

# OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF TRIANGLE

## LOCAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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# Constitution

## PART I. CHAPTER

### ARTICLE 1. NAME AND OBJECT

**Section 1:** This organization shall be known and designated as "Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle," by virtue of the charter granted to it on November 18, 1979, by TRIANGLE, a Fraternity of Engineers, Architects, and Scientists.

**Section 2:** The objective of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall be the objective of TRIANGLE, as stated in the National Constitution of Triangle. It shall carry out its object by maintaining a chapter of TRIANGLE and a fraternity home for its members at the University of Oklahoma.

**Section 3:** Any section or bylaw of this constitution not in accord with the National Constitution or the Ritual of TRIANGLE shall be void, and shall be amended, as hereinafter provided.

### ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

**Section 1:** The members of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall be all men who have been regularly initiated into the chapter, and all Honorary, Associate, and Affiliated members of the chapter, as defined in Article 3 of the National Constitution and Article 1 of the National Bylaws. It shall also include naturalized members of other chapters as defined in Section 6 of this Article. This Constitution defines a "Brother" to be a person who meets the requirements of membership at any chapter of TRIANGLE.

**Section 2:** The Chapter shall consist of an Alumni Organization and an Active Organization, as hereinafter described.

**Section 3:** The government of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall be vested in a board of directors, as hereinafter provided.

**Section 4:** The Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Oklahoma. If the corporate name of the chapter differs from its fraternal name, the corporate name shall be used in legal matters only.

**Section 5:** The Corporation shall be governed according to this constitution, and according to its legal contracts.

**Section 6:** Under the authority granted in the National Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, Paragraph 4, the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle may designate

certain brothers of other chapters as naturalized members of Oklahoma Chapter. Such brothers should be brothers who have shown an ongoing desire to be a part of Oklahoma Chapter, its activities and culture. To be recommended as a naturalized member, the brother must have attended at least one Initiation Ceremony with our chapter and be an alumnus of his own chapter.

**Section 7:** Any current member of Oklahoma Chapter (including already naturalized members) may recommend a brother for this special status by making a motion to the Board of Directors, either in one of its regular meetings or by e-mail to the entire Board. The Board will announce the nomination to all current Oklahoma members prior to the Annual Meeting in whatever communications medium the Board sees as best for the time period. The vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting by secret ballot of those Oklahoma members present. The nominee must receive no more than 3 no votes to be granted naturalized status. A naturalized brother may take part in Oklahoma Chapter affairs to the same extent as any regular alumnus member while retaining membership in his original chapter. The next available page in the Oklahoma Chapter member book shall be used to record the naturalized member, though his place in chapter activities involving bond number shall be by his national bond number.

### **ARTICLE 3. MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the same day as the Local Founders' celebration at the Chapter House. This, and all other meetings, shall be open to all members of the Fraternity.

**Section 2:** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time, when authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or upon written or email request of ten (10) members of the Chapter to the Board of Directors.

**Section 3:** At least fourteen (14) days notice, in writing or email, shall be sent to all Members for both annual and special meetings.

**Section 4:** A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of voting members. Persons designated as proxy voters shall count toward quorum requirements.

**Section 5:** The Board of Directors will set a uniform policy by which Members of Triangle who are not members or voting proxies of members of the Board of Directors will be afforded the opportunity to raise issues and opinions at meetings of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1:** The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- The Chairman
- The Director of Finance
- The Director of Alumni Correspondence
- The House Director
- The Director of Alumni Programming
- The Director of Membership Development
- The Active-at-Large

**Section 2:** It shall be the duty of the Board to responsibly grow the Alumni and Active Organization, in whole and in part, and execute the business of the fraternity; it shall be ultimately responsible for the health of the organization and brotherhood. It shall make a complete report of the status of the Chapter at each Annual Meeting.

**Section 3:** The Board of Directors shall administer the funds of the Chapter, and it shall authorize the disbursement of funds for such general purposes as the Chapter may direct. It shall serve as the governing body of the Oklahoma Chapter Corporation.

**Section 4:** The members of the Board of Directors are chapter-wide offices and shall be elected by popular vote of the Active, Alumni, Associate, and Honorary membership of the Chapter.

