KAPPA DELTA PI
AN INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERISTY

Constitution and Bylaws for Rho Omega Chapter
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Article I. THE CHAPTER

SECTION 1: Name. The designation for the FAU chapter of Kappa Delta Pi is Rho Omega Chapter.

SECTION 2: Purpose: The purpose of Rho Omega Chapter shall be to promote excellence in and recognize outstanding contributions to education. This organization will abide by all FAU regulations and federal and state laws.

SECTION 3: Chapter Year. The Chapter year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

SECTION 4: Authority. In all matters of organization and procedure the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rituals of the International Society of Kappa Delta Pi shall have precedence and should be consulted.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee shall determine the most appropriate manner by which to offer and receive applications for Chapter membership. The following minimum requirements shall apply.

1.1 Chapter Membership

Membership in Rho Omega Chapter is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty members and certain other professional educators.

1.11 Undergraduate. When seeking membership as an undergraduate student, a candidate must:

1.111 have Junior class standing (the equivalent of 60 semester hours earned by the end of the term prior to the time of initiation) or above.

1.112 have at least 12 hours of Professional Education courses completed at FAU.

1.113 have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher for all coursework completed.

1.114 exemplify worthy educational ideals.

1.115 express an intention of continuing in the field of education.

1.116 give evidence of leadership ability.

1.12 Graduate. When seeking membership as a graduate student, a candidate must:

1.121 have full graduate standing at FAU.

1.122 have at least 12 hours of Professional Education courses completed at FAU.

1.123 have an overall GPA of 3.50 or higher for all graduate coursework completed.

1.124 exemplify worthy educational ideals.

1.125 express an intention of continuing in the field of education.

1.126 give evidence of leadership ability.

1.13 Faculty. When seeking membership as a faculty member, a candidate:

1.131 must be a faculty member of FAU.

1.132 may transfer or reinstate membership from another college/university for membership in the FAU chapter or must have achieved an overall GPA of 3.75 on all graduate work completed.

1.133 must have a professional education background. NOTE: There is no limit on faculty membership for the charter group. After the first initiation, the number of faculty members to be initiated may not exceed 10% of the number of student initiates.

1.14 Professional Educators. Persons employed as teachers or administrators in local schools may be invited to memberships upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee and the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article III. FINANCES

The Chapter Treasurer, which the assistance of the Counselor, shall keep accurate records of the assets and the liabilities of the Chapter, and shall receive and expend Chapter monies as the Executive Committee directs.

Section 1. Initiation Fee. The Chapter shall remit to the Executive Secretary of Kappa Delta Pi the sum stipulated by the Convocation as an initiation fee for each new member in accordance with the Society's Bylaws.

Section 2. Local Dues. Annual dues for Rho Omega Chapter shall be as follows: Yearly dues - $9.00; One-time initiation fee (includes certificate, refreshments, pin, and other costs of initiation) - $20.00. Changes in the annual dues, recommended by the Chapter Executive Committee, may be made by a 10% vote of the active members present at a regular Chapter meeting.

Article IV. INITIATION

All candidates for membership in Rho Omega Chapter shall be initiated according to the prescribed Society ritual. Members initiated previously by another chapter of the Society (Institutional of Alumni) may be formally received into Rho Omega Chapter according to the official reaffirmation ritual.

ARTICLE V. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Kappa Delta Pi Rho Omega will abide by all Federal, State and Local Laws and FAU Regulations and policies, including but not limited to the Student Code of Conduct, Code of Academic Integrity, Regulation 4.006, Alcohol and Drug Policy, and all requirements as outlined in the Registered Student Organization Manual.

Section B. Kappa Delta Pi Rho Omega agrees to abide by the Florida Anti-Hazing Law in the Student Code of Conduct and the Registered Student Organization Manual. Hazing - Any action or situation, which occurs on or off university property, that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any University student organization or group whether or not officially recognized by the university. Hazing does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions or any activity or conduct that furthers a legal and legitimate objective. Hazing includes, but is not limited to: 1. Pressuring or coercing a student into violating state or federal law; 2. any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance; or other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student; 3. Any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student. 4. The perpetuation or furtherance of a tradition or ritual of any

university student organization or group whether or not officially recognized by the university. For further details about hazing please refer to Regulation 4.007 Student Code of Conduct.

Article VI. CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers of this Chapter shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian/Reporter. Additional officers may be elected at the discretion of the Executive Committee (see Section 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 pp. 19-20, KDPI Society Handbook for duties of the respective officers). All communication by chapter officers to KDP members must be pre-approved by a faculty counselor.

Section 1. Qualifications: Officers must be active chapter members of the Society and the Chapter. In order to be eligible for an officer position, candidates must meet requirements as specified by FAU Regulation 4.006.

1.1 Officers shall be selected from among the undergraduate and graduate student population.

1.2 According to the FAU Policies and Procedures, all officers must be FAU students enrolled during the period of the group's registration on campus. All undergraduate officers must be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours during the Fall Semester, six (6) credit hours during the Spring semester, and three (3) credit hours for Summer "A" and Summer "B" Terms or three (3) credit hours during the Summer "C' Term. In addition, all officers must be in good academic standing, which is defined as having a minimum of a 2.0 GPA on coursework attempted at FAU. Any organization showing officers who do not meet the minimum qualifications will have two (2) weeks after notification has been received from the Dean for Student Affairs to correct the situation. If the Status Report is not corrected within that time period, the organization's registration for the semester will be voided and any facilities being held for the organization will be released.

Section 2. Election: Officers for the Society year shall be elected in the month preceding and installed at the annual Spring initiation ceremony.

2.1 Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, and a 10% vote of the active members, officers shall serve for two consecutive years.

2.2 Chapter officers for the ensuing Society year shall be elected by a 10% vote of the active members:

2.31 During a regular meeting of the chapter, or
2.32 Through a ballot mailed to all active members.

2.4 The Counselor and Associate Counselor(s) must be full-time members of the faculty of the College of Education at FAU and their selection and term of office shall be made at the discretion of the Dean of the College of Education, Florida Atlantic University (see Section 7. Chapter Counselors, pp 20-21, KDPI Society Handbook for activities and responsibilities of the Chapter Counselors). All Registered Student Organizations must have least one advisor who is a full-time faculty, AMP or SP staff member at FAU.

2.5 Vacancies. Should a chapter office become vacant because of resignation, neglect of duty, or other causes, the Executive Committee may appoint a chapter member to fill the vacancy until elections can be held.

Article VII. MEETINGS

At least two (2) chapter meetings shall be held during each Chapter year. At least one meeting shall include an initiation.

Section 1. Quorum. A quorum shall be declared when at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee and at least 10% of the active Chapter members are present.

1.1 In the absence of a quorum, a mailed ballot may be used when considering urgent matters needing a vote of members of the Chapter.

Section 2. Notice of meetings. The Chapter Secretary shall provide written notice of each meeting of the Chapter by posting information at an approved location, or through a mailing to active members. The method of notification shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The officers of the Chapter, the Chapter Counselor and the Associate Counselor(s) shall constitute the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to direct the activities of the Chapter and to act in cases of emergency between regular Chapter meetings. The Executive Committee may call meetings of the Chapter, other than the regular meetings, for the purpose of discussing or acting upon Chapter business (see Section 8. Committees, p. 21, KDPI Society Handbook for additional activities and responsibilities of the Executive Committee.)

Section 2. The following committee chairpersons shall serve in conjunction with the officers for the Society year and shall be appointed annually in the month preceding the March initiation ceremony.

2.1 Names of the committee chairpersons must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the Chapter year.

2.2 Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, and a majority bote of active members, committee chairperson shall serve for two consecutive years.

2.3 Vacancies. Should have a committee chairperson position become vacant because of resignation, neglect of duty, or other causes, the Executive Committee may appoint a new committee chairperson to fill the vacancy.

2.4 Members who are active in both the Society and the Chapter will be encouraged to volunteer to serve on the respective committees.

2.5 Membership Committee. This committee shall have the responsibility of collecting the names of the responsibility of collecting the names of persons eligible for membership. It shall validate and rule on all qualifications for membership for each such person. The Membership Committee shall then present this information to the Executive Committee. The Chapter Counselor shall serve as a regular, voting member of this committee. It shall be the responsibility of the President, Membership Chairperson and the Counselor(s) to invite for membership those persons who are eligible for membership.

2.6 Program Committee. The Program Committee shall be directed by the Vice-President. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare programs for each regular meeting of the Chapter, and such other meetings, initiations and Chapter sponsored events as the Executive Committee may designate.

2.7 Other Committees. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to promote the development and function of other significant committees (e.g., Scholarship, Initiation, Awards, Newsletter, Telephone, and Projects).

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to the national organization of Kappa Delta Pi.

Article X. AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of Rho Omega Chapter may be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a vote of at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee and at least 10% of active chapter members present.

Adopted for use by Rho Omega Chapter