

Phi Kappa Tau Bylaws

Updated 9/11/22

Title I – Election to membership

1. 51% vote for a PNM to join the house
2. Majority exec vote to have a new member dropped from the house

Meetings

1. Meetings will occur on Mondays at 5 unless otherwise posted
2. Fine of \$50 to any member that misses an announced chapter meeting without excuse

Fees and Discounts

1. All members must live in for 4 semesters, or pay as if they live in the house for that period or time
 - a. Exceptions will be made for students under certain circumstances
2. All members shall be charged an initiation fee as required by the National Fraternity. This fee is to be paid two weeks prior to initiation along with the Permission to Initiate Forms. Members may be assessed additional fees only upon recommendation of the Executive Board and upon approval of the Resident Council or by the action of the B.O.G.
3. The Recruitment Chairman shall be given a \$100 per individual attained during summer recruitment who is initiated into membership.
4. Any member who has lived in the chapter house six semesters will receive a \$500 discount off his house bill and all those following that he lives in.
5. Discounts for outstanding academic achievement of live-ins will be given in the form of a house scholarship and are defined as:
 - a. 3.2 GPA to 3.49 (\$200)
 - b. 3.5 GPA to 3.99 (\$300)
 - c. 4.0 GPA (\$600)

Financial Delinquency

1. **Each member shall be placed on a 30/60/90-day plan for paying their three separate payments of house dues per semester.** If payment is not made on time or payment plan is not discussed with the treasurer, a \$25 fine shall be assessed.

2. 2.) A Resident Council member having a check returned to the fraternity for nonsufficient funds will be charged \$5 plus any costs incurred upon the check returned to the fraternity. Any fine may be reviewed by the Vice president Internal if the person that was fined believed he was wrongfully fined or has a special circumstance that can be considered to dismiss the fine. This must be done within one week from when the offender was fined.
3. 3.) Any member currently owing more than \$100 for more than four weeks shall: be suspended from chapter meetings, sign a promissory note for the amount he currently owes the chapter, develop a payment plan with the guidance of the Treasurer and submit this plan in writing to the Treasurer, have a letter sent home to his parent(s) or guardians(s) regarding the offender's financial situation, be denied entrance to any social events funded by the chapter.
4. 4.) Unless prior arrangements have been made with the Treasurer, any member currently owing more than \$100 for more than eight weeks shall: be referred to the chapter's collection agency for immediate collection, have a letter sent home to his parent(s) or guardians(s) regarding the offender's financial situation, have notification of the chapter's actions sent to the B.O.G.
5. 5.) Any member who owes money to AK after the semester ends will need to pay the fees in full before he can move in the next semester or participate in chapter functions. If the fees are not paid during break, then they will be added to the next semester's house bill.

Scholastic Requirements

1. 2.95 GPA to be initiated into the house
2. Any member who lives in the chapter house who receives a grade point average from the previous semester that is **less than 2.5** must attend study tables (see Title VII, statute 33 for study table fines).
3. Any live in with a grade point average from the previous semester that is less than 2.5 will be placed on social probation (see Title XII for details).

4. Any member that receives a 2.0 grade point average or below during his first **two** semester as an associate member will be without appeal dropped from the house.

Chapter House Occupancy

1. A fine of \$250 shall be assessed to any member who moves out of the house causing house occupancy to drop **below 35**, or moves out when there are less than thirty members living in.
2. A fine of the full house bill per semester shall be assessed to any member who does not live in the house at least four semesters.
3. If a member violates both statute 1 and 2 of Title VI, the fine assessed will be \$500.

House Rules

1. Members are responsible for their guest's adherence to the by-laws and shall be fined in their stead for all offenses incurred.
2. Quiet hours for the chapter shall be from 12:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.
3. Finals week is under quiet hours rules 24 hours a day.
4. All room assignments, as well as parking, will be made using the house points system. This excludes the assignment of freshmen to rooms.

Fine Legislation

1. It is the responsibility of the **Vice President Internal, President, or Treasurer** to levy all fines and notify fined members within one week of the occurrence of the fined act.
2. It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to settle any disputes concerning fines. Disputes must be raised within one week of notification of the fine.
3. Only members of the Executive Board and designated officers may fine brothers for unexcused failure of duties or damage to the chapter.
4. The Scholarship Chairman has the authority to fine members required to attend study tables for missing study tables or failing to adhere to the Chairman's set rules.

Standards Board

1. The Standards Board shall consist of the Vice President Internal, who shall serve as chairman, **risk chairman**, and four other members with one from each pledge class. **Notes shall be taken at each standards meeting to keep track of each one (who went and why).**
2. The Judicial Board shall settle any disputes concerning fines levied and/or any infractions against these said by-laws by a majority vote. The Vice President Internal shall only cast a vote in the case of a tie.
3. The Vice President Internal is responsible for keeping a record of all proceedings and decisions made by the Judicial Board. **If a member been sent to Standards Board three times in one semester, then that member should automatically be sent to membership review.**
4. For a brother's membership to be reviewed, there must be a 2/3 vote in favor amongst initiated members. If that vote is passed, the membership review will be conducted by the Standards Board and the President.

Title X - Judicial Action

- 1.) Judicial Action can be called on a member by the decision at least two Executive Board members, or by the occurrence or strong suspicion of any of the following: the distribution or sale of illegal drugs, sexual harassment/rape, or theft. over \$250 in damages to the house due to a single instance financial delinquency for more than eight weeks. **Members responsible for any of this is subject to the risk of being dropped and will be voted on in Chapter.**

Alumni Visiting Hours

- 1.) Alumni are not allowed at the house at the house after 10 o'clock during nights of registered social events

Amendment Procedure

- 1.) Any member may propose an amendment to these by-laws by securing approval of the majority of the executive council and presenting it in writing at any chapter meeting. The proposed amendment shall either be voted upon at that chapter meeting or tabled until the next meeting.
- 2.) Adoption of an amendment must be by two-thirds vote of the Resident Council.
- 3.) An amendment becomes effective immediately after being passed by the Resident Council.
- 4.) These by-laws shall be reviewed and revised once every academic year by the executive council and then suggest their recommended changes in writing to the Resident Council to be voted upon.

Legend Executive Board

- 1.) The executive board includes the President, Vice President Internal, Vice President External, Treasurer, Membership Orientation Officer, Recruitment Chairman, Social Chairman, Philanthropy Chairman, Risk Manager, Scholarship, IFC senator, and Secretary.
- 2.) Any man who lives in the house is a member for the context of these by-laws, including new freshmen.

Acknowledgement - Signing this document proves that you have read and understand the by-laws of Phi Kappa Tau, Alpha Kappa chapter, and will abide by them fully.

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date:
