TRIANGLE

FRATERNITY REGULATIONS

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1.1.1 Every Precaution shall be taken by all members of TRIANGLE to prevent any intelligible information regarding the Ritual from reaching any person not a member of TRIANGLE except as shown in 1.1.3 below.

1.1.2 The following general rules shall serve as a guide to the precautions to be observed to safeguard the secrecy of the Ritual:

   a. Every copy of the Ritual shall be numbered consecutively and kept account of by the National Secretary.

   b. In forwarding copies of the Ritual or amendments to the Ritual, registered mail, certified mail or United Parcel Service shall be used.

   c. No member of TRIANGLE other than the National Secretary shall at any time make a copy of any part of the Ritual, except at the express direction of the National Council.

   d. No member of TRIANGLE shall retain a copy of any part of the Ritual without authorization of the National President.

   e. No member of TRIANGLE shall at any time change or destroy any portion of a copy of the Ritual, except in accordance with instructions of the National Secretary.

   f. All old or unused copies of the Ritual shall be forwarded to the National Secretary for the National Files or destruction.

   g. In correspondence, convention minutes or other written matter, Ritual characters, scenes, equipment etc. shall be referred to by letter or key number, where possible.

   h. All Ritual copies and equipment shall be stored in a suitable strongbox or vault.

1.1.3 The abridged History (Part 5, Article 1 of the Ritual) is non-secret and may be used for membership promotion, member education and other appropriate non-ceremonial applications.
1.2.1 All copies of the Ritual and all Ritual equipment shall be the property of the National Council on behalf of TRIANGLE.

1.2.2 The National Secretary shall be the custodian of all copies of the Ritual and Ritual equipment.

1.2.3 The National Secretary shall keep a record showing the disposition of every copy of the Ritual. The following data shall be recorded: copy number, date issued, to whom issued, date returned, date destroyed, date amended, and statement of each amendment.

1.2.4 Upon declaration of the National Council or the National Convention, the National Secretary shall submit his records pertaining to the Ritual and all Ritual materials in his custody to an appointed auditing committee who shall inspect and verify these items.

1.2.5 Copies of the Ritual shall be distributed only as follows:

a. Each chapter shall be loaned only one copy of the Ritual.

b. The National Secretary shall loan a copy of the Ritual to any member of the National Council or any Field Director who requests one.

c. The National Secretary shall loan a copy of the Ritual to any member of TRIANGLE upon receipt of written authorization from the National President, the period of the loan being stated in the authorization.

d. Any copy of the Ritual loaned as provided in (b) or (c) above shall be returned to the National Secretary upon expiration of term of office or at the end of the stated period of the loan.

e. Copies of the Ritual may not be distributed electronically. This includes but is not limited to such media as computer files, electronic mail, web pages, and facsimile transmission. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by written authorization from the National President.

1.2.6 If a copy of the Ritual is damaged or worn beyond repair, it shall be returned to the National Secretary and a new copy shall be loaned. The National Secretary shall shred such copies and make a corresponding entry in the record.

1.2.7 Whenever an amendment to the Ritual has been passed, all extant copies of the Ritual shall be updated. The date of each amendment and the section(s) amended shall be placed at the bottom of each sheet bearing an amendment.
1.2.8 The following procedure shall be followed in distributing amended sheets of the Ritual:

a. The amended sheets, accompanied by a Certificate of Replacement shall be sent by registered mail, certified mail or United Parcel Service by the National Secretary for each distributed copy of the Ritual.

b. The Certificate of Replacement shall list the amended sheets enclosed and shall contain a statement to be signed certifying that the amended sheets have been inserted into the copy of the Ritual and that all replaced sheets are attached and are being returned to the National Secretary.

c. The National Secretary shall verify that all replaced sheets have been returned and shall destroy all replaced sheets not needed for National Records.

d. The National Secretary shall update all copies of the Ritual in the National Files.
1.3.1 The National Secretary shall publish copies of the National Constitution and Bylaws via paper and electronic media. Each copy shall bear the phrase “As in effect on __________.”

1.3.2 When changes are necessary to the National Constitution or Bylaws due to amendments, the National Secretary shall make such corrections and notify all Triangle chapters, members of National Council, Field Directors, and other members of TRIANGLE who may need a copy to carry on the works of TRIANGLE and its chapters.

