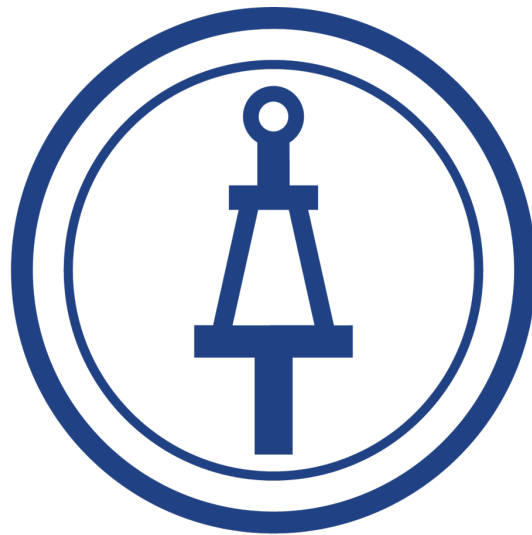


# **Tau Beta Pi – Michigan Gamma Chapter**

## **Constitution**

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**Tau Beta Pi**  
The Engineering Honor Society

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## **Preamble**

The Michigan Gamma Chapter of the Tau Beta Pi Association, Inc. was installed at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor on June 14, 1906.

## **Article I**

### **Name, Scope, and Precedence**

SECTION I.1. NAME This chapter is named "Tau Beta Pi Association, Inc., Michigan Gamma Chapter", or equivalently, the Michigan Gamma Chapter of the Tau Beta Pi Association, hereafter referred to as "Michigan Gamma" or simply, the "chapter". The Tau Beta Pi Association, Inc. may hereafter be referred to as the "Association."

SECTION I.2. SCOPE This constitution governs the proceedings of the chapter in all matters not specifically provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Convention Acts of the Association.

SECTION I.3. PRECEDENCE The governing precedence of the chapter is:

1. All rules and regulations of the University of Michigan and the College of Engineering that apply to honor societies.
2. The Constitution, Bylaws, and Convention Acts of the Association.
3. This chapter constitution.
4. Any Bylaws the chapter may enact.

In the event of a conflict between the rules and regulations of the University of Michigan and the College of Engineering and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Convention Acts of the Association this chapter will notify the Association of any such conflicts and of this chapter's action with regard to these conflicts. Unless otherwise stated, all official business of the chapter will be conducted in accordance with Robert's "Rules of Order" Revised, subject to the provisions of the governing precedence of the chapter.

SECTION I.4. TERMINOLOGY This Constitution, together with any Bylaws enacted by the chapter, will collectively serve the role of chapter Bylaws as prescribed in C-VII, 4 of the Constitution of the Association.

SECTION I.5. UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION The Michigan Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Pi is, at the time of the ratification of this Constitution, a sponsored student

organization and is sponsored by the College of Engineering - Office of Student Affairs.

## **Article II Objectives**

This chapter is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding Section of any future federal tax code. The objectives of Michigan Gamma are:

SECTION II.1. To uphold the motto, creed, and objectives of the Association.

SECTION II.2. To promote and encourage integrity and excellence in engineering education for the betterment of fellow students, the University, and the public at large.

SECTION II.3. To foster a spirit of respect and cooperation between students and the faculty of the University of Michigan, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture within the College of Engineering.

SECTION II.4. To cooperate with and support the activities of local Alumni Chapters of the Association.

SECTION II.5. To engage in meaningful service to the University and the broader community, especially by cooperating and collaborating with other organizations on campus.

SECTION II.6. To cooperate and collaborate with District 7 and other chapters of the Association, particularly other collegiate chapters, with regards to contributing to the broader organization, improving the chapters' communities, and facilitating networking between Tau Beta Pi members.

## **Article III Government of the Chapter**

SECTION III.1. GOVERNING BODIES Michigan Gamma shall be governed by the Chapter assembled in a Voting Meeting and by the Officer Corps. These two bodies shall control all matters and affairs pertaining to the chapter as a whole.

