

**Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity  
Gamma Rho Chapter**

UC San Diego  
Chapter Bylaws

ADDENDUM I  
NAME AND PURPOSE

ARTICLE I: The name of this fraternal organization shall be Gamma Rho Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity.

ARTICLE II: The Gamma Rho Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu is a nonprofit student organization.

ARTICLE III: The purpose of these bylaws is to define specific procedures and guidelines for the effective operation of Gamma Rho. The bylaws may also clarify procedures and guidelines set forth in the Blue Book (Sigma Alpha Mu Constitution).

ARTICLE IV: In the event of a conflict between the bylaws and the Blue Book, the Blue Book shall stand supreme.

ADDENDUM II  
RECRUITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE I: General Rules

SECTION 1: Recruitment and candidacy procedures shall not conflict with the rules of the UC San Diego, Interfraternity Council guidelines or applicable federal, state and/or local ordinances.

SECTION 2: Hazing, as defined by the National Office, will not be tolerated.

SECTION 3: Candidates may not wear any item with ΣAM Greek letters or nicknames. Such items may be held by the Chapter until the candidate is initiated.

SECTION 4: A Recruitment proposal (date, event, theme, etc.) shall be presented to the chapter by the eighth week of the quarter preceding Recruitment.

ARTICLE II: Procedures for the Bidding of Prospective Candidates

SECTION 1: Chapter discussion concerning the bidding of prospective candidates will take place during the week of recruitment.

SECTION 2: The Recruitment chair shall lead this discussion. If the Recruitment chair is not present then the prior or a member of the Recruitment committee may chair the discussion.

SECTION 3: Only members in good standing may participate in discussion.

SECTION 4: Any member may recommend a prospective for consideration of admittance to the candidate program.

SECTION 5: Following discussion a vote of a majority of present actives in good standing is required to issue a bid.

SECTION 6: The Prior, Vice Prior, or Recruitment Chair must be present when a bid is presented.

### ARTICLE III: Candidate and Initiation

SECTION 1: The Candidate Education Program shall be no more than eight weeks.

SECTION 2: From pinning until initiation there shall be a discussion concerning the candidates at every meeting.

Subsection A: A 20% vote of attending actives shall be sufficient to move a candidate into the candidate review process. Such a vote must be accompanied with a specified reason to explain to the candidate why he is receiving disciplinary action.

Article i: This vote shall not occur in the meeting before initiation.

Article ii: After a candidate is moved to the candidate review process a vote must be held to determine the time period of the review process for either one or two weeks.

Article iii: At the end of the candidate review process a vote must be held to determine whether the candidate will be removed from the candidate education program. A vote of 25% shall be sufficient for removal from the education program, otherwise the candidate will return to good standing within the education program.

Subsection B: In the meeting before initiation a vote of 25% shall be sufficient to remove the candidate from the education program.

SECTION 3: Before being initiated, candidates must pass a standardized final exam.

Subsection A: A passing grade is 90%.

Subsection B: A candidate failing to pass the comprehensive exam shall be put on holdover status until a second exam can be administered.

Subsection C: Failure on the second exam will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

SECTION 4: The vote of initiation shall take place during the final week of the Candidate Education Program.

Subsection A: A minimum vote of 80% to be initiated as fraters of Sigma Alpha Mu constitutes such action.

SECTION 5: If a candidate fails to acquire a minimum vote of 80% he will not be initiated.

### ARTICLE IV: Code of Conduct

SECTION 1: All members are required to read, sign and abide by the regulations set out in the Code of Conduct.

SECTION 2: The Standards Board shall consist of five members, one frater from each class year (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) and the Prior.

Subsection A: The Standards Board members shall be appointed by The Council.

Subsection B: The Standards Board shall meet to decide on cases in a fashion set out by the Code of Conduct.

Subsection C: In the case of a conflict between the Bylaws and the Code of Conduct, the Bylaws shall rule supreme.

ARTICLE V: All active members shall participate in at least one activity outside of classes and the fraternity. Activities include but are not limited to: employment, student organizations, sports teams, etc.

ARTICLE VI: Inactive Status

SECTION 1: Before the quarter has started any member that plans on going inactive needs to give the exchequer a notification that they might deactivate. By the first meeting, a member must present his intent to The Council. The Council (Recorder) will provide all the relevant paperwork. It is the obligation of the frater in question to fill out the required paperwork provided by the recorder for a change in status.

