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16 “The Grand High Zeta shall have authority to appoint a Financial
17 Adviser whose duty shall be to render financial counsel to the
18 Grand High Zeta *and* the Office of Administration, ~~and the Board~~
19 ~~of Investment Advisers~~. He shall have such other duties as
20 may be designated by the Grand High Zeta.”

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1 **Code VII-15. Rehabilitation Reserve is amended to read:**

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3 “b. Such assets or donations shall be accounted for separately
4 from the funds of the General Fraternity and shall be invested **at**
5 ~~**the discretion of the Board of Investment Advisers**~~ within the
6 investment guidelines approved by the Grand High Zeta.”

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8 **Code VII-19. Depositing and Investing Funds is amended to read:**

9 “Investment of Fraternity funds shall be made ~~**at the discretion**~~
10 ~~**of the Board of Investment Advisers**~~ within the investment
11 guidelines approved by the Grand High Zeta. The Grand High
12 Zeta may hire qualified agents in the management of the
13 investments.”

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15 **Code VII-28. Real Estate Loans to Chapters is amended to read:**

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1 “Loans for the building, purchase, and improvement of real estate
2 and houses for the benefit of undergraduate Chapters may be
3 made by action of the Grand High Zeta if the security therefore is
4 to be a first mortgage, first trust deed, second mortgage, second
5 trust deed, third mortgage, third trust deed, or assigned lease.

6 ~~The Board of Investment Advisers may make such loans if~~
7 ~~the security therefore is a first mortgage or first trust deed.”~~

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Title: A Bill to Amend the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity to Provide for Membership of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents on the Grand High Zeta

Proposed by: Grand High Zeta

Endorsed by: Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

Referred to: Committee on Constitution III

Rationale: At the 2002 General Assembly, the Fraternity adopted legislation adding the Vice-Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee to the Grand High Zeta as the Grand High Theta. Thereafter, at the 2004 General Assembly in Indianapolis, the Fraternity adopted legislation forming the Council of Presidents. The Council of Presidents has been building strength and influence since its formation, and it is developing into a significant component of our Fraternity's leadership and policy-making structure.

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1 Undergraduates have previously not been able to directly elect any
2 undergraduate member of the Grand High Zeta. This legislation would
3 provide them the opportunity to do so, casting their vote through their
4 chapter's High Alpha. In addition, having two current High Alphas
5 serving on the Grand High Zeta as the Grand High Nu and Psi will
6 greatly expand the perspective on the Grand High Zeta and its
7 committees, particularly with respect to undergraduate programming
8 and services, and provide an invaluable insight for future decision-
9 making, particularly reflecting the new focus on chapters, rather than
10 individuals.

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12 The Grand High Zeta and most of the General Fraternity have
13 recognized the need to include more undergraduate voices and
14 representation, and also will reinforce the chief leadership of every
15 chapter, which should be the High Alpha. Granted, leaders of a chapter
16 may not hold a specific position, but through the chapter's official
17 representative, the High Alpha, we feel that every chapter's members
18 can best be represented to the Grand High Zeta. In addition, the
19 Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents, as Grand
20 High Nu and Psi respectively, will also be able to directly communicate
21 all decisions of the Grand High Zeta and complement the role of the

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1 Student Advisory Committee to reach as many undergraduates as
2 possible. These Council of Presidents officials will also be able to
3 provide a strong student dynamic on the Grand High Zeta to balance
4 the general fraternity appointed Student Advisory Committee with
5 chapter leadership that remains on the “cutting edge” because the
6 Grand High Nu and Psi will have to be an active High Alpha in his
7 chapter at the time of their election as Chairman and Vice Chairman of
8 the Council of Presidents.

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2 This legislation, following upon the legislation adopted at the 2004
3 General Assembly, will continue to bridge the major gap between the
4 body of undergraduates and their needs and the Grand High Zeta,
5 which makes many decisions affecting undergraduate interests.