### SECTION III.2. CHAPTER VOTING MEETINGS

- (a) **TIME AND PARTICIPATION** Chapter voting meetings must be held at least twice a semester to elect candidates for membership and to elect new officers. The chapter membership or officers may designate additional general meetings to be voting meetings, provided they are advertised as such not after the later of the previous general meeting or two weeks prior to the desired voting meeting. Any active member may attend and vote. Quorum for chapter activities is defined by C-VII, 6 of the Constitution of the Association.
- (b) **AGENDA** Prior to any voting meeting, the chapter president will prepare an agenda for the meeting and will cause it to be distributed.
- (c) **CHAIR** The Advisory Board will select a chair for the official business portions of all voting meetings. This chair should be a current advisor or the chapter president.
- (d) **OFFICER ELECTION** The chapter membership will elect members of the Officer Corps as provided in this Constitution and any Bylaws adopted by the chapter.
- (e) **BYLAWS** The chapter membership may enact Bylaws for the chapter, at any voting meeting. The procedure for enactment, or for amendment of the amending procedure of such Bylaws, must follow the same requirements for amending this Constitution.

**SECTION III.3. OFFICER CORPS** The Officer Corps will consist of those persons holding offices specified by this Constitution and the chapter Bylaws. They will serve without compensation for terms of lengths specified in this Constitution or the chapter Bylaws. No term may exceed 13 months except those of advisors whose terms cannot exceed four years. The members of the Officer Corps will be elected by the chapter membership at designated voting meetings. Chapter Bylaws may specify specific offices of the Officer Corps as appointed. If any positions are to be filled by appointment, the chapter Bylaws must designate a procedure for such appointments to follow.

**SECTION III.4. OFFICES** The chapter must maintain, at a minimum, those officers prescribed in C-VI,6 of the Constitution of the Association. Additional officers may be prescribed by the chapter Bylaws. The chapter Bylaws may additionally combine officers listed in C-VII,8 of the Constitution of the Association, provided that the necessitated responsibilities are still provided for.

SECTION III.5. OFFICER CORPS RESPONSIBILITIES The officer corps will be responsible for managing the day-to-day affairs of the chapter in accordance with the governing precedence of the chapter. The duties of the individual officers are those usually performed by persons holding such offices and as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and the Bylaws of the chapter.

SECTION III.6. VACATED OFFICES If any elected office becomes vacant between the regular elections, a special election will be held at the next general body meeting to fill any and all vacancies in these offices. If the remaining members of the Officer Corps determine it necessary to fill the vacancy prior to the next general body meeting, they may, by a majority vote, appoint an interim officer to serve until the next general body meeting or a meeting as determined by the Advisory Board. Vacancies in appointed offices will be filled in accordance with the ad-hoc officer appointment procedure as specified in the Chapter Bylaws. The officer(s) elected or appointed at that time will serve for the remainder of the vacated term, and will enter their office at the conclusion of the general body meeting wherein the election was conducted or immediately after the vote at the conclusion of the appointment procedure. This procedure may be initiated as soon as an officer issues an advance notice of resignation to the President, even if the vacancy does not yet exist, and the selected replacement will take office immediately upon the existence of the vacancy.

SECTION III.7. REMOVAL Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided for in the Bylaws or in the parliamentary authority (See Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 7) adopted by the Association.

SECTION III.8. FISCAL YEAR The fiscal year of the chapter shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

## **Article IV**

### **Chapter Membership**

SECTION IV.1. DEFINITION The chapter membership consists of those persons so defined by C-VII,1 of the Constitution of the Association.

SECTION IV.2. ELIGIBILITY OF NEW MEMBERS In addition to the requirements in **C-II of the Constitution of the Association**, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- (a) RESIDENCY To be eligible for membership in the Chapter, an undergraduate student must have completed the equivalent of two full-time terms at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor with at least one term in the College of

Engineering, or be within one semester of graduation from the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor College of Engineering, or have been invited to join Tau Beta Pi at their previous school.

