

# **SIGMA BETA**

## **CONSTITUTION**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

**PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY  
HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY  
2200 HICKORY STREET ABILENE, TEXAS 79698**

Eager to promote a closer bond among students of social work and to enter into more intimate fellowship with those dedicated to the promotion of humanitarian goals and ideals by a professional group which quality educational preparation is deemed imperative, students and faculty involved in social work education at Hardin-Simmons University resolve to sponsor a Chapter of Phi Alpha National Honor Society, thereby to foster high standards of education for social work and to invite into membership those who have attained excellence of scholarship and distinction of achievements as students of social work.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **The Supreme Law**

This chapter of Phi Alpha shall be affiliated with the organization known as Phi Alpha Honor Society and to its National Council. The Constitution, membership and program shall be consistent with the Constitution and Statutes of the national organization.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Purposes**

The purpose of this chapter of Phi Alpha shall be:

Section 1: To recognize and promote scholastic achievement among students and faculty involved in the undergraduate social work program at Hardin-Simmons University.

Section 2: to recognize, improve and further the goals of social work in the community, state, nation and world.

Section 3: to stimulate interest in preparation for a career in social work.

Section 4: To encourage continued study and research at the undergraduate level, the graduate level, and in professional practice.

Section 5: To recognize those professional social workers and others whose service, contributions and leadership are held in esteem.

### **ARTICLE III Government**

Section 1: The supreme governing body shall be the National Council as defined in the National Constitution.

Section 2: The governing body of this Chapter shall be the duly elected officers and the Executive Committee as defined in the By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE IV Membership**

Section 1: Any undergraduate social work student at Hardin-Simmons University who meets the qualifications set forth in the By-Laws shall be eligible for active membership.

Section 2: Faculty members having an official connection with the social work curriculum may be granted membership upon invitation of the Executive Committee and approval of the Chapter membership.

Section 3: Honorary membership may be granted to professional social workers and others whose support of social work education and practice merit such recognition.

### **ARTICLE V Insignia**

Section 1: The official logo of the society shall be the Phi Alpha Key which was approved by the National Honor Society Committee. The key shall be issued to and worn only by members of the society.

Section 2: Colors of the society shall be blue and gold as established by the National Honor Society Committee. Royal blue and light gold are preferred.

Section 3: Certificates of membership shall be issued to all new members at the chapter's initiation ceremony.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Meetings**

Chapter meetings shall be held a minimum of two times during the academic year.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Constitutional Amendments**

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and upon ratification by a three-fourths vote of the active chapter membership.

Section 2: Amendments may be proposed to the Executive Committee by any active member of the chapter.