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7 **Be it Enacted that the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
8 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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10 **Article III, Section 4(a)** is amended to read as follows:

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12 **Sec. 4. The Grand High Zeta.**

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14 **a. Composition, Election, and Terms of Office.** The Grand
15 High Zeta shall consist of the Grand High Alpha and eight
16 members elected by the General Assembly, each of whom
17 shall serve for a full term of four years, or two years, should
18 one or more two-year terms become available through
19 resignation from the Grand High Zeta or by election to the
20 office of Grand High Alpha. The Grand High Zeta shall also
21 include the Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee,

1 who shall serve for a term of one year as the Grand High
2 Sigma, and the Vice Chairman of the Student Advisory
3 Committee, who shall serve for a term of one year as the
4 Grand High Theta. The Grand High Zeta shall also
5 include the Chairman of the Council of Presidents, who
6 shall serve for a term of one year as the Grand High Nu,
7 and the Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents, who
8 shall serve for a term of one year as the Grand High Psi.

9 The Grand High Alpha shall be elected at every second
10 General Assembly. Two additional members may be elected
11 to the Grand High Zeta by the current Grand High Zeta
12 within 120 days after every General Assembly to serve
13 through the next General Assembly. However, past
14 members of the Grand High Zeta are ineligible except those
15 members whose only service on the Grand High Zeta has
16 been Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Student Advisory
17 Committee, Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council of
18 Presidents, or as one elected by the Grand High Zeta.

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20 Current paragraphs two and three of Article III, Section 4 (a)
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The Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the Student Advisory Committee and the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents shall be elected by a majority vote of the Council of Presidents.

The Grand High Alpha and each member of the Grand High Zeta shall assume his duties at the conclusion of the General Assembly at which he was elected. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee shall each assume his duties at the end of the Student Advisory Committee meeting at which he was elected and the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents shall each assume his duties at the end of the Council of Presidents meeting at which he was elected.

Current paragraph six of Article III, Section 4 (a) will remain unchanged.

1 The first sentence of **Article III, Section 4(e)** is amended to read
2 as follows:

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4 e. The Grand High Zeta shall designate an Executive
5 Committee, of which the Grand High Alpha, Grand High
6 Tau, ~~and~~ Grand High Sigma and Grand High Nu shall be
7 members, but of which the Grand High Pi shall not be a
8 member, to act for it in the performance of any of its
9 powers, functions, and duties.

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11 The first sentence of **Article VIII, Section 3(d)** (Order of Merit) is
12 amended to read:

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14 d. Members of the Grand High Zeta and members of the
15 Board of Councilors shall not be eligible for membership in
16 the Order of Merit, except those members whose only
17 service on the Grand High Zeta has been as Chairman or
18 Vice Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee or as
19 Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council of
20 Presidents.

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2 **Title:** A Bill to Amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha
3 Fraternity to Provide for Membership of the Chairman and Vice
4 Chairman of the Council of Presidents on the Grand High Zeta

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6 **Proposed by:** Grand High Zeta

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8 **Endorsed by:** Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of
9 Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

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11 **Referred to:** Committee on Constitution III

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15 Committee to the Grand High Zeta as the Grand High Theta.
16 Thereafter, at the 2004 General Assembly in Indianapolis, the
17 Fraternity adopted legislation forming the Council of Presidents. The
18 Council of Presidents has been building strength and influence since
19 its formation, and it is developing into a significant component of our
20 Fraternity's leadership and policy-making structure. A proposal to
21 include the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents

1 as voting members of the Grand High Zeta was rejected at the 2004
2 General Assembly.

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4 Undergraduates have previously not been able to directly elect any
5 undergraduate member of the Grand High Zeta. This legislation would
6 provide them the opportunity to do so, casting their vote through their
7 chapter's High Alpha. In addition, having a current High Alpha serving
8 on the Grand High Zeta as the Grand High Theta will greatly expand
9 the perspective on the Grand High Zeta and its committees,
10 particularly with respect to undergraduate programming and services,
11 and provide an invaluable insight for future decision-making,
12 particularly reflecting the new focus on chapters, rather than
13 individuals.

