

### **Article I. – Name**

Eta Theta Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity

### **Article II. – Purpose**

The purpose of this Fraternity will be to form bodies of representative students who will, by their influence and artistic interests, uphold the highest ideals of a liberal education; to provide a means whereby students with artistic commitment meet for the purpose of informal study and communication; to raise the standards of productive artistic work among the students in the university, to furnish the highest reward for conscientious effort in furthering the best interest of art in the broadest sense of the term, by election to membership in the Fraternity, based upon such meritorious work.

### **Article III– Membership and Eligibility Criteria**

#### SECTION 1

Active membership is open to any regularly enrolled VSU student who has:

12 accumulated hours of art courses

3.0 GPA in art courses

2.0 overall GPA

Students who do not meet the requirements may become associate members with no voting rights.

#### SECTION 2

Dues and collections procedures

The fiscal year of the organization shall be from September 1 to May 31.

**Initiates: \$25.00, paid only once.**

Those students who are new to the organization and are being inducted into the chapter will pay \$25.00 their first year. Initiates will receive a membership certificate, pin, and the publications.

The \$25.00 fee is considered as initiation and first year dues.

**Active Members: \$10.00 annual dues.**

Active members are those students who have previously paid an initiation fee and have been inducted into a chapter. To remain in an active status, students and officers must pay this annual fee at the beginning of each school year (August).

### **ARTICLE IV. – Voting**

#### SECTION 1

A quorum will be fifty-one percent of voting members. (A quorum is the number or percentage of members that must be present in order for the organization to conduct business.)

#### SECTION 2

Each member in good standing may vote. Students who meet the membership requirements may vote.

### **ARTICLE V. – Officers**

#### SECTION 1

All officers must be members of the Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity. The officer positions are president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and editor.

#### SECTION 2

Officers shall maintain their positions for the length of one fiscal year, which is defined as spring through fall semester, January 1 through December 31.

#### SECTION 3

Election of officers shall be held annually in November. At least two weeks' notice shall be given before the election meeting. Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by ballot. The person receiving the majority of fifty-one percent vote shall win election.

#### SECTION 4

Any officer may be removed from his/her office by fifty-one percent vote of the Executive Board, which consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Campus Advisors. Campus Advisors shall serve as non-voting members of the executive board. Any officer removed may appeal to the general membership and shall be considered reinstated with fifty-one percent vote of approval by the active members.

#### SECTION 5

Any vacancy which may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the president pending ratification at the next group meeting.

### **Article VI. – Duties of Officers Defined**

#### SECTION 1

The Officers of the Fraternity will be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Campus Advisors. Campus Advisors shall serve as non-voting members of the executive board.

#### SECTION 2

The President shall call and preside over all Officer meetings; with the Executive Board's assistance, shall supervise and direct the proceedings of the Fraternity; shall decide all questions of law and order, and all appeals (the decisions shall be binding); shall supervise the work of the Fraternity, and, with the Executive Board's assistance, shall appoint vacancies in such offices to hold until the next succeeding election.

#### SECTION 3

The Vice-President shall serve as Expansion Officer and shall perform other duties assigned, which includes, but is not limited to, coordination of Alumni activities.

The Vice-President shall assist the President in such ways as directed. In the event of incapacity or vacancy of the Presidency, the Vice-President shall act as President.

#### SECTION 4

The Secretary will shall complete records of the proceedings of all Conventions and meetings of the Executive Board and will furnish data on these matters to the Executive Board. The president shall assign other duties. The Secretary shall maintain records pertinent to a continuing history of the organization.

#### SECTION 5

The treasurer will collect and have custody of all fees, dues and other monies due the Fraternity. An audit of accounts will be presented to the Executive Board annually, and an annual financial report will be provided to the chapter. Financial business of the Fraternity requiring a signature will be co-signed by the president.

#### SECTION 6

The Editor will edit and publish all Fraternity publications under the direction of the President and the Executive Board.

#### SECTION 7

Vacancies in the Presidency in an interim between elections will be filled by the Executive Board in the order in which they are named, this being vice president, treasurer, secretary and editor.

#### SECTION 8

All officers will be elected for one year, with re-election of a maximum of two additional terms permissible.

#### SECTION 9

All officers, vice president, secretary and editor, will serve terms coinciding with that of the president.

#### SECTION 11

Ballots will be returned to the Secretary for tabulation within a period of two weeks. Members will be duly notified as soon as feasible.

#### SECTION 12

Prior approved expenses of the various offices shall be paid from the treasury.

#### SECTION 13

The Campus Advisor has the following duties:

1. Assist the group in their execution of roles and responsibilities.
2. Provide feedback to the organization regarding its operations and functions.

3. Serve as a resource.
4. Should provide advice upon request and also should share knowledge, expertise, and experiences with the group.
5. Will be a nonvoting member of the organization and the executive board.

## **Article VII – Chapter Regulations**

### **SECTION 1**

Eligibility to membership will be based primarily on achievement in the field of art. Invitations to membership will be extended to all without regard to other fraternity or sorority affiliations.

### **SECTION 2**

The Fraternity shall consist of Active members, Associate members and Campus Advisors.

### **SECTION 3**

Active membership shall consist of those matriculates of Valdosta State University, who have been regularly elected to membership in the Fraternity, and who have been duly initiated into membership according to the Ritual and Laws of the Fraternity.

Minimum requirement for consideration is a completion of twelve accumulated hours of art classes with a B average in these art subjects. Chapter may raise these minimum requirements to meet local conditions. Admission to membership in the Chapter will be by majority vote of present active members.

### **SECTION 4**

Campus Advisors shall be exempt from fees and dues of the Fraternity. A membership certificate will be issued free of charge. Campus Advisors shall have no voting power and will serve as members of the executive board.

### **SECTION 5**

Associate membership shall consist of those who have not met the academic requirements, and will have no voting power. Record blanks for such Associate Members will be filled out and sent to the International President by the secretary of local Chapter admitting them to membership. They will pay the regular fee of \$25.00 before initiation and annual dues thereafter.

### **SECTION 6**

Chapter is free to formulate its own By-Laws, provided they are in accord with the spirit of the International Fraternity and not in conflict with the Constitution hereof. A copy of these By-Laws will be sent to the International Office and if necessary, for approval of the Executive Council of the Fraternity.

### **SECTION 7**

Chapter secretary shall send to the International President complete rolls of the members of the Chapter, with their addresses, and the names and addresses of its officers as dues

are paid.

#### SECTION 8

Before initiation of any member into the Fraternity by the Chapter, the chapter secretary will forward complete membership lists to the International President with the proper fees. Name changes of members will be forwarded as soon as possible to the International President. The International President will keep due records thereof and fill out and forward to the proper authority in the Chapter the membership certificates for the new members.

#### SECTION 9

Annually, by March first of each year, chapter secretary will send to the International President, copies of the chapter report, detailing the work accomplished during the past year so that Officers may keep in touch with the work of the Chapters and so these reports may be published in The Sketch book.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. – Changes to the Constitution**

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote.