

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name: The name of this organization shall be the Delta Iota Chapter of Sigma Iota Rho International Studies Honor Society.

Article II

Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and reward scholarship and service among students and practitioners of international studies, international affairs, and global studies and to foster integrity and creative performance in the conduct of world affairs.

Article III

Officers:

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers in this organization shall be full-time students in good academic standing according to the Student Rights and Responsibilities guidelines. Officers shall fulfill all membership requirements, and be properly elected by the membership according to election guidelines.

Section 3. The duties of these officers shall be:

(a) President - An elected President will preside at all meetings of the Chapter. He or she will maintain the power to appoint all committee chairpersons and shall present all motions to the Chapter.

(b) Vice President - A Vice President shall be an elected executive officer with the duties to preside at all meetings and functions that the President cannot attend. The Vice President shall assist the President in directing the affairs of the Chapter.

(c) Secretary - A Secretary shall be an elected executive officer with the duties to handle all new members, rule observances at all stated meetings and protocol, and conduct other duties as are assigned by the President. Additionally, the Secretary shall file all organizational reports with the Department of Campus Life. The Secretary shall be responsible for reporting the names of officers and advisors to the Department of Campus Life and shall promptly report any changes that occur during the school year. The Secretary shall also be responsible for reporting any constitutional amendments to the Department of Campus Life, as well as ensure that a signed 'Affirmation of Compliance' is sent to the Department of

Campus Life at the beginning of every fall semester.

(d) Treasurer - A Treasurer shall be an elected executive officer with the duties to handle all dues, accounts, and conduct such other duties as are assigned by the President. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records, and shall counter-sign all financial transactions with the President or Faculty Adviser. The Treasurer shall attend the annual Treasurer's Workshop offered by Campus Life and OSU Accounting.

Section 4. The elections of this organization shall take place in the spring semester, no later than April 15. All candidates shall either be nominated by an eligible member in good standing or be self-nominated. Officers shall be elected to one-year terms, with the option of running for re-election in the spring semester. Candidates shall be eligible for membership for the semester in which they are seeking election.

Additionally:

(a) Voting - All nominations shall be voted on by separate vote for each office. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes of each office shall be declared elected and shall thereupon take office.

(b) Replacement - In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Executive Committee shall select a replacement, to serve until a new officer is elected by the general membership at the next regular business meeting.

Section 5. Executive Committee: The four officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Chapter, which will direct the affairs of the Chapter with the assistance of the Faculty Advisor. The Executive Committee shall have the power to make decisions for the organization between regular meetings. All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported promptly to the members of the organization.

Article IV

Quorum: A quorum for this organization shall be a simple majority of the membership plus at least one officer.

Article V

Membership:

Section 1. Classes: Sigma Iota Rho is an interdisciplinary honor society specializing in the field of international studies. There shall be three classes of membership: student, faculty, and honorary.

Section 2. Student Membership: Graduate and Undergraduate: Election to student membership, both graduate and undergraduate, shall be by a local chapter. All student members shall meet the following requirements, unless otherwise noted.

- (a) Have completed course work in international studies including internationally related courses in anthropology, economics, foreign languages, geography, history, political science, and other related disciplines;
- (b) Have attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher in all courses, and a grade point average of at least 3.3 in international studies or international relations courses.
- (c) Must maintain full-time student status to be a voting member or hold an office; nine (**9**) hours for graduate students, twelve (12) hours for undergraduate students.
- (d) Undergraduate students shall have attained a junior standing and completed at least twelve (12) hours of course work toward the International Relations/Studies major or minor, including at least two courses at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Section 3. Faculty Membership: Any interested member of the faculty involved in the teaching of courses giving credit in international studies may be elected to faculty membership. Faculty members shall possess all the privileges of membership except for voting and holding office in the local chapter.

Section 4. Honorary Membership: Any person of recognized ability and achievement in the field of international studies may be an elected honorary member. No more than two such members may be elected in any one academic year. Honorary members shall possess all the privileges of active membership except that of being an officer or council member of the corporation. Honorary members cannot vote.

Section 5. Subsequent Service: All persons duly elected to membership (other than honorary) by a local chapter who are subsequently enrolled as students or are serving as faculty members in a different institution at which a chapter is located shall be deemed members of the chapter.

Section 6. Selection: Selection to membership shall be by procedures determined by the local chapter, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the by-laws. Membership will not be restricted on the basis of sex, race, national origin, or handicap.

Article VI

Dues: Dues for this organization shall be collected according to the by-laws.

Article VII

By-Laws: A by-law may be passed at any regular meeting of the organization by a majority vote of those in attendance, providing a quorum is present.

Article VIII

Reports to Campus Life Office:

Section 1. At the beginning of the fall semester, Sigma Iota Rho International Studies Honor Society shall report the name of officers and advisors to the Department of Campus Life and shall promptly report any changes that occur during the school year.

Section 2. At the beginning of the fall semester, Sigma Iota Rho International Studies Honor Society will file with the Department of Campus Life a signed "Affirmation of Compliance."

Section 3. The funds of Sigma Iota Rho International Studies Honor Society, if any, will be deposited with the University banking services and these may be audited yearly, preferably at the time a new treasurer is installed.

Section 4. It is understood that failure to submit such materials, either through continued negligence or willful omission, may result in the suspension of the charter of this organization by the Committee on Student Organizations.

Article IX

Amendments: In order to amend the constitution a two thirds (2/3) majority of the eligible membership in support of the changes shall be required. All amendments shall be submitted to the Department of Campus Life for approval by the Committee on Student Organizations.