



Kappa Gamma Eta
The University of Mississippi Chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu
Bylaws

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1. The name of the chapter shall be Kappa Gamma Eta, the University of Mississippi chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu, the national honor society of human sciences.
- Section 2. The purpose of the chapter shall be to promote scholarship and encourage intellectual development, promote student research, and advance leadership through program development and training.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. The chapter shall have two membership categories: collegiate membership and professional membership. Collegiate membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students. Professional members including faculty at the University of Mississippi and alumni of the University of Mississippi not previously initiated into Kappa Omicron Nu can join the chapter.
- Section 2. Candidates eligible for selection for undergraduate-level collegiate membership must:
- a. Have declared a major in Nutrition and Hospitality Management or related specializations at the University of Mississippi in human sciences as defined by the national Kappa Omicron Nu office.
 - b. Have completed 45 semester hours or equivalent at the University.
 - c. Have either a GPA of 3.5 or above, or rank in the top 25 percentile of the class, whichever is higher.
- Section 3. Selection of professional membership for this chapter shall be processed through the national Kappa Omicron Nu office.

ARTICLE III
SELECTION AND DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

- Section 1. The selection of new members shall be held once a year during the fall semester.

- Section 2. Prior to selection, the following shall occur:
- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed by the chapter advisor to determine scholastic eligibility.
 - b. Students' discipline records shall be reviewed by the chapter advisor to indicate honor.
 - c. The faculty of the Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management shall be requested to vote on selection of candidates for membership. The selection of candidates for this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty. The chapter advisor shall be the non-voting member.
 - d. Invitation letters signed by the chapter advisor and the chapter president shall be sent to candidates at least two weeks prior to the date of induction.

Section 3. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 4. Members can be dismissed for the following reasons:

- a. Failure to pay dues
- b. Failure to maintain the minimum GPA of 3.0
- c. Change of majors outside the realm of human sciences
- d. Academic probation, suspension, or expulsion by the University of Mississippi.

ARTICLE IV DUES

Section 1. Individual members shall pay annual dues to maintain active membership. The dues consist of national dues and chapter dues. The due amounts are specified on the national Kappa Omicron Nu website.

Section 2. Existing members who wish to renew annual membership shall submit the Dues Renewal Form and the payment directly to the national Kappa Omicron Nu office. The form and electronic payment methods can be found on <http://www.kon.org/>.

Section 3. New members shall pay the initiation fees through the chapter office at the time of induction. The fee amount is specified on the national Kappa Omicron Nu webpage.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer nominated and elected by the members.
- a. The President shall preside in all chapter meetings; appoint committees; plan meeting agendas with Vice President and Advisor; coordinate work of officers; and submit articles for Chapter News on the Website. The President shall be the official contact for entities within or external to the University of Mississippi (i.e., Ole Miss Yearbook, Dean of Students, etc) representing the chapter.
 - b. The Vice President shall coordinate work of committees and program activities; and assume the duties of the President in case of the President's absence.
 - c. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes and sending the minutes to all members; compile Officers and Addresses Form (Forms 1 and 9); maintain listserv; coordinate initiation activities; and compile Initiation Remittance Form and Chapter Annual Report (Forms 7 and 10).

- d. The Treasurer shall issue receipts for all income; pay bills; keep records of receipts and expenditures; have financial record audited at the end of terms; compile Chapter Financial Report (Form 8).

Section 2. Officers shall be elected in March, and after the minimum of 4 weeks of officer training, shall serve a term of one year from May 1 through April 30. Officers are responsible for training their successors before the end of the term.

Section 3. In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election will be held to fill the remaining term of the vacant office.

ARTICLE VI ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisor and the chapter officers.
- a. The advisor must be a full-time faculty member in the Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management at the University of Mississippi.
 - b. The advisor shall serve three terms. During the advisor's third term, a succeeding advisor shall be appointed and trained for subsequent terms.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general charge of chapter meetings, induction ceremony, financial matters, and correspondences.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular general meetings shall be held in September, October, November, February, March, and April. The dates and times shall be determined and announced 14 days prior to the meetings at the latest. Special general meetings may be held at any time when called for by the President. Agendas shall be provided at least 1 week in advance.

ARTICLE VIII VOTING

Section 1. A majority of members constitutes a quorum.

Section 2. In absence of a quorum, no formal action shall be taken except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date.

Section 3. Passage of a motion requires a simple majority (i.e., one more than half the members present.)

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 1. The president may appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed.

Section 2. Committee chairs shall have charge of committee meetings and activities. Committee chairs shall meet with the Vice President and the advisor prior to each general meeting.

ARTICLE X
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section 1. Any member who has a financial, personal, or academic interest in, or conflict (or appearance of a conflict) with any matter pending before the chapter, of such nature that it prevents or may prevent that member from acting on the matter in an impartial manner, will offer to voluntarily excuse him/herself and will vacate his/her seat and refrain from discussion and voting on said item.

ARTICLE XI
FISCAL POLICIES

Section 1. The fiscal year of the chapter shall be from August 15 to August 14.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The chapter bylaws may be amended at general meetings by a vote. See Article VIII for details.