SECTION 2: Inactive Reaffiliation Process

Subsection A: General Guidelines

Article i: Any inactive brother wishing to re-affiliate with the Fraternity must indicate his desire to do so to The Council.

Article ii: After indicating his desire to reaffiliate, the inactive brother must have an active Brother sponsor him through the reaffiliation process and the sponsor will speak to the Brotherhood.

Subsection B: Hearing Procedure

i: Opening speech by inactive brother

ii: Questions and Answers from active brothers

iii: Sponsor speaks to The Brotherhood

iv: Discussion on brother's reaffiliation

v: Vote (secret ballot)

vi: Decision of The Council

vii: Announcement of Decision

#### Subsection C: Hearing Guidelines

Article i: Opening Speech will be limited to 2 minutes for the inactive brother to state his request.

Article ii: Questions will be entertained and must be relevant to the inactive brother's case.

Article iii: Votes shall be cast by secret ballot.

Article iv: The inactive brother must receive a majority vote on either side.

#### ADDENDUM III DUES AND FINES

ARTICLE I: The Chapter members shall approve all changes in its membership dues.

SECTION 1: Changes must be submitted as a motion and requires a vote of 2/3 to pass.

SECTION 2: Changes shall be effective at the beginning of the next payment period.

#### ARTICLE II: Membership Dues

SECTION 1: To maintain active status, all members must pay quarterly membership dues.

SECTION 2: Membership dues will be billed and delivered to each frater no later than the first regularly scheduled meeting of the quarter. The frater must respond to the billing by the second meeting by either paying in full or negotiating a payment plan with the Exchequer. However, fraters will be excused from paying until the financial affairs from the previous and current quarter are reported by the Exchequer (see ADDENDUM IV, ARTICLE V, SECTION 2).

Subsection A: If a frater has not responded to the billing by the second meeting or has violated his payment plan, he shall be placed in bad standing.

Subsection B: If the frater has not negotiated his debt by the fifth week of the quarter, he may then be taken to a collection agency.

Subsection C: In the event that bills are issued late, the frater will have ten days from the date of issuance to respond without fines being imposed as dictated in ADDENDUM III, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, Subsection A.

Subsection D: \$50 of dues must be paid by the meeting before the second school week, regardless if one is on a payment plan.

Subsection E: If the frater uses a payment plan, at least half of the quarterly dues must be paid by the meeting after the sixth week of the quarter.

Subsection F: Payment plans may only be issued once with no charge for a week after the budget is approved. Subsequent payment plans may be issued with a \$20 fine or may be amended with a \$20 fine.

SECTION 3: All other charges from the Chapter will be billed to the frater as they are incurred. The frater will have one week to respond to the billing by payment in full or payment plan. Failure to negotiate with the Exchequer will result in actions dictated by ADDENDUM III, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, Subsection A and ADDENDUM III, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, Subsection B.

SECTION 4: Chapter finances shall be conducted in conjunction with a third party accounting agency, selected by exchequer, for the billing, collection, allocation and budgeting of chapter monies.

Subsection A: The Exchequer and Prior shall have control over the third party account.

SECTION 5: Bills issued by third party account to members shall be considered bills from the chapter and are governed by ADDENDUM III, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 and ADDENDUM III, ARTICLE II, SECTION 4.

#### ARTICLE III: Requirements for Special Alumnus Status

SECTION 1: In order to be considered for special alumnus status (de-activate), a member must present his intent to The Council. The Council (Recorder) will provide all relevant paperwork. It is the obligation of the frater in question to send in all the national paperwork.

SECTION 2: The member will be considered an active member and charged all quarterly dues until such time as the national office has received the paperwork and removed him from the active roster.

SECTION 3: All previous debts will still be owed.

#### ARTICLE IV: Emergency Fund

SECTION 1: 2.5% of the dues collected each quarter will go into a savings account and shall not be used unless the explicit consent of the chapter is given.

SECTION 2: Consent by the chapter will be in the form of a 2/3 vote expressly for a specific emergency expenditure.

Subsection A: If necessary The Council can call for a vote by phone.

#### ARTICLE V: General Finances

SECTION 1: For all Chapter events or purchases that require contributions from Brothers of \$200 or more, full compensation of the lending brothers by each non-lending brother will be required prior to their receipt of or participation in the Chapter purchase or event by the given non-lending brother.

