

**CONSTITUTION OF KAPPA TAU EPSILON PODIATRIC MEDICAL FRATERNITY  
AT  
ROSALIND FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY**

**PREAMBLE**

We, as students of Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University, in order to enhance the inter- and intra-professional, academic and social experiences of any student interested in benefiting from and furthering the goals of Kappa Tau Epsilon, do ordain this constitution and its bylaws.

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE**

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Scholl Chapter of Kappa Tau Epsilon Podiatric Medical Fraternity.
- Section 2. The purpose of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be to develop and maintain professional podiatric life and inter-professional relations at a high level of service and achievement consistent with the beliefs and policies of Rosalind Franklin University.

**ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. The membership of Kappa Tau Epsilon at Rosalind Franklin University shall be of three types: regular, associate and alumni.
- A. The regular membership of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing with the Scholl college of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University.
  - B. The associate membership shall consist of all non-Scholl member in good standing with their respective colleges at Rosalind Franklin University.
  - C. The alumni membership shall consist of all chapter members in good standing with the organization who have graduated from Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine.
- Section 2. Kappa Tau Epsilon shall establish through the bylaws of Kappa Tau Epsilon such other reasonable procedures, standards and requirement for granting membership as it deems necessary and consistent with this constitution and the policies of Rosalind Franklin University.
- Section 3. Members of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be entitled to all rights and privileges separately granted to each herein. Regular and associate membership shall involve support of this constitution and its bylaws.

**ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND STRUCTURE**

- Section 1. The executive officers of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be Secretary of Academics, Secretary of Administration, Secretary of Community Relations, Secretary of Events, Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Ritual. Duties of the officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

- A. The executive officers shall be students holding regular membership in Kappa Tau Epsilon at Rosalind Franklin University. Delegates holding associate or alumni memberships shall not be eligible to hold executive office.
- B. The elected executive officers shall appoint one member of the board as a speaker, who shall act as presiding officer of the organization during regular meetings.
- C. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin the day of transitioning, which follows a week after elections.

#### ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

- Section 1.
  - A. Executive officers shall be elected annually by a majority of the regular members of Kappa Tau Epsilon in accordance with the bylaws.
  - B. Candidates for executive office shall be initiated members in good standing of the fraternity holding regular membership in Kappa Tau Epsilon.
- Section 2. Members holding associate or alumni membership shall not be eligible to hold an executive office.

#### ARTICLE V. SUCCESSION OF OFFICES

- Section 1. In the event an executive officer cannot complete her term in office, the vacancy shall be filled as follows:
  - A. A vacancy in the position of the Speaker shall be filled by another board member, who shall be appointed to that position by the remaining board members.
  - B. A vacancy in any other executive office shall be filled by a regular member who has met all requirements for holding executive office as enumerated herein; and who has been elected by a majority of the regular members of Kappa Tau Epsilon in accordance with the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the six executive officers: Secretary of Academics, Secretary of Administration, Secretary of Community Relations, Secretary of Events, Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Ritual.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall coordinate the functions and activities of Kappa Tau Epsilon.
- Section 3. Standing Committees may be established and appointed as necessary:
  - A. Members shall serve at the pleasure of Kappa Tau Epsilon for a period for a period not to exceed the council members; term in office.
  - B. Regular and associate members shall be eligible to serve on standing committees.
  - C. The standing committees shall have such duties and responsibilities prescribed in the bylaws and consistent with this constitution.
- Section 5. The Speaker shall preside over the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VII. KAPPA TAU EPSILON

- Section 1. It shall be the duty of Kappa Tau Epsilon to administer all business related too the overall welfare of Kappa Tau Epsilon and to compile rules governing Kappa Tau Epsilon, which do not violate the rights and privileges of its members.
- Sections 2. The executive officers of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall serve as the officers of Kappa Tau Epsilon.
- A. Officers of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall have such duties and responsibilities as are prescribed in the bylaws and consistent with the constitution.
  - B. Officers of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall have voice but no vote in Kappa Tau Epsilon.
  - C. The Speaker of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall preside over the meetings of Kappa Tau Epsilon.
- Section 3. Meetings of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be called at a time and frequency to be decided at the first meeting of each semester by the executive officers.
- A. The first meetings of each semester shall be called no later than Friday of the third full week of each semester.
  - B. Special meetings of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be called by the executive officers, or as a result of a written request presented to the Speaker by any voting delegate to Kappa Tau Epsilon, or the Kappa Tau Epsilon advisor.
- Section 4. Two-thirds of the total regular member fraternities shall constitute the quorum number required for the transaction of business at a meeting of Kappa Tau Epsilon.
- Section 5. Kappa Tau Epsilon shall have the following responsibilities:
- A. To enact and maintain the bylaws of Kappa Tau Epsilon consistent with this constitution.
  - B. To review and take appropriate action upon the annual budget recommended by the executive officers.
  - C. To require reports on any activity of the executive officers.
  - D. To take any action on any matter within the jurisdiction of Kappa Tau Epsilon that is not otherwise prohibited by this constitution, its bylaws, or the policies of Rosalind Franklin University.

## ARTICLE X. IMPEACHMENT

- Section 1. Articles of impeachment may be brought against any executive officer of Kappa Tau Epsilon.
- Section 2. Kappa Tau Epsilon shall have the sole power to try all impeachments.
- Section 3. At least one half of the regular members of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be required to call for the impeachment of an executive officer.

Section 4. An affirmative vote by at least two-thirds of the regular members of Kappa Tau Epsilon shall be required to remove an executive officer from office.

#### ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENT

This constitution may be amended by a quorum of the regular members of Kappa Tau Epsilon, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.

#### ARTICLE XII. RATIFICATION

This constitution shall become effective immediately upon ratification by two-thirds majority vote of the regular member delegates to Kappa Tau Epsilon.