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15 The Grand High Zeta and most of the General Fraternity have
16 recognized the need to include more undergraduate voices and
17 representation, and also will reinforce the chief leadership of every
18 chapter, which should be the High Alpha. Granted, leaders of a chapter
19 may not hold a specific position, but through the chapter's official
20 representative, the High Alpha, we feel that every chapter's members
21 can best be represented to the Grand High Zeta. In addition, the

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1 Chairman of the Council of Presidents, as Grand High Theta, will also
2 be able to directly communicate all decisions of the Grand High Zeta
3 and complement the role of the Student Advisory Committee to reach
4 as many undergraduates as possible. This Council of Presidents
5 official will also be able to provide a strong student dynamic on the
6 Grand High Zeta to balance the ~~national~~General ~~fraternity~~
7 Fraternity appointed Student Advisory Committee with chapter
8 leadership that remains on the “cutting edge” because the Grand High
9 Theta will have to be an active High Alpha in his chapter.

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2 This legislation, following upon the legislation adopted at the 2004
3 General Assembly, will continue to bridge the major gap between the
4 body of undergraduates and their needs and the Grand High Zeta,
5 which makes many decisions affecting undergraduate interests.

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7 Certain conforming changes are needed in the *Statutory Code*. These
8 amendments to the *Statutory Code* will be considered only if the
9 underlying amendment to the *Constitution* is approved.

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11 **Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
12 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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14 **Code III-18. Student Advisory Committee.**

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16 a. **Selection.** [no change]

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18 b. **Duties.** It shall be the duty of the Student Advisory
19 Committee to elect from its members a Chairman and a
20 Vice-Chairman; to attend the General Assembly or
21 Leadership Seminar; to serve as an advisory committee for

1 the Leadership Seminar; to propose legislation to each
2 General Assembly; to attend Grand High Zeta meetings, it
3 being the duty of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to
4 attend all Grand High Zeta meetings, and it being the
5 responsibility of the Grand High Alpha to invite ~~five~~ not less
6 than three other members of the Student Advisory
7 Committee, who, out of the total number available, will be
8 able to attend the designated Grand High Zeta meeting
9 scheduled; and to act in any advisory capacity deemed
10 necessary by the Grand High Zeta.

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12 c. **Ex-Officio on Council of Presidents.** [no change]

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14 d. **Frequency of Meetings.** [no change]

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16 **Code III-19. Council of Presidents.**

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18 a. **Selection.** [no change]

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20 b. **Duties.** It shall be the duty of the Council of Presidents to
21 assist the Grand High Zeta in maintaining effective

1 communication among the Chapters and between the
2 Chapters on the one hand and the Grand High Zeta and
3 Office of Administration on the other; to elect from its
4 members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall
5 attend all Grand High Zeta meetings; to attend the
6 General Assembly or Leadership Seminar; to propose
7 legislation to each General Assembly; and to act in any other
8 capacity deemed necessary by the Grand High Zeta.

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10 c. **Ex-Officio on Student Advisory Committee.** [no change]

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12 d. **Frequency of Meetings.** [no change]

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2 **Title:** A Bill to Amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha
3 Fraternity to Amend to the Provisions regarding General Fraternity
4 Fees

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6 **Proposed by:** Grand High Zeta, Student Advisory Committee,
7 Executive Committee of the Council of Presidents, and International
8 Headquarters Staff

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10 **Referred to:** Committee on Constitution IV

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12 The committee overwhelmingly moves the adoption of the bill.

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14 **Rationale:**

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16 **Summary**

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18 Fees assessed to the undergraduate members of the Fraternity
19 are determined by a vote of the General Assembly. The previous
20 fee increase was passed at the 2002 General Assembly and
21 provided for increases each year through the last fiscal year.

1 Operating costs for the Fraternity continue to increase, while
2 membership has remained largely flat. In order to maintain
3 service levels the Fraternity must seek an increase in revenues to
4 meet inflationary increases.

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6 ***Driving Factors for a Fee Increase***

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8 The Fraternity derives membership revenue from association and
9 initiation fees, member dues, and assessment of the liability
10 insurance based on chapter performance characteristics. Many
11 of our peer organizations also charge an assessment to each
12 chapter to offset the fixed costs incurred at the chapter level such
13 as delegates to the international conferences and ELC visits.

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15 Our fee structure should be driven on three primary
16 considerations. First, our fee structure should be competitive with
17 our peer groups as to ensure that our chapters are not at a cost
18 disadvantage on each campus. Second, the fees should reflect a
19 fair distribution of the operating burden of the Fraternity to the
20 chapters. Lastly, the fees need to provide for the operational

1 expenses of the Fraternity with at least an inflationary increase
2 each year.

