



KAPPA DELTA PI
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

ALPHA BETA RHO CHAPTER BYLAWS

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BYLAWS FOR THE ALPHA BETA RHO CHAPTER OF KAPPA DELTA PI, INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

ARTICLE I – THE CHAPTER

SECTION 1. NAME

The designation for the Dickinson College Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi is the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi shall be to promote excellence in and recognition of outstanding contributions to education. Kappa Delta Pi shall endeavor to maintain a high degree of professional fellowship among its members, to quicken professional growth, and to honor achievement in educational work. To these ends, it shall invite to membership persons who exhibit commendable professional qualities, worth educational ideals, and sound scholarship, without regard to race, ethnicity, age, religion, gender or sexual identity, or disability.

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 procedures, 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. QUALIFICATIONS

Membership in the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, students seeking alternative certification and/or licensure, faculty members, educational support staff, and other professional educators affiliated with Dickinson College. Invitation to membership in an active chapter at an institution shall be dependent upon fulfillment of the following qualifications without regard to race, ethnicity, age, religion, gender or sexual identity, or disability.

1.1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.11 Demonstration of worthy educational ideals.
- 1.12 Expression of the intention to continue in the field of education (except for honorary membership).
- 1.13 Manifestation of desirable professional qualities.
- 1.14 Evidence of leadership attributes.
- 1.15 Exemplify commitment to equity.

1.2 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

When seeking membership as an undergraduate student, a candidate must have:

- 1.21 no less than the equivalent of at least 24 semester hours earned by the end of the term prior to the time of initiation).
- 1.22 a grade point average ranking in the upper quintile (upper 20%) of the institution, school, or college (the schools of education and the respective college from which candidates are selected), or a grade point average of not less than a "B" (i.e. 3.00 out of 4.00, if a grade point system is used) based upon the total previous collegiate record of the student.
- 1.23 at the time of initiation must have completed a minimum of two educational studies courses or completed one and be enrolled in a second one.

1.3 FACULTY AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

When seeking membership as a faculty member, a candidate must:

- 1.41 be a faculty or educational support staff member of Dickinson College.
- 1.42 The number of faculty/staff initiated at any one initiation ceremony shall not exceed the number of other initiates.
- 1.43 In Chapters where only faculty and/or education professionals are initiated, 1.42 shall not apply.

1.5 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

Qualifications and limitations include:

- 1.51 hold a Master's or other advanced degree; or
- 1.52 obtain two letters of recommendation from two supervising administrators; or provide evidence of a distinguished performance record consistent with the ideals of Kappa Delta Pi.
- 1.53 the Executive Council shall delegate the authority for approval of professional member candidates to the Executive Director and/or his/her designee.
- 1.54 students at-large membership is available only for current undergraduate or graduate students who are attending an institution that does not have an active Kappa Delta Pi chapter and who meet undergraduate and/or graduate student requirements.

1.6 HONORARY MEMBERS

Qualifications and limitations include:

- 1.61 record of distinguished service in the cause of education.
- 1.62 Honorary membership is not open to a person eligible for another membership category or one who holds a degree in education.
- 1.63 No chapter may elect more than two (2) persons to honorary membership during any one Society year.
- 1.64 A person approved for an honorary membership shall be initiated according to appropriate ritual.

1.7 STUDENTS SEEKING ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION AND/OR LICENSURE

When seeking membership as an alternatively-certified or alternatively-licensed teacher, a candidate must:

- 1.71 hold a baccalaureate degree;
- 1.72 have completed at least 3 semester hours of an alternative certification program; and
- 1.73 at least six (6) semester hours (or the equivalent) of Professional Education courses programmed, in progress, or completed.
- 1.74 A grade point average ranking in the upper quintile (upper 20%) of the institution, school, or college (the schools of education and the respective colleges from which candidates are selected) or a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on a 4.00 scale.

SECTION 2. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Invitations into membership should be offered to any candidates who meet the above qualifications.

2.1 LOCAL CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS

The Alpha Beta Rho Chapter may increase requirements for eligibility for membership above what is required by the international Society bylaws if, and only if, specified in the bylaws.

2.2 ACTIVE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

A person who has become a member of Kappa Delta Pi can always be an active member of the Alpha Beta Rho chapter and the Society as long as Society dues are paid and local dues (if applicable) and service requirements are met. A member may not pay complete local requirements only. An active life member of the Society is an active chapter member as long as the GPA requirement is maintained and local service requirements are met (i.e. 16 hours of service per academic year with no fewer than five

per semester). Students studying abroad are exempt from service. Those students on campus for only one semester must complete 8 hours during that semester. Service includes: attending chapter meetings and events, participating in event committee planning sessions, taking part in chapter professional development programs, and participating in chapter-sponsored education-related service to the community.

2.3 TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP BETWEEN CHAPTERS

An active member of the Society may transfer membership from one chapter to another with appropriate notification to the Society Headquarters. Multiple chapter memberships are permissible.

2.4 INITIATION

All candidates for chapter membership shall be duly initiated using the official Society ritual.