#### ADDENDUM IV: CHAPTER GOVERNANCE

ARTICLE I: By virtue of democratic processes and a majority vote of those active members present in meeting, the chapter may pass any and all legislation not in conflict with the Blue Book or the values of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity.

ARTICLE II: The governing structure of the chapter shall consist of its four officers (hereafter referred to as "The Council") and the members of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE III: PRIOR

SECTION 1: The Prior shall follow and abide by all the responsibilities outlined in the Blue Book, as well as any policies mandated by the Sigma Alpha Mu National Office.

SECTION 2: In addition to those responsibilities specifically enumerated by the Blue Book, the Prior:

Shall serve as the primary point of contact for all external affairs, including but not limited to communications with other Greek chapters, campus organizations, third party entities, and university administrations.

Shall serve as a voting member on the Interfraternity Council. The Prior must be present during all IFC meetings and must represent the best interest of the chapter.

SECTION 3: The Prior may at any time take action that he deems is in the best interest of the chapter. This form of executive power shall be referred to as Prior's Privilege. All action taken under Prior's Privilege must be reported in New Business during the subsequent chapter meeting.

Subsection A: In the case where the Prior takes executive action under Prior's Privilege during a chapter meeting, he must announce to the chapter that he is incurring such Privilege before making the decision official.

Subsection B: If the chapter deems the actions of the Prior, initiated under Prior's Privilege, to be contrary to the general interest and welfare of the chapter, the chapter may override the Prior's action by way of motion and a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote.

SECTION 4: After a new Prior is elected, the standing Prior shall be expected to provide the Prior-elect with all resources necessary to the successful execution of his duties (including but not limited to: access to the Prior email, access to chapter documents and records, and access as an administrator to the OmegaFi vault).

#### ARTICLE IV: VICE PRIOR

SECTION 1: The Vice Prior shall follow and abide by all the responsibilities outlined in the Blue Book and mandated by the Sigma Alpha Mu National Office.

SECTION 2: In addition to those responsibilities specifically enumerated by the Blue Book, the Vice Prior:

Shall serve as an ex-officio member of every chair and committee in order to oversee and ensure that the chair holders are operating correctly and efficiently.

SECTION 3: It shall be expected that the Vice Prior, along with the Exchequer and Recorder, assist the Prior in determining and implementing chapter policies

SECTION 4: After a new Vice Prior is elected, the standing Vice Prior shall be expected to provide the Vice Prior-elect with all resources necessary to the successful execution of his duties (including but not limited to: access to the Vice Prior email, access to chapter documents and records, and access as an administrator to the OmegaFi vault).

## ARTICLE V: EXCHEQUER

SECTION 1: The Exchequer shall follow and abide by all the responsibilities outlined in the Blue Book, as well as any policies mandated by the Sigma Alpha Mu National Office.

SECTION 2: In addition to those responsibilities specifically enumerated by the Blue Book, the Exchequer:

Shall create an annual budget for every school year, which shall contain overarching chapter expenses i.e. insurance, national dues and budgets from each committee chair.

Subsection A: In order to effectively advise the chapter with regard to its financial position, the Exchequer shall be well-versed in all expenses that are outlined in the budget.

Shall provide a monthly budget report to the rest of the chapter at large. This report shall include the quantity of dues billed, the quantity of dues collected, and all expenses paid through these funds.

Subsection B: In the event that the chapter's financial position does not align with the planned budget, the Exchequer shall report the causes of the discrepancy and recommend such actions as to remedy the issue.

Shall compile a quarterly budget and establish quarterly payment plan options by the first meeting of each quarter.

Subsection C: Any and all special arrangements regarding payment plans for individual chapter members must be arranged with the Exchequer and finalized by the second meeting of the quarter.

Shall be responsible for the prompt collection of all fraternal dues, including those from both active and inactive members.

Subsection D: The Exchequer shall also collect all candidate dues from incoming classes, as required for their initiation.

SECTION 3: It shall be expected that the Exchequer, with the approval of the rest of The Council, appoint an Assistant Exchequer. The Assistant Exchequer shall be responsible for oversight (but not administration) of chapter finances.

Subsection A: The Assistant Exchequer is to report to the Prior once a week regarding any discrepancies in fraternity dues or expenses running through the chapter bank account.

Subsection B: Should the Exchequer be involved in the misappropriation of chapter funds, he shall be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the rest of The Council. Severe cases of misappropriation shall be presented to the chapter at large, and may incite legal action ("severe" being left to the discretion of the rest of The Council).