**Section 5:** The members of the Board of Directors must be elected by secret ballot.

**Section 6:** The members of the Board of Directors shall be installed at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors during even-numbered years. They shall serve 2 year terms. There are no term limits on the positions for the Board of Directors.

**Section 7:** One person may not be elected to more than one office on the Board of Directors at a time. At no time shall any member of the Board of Directors cast more than one vote on any matter

**Section 8:** The Chairman, Active-At-Large, and Directors of Finance, Alumni Correspondence, Alumni Programming, and Membership Development must

all be members of Triangle Fraternity, though they need not be initiated into the Oklahoma Chapter. All other positions may be held by non-Triangle members.

**Section 9:** A new board position can be added at the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors. These members are considered full voting members of the Board of Directors and serve in the designated capacity and defined title. These ad-hoc positions may be removed by unanimous consent of the core officer listed in Section 1.

**Section 10:** Members can be removed by 3/4 vote of no-confidence. Vacancies are appointed by the Chair to serve the remaining term. If the Chair is removed, a new chair is elected by the remaining board members.

## **ARTICLE 5. DUTIES**

**Section 1:** The Board of Directors shall elect and send an alumnus delegate to each National Convention of TRIANGLE.

**Section 2:** The Board of Directors shall finance the preparation and mailing of all chapter newsletters.

**Section 3:** Amendments shall be sent to the National Headquarters for the purpose of keeping the copy of the chapter constitution there up to date.

## **ARTICLE 6. AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS**

**Section 1:** The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall consider any amendment to this constitution which is submitted to it in writing with recommendation for approval by either by the Active Organization or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** Any amendment so submitted shall be adopted if it receives the favorable vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3:** The Bylaws to this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, or by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 7. LIMITATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** The officers of this organization serve at the request of, and as a result of election by, the membership of the organization, and assume no

personal responsibility for the debts and obligations of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle as a result of their service or the execution by them of documents on behalf of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle. The Oklahoma Chapter, its creditors, and its assignees shall have no claim against the personal assets of the officers, individually or severally, except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that such officers have incurred a liability by reason of fraud, deliberate and willful misconduct, or mismanagement so gross as to constitute fraud.

## **ARTICLE 8. TRANSFER OF ASSETS/LIABILITIES ON DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1:** In the event that the Active/Student organization of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle Fraternity shall cease activities, dissolve, or disband, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, all assets of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall remain in the possession of the University of Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle Fraternity, Inc.

**Section 2:** In the event that this Chapter along with its Corporation entity shall cease activities, dissolve, or disband, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the assets of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall be transferred to the National Council of Triangle which shall apply such assets to the satisfaction of outstanding liabilities and thereafter shall hold or dispose of the unexpended balance of assets, if any, in a manner satisfactory to the National Council of Triangle.

## **PART II. ACTIVE ORGANIZATION**

### **ARTICLE 1. MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:** The Active Organization of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle (referred to hereafter as Active Organization) shall consist of all members initiated into Triangle Fraternity who are enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, have not attained alumni status, and have not been expelled from any chapter of Triangle.

**Section 2:** Active members shall be chosen from students enrolled at the University of Oklahoma whose course of study leads to a degree that has been approved by the active chapter.

**Section 3:** Alumni status from the Oklahoma chapter of Triangle may be awarded after 8 active semesters (including pledgeship), completion of a Bachelor's Degree or higher from the University of Oklahoma while active with the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle after one semester of active status with the Ok-

lahoma Chapter of Triangle, or by two-thirds favorable vote of the Active Organization and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4:** Those who are no longer enrolled in the University of Oklahoma during a fall or spring semester and have not received local alumni status are not allowed on Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle property unless otherwise overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Active Organization. This vote must be repeated each semester for the member to be allowed on the aforementioned property. In the event that they return to the University of Oklahoma, but not to the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle, they will be put to a vote of expulsion as seen by the president of the Active Organization.

## **ARTICLE 2. ELECTED OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** The elected officers of the Active Organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, House Manager, Academics Chair, Recruitment Chair, Social Chair, Philanthropy Chair, and Risk-Management Chair.