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4 ***Obligation of the Board and Staff***

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6 While the undergraduate members play a large part in
7 determining the level of fees and assessments to the chapters, it
8 is the obligation of the board and staff to manage the expenses of
9 the organization.

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11 The cutbacks in programs that we have implemented in fiscal year
12 2006 exemplify that the board and staff are committed to operating
13 within the means of our revenue model. However, in the event that a
14 reasonable fee increase model is not put in place then the membership
15 should expect that further program cuts will be necessary.

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17 ***Proposal for a Four Year Fee Schedule***

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19 Due to the fact the General Assembly only meets every other
20 year, it is prudent to develop a fee schedule that spans two

1 General Assemblies. We therefore propose a fee schedule that
2 sets our rates for fiscal 2007 through fiscal 2010.

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4 A review of our peer group, including the other nine largest
5 fraternities, indicates the following:

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- 7 • We have the lowest average chapter size of any of our
8 peers.
 - 9 • We have the highest member dues and four year cost of any
10 of our peers.
 - 11 • We are average to below average compared to our
12 competitors for association and initiation fees.

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14 Reviewing our distribution of our costs to the chapter indicates a
15 disparity. Many of our expenses including delegates to
16 conferences and ELC visits are fixed per chapter and therefore
17 our cost structure is higher than many of our peers. We are one
18 of the only fraternities that does not assess a flat fee to each
19 chapter.

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1 Our cost basis, exclusive of changes in our program delivery, has
2 been at or above inflation for the last several years. The increase
3 in the cost basis has been driven by increased benefit costs,
4 regulatory changes related to minimum salaries, and an
5 organizational need to hire more senior staff people to meet
6 operational objectives. Our minimum annual increase in
7 revenues needs to be at least 3%.

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9 Based on these observations the staff proposes the following fee
10 structure:

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12 1. Chapter Assessment – This new fee model provides for a
13 fixed fee to be charged to each chapter to cover some of the
14 fixed costs we incur on a per chapter basis. Many of our
15 peer organizations use this fee to cover the cost of sending
16 delegates to their meetings throughout the year. We
17 propose a fixed fee that starts at \$400 in fiscal 2007 and
18 increases by \$400 each year through 2010.

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20 2. Dues – Based on our review of our peer groups we currently
21 charge more for dues than any of the other groups. In order

1 to become more competitive we propose decreasing the
2 annual dues from the current level of \$135 to \$120 in fiscal
3 2007 and remain at that level for the next three years.

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5 3. Association and Initiation Fees – Our existing fees of \$65
6 and \$150 are lower than many of our competitors. In order
7 to offset the decrease in dues we propose keeping the
8 association fee at \$65 but increasing the initiation fee to
9 \$170.

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11 4. Insurance Fees – The base insurance fee of \$125 remains
12 competitive with our peers. Based on increased claims
13 volume in recent years we expect our costs for the insurance
14 program to continue to rise. Our proposed model does not
15 call for an increase in the insurance base fee; however we
16 expect the insurance commission to provide a
17 recommendation to the Grand High Zeta each year. It is at
18 the discretion of the Grand High Zeta to make adjustments
19 to the insurance fees.

1 The net impact of this fee schedule is a slight increase in
2 membership revenues in fiscal 2007, then increases of just under
3 3% for each of the three following years.

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5 **Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
6 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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8 **Code VII-3** will remain unchanged. It currently reads as follows:

9
10 **General Fraternity Associate Member Fee – Amount and**
11 **Allocation.** The General Fraternity Associate Member Fee shall
12 be \$65.00 for each undergraduate associate member and shall
13 not be refundable. It shall be allocated to the General Operating
14 Fund.

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16 **Code VII-4** is amended to read as follows:

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18 **General Fraternity Initiation Fee – Amount and Allocation.**

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20 a. The General Fraternity Initiation Fee for each undergraduate
21 or graduate student shall be ~~\$150~~ \$170.00., ~~of which \$145~~

1 ~~shall be allocated to the General Operating Fund and \$5~~
2 ~~to the General Endowment Fund/ Chapter Housing~~
3 ~~Reserve.~~ It shall be allocated to the General Operating
4 Fund.

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6 b. The General Fraternity Initiation Fee for each faculty or
7 honorary initiate shall be \$50, payable before initiation. It
8 shall be allocated to the General Operating Fund.

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10 **Code VII-16(a)(4)** is deleted in its entirety. It currently reads as
11 follows:

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13 ~~4. A portion of General Fraternity Initiation Fees as set forth in~~
14 ~~Code VII-4, to be set aside in a Chapter Housing Reserve for the~~
15 ~~purpose of covering the cost of administering the Chapter housing~~
16 ~~program of the General Fraternity.~~

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18 **Code VII-6** is amended to read as follows:

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20 **General Fraternity Active Dues.** On October 15 and February
21 15 of each year, each Chapter shall pay The Lambda Chi Alpha

1 Fraternity, Inc., General Fraternity Active Dues for every active
2 member and associate member not initiated during the academic
3 term of his association, said dues to be allocated to the General
4 Operating Fund of the General Fraternity.

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6 ~~Effective February 15, 2003, General Fraternity Active Dues~~
7 ~~shall be \$60.00.~~

8 ~~Effective October 15, 2003, General Fraternity Active Dues~~
9 ~~shall be \$62.50.~~

10 ~~Effective October 15, 2004, General Fraternity Active Dues~~
11 ~~shall be \$65.00.~~

12 ~~Effective October 15, 2005, General Fraternity Active Dues~~
13 ~~shall be \$67.50.~~

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15 Effective October 15, 2006, General Fraternity Active Dues
16 shall be \$60.00.

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18 A new Code VII-8 is added to read as follows:

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20 Code VII-8. Basic Chapter Fee. On October 15 and February 15
21 of each year, in addition to those fees described in Code VII-6

1 hereof, each Chapter shall pay The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity,
2 Inc., a Basic Chapter Fee, said fee to be allocated to the General
3 Operating Fund of the General Fraternity.

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5 Effective October 15, 2006, the Basic Chapter Fee shall be
6 \$200.00.

7 Effective October 15, 2007, the Basic Chapter Fee shall be
8 \$400.00.

9 Effective October 15, 2008, the Basic Chapter Fee shall be
10 \$600.00.

11 Effective October 15, 2009, the Basic Chapter Fee shall be
12 \$800.00.

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14 Colonies are exempt from the Basic Chapter Fee.

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Title: A Bill to Amend the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity to Provide for Inactive Status for Study Abroad Students and to clarify the status of graduate students

Proposed by: Drew Hunter (OM), High Pi at Alpha-Pi Zeta (Denver University); Wayne Gossard (OM), High Pi at Gamma-Sigma Zeta (Southern Methodist University); Ron Neville, High Pi at Theta-Sigma Zeta (Drury University); Walt Moser (OM), High Pi at Lambda-Pi Zeta (Central Missouri State University)

Endorsed by: Grand High Zeta, Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

Referred to: Committee on Constitution IV

Rationale: Article VI, Section 1 defines the classes of membership as Active, Inactive, Faculty, Alumni, Honorary, and Associate. To be considered inactive, a member must meet one of four qualifications:

1 (1) if he is an undergraduate active member at an institution other
2 than the one at which he was initiated and he does not contribute to
3 the support of a Chapter in the form of regular dues (Article VI,
4 Section 1(b)); or

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6 (2) if he is an undergraduate active member who has been granted
7 inactive status by the Grand High Zeta because of undue financial
8 hardship (Article VI, Section 7(b)); or

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10 (3) if he is an undergraduate active member who is married, or is
11 classified as a graduate student, or who has the equivalent
12 professional status at the institution in which he is enrolled (Article
13 VI, Section 7(c)); or

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15 (4) if he is an undergraduate active member who has paid dues and
16 other charges for each of eight full semesters, 12 full quarters, or the
17 equivalent thereof, and shall have exercised the option of declaring
18 himself inactive (Article VI, Section 7(c)). member, provides for the
19 organization of a Subordinate Zeta. It provides:

1 Many of our host institutions have developed a robust “study abroad”
2 program that takes our members away from the Chapter and outside
3 the continental United States for one or more terms. It is illogical to
4 impose the responsibilities of active membership (including remaining
5 active in the chapter, paying local or General Fraternity dues or fees,
6 and or living in and taking meals at the Chapter house) on those of our
7 members who are studying abroad, particularly in light of the additional
8 financial burdens a study abroad program often brings.

