

BYLAWS

OF THE GAMMA CHAPTER

OF KAPPA OMEGA ALPHA

1. Article I: Purpose

1.1. Section 1: Purpose of Bylaws

- 1.1.1. These bylaws will serve as a guiding document for the Gamma Chapter of Kappa Omega Alpha as established at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- 1.1.2. These bylaws may describe procedures, responsibilities, statuses, guidelines, or anything otherwise determined to be beyond the scope of the Constitution but still important for the proper functioning of the fraternity.

2. Article II: Committees

2.1. Section 1: List of Standing Committees

- 2.1.1. The following committees are currently standing committees of the fraternity. A brief description of each committee is included.

- 2.1.1.1. Ethics Committee. This committee is permanent and described by 4.2 of the Constitution.

- 2.1.1.2. Branding and Communications Committee. This committee manages social media, merchandise, websites, and other marketing and media responsibilities.

- 2.1.1.3. Philanthropy and Service Committee. This committee manages service events and other philanthropic responsibilities.

- 2.1.1.4. Pledge Committee. This committee manages the pledging process and related responsibilities.

- 2.1.1.5. Professional Development Committee. This committee manages professional development events and service responsibilities.

- 2.1.1.6. Recruitment Committee. This committee manages the rushing process, fundraising and related responsibilities.

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- 2.1.1.7. Member Interaction Committee. This committee manages social

events, bonding events, mid- and end-of semester celebrations, and other related responsibilities.

- 2.1.1.8. Scholarship Committee. This committee manages chapter scholarships and related responsibilities.
- 2.1.1.9. On Campus Communications Committee. This committee manages communications between Kappa Omega Alpha and other organizations on campus. They are required to stay current with all relevant contact information, actively connect executive board members, and manage all other related responsibilities.
- 2.1.1.10. Expansion Committee. This committee manages efforts to create Kappa Omega Alpha chapters at other colleges and universities and related responsibilities.
- 2.1.1.11. Diversity and Inclusion Committee. This committee manages efforts to foster a diverse and inclusive environment in the chapter and related responsibilities.
- 2.1.1.12. KOA Kares Committee. This committee manages efforts to improve physical, emotional, and mental health in the chapter and related responsibilities.
- 2.1.1.13. Alumni Relations Committee. This committee manages the alumni network, alumni relationships with the chapter, and other related responsibilities.
- 2.1.1.14. Black Lives Matter Committee. This committee facilitates antiracism conversation and antiracism action within the chapter and related responsibilities.
- 2.1.1.15. The Fundraising Committee manages fundraising events and opportunities for members to attend in order to raise funds for the fraternity.
- 2.1.1.16. Sustainability Committee. This committee is responsible for maintaining Kappa Omega Alpha's status as a Green Chapter through SustainableUMD. They must attend all required meetings, host sustainability events per the instructions of SustainableUMD, and commit all members - new and current - to the Green Chapter Pledge. They must also stay up to date with the requirements necessary to maintain Green Chapter status.
- 2.1.1.17. The Office of the Historian. The Historian is required to document all significant Kappa Omega Alpha events, which include but are not limited to, dated, formal, retreats, and any other event that may require their services. They will also work with the Vice President

to track “family lines”. The Historian will work to support the Vice President in fulfilling their record-keeping duties.

3. Article III: Points

3.1. Section 1: Categories and Qualification

3.1.1. Members must earn the listed amount of points in each of the following categories in order to complete a semester as an active member:

3.1.1.1. Professional development, 3

3.1.1.2. Member interaction, 3

3.1.1.3. Philanthropy and service, 2

3.1.1.4. Recruitment, 3

3.1.1.4.1. One recruitment point must come from one hour of tabling

3.1.1.5. Meetings, 1

3.1.1.6. Special ceremonies, 1

3.1.1.7. Fundraising, 2

3.1.2. The executive board determines what activities qualify for point categories and how many points activities are worth.

3.1.3. The members of the executive board are required to award the efforts of the following chairs with a point/s from the department/s that are most appropriate.

3.1.3.1. Sustainability Chair

3.1.3.2. The Office of the Historian

3.1.3.3. Black Lives Matter Chair

3.1.3.4. Alumni Relations Chair

3.1.3.5. KOA Kares Chair

3.1.3.6. Expansion Chair

3.1.3.7. On Campus Communications Chair

3.1.3.8. And any other chair that is not a member of the executive board

3.1.3.8.1. This includes acknowledging the events they put on by deeming them point opportunities from the appropriate department.

3.1.3.8.2. And acknowledging the efforts of the chair by granting them points from the department/s that are most fit if their duties are properly fulfilled.

3.1.4. Points may only be awarded in 0.5 increments.

4. Article IV: Special Statuses

4.1. Section 1: President Emeritus

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- 4.1.1. All former fraternity Presidents that finish their term in good standing hold the title President Emeritus.
- 4.1.2. This title does not endow the holder with any special rights, powers, or duties.
- 4.1.3. President Emeriti may be called upon by the current President or other fraternity members for counsel on fraternity matters.

5. Article V: Ratification and Amendments

5.1. Section 1: Ratification Process

- 5.1.1. These bylaws must be proposed at a chapter meeting.
- 5.1.2. These bylaws must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of active members present at that chapter meeting.

5.2. Section 2: Amendment Process

- 5.2.1. Any member may propose an amendment to these bylaws during a chapter meeting.
- 5.2.2. All members present at that chapter meeting may take part in discussion of the proposed amendment.
- 5.2.3. Only active members may vote on the proposed amendment.
- 5.2.4. The proposed amendment must pass by a majority vote.
- 5.2.5. If a proposed amendment fails to pass, no amendment containing information of a similar nature can be proposed until one month has passed since the failed proposal.
- 5.2.6. Amendments regarding 2.1 reflect the actions of the executive board as described in 4.1 of the Constitution. Amendments to that section may be made accordingly without chapter approval.
- 5.2.7. Amendments regarding 3.1 reflect the actions of the executive board as described in 1.5 of the Constitution. Amendments to that section may be made accordingly without chapter approval.

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Bylaws of the Gamma Chapter of Kappa Omega Alpha, as ratified and amended:

February 20, 2020

September 10, 2020

April 14, 2022

April 6, 2023

April 20, 2023