- (b) GRADUATE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY To be eligible for election, graduate students must have additionally completed 11 credit hours of coursework as a graduate student. The determination of percent completion of coursework as required by C-II of the Constitution of the Association is to be made by a student's primary advisor or program coordinator. Graduate students who were eligible at the time of graduation from their undergraduate institution are eligible for election as alumni members.
- (c) ELIGIBLE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA Undergraduates in the following curricula in the College of Engineering are eligible for membership in the chapter:

1. Aerospace Engineering
2. Biomedical Engineering
3. Chemical Engineering
4. Civil Engineering
5. Civil and Environmental Engineering
6. Climate and Space Sciences And Engineering
7. Computer Engineering
8. Computer Science
9. Data Science
10. Earth System Science and Engineering
11. Electrical Engineering
12. Engineering
13. Engineering Physics
14. Industrial and Operations Engineering
15. Materials Science and Engineering
16. Mechanical Engineering
17. Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
18. Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences

(d) ELIGIBLE GRADUATE CURRICULA Graduate students in any of the curricula listed in Bylaw [IV.2.c](#) or any of the following curricula are eligible for membership in the chapter:

1. Automotive Engineering
2. Computer Science and Engineering
3. Construction Engineering and Management
4. Electrical Engineering: Systems
5. Energy Systems Engineering
6. Environmental Engineering
7. Financial Engineering
8. Global Automotive and Manufacturing Engineering
9. Integrated Microsystems
10. Macromolecular Science and Engineering
11. Manufacturing Engineering
12. Pharmaceutical Engineering
13. Plastics Engineering
14. Space Engineering
15. Structural Engineering

SECTION IV.3. PROCESS The process for joining is referred to as the election process. The requirements and process for joining consist of those requirements and items outlined in C-III of the Association, and in the chapter Bylaws.

SECTION IV.4. REMOVAL The process for removing a member from membership is defined in C-I,5 of the the Constitution of the Association.

SECTION IV.5. SUPPORT Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of the Michigan Gamma chapter of Tau Beta Pi.

## **Article V Dissolution**

In the event that the chapter ceases to exist, any residual assets are bequeathed to the “Tau Beta Pi Centennial Endowment Fund” with the University of Michigan. For the purposes of this section “residual assets” do not include initiation supplies,



any Tau Beta Pi or Michigan Gamma insignia, or any assets belonging to joint ventures. Assets belonging to joint ventures must be left to the adjoining parties to be disposed of at their discretion. Initiation supplies and Tau Beta Pi or Michigan Gamma insignia must revert to the national organization, to be disposed of at its discretion. Should any of these result in assets being distributed to an organization not dedicated to one of the exempt purposes outlined in Article II, those assets will be instead distributed to one or more such purposes on a case-by-case basis.

## **Article VI Amendment**

SECTION VI.1. PROPOSAL Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any active member of the chapter.

SECTION VI.2. NOTICE Amendments to the Constitution must be presented to the membership at least 3 business days before the meeting at which a vote is to occur. Amendments may be amended during the meeting without violating this requirement. In the event that the vote is to take place at a meeting other than a regularly scheduled chapter voting meeting, notice of at least 2 weeks must be provided for the meeting.

SECTION VI.3. ADOPTION Any proposed amendment may be adopted by the approval of at least three fourths of those present and entitled to vote at a chapter voting meeting and by an affirmative vote of  $\frac{5}{7}$  of the Advisory Board. Such votes must occur within 14 days of each other.

## **Article VII Enactment**

SECTION VII.1. RATIFICATION This Constitution was proposed by the Michigan Gamma Advisory Board with the advice of the Officer Corps and was enacted 12 November 2013 by ratification of the active membership of Michigan Gamma and of the chapter Advisory Board.

SECTION VII.2. REVIEW This Constitution will be re-approved every five years, on years ending in 0 or 5, by a majority vote of the advisory board, regardless of changes.