



Constitutional Revisions

Section 1 – Membership

1. **Article IV, Section 9:** C. Is a student who has been an active member for at least four years.

Change: C. Is a student who has been an active member for at least four *academic* years.

Rationale: We believe it is easier to define this in terms of academic timing since that is how we count for active and leave of absence statuses.

Submitted by Nu Chapter

Bylaws Revisions

Section 2 – Membership Status

2. **Article III, Section 1:** Active members shall have the power to vote, decide chapter questions, to be delegates to convention, to hold local, regional, or national office, to have a little sister, and to participate in chapter functions, both service and social.

Change to read: Active members shall have the power to vote, decide chapter questions, to be delegates to convention, *to wear the letters*, to hold local, regional, or national office, to have a little sister, and to participate in chapter functions, both service and social.

Rationale: It's listed under Section 3 that LOA members have the right to wear letters so it should also be listed that actives have the right to wear letters.

Submitted by Nu Chapter

3. **Article III, Section 3:** A member on leave of absence may have the right to...

Change to read: A member on leave of absence *has* the right to...

Rationale: We believe that since the LOA member does definitively have those rights, the “may” seems unnecessary. This also guarantees the LOA member these rights and prevents Executive Board, Standards Board, or anyone else from removing her of those rights.

Submitted by Nu Chapter

4. **Article III, Section 3, Clause 6, Sub-clause 1:** This must be done within two weeks of when the leave of absence was granted. If the leave of absence was granted at the end of the previous term, a decision must be made by the second meeting of the current school term.

Change to read: This must be done *before the Membership Status Report Form is due*. If the leave of absence was granted at the end of the previous term, a decision must be made by the second meeting of the current school term.



Rationale: We believe that two weeks is too short of a period to have this provision. By using the Membership Status Report Form date, this means that statuses are still up in the air and changing during this time. Therefore, if the sister's LOA status is revoked, she would be able to apply for a different status or re-apply for LOA with a different reason. This would also generally give the sister more than month to complete requirements, if she were to be active. In the case that a sister lied about studying abroad and was found to still be in Atlanta (for example), we believe she would need to have that status revoked. If this was found before the membership form is due, then she must be active or re-apply for LOA.

Submitted by Nu Chapter

5. **Article III, Section 5:** An alumna member shall have the right to attend convention, serve as an alumna delegate, hold district or national office, and may receive the *Chevron*.

Change to read: An alumna member shall have the right to attend convention, serve as an alumna delegate, *wear the letters*, hold district or national office, and may receive the *Chevron*.

Rationale: We believe that just like active sisters, alumnae members should also have the right to wear letters.

Submitted by Nu Chapter

Section 3 – Finance

6. **Article IX, Section 2:** National pledge fees shall be one-half of the yearly dues for active members.

Change to read: National pledge fees shall be *equal to the semiannual dues of an active sister*.

Rationale: This clarifies where the amount is coming from and uses “semiannual” because sisters aren't always active for a whole year. Since we pay dues on a semiannual basis, it makes more sense to have pledge fees also defined in this manner.

Submitted by Nu Chapter