**Section 2:** This section defines procedure for a regular election. At least two men members or pledges of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall be nominated for each office. Nominations for all offices except House Manager and Risk Management shall take place during the last business meeting of the month of October. Nominations for House Manager and Risk Management shall take place during the last business meeting of the month of March. The elections shall take place at the next regular business meeting. The candidate receiving a plurality vote of the members present shall be declared elected to office for one year. In case no candidate receives a plurality vote, a new ballot shall be taken, with the two men receiving most votes on the previous ballot being the new nominees.

**Section 3:** This section defines procedure for a special election. A special election shall be held any time a position needs to be filled outside of the normal election period. At least one man shall be nominated for each vacant office at either the business meeting of the vacancy or the next possible business meeting. The candidate receiving a plurality vote of the members present shall be declared elected to office until the next regular election period. In case no candidate receives a plurality vote, a new ballot shall be taken, with the men receiving the most votes on the previous ballot being the new nominees.

**Section 4:** Nominees shall have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 from the University of Oklahoma. Officers whose cumulative grade point average falls below this criteria shall resign and be replaced through special election.

**Section 5:** Newly elected officers shall be installed at the first business meeting



of the academic semester after their election.

**Section 6:** Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Active Organization, provided that notice was given at the previous business meeting.

**Section 7:** Executive council shall consist of the Active President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Risk-Management.

**Section 8:** If an officer, either elected or appointed, is slain by another brother in single combat, the fratricide shall take over that officer position. In the event that the officer is slain by a conspiracy of two or more brothers, the fratricide with the highest bond number will take over the post of the slain.

### **ARTICLE 3. MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** A business meeting shall be held each week of the school year, except the week of spring break, the fall Thanksgiving break, and the week of Final Examinations. Alumni can vote in the active chapter meetings if they hold an office in the active organization. Members of the chapter who currently maintain active status with Triangle nationally, but are not enrolled (including but not limited to those on co-ops, internships, and study abroad) can vote in the active chapter meetings if they are in attendance.

**Section 2:** Upon majority vote of executive council, special meetings may be called at any time. If less than one weeks notice is given for a special meeting, then no punishment may be assessed for lack of attendance.

**Section 3:** A quorum shall consist of three-fourths of the members of the Active Organization.

### **ARTICLE 4. AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS**

**Section 1:** An amendment to Part II of this constitution must be submitted in writing at a business meeting of the Active Organization, but cannot be voted upon until the following business meeting.

**Section 2:** A submitted amendment shall be adopted if it receives a two-thirds favorable vote when a quorum is present.

**Section 3:** The Bylaws to Part II of this constitution may be altered by a favorable vote when quorum is present at business meeting.

**Section 4:** Following favorable vote the alteration to the constitution will

be submitted for approval in writing to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

# Bylaws

## PART I. CHAPTER

### ARTICLE 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1:** The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, and at all meetings of the Board; he may sign legal documents on behalf of the Corporation; he shall perform such other duties as his office or the Board of Directors may require. In the absence of the Chairman, the Director of Finance shall assume his duties.

**Section 2:** The Director of Finance shall have custody of all funds and securities of the Chapter; he shall keep regular books of account; he shall sign instruments requiring his signature; he shall make a complete financial report to the Chapter at the Annual Meeting; he shall be tasked with creation of the budget, and monitoring of its accounting; he shall ensure all steps are required to maintain tax status per the National Organization guidelines; he shall perform all other duties incident to his office, or required by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

**Section 3:** The Director of Alumni Correspondence shall issue notice of all meetings and keep minutes of the same; he shall keep all Chapter records; he shall maintain a roll of addresses of Chapter alumni; he shall be responsible for the Chapter newsletter and regular announcements to members; he shall sign such legal documents as require his signature; he shall perform other duties incident to his office.

**Section 4:** The House Director shall oversee the facilities and chapter equipment; he shall ensure life safety equipment is properly maintained and recommend improvements or updates to facilities as needed; he shall coordinate with and hire contractors on an as-needed basis; and he shall appoint a willing Steward from the chapter for the purpose of overseeing kitchen cleaning, meals, and obtaining other kitchen supplies.

**Section 5:** The Director of Alumni Programming shall be responsible for maintaining an events calendar for alumni within and outside the Norman area; he shall promote an environment in which enduring friendships can be maintained for alumni.

**Section 6:** The Director of Membership Development shall be responsible for ensuring undergraduate members of the fraternity are on a track for professional success; he shall provide scholastic, resume, professional, or personal help as needed for members; he shall be proactive in his approach in insuring the pipeline of talent is maintained within the chapter.

**Section 7:** The Active-at-Large shall provide representation on the Board from the active organization; he shall be charged with representing the needs of the undergraduates and ensuring the Board stays on task and remains central to its core purpose.

## **ARTICLE 2. ANNUAL MEETING**

**Section 1:** The order of business at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be prepared by the Chairman, making due allowance for presentation of reports, old and new business, submission of amendments to the constitution, and Installation of the officers of the Chapter.

## **ARTICLE 3. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Section 1:** The Director of Finance will chair the Finance committee. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the strategic financial planning of the chapter.

**Section 2:** The Director of Alumni Correspondence will chair the Publicity committee, which will be responsible for ensuring the Alumni are informed on activities pertaining to the actives and alumni of Triangle.

**Section 3:** The House Director will chair the House Committee, and is charged with ensuring a healthy and amicable environment is provided for the residents of the fraternity. The House Committee will also recommend improvements to the House Director as needed. The House Manager is a required member of the House Committee.

**Section 4:** The Director of Alumni Programming will chair the Programming Committee, which is charged with tasks pursuant to programs relevant to Alumni of the fraternity.

## **PART II. ACTIVE ORGANIZATION**

### **ARTICLE 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Active Organization; he shall act as the executive officer of the Active Organization; he shall perform such other duties as his officers or the Board of Directors may require; he shall act as the voice of the local organization in all external affairs. The President can form specific committees as circumstances merit.

The President can appoint an Independent Greek Council representative to go to their meetings in his place. The President shall have access to, and the responsibility of auditing the chapter finances.

**Section 2:** The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall be responsible for Ritual Equipment, and he shall act as supervisor for the pledge program and appoint the Pledge Educator. The Vice-President shall act as mediator in all brotherhood disputes. The Vice-President shall be responsible for the planning and conducting of I-week and Retreat. The Vice-President shall be in charge of a Brotherhood Committee. The Vice-President shall preside at all after meetings of the Active Organization.

**Section 3:** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Active Organization, and he shall have custody of all records and files of the Active Organization; he shall carry on all regular fraternity correspondence and other correspondence as required by the President. The Secretary is responsible for all mailing and e-mailing lists as well as the maintenance of the chapter's media; he may appoint someone in his place in the event that he is not able to fulfill these duties. Every two weeks, he is responsible for receiving accountability reports from every applicable officer. At the business meeting before a social event, the Secretary will give details on the accountability reports.

**Section 4:** The Treasurer shall have custody of all money of the Active Organization; he shall keep accurate electronic records including an archive of all active and alumni balances for at least ten years; he shall collect and disburse funds according to the budget or as directed by the Executive Council; he shall send a monthly statement to alumni with outstanding dues reminding them of their balance. he shall make a complete financial report at one business meeting each month; he shall perform all other duties incident to his office or required by the President; he shall prepare a budget every semester for approval by the Active Organization and National Treasurer. The Treasurer will prepare financial contracts for both semesters and enforce these contracts for both actives and alumni. The accountability report of the Treasurer defines the status of each member with regards to their financial contracts.

**Section 5:** The House Manager shall have charge of the house and grounds within the constraints of the lease contracts and with approval of the House Director. He shall enforce the house rules, oversee house cleaning, and obtain house supplies. The accountability report of the House Manager consists of attendance of each member during work day or other house cleaning events.

**Section 6:** The Academics Chair shall promote and encourage the highest possible academic achievement of each active and pledge. The Academics Chair is responsible for scheduling mandatory academics meetings once each academic month with all members and pledges. At the discretion of the Academics Chair,

additional mandatory meetings can be held with members whose average overall and previous semester GPA is below 3.0. The accountability report of the Academics Chair consists of records of each member's attendance at mandatory academics meetings.

**Section 7:** The Recruitment Chair shall have authority and responsibility in organizing and overseeing all Recruitment related activities. He shall appoint the members of the Recruitment Committee. The accountability report of the Recruitment Chair consists of attendance of each member to every recruitment event.

**Section 8:** The Social Chair shall have the responsibility of planning major social events, providing brotherhood events, and provide two Greek and two non-Greek social events per year. He is also in charge of communicating and planning with the alumni for Founders' Day. The accountability report of the Social Chair consists of the attendance of all members at the major social events.

**Section 9:** The Philanthropy Chair shall have the responsibility of managing service events, university events, and events within the community. The accountability report of the Philanthropy Chair consists of the records of each member's fulfillment of the required philanthropy hours.

**Section 10:** The Risk Management Chair shall have the responsibility of managing risk, ensuring that a safe atmosphere is provided on Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle property and maintaining security during all Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle events. The Risk Management Chair shall appoint a Safety Officer at the start of each academic term.

**Section 11:** The Safety Officer shall be responsible for ensuring a safe living environment inside Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle property. They shall conduct weekly inspections using a checklist approved by the House Director. They shall be responsible for recommending improvements to Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle property and said property's life safety equipment.

## **ARTICLE 2. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Section 1:** There will be four active committees: Recruitment, Brotherhood, Social, Scholarship, and Philanthropy.

**Section 2:** The Recruitment Committee will formulate an effective rush strategy; plan events and maintain a calendar of events; manage formal rush; and investigate all men proposed for pledging. A majority vote of this committee, with consent of the Executive Council, can bid any person to pledge. It is led by the Recruitment Chair.

**Section 3:** The Brotherhood Committee will assist in planning retreat, I-Week, Initiation Ceremony, and other brotherhood events; they will implement and supervise the pledge education program. It is led by the Vice-President.

**Section 4:** The Social Committee will plan social events, coordinate with other organizations on campus to plan joint events, and coordinate with chapter alumni to plan alumni events. It is led by the Social Chair.

**Section 5:** The Philanthropy Committee will plan philanthropic events and coordinate with other organizations on campus to plan joint events. It is led by the Philanthropy Chair.

**Section 6:** The Scholarship Committee will plan academic events, coordinate with organizations and events held on campus, and evaluate the chapter's academic status and discuss and implement solutions. It is led by the Academics Chair.

**Section 7:** Every active member and pledge must be a member of at least one committee; however, a pledge cannot be a part of the brotherhood committee.

### **ARTICLE 3. FUNDS**

**Section 1:** Each member shall pay dues according to their financial contracts as set by the Treasurer and Active Organization.

**Section 2:** Any active that receives alumni status while owing the chapter outstanding dues shall repay the active chapter once he is employed. He shall either pay in full or contact the current Active Treasurer to form and agree to a payment plan.

**Section 3:** During the entirety of a pledge's pledging semester, each pledge shall pay monetary dues required of him. These monies shall cover the national initiation fee, and the pledge program fees. The Treasurer of the active chapter shall provide to each pledge a detailed bill on how these monies are spent within the first three weeks of pledging. The Treasurer shall also determine the pledge fee during the same meeting as when the semesterly budget is calculated. These monies shall be called due ninety days after the pledge undergoes the pledging ceremony. The balance shall accrue to the general fund of the Active Organization. No part of the initiation fee shall be used for any purpose other than the national initiation pledging fees.

#### **ARTICLE 4. PLEDGING**

**Section 1:** A Pledge can become a member if at the final vote for membership, the final vote consists of less than 20% negative votes from the actives.

**Section 2:** Each semester's pledge class shall elect officers, including, but not limited to, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The pledge class President shall report for these officers at each active organization meeting between his election and initiation.

#### **ARTICLE 5. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**Section 1:** No brother can hold more than one office of the Executive Council.

**Section 2:** The responsibility of the Executive Council shall be to make decisions on pressing issues.

**Section 3:** The decisions of executive council can be overturned by a majority vote of the Chapter in any regular business meeting.