SECTION 4: It shall be expected that the Exchequer, along with the Recorder and Vice Prior, assist the Prior in determining and implementing chapter policies.

SECTION 5: After a new Exchequer is elected, prior to the Exchequer-elect taking office, the standing Exchequer shall be expected to provide the Exchequer-elect with all resources necessary to the successful execution of his duties (including but not limited to: access to the Exchequer email, access to chapter documents and records, and access as an administrator to the OmegaFi vault).

## ARTICLE VI: RECORDER

SECTION 1: The Recorder shall follow and abide by all the responsibilities outlined in the Blue Book and mandated by the Sigma Alpha Mu National Office.

SECTION 2: In addition to those responsibilities specifically enumerated by the Blue Book, the Recorder:

Shall create and enforce an attendance policy designed to encourage the active participation of all members of active status in chapter functions.

Shall work in conjunction with all Executive Council and Executive Board members to ensure that all members of the chapter are adequately informed with regard to the status of the chapter and relevant chapter functions.

Shall be responsible for keeping and managing a file that contains a copy of all relevant chapter documents (as outlined in the Blue Book).

Subsection A: Among those documents required, the Recorder must keep a copy of the most current version of the chapter bylaws.

Subsection B: The Recorder must, in a separate file, save any and all amendments to the chapter bylaws, and present at the first meeting of each quarter any amendments that were passed in the previous quarter.

SECTION 3: It shall be expected that the Recorder, along with the Exchequer and Vice Prior, assist the Prior in determining and implementing chapter policies.



SECTION 4: After a new Recorder is elected, prior to the Recorder-elect taking office, the standing Recorder shall be expected to provide the Recorder-elect with all resources necessary to the successful execution of his duties (including but not limited to: access to the Recorder email, access to chapter documents and records, and access as an administrator to the OmegaFi vault).

## ARTICLE VII: RISK MANAGEMENT

The responsibility of risk management shall befall all the members of The Council. As such they will be required to establish a risk management plan before every chapter event and notify the chapter of any crucial aspects of that plan. In the event that the Chapter is required by an external organization to provide a risk management representative at a meeting, the four members of The Council shall select one officer to attend.

## ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: The Executive Board shall be comprised of the elected chairs of the various committees. From each Executive Board member it shall be expected that he:

Be an active member of the chapter.

Read and understand all the bylaws and responsibilities associated with his position and apply said responsibilities in a manner in which he feels best serves the chapter.

Abide by the values of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and the policies set forth by The Council of the chapter.

Not be a member of the chapter Council at the same time that he holds an Executive Board Position

Attend weekly Executive Board meetings

Subsection A: These Executive Board meetings shall be informal in nature and run by the Vice Prior.

Subsection B: The Council shall schedule the weekly meeting, and it shall have the power to cancel said meeting if necessary.

Provide his successor, prior to his successor's taking office, with all the materials and resources necessary for the execution of the position's responsibilities.

## SECTION 2: Responsibilities of the Elected Committee Chairs

### Subsection A: Alumni

Shall be responsible for building and maintaining relationships with alumni of the chapter.

Shall compose a quarterly newsletter to be sent out to all alumni of the chapter.

Article 1: The newsletter shall be composed in a way that provides alumni with ample information about the chapter's events, status, and progress.

Shall regularly plan events that cater to alumni, designed to keep alumni involved in the chapter and build relations between alumni and active members.

#### Subsection B: Athletics

Shall promote athletic participation among all members of the chapter.

Shall organize the chapter's athletic participation in both IFC and Intramural sports.

Article 1: In order to ensure said participation, it is expected that the chair attend IFC bracket meetings and complete Intramural registration.

#### Subsection C: Brotherhood

Shall regularly schedule and organize events for the chapter that are designed to promote bonding among the brothers.

It shall be expected that the chair create a calendar of events to be finalized by the first meeting of each quarter.

Article 1: The chair should collaborate with other chairs to ensure that no brotherhood events are scheduled in conflict with the events of other chairs.

#### Subsection D: Historian

Shall keep a chapter journal detailing the status and progress of the chapter.

Article 1: The journal should be a perpetual document, with an entry being made once every quarter.

Shall be the chapter's photographer at all chapter events.