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10 This amendment to the Constitution adds to the definition of “inactive
11 member” those of our members who are participating in a study abroad
12 program.

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14 **Be it Enacted that the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
15 **Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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17 Article VI, Section 7(c) (providing for inactive status in certain
18 circumstances)

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20 c. A member who is married, or is classified as a graduate
21 student, or who has the equivalent professional status at the

1 institution in which he is enrolled, ~~shall not be required to~~has
2 the option to remain active in the Chapter, pay local ~~or~~ and
3 General Fraternity dues or fees. A member who is participating
4 in a study abroad program that takes him outside the country
5 of his chapter for not less than a full semester, or a similar
6 university-sponsored domestic-based program that removes
7 him from campus for not less than a full semester, shall be
8 deemed an inactive member for that period of time he is so
9 participating in the program, and will not be required to pay
10 General Fraternity dues or fees. Such a member will
11 automatically regain active member status upon completion
12 of the study abroad or domestic-based program. A member
13 who has paid dues and other charges for each of eight full
14 semesters, 12 full quarters, or the equivalent thereof, shall have
15 the option of declaring himself inactive. Where such a member
16 desires to vote or hold office, he shall pay General Fraternity
17 active dues and Chapter active dues, and fulfill all other
18 obligations of active membership; or where such a member
19 desires otherwise to represent the Chapter or participate in the
20 social, philanthropic, athletic, or other programming of the
21 Chapter, he shall pay General Fraternity active dues and in

1 addition such proportion of Chapter active dues as the Chapter
2 deems proportionate to the member's participation in Fraternity
3 activities.

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5 **Be it further Enacted that the *Constitution* of the Lambda Chi**
6 **Alpha Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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8 Article VI, Section 1(a) is amended to read:

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10 a. Active members are those initiates of a Chapter who are
11 undergraduate **or graduate** students at the institution
12 where that Chapter is established and who contribute to
13 the support of the Chapter in the form of regular dues.

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15 Article VI, Section 1(d) is amended to read:

16 d. Alumni members are those initiates of a chapter who
17 were active or inactive members but who are no longer
18 undergraduate students, **or active members.** ~~or who have~~
19 ~~received their undergraduate degrees from a college or~~
20 ~~university.~~ Faculty and honorary members shall also be
21 considered alumni members.

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If adopted this bill shall be effective immediately.

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Title: A Bill to Amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity to Provide Protocols for Display of Emblems and Regalia

Proposed by: Grand High Zeta

Endorsed by: Student Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of Council of Presidents, and International Headquarters Staff

Referred to: Committee on Emblems and Ritual

Rationale: The accepted protocols for wearing the Official Badge, displaying our Fraternity's Coat of Arms, etc., are not included in the *Statutory Code*. These protocols are set forth in the High Phi Manual, which is not a public document. Some chapters have argued that the sections of the High Phi Manual separate from the *Initiation Ritual* are not binding upon them.

For consistency and clarity, the Committee proposes that those protocols be set forth in the *Statutory Code*.

1 **Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha**
2 **Fraternity be amended as follows** (proposed additional language is
3 underlined):

4
5 **Code VIII-4. Official Badge.** Every initiate of Lambda Chi Alpha is
6 encouraged to obtain and wear an Official Badge. The Official
7 Badge is worn over the heart by initiated members in good standing
8 on the outermost layer of clothing that is not normally removed, i.e.,
9 pull-over sweater, vest, or shirt (when neither of the former is worn).
10 It is worn only on a collared shirt. It is not worn on a jacket of any
11 type including the coat-style sweater. It may also be worn in similar
12 fashion, usually in the miniature or medium size, by a fiancée, wife,
13 mother, or sister of a member in good standing. In unusual cases
14 the badge may be worn by a housemother. The badge guard
15 normally is the Greek letter(s) designating the Zeta; without
16 exception the guard is worn by all members so that the guard is
17 clearly below the Delta Pi on the badge. The one authorized
18 variation is that charter members of a chapter may wear the badge
19 of the preceding well-established local society in place of the Zeta
20 designation. The badge is never appropriate on stationery or for

1 similar decorative purposes. The coat of arms, the crucicrescent, or
2 possibly the seal should be used instead.