**Section 4:** Executive council must announce all executive council votes as soon as possible.

#### **ARTICLE 6. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Section 1:** A Judiciary Committee shall be formed in the event that a dispute occurs that cannot be handled by the Vice-President alone. The Vice-President in this case will nominate three non-partisan brothers to be approved by the Executive Council.

**Section 2:** If any Executive Council member is involved in the dispute, he must recuse himself of the approval process of the nominees. If the Vice-President is involved, then the duty of nominating the Judiciary Committee will fall on the elected officer who has the lowest bond number and is not involved.

**Section 3:** Once approved, this committee is to investigate the situation in regards to the Constitution and the Code of Ethics and report to the Active Organization with the course of action.

**Section 4:** The course of action will be followed unless there is a three-fourth vote at a chapter meeting with quorum present to veto.



## **ARTICLE 7. STANDARDS BOARD**

**Section 1:** The Standards Board shall handle all disciplinary action for the chapter that lies outside the responsibility of other officers. The Vice-President will appoint three members of the chapter to the board to be approved by the Executive Council.

**Section 2:** If any Standards Board member is to face disciplinary action, a Judiciary Committee will be formed to handle the matter.

**Section 3:** Once approved, this committee is to investigate the situation in regards to the Constitution and the Code of Ethics and report to the Active Organization with the course of action.

**Section 4:** The course of action will be followed unless there is a three-fourth vote at a chapter meeting with quorum present to veto.

**Section 5:** In the case of a veto, the chapter must immediately discuss and approve a new course of action.

## **ARTICLE 8. SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**Section 1:** Triangle Fraternity has a zero tolerance for sexual harassment as defined by the US Department of State.

**Section 2:** Upon proof of sexual harassment by a member, a consequence of expulsion will be pursued according to national guidelines.

## **ARTICLE 9. DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

**Section 1:** The possession, distribution, or use of any illegal or controlled substances without a legal prescription on the chapter property, at a sponsored event, or in any other situation that could associate a member with the possession, distribution, or use of any illegal or controlled substances is strictly prohibited.

**Section 2:** The possession of hard alcohol, defined as any beverage with an alcohol content of greater than or equal to 15 percent alcohol by volume, shall be prohibited in all rooms of the Chapter House, including in private rooms, except when provided under the control of a licensed, insured third-party vendor.

**Section 3:** Any incident violating this premise will require the President to propose the expulsion of the violating party.

## **ARTICLE 10. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Section 1:** By the second business meeting of each semester, every active member will setup a payment contract for the upcoming semester dues, to be paid in full.

- Partial payment plans are to be determined by the active Treasurer on a case-by-case basis. All partial payment plans will need to be approved by executive council.
- Each payment contract will cover no less than National fees, insurance fees, and any additional chapter operational fees deemed necessary by the active Treasurer.
- As long as payment is still owed, payments may be made no less frequently than the seventh of each month starting with the first full month of the semester.

**Section 2:** Delinquent payments are to be defined as any amount of unpaid monies as agreed upon in the payment contract by the agreed payment date. Any delinquent payments will be paid as soon as possible.

- A delinquent payment must be resolved with the Treasurer to be paid in full or by amending the current payment contract to make up the delinquent payment. Either option must be resolved by the next payment date according to your current payment contract.
- A payment strike is to be defined as any breach in your payment contract, including missing a payment or failing to resolve a delinquent payment by the next payment cycle. Any strikes will remain on your record for the duration of the academic year the strike was given.
- The first strike will result in a warning by the Treasurer.
- The second strike will result in the active member being barred from any function of the chapter that does not fall under the membership accountability index. This punishment is absolved once all delinquent payments are resolved.
- The third strike will result for an immediate call to vote, by the Treasurer, for expulsion of the offending member from the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle. If the vote does not pass, an immediate call to vote by the Treasurer for suspension of the offending member from the Oklahoma Chapter of Triangle. If the vote for suspension does not pass, an emergency meeting will be called by the Chapter President immediately following the chapter meeting to resolve the issue.

- All members reserve the right to appeal to reverse a strike. All appeals are to be made during the next business meeting, and are passed by two-thirds of present members.