Article 2: It shall be expected that the Historian have good attendance at chapter events. In the event that the Historian cannot attend an event, he must select another member to photograph the event.

#### Subsection E: IFC Delegate

Shall be responsible for attending weekly Interfraternity Council (IFC) meetings.

Shall abide by all responsibilities outlined for chapter delegates in the IFC Constitution including reporting to the IFC Executive Board the status of the chapter and participating in all Judicial Board hearings.

Shall be responsible for communicating between the IFC Executive Board and the chapter and relevant policies and initiatives.

#### Subsection F: Philanthropy

Shall organize fundraisers in order to make donations to Sigma Alpha Mu's national philanthropy, the Judy Fund.

Shall organize at least one major philanthropy event per year designed to raise money for the Judy Fund and promote awareness about Alzheimer's Disease.

#### Subsection G: Public Relations

Shall work to promote the image of Sigma Alpha Mu in the UC San Diego community and improve and maintain relations with sororities on campus.

Shall head a committee comprised of three sub-committees.

Article 1: The chairs of the sub-committees are to be appointed by the Public Relations Chair with the approval of The Council.

Article 2: The Website sub-committee shall be responsible for the regular maintenance of the chapter website, keeping all information current.

Article 3: The Social Media sub-committee shall manage the chapter's social media accounts, promoting accomplishments of the chapter and its individual members. The sub-committee will also be expected to collaborate with the Recruitment Chair to promote the chapter's efforts during recruitment periods.

Article 4: The Apparel sub-committee shall design and order apparel for members of the chapter. It is expected that the Apparel sub-committee chair also collaborate with the Recruitment Chair to design apparel for each recruitment period.

#### Subsection H: Recruitment

Shall organize the chapter's efforts to recruit new members into the chapter, including but not limited to scheduling events for recruitment week, designing recruitment apparel, and following all IFC procedures and bylaws regarding recruitment.

Shall head a committee comprised of select chapter members and an internal sub-committee.

Article 1: The chair of the sub-committee is to be appointed by the Recruitment Chair with the approval of The Council.

Article 2: The Internal sub-committee shall be responsible for reservation of facilities needed for recruitment, and assisting the Recruitment Chair in organizing the efforts of chapter members.

#### Subsection I: Scholarship

Shall promote a culture of academics in the chapter, encouraging members to become more successful students.

Article 1: The chair may be granted access to the GPAs of individual chapter members and impose such disciplinary action as deemed necessary on those members that fail to meet member standards.

Shall regularly schedule study hours designed to provide a communal study space for chapter members.

Shall organize chapter scholarships for those members meeting the appropriate GPA criteria.

#### Subsection J: Service

Shall regularly schedule events that allow the chapter to participate in community service.

#### Subsection K: Social

Shall work towards creating and maintaining strong relationships with sororities by organizing fun, responsible, and exciting exchanges/events.

Shall work internally to promote social excellence among the members of the chapter.

### ADDENDUM V ELECTIONS

#### ARTICLE I: The Council Election Process

SECTION 1: Nominations for officers shall be held during the sixth week of the fall quarter.

Subsection A: All nominated members must be in good standing.

SECTION 2: During the week following the nominating meeting, any member in good standing may submit his name to The Council as a nominee for office.

SECTION 3: Elections shall be held in the seventh week of fall quarter.

Subsection A: Nominations for each office shall remain open until the election of each specific office.

Subsection B: The order of election will be: Prior, Vice-Prior, Exchequer, and Recorder.

Subsection C: The speaking order will be by random drawing.

ARTICLE II: The election of The Executive Board will be run in the same fashion as for The Council elections.

SECTION 1: The order of election for The Executive Board will be in alphabetical order.

SECTION 2: The week of election, speech, questioning, and discussion length limit will be decided by The Council.

ARTICLE III: Installation and Removal of Elected Officers

SECTION 1: The newly elected Officers will be installed no later than the third week of the winter quarter and will assume full responsibilities of the office.

SECTION 2: All terms for Officers will last one year.

SECTION 3: Any member in good standing may move for the impeachment of a member of the Executive Council.

Subsection A: The officer facing impeachment may have the privilege of stating his own defense.

Subsection B: The vote of impeachment will occur one week after the meeting in which written charges have been presented and discussed. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

Subsection C: Removal requires a vote of 3/4 of the entire Chapter membership to impeach.

Subsection D: No proxy votes shall be accepted at the impeachment process.