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4 **Code VIII-10. Official Associate Member Pin.** Every associate
5 member shall be presented with an Official Associate Member Pin,
6 which shall be worn on apparel deemed appropriate by the Chapter.
7 The Official Associate Member Pin is worn by associate members in
8 the same fashion that the Official Badge is worn by initiated
9 members. It never has a guard, however. A chapter may require
10 associate members to wear the Official Associate Member Pin only
11 on occasions at which all initiated members are required to wear the
12 Official Badge. The Official Associate Member Pin should be given
13 the same respect by the wearer as the Official Badge of Lambda Chi
14 Alpha; it is worn only on a collared shirt, vest or pull-over sweater.

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16 **Code VIII-11. Official Recognition Button.** Every initiate of the
17 Fraternity is entitled to wear an Official Recognition Button on his left
18 coat lapel. The Official Recognition Button is in the form of a
19 crucicrescent and is worn only on the left lapel of a suit jacket or
20 sports jacket. It is generally worn by alumni members, by
21 undergraduate members on occasions when the badge would be

1 too formal, or by members who have not purchased a badge. Given
2 the casual purpose of its origin, combined with the goal that all
3 members should be constantly striving for improvement, the
4 crucicrescent may be worn by associate as well as initiated
5 members.

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7 **Code VIII-12. Coat of Arms.** The *Coat of Arms* may be used as a
8 motif for the decoration of stationery, jewelry, silverware, etc. but
9 under no circumstances shall it be applied without the sign of
10 copyright as part of the design, nor shall it be so used without the
11 permission of the Committee on Emblems and Ritual. The *Coat of*
12 *Arms* shall be engraved on all Certificates of Membership and all
13 charters. Any reproduction of the Coat of Arms should be of
14 sufficient size that the major components are clearly present.
15 Associate Members are permitted to use the Coat of Arms.

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17 **Code VIII-13. Official Seal.** The Official Seal of the Fraternity is
18 restricted to documents of an official nature, and shall appear on all
19 Certificates of Membership and all charters, but shall not be used as
20 a motif for the decoration of stationery, jewelry, silverware, etc.

1 **Code VIII-14. Official Flag.** There shall be an Official Flag of the
2 Fraternity. The flag may be flown on appropriate occasions or
3 placed upon a wall. No special customs exist for its display alone.
4 When the fraternity flag is displayed with the flags of one or more
5 countries, the rules governing the display of national flags should be
6 consulted.
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2 **Title:** Bill to amend the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi Alpha
3 Fraternity to allow for graduation cords for undergraduates to
4 wear during commencement.

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6 **Proposed by:** Scott Pio, BN 630 of Florida Institute of
7 Technology

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9 **Referred to:** Committee on Emblems and Ritual

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11 **Rationale:** There is no distinction between Lambda Chi Alpha
12 Fraternity, other General Fraternities and Honor Societies when
13 students walk across the stage during their graduation from an
14 undergraduate degree.

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16 The undergraduates of the general Fraternity wish to distinguish
17 themselves and their achievements throughout all other
18 achievements of their institution and feel that this will be a proper
19 way of doing so during commencement of said undergraduate.

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1 **Be it Enacted that the *Statutory Code* of the Lambda Chi**
2 **Alpha Fraternity be amended as follows:**

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4 **Code VIII-17** is added to read as follows:

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7 **Code VIII-17. Official Graduation Cords.** Where permitted
8 by the host institution, every member in good standing of
9 Lambda Chi Alpha is entitled to wear Official Graduation
10 Cords emblematic of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity in the
11 colors purple, green and gold. Members may wear only the
12 Official Graduation Cords sponsored by and made available
13 to members by the Fraternity for purchase from approved
14 vendors. A member may wear Official Graduation Cords only
15 during his commencement exercises, or otherwise when he
16 is wearing appropriate graduation regalia, and the Cords
17 must be worn about the neck in the traditional and
18 appropriate manner.

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