**Section 3:** In the event that an active member wants to change his payment contract, he must set up a meeting with the active Treasurer to discuss any changes in payment cycles or payment amounts. Any proposed changes must follow the same guidelines for setting up a preliminary contract. Any changes must be approved by the active Treasurer and no less than two other executive council members. Payment contracts can only be changed up to twice a semester, and no more than once per month.

## **ARTICLE 11. LIVE-IN POLICY**

**Section 1:** Every active member is required to live in the chapter house for a minimum of two semesters as soon as they are eligible, unless decided otherwise by a three-fourths (3/4) vote by the active chapter.

**Section 2:** Any individual breaking the lease at any point during the required semesters will require the house manager to propose a vote to the active chapter for the individual to be suspended.

**Section 3:** Failure to sign a lease for the required semesters as soon as the member is eligible to live in house will require the house manager to propose a vote to the active chapter for the individual to be expelled.

## **ARTICLE 12. ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Section 1:** If a member of the Active Organization misses a chapter meeting for an unexcused reason, the member will lose their right of vote. In the event of a second unexcused absence, the member will also lose their right of voice and their right to attend to social events. A member can restore the rights that they have lost by attending all chapter meetings for two consecutive weeks.

**Section 2:** If a member of the Active Organization misses more than one work day in a month for an unexcused reason, the member will lose the right to attend social events and chapter dinner, until said brother is caught up on work days. Work days can be made up by the House Manager's approval.

**Section 3:** If a member of the Active Organization fails to attend a required academics meeting as defined by the Academics chair, they will lose their right to attend social events. The member may have this right restored by making up the missed meeting in a manner deemed acceptable by the Academics Chair.

**Section 4:** If a member of the Active Organization misses more than one-fifth of the recruitment events during a semester for unexcused reasons, they lose the right to have a little brother for that semester.

**Section 5:** If a member of the Active Organization fails to meet their required philanthropy hours by the cutoff(s) determined by the Philanthropy Chair, they will lose their right to attend social events. The member may have this right restored by making up the hours in a manner deemed acceptable by the Philanthropy Chair.

### **ARTICLE 13. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section 1:** The rules contained in the tenth edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Active Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, any special rules of order the Active Chapter may adopt, and any statutes applicable to the Active Organization that do not authorize the provisions of these bylaws to take precedence.

### **ARTICLE 14. SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER**

**Section 1:** If both the President and Vice-President know they shall be absent from a meeting, the President shall appoint a President pro tem. to preside over the meeting in his place. The President pro tempore's office will terminate in the event of the arrival of either the President or Vice-President, or by a majority vote to elect a new President pro tem.

**Section 2:** If the Vice-President knows he shall be absent from a meeting, he shall appoint an officer to preside over aftermeetings in his place. This office will terminate in the event of arrival of the Vice-President, or by a majority vote to elect a new presiding officer.

## **Rules and Regulations**

1. The Chapter will pay for intramural fees of members and their friends representing Triangle, subject to chapter approval.
2. There will be a twenty-five dollar charge for bounced checks to the Chapter.
3. There will be no smoking or vaping in public areas of the house.
4. Pledges are not to be charged for parties and banquets.

5. Members must cover the cost of their parents at banquets.
6. National active dues at initiation will be paid by the Alumni chapter if the new initiate had a 4.0 GPA the final semester of pledgeship if they were a full time student.
7. The chapter newsletter shall be named The Event Horizon.
8. If a member questions another members personal hygiene, then the member in question will have 24 hours to fix the problem.
9. There shall be an alumni mailing list on the [outriangle.org](http://outriangle.org) domain. This list shall maintain archives which Active Members may examine.
10. A mug may only be used by its creator or if it was made by an alumnus long past.
11. Everyone must flush the toilet after use.
12. There will be no illegal torrenting at the manor.
13. Only Pledges, Actives, Manor Superintendent, Alumni, House Director, Associate Members, Honorary Members, Distinguished Fellows of Triangle, or those designated by the Manor Superintendent can know the manor door code.
14. There will be no coitus in the community showers of the house.
15. The organization shall be referred to as a fraternity, and not a frat.