#### ADDENDUM VI GOOD STANDING AND ATTENDANCE

ARTICLE I: Requirements for good standing are:

SECTION 1: Complete payment of membership dues, national dues, and insurance (Blue Book Division E, Article II, Section 1).

SECTION 2: Be in good scholastic standing with the university. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 as well as quarterly GPA of 2.7 is required.

Subsection A: In special circumstances, if a member has shown sufficient quarter-to-quarter academic improvement, the Scholarship Chair can have the member reinstated to good standing

SECTION 3: Fraters must attend at least two of every three mandatory events.

Subsection A: Mandatory events include all meetings, rituals, and recruitment events

Subsection B: The Council has the authority to excuse members from attending all mandatory events.

## ARTICLE II: Bad standing

SECTION 1: Failure to meet any of the requirements from ADDENDUM VI, ARTICLE I will result in bad standing.

SECTION 2: Council has the authority to suspend any frater in bad standing from attending specific Gamma Rho sponsored social events.

SECTION 3: Good standing can only be restored when all the requirements are met.

ARTICLE III: If a member fails to regain good standing in a full calendar year, The Council may refer him to the Octagon for expulsion from the fraternity.

ARTICLE IV: Appeals for regaining good standing status are motioned in New Business. To reverse Council's decision of bad standing a vote of 2/3 of the members present in good standing must be gained.

## ADDENDUM VII MEETINGS

### ARTICLE I: Procedure of meetings

SECTION 1: The order of a regularly scheduled meeting shall be:

- i. Call to Order
- ii. Announcements
- iii. Officer Reports
- iv. Committee Reports
- v. Old Business
- vi. Candidate Business
- vii. New Business
- viii. Loose Ends
- ix. Points to Ponder
- x. Adjournment
- xi. Good and Welfare
- xii. Fast and Firm

SECTION 2: Points to Ponder is limited to 15 minutes of open discussion. In order to extend the duration, a vote of simple majority is required.

SECTION 3: Chapter meetings are open only to members of Sigma Alpha Mu and by invitation of the Prior.

SECTION 4: If a regularly scheduled meeting has been duly called, the order of business detailed in ADDENDUM VII, ACTION I, SECTION 1 must be covered unless the Prior declares a house emergency.

### SECTION 5: Items of Immediate Consideration (IOIC)

Subsection A: Items in IOIC shall be formally approved.

Subsection B: Any item shall be moved into IOIC by a simple majority vote.

Subsection C: An item shall be decided on directly after being made IOIC.

## ARTICLE II: General rules

SECTION 1: All meetings will follow parliamentary procedure dictated by the parliamentarian's adaptation of the most recent edition of Robert's Rule of Order.

Subsection A: Meetings shall be run by parliamentary procedure and overseen by an appointed Parliamentarian who is to ensure the proper and efficient flow of business, which will be guided by Robert's Rule of Order.

SECTION 2: All chapter meetings are mandatory unless excused by The Council.

Subsection A: Each member is allowed two excused absences from meetings per quarter.

Subsection B: Graduating seniors are allowed a total of four excused absences per quarter.

SECTION 3: The Prior may eject any member from a meeting after a verbal warning.

SECTION 4: Attendance at a meeting is defined as presence through the end of Loose Ends, except when excused.

## ARTICLE III: Voting and discussion

SECTION 1: A quorum of simple majority of members must be present before any business may be discussed.

SECTION 2: Only members in good standing may be allowed to participate in discussions and voting.

SECTION 3: All proxy votes must be in the member's own handwriting, in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, and delivered to The Council prior to the vote. A valid excuse explaining the absence must accompany the proxy vote and the validity of the excuse will be determined by The Council.

SECTION 4: All exchanges must be approved by the members of the Chapter by a simple majority.

## ARTICLE IV: Emergency meetings

SECTION 1: Any member may call an emergency meeting at any time.

SECTION 2: All members in the Chapter must be notified at least six hours prior to the meeting.

## ADDENDUM IIX AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE I: All amendments to Chapter bylaws must be approved by a 2/3 vote.

DISCLAIMER: This revision of the bylaws of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, Gamma Rho chapter was approved by a 2/3 majority vote on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, and is thus signed (electronically) by the standing officers of the chapter:

George Kassabian (Prior)  
Andres Escobar (Vice Prior)  
Oliver Mandt (Exchequer)  
Alexander Meza (Recorder)