2.5 INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

A member may be suspended for cause. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the chapter executive committee is required for suspension of chapter membership, and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive council is required for suspension of Society membership. Suspended members may not wear Kappa Delta Pi honor cords at commencement.

ARTICLE III – FINANCES

SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chapter Treasurer—with 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 2. LOCAL DUES

Annual local dues for the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter shall be determined by a majority vote of active members present at a regular Chapter meeting and submitted to Headquarters on the Annual Financial Report. Annual local dues are not to exceed annual Society dues.

SECTION 3. INITIATION FEE

A one-time initiation fee for new members of the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter shall be determined by a majority vote of active members present at a regular Chapter meeting and submitted to Headquarters on the Annual Financial Report. A one-time initiation fee—if charged—is used to pay for initiation materials or pieces of the ceremony.

ARTICLE IV – INITIATION

All candidates for membership in the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter shall be duly initiated according to the prescribed Society ritual. Members initiated previous by another chapter of the Society may be formally received into the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter according to the official Society reaffirmation ritual. The Chapter, when applicable, shall remit to the Society Headquarters required information for each initiate—along with required fees—within two weeks of initiation.

ARTICLE V – CHAPTER OFFICERS

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates for officer positions must be active members of both the Society and the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter.

SECTION 2. ELECTION

Officers shall be elected and installed a minimum of once each academic year and be reported to Headquarters no later than two weeks after elections are completed. Chapter officers for the ensuing term shall be elected during any regular meeting of the chapter, through a ballot sent to all active members, or through a combination of both methods. A majority vote of active members participating in the vote shall be required for election.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES

Should a chapter office become vacant because of resignation, neglect of duty, or other causes, the Counselor and/or President may call a special meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy. The procedure for filling the vacancy shall be the prerogative of the chapter and will be described in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – CHAPTER COUNSELOR(S)

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS

The Chapter counselor must be a member of the college/university faculty or staff—if an institutional chapter—and an active member of both the Society and the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter.

SECTION 2. SELECTION OF COUNSELOR AND ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR(S)

Each active institutional chapter shall have a Chapter Counselor selected from the faculty or staff of the institution. In such chapters where there is no Counselor, the Dean or designee will be asked to perform the duties of Counselor after appropriate consultation with the members. In addition to Counselor, each chapter may select one or more Associate Counselors. All provisions applicable to the Chapter Counselor shall apply to Associate Counselors. However, the Associate Counselor(s) need not be a faculty or staff member.

SECTION 3. NOTIFICATION OF COUNSELOR APPOINTMENT OR CHANGE

The name of the Counselor shall be forwarded to the Chapter Services Department at Society Headquarters within two weeks of appointment or change. A certificate confirming the appointment shall be forwarded to the new Counselor.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL OF COUNSELOR FROM OFFICE

The Executive Council may—with cause—declare the office of Chapter Counselor vacant. Should this happen, representatives from the Society will work with the institution to appoint a replacement.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Each chapter should maintain the following committees that consist of active members of both the Society and the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter.

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the current officers of the chapter including the Counselor and Associate Counselor(s), where there are such officers, and may include the immediate Past-President. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to supervise the general activities of the chapter, serve as the official agency for communication, act in emergencies between meetings of the chapter, conduct initiations, and ensure the completion of all required reports.

SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES

The following committees shall be appointed annually and led by members of the aforementioned Executive Committee:

2.1 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee shall lead the recruitment efforts by receiving names of candidates suggested for membership, obtaining a list of valid candidates from the Chapter Counselor, Associate Counselor, designated faculty member, or appropriate college/university staff administrator, etc.

2.2 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning programs for the chapter.

2.3 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for planning fundraising projects for the chapter and/or for external organizations the missions of which are consistent with Kappa Delta Pi. This committee is also responsible for coordinating donations/gifts to Kappa Delta Pi as a part of the Chapter Challenge.

ARTICLE VIII – ACTIVE CHAPTERS

SECTION 1. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The Alpha Beta Rho Chapter shall hold at least two meetings during the Society year. At least one meeting shall include an initiation of new members. A quorum shall be defined in the local chapter bylaws; a simple majority of the voting membership in good standing of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum. Quorum for the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi is 2/3 of active members.

SECTION 2. CHAPTER ONLINE PRESENCE

The Chapter Online Presence shall:

- 2.1 Support the ideals, mission, and goals of the Society.
- 2.2 Not conflict in any way with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.
- 2.3 Contain the following disclaimer:

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SECTION 3. DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER

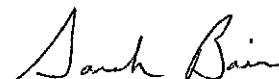
The process for elective dissolution of a chapter can be found in the Society bylaws (Article V, Section 9. Dissolution of Chapter).


ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

The bylaws of the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter may be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a 2/3 vote of active members present, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) has been sent to all active Chapter members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Chapter bylaws must be reviewed at least every two years and ratified by the chapter membership.

The following signatures certify that these bylaws have been adopted for use by the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter.

SIGNATURES

Chapter Counselor  Date 5/10/16

Chapter President  Date 05/10/2016

Society Headquarters Approval _____ Date _____