1.3.3 In case of a discrepancy between two or more copies of the National Constitution and Bylaws, the National Secretary shall be final arbiter as to the current wording.
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / Distribution of Fraternity Regulations

Revised May 8, 2002

1.4.1 Fraternity Regulations shall be issued by subject.

1.4.2 Copies of the Fraternity Regulations shall be distributed and updated under the procedure provided in Sections 1.3.1 through 1.3.3, inclusive, of Fraternity Regulation 1.3.
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / Distribution and Control of the Graduation Ceremony

Effective May 30, 2000

1.5.1 Every precaution shall be taken by all members of TRIANGLE to prevent any intelligible information regarding the Graduation Ceremony from reaching any person not a member of TRIANGLE.

1.5.2 Distribution of the Graduation Ceremony shall be guided by the general rules provided in Section 1.1.2 of Fraternity Regulation 1.1.

1.5.3 Complete copies of the Graduation Ceremony shall be distributed and updated under the procedure provided in Sections 1.2.1 through 1.2.7, inclusive, of Fraternity Regulation 1.2, with the following exception:

a. Equipment which is used in the Graduation Ceremony but not in the Ritual shall remain the property of its owner.
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Fraternity Regulation 2.1
NATIONAL AFFAIRS / Convention Reserve

THIS FRATERNITY REGULATION WAS RESCINDED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AUGUST 13, 1986.

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Fraternity Regulation 2.2
NATIONAL AFFAIRS / Expense Refund

THIS FRATERNITY REGULATION WAS RESCINDED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AUGUST 13, 1986.

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Fraternity Regulation 2.3
NATIONAL AFFAIRS / Nomination of National Honorary Members

THIS FRATERNITY REGULATION WAS RESCINDED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL ON MARCH 2, 1998, UPON THE ADOPTION OF FRATERNITY REGULATION 2.8.
NATIONAL AFFAIRS / Business Stationery Specifications

Revised February 3, 1996

2.4.1 Pursuant to National Bylaws Article 5, Section 11, Para. 1, Council has issued these guidelines for business stationery for undergraduate and alumni organizations, member recruitment letters and other uses.

2.4.2 Either of the following combinations shall be used: Triangle and The Fraternity of Engineers, Architects and Scientists OR Triangle Fraternity and the three words Engineers, Architects, Scientists.

2.4.3 If the Coat of Arms is used, it shall conform to the drawing on file in the National Office.

2.4.4 If a triangle circumscribing a T is used, it shall be an equilateral triangle with an uppercase Roman T enclosed in it. The design shall conform in proportion to those of the Triangle symbol at the top of the Coat of Arms.

2.4.5 There shall be no deviation from the above, nor is there any latitude.
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NATIONAL AFFAIRS / Approved Courses Committee

Revised October 10, 2014

2.5.1 Pursuant to National Bylaws Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1a, National Council hereby establishes procedures for the appointment and operation of the Approved Courses Committee provided for in the above-referenced Bylaw.

2.5.2 National Council shall appoint an Approved Courses Committee consisting of no fewer than two (2) and no more than four (4) members or non-members of Triangle. The number of Triangle members on the committee shall be greater than or equal to the number of non-members on the committee. Each member of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of up to three years.

2.5.3 At least two members of the Committee should have a minimum of five years academic administrative experience (Department Head, Assistant Dean or higher) in higher education. All members shall have demonstrated a continuing interest in the Fraternity prior to their appointment.

2.5.4 National Council shall designate one of the Committee members to serve as Chairman. Removal of a member from the chairmanship shall not otherwise affect his tenure as a member of the Committee.

2.5.5 National Council may remove a member of the Committee from his position, with or without cause.

2.5.6 The Committee shall perform the following tasks as required:

   a. Consider requests received from chapters, colonies and interest groups of Triangle for the establishment or revision of lists of courses of study approved for Triangle membership at such chapters, colonies and interest groups;

   b. Approve or decline such requests according to the criteria provided in Fraternity Regulation 2.6;

   c. Assure a consistency in approved courses listings for the chapters, colonies and interest groups, such that comparable courses of study are either uniformly approved or disapproved.

2.5.7 The Committee shall have the authority to examine or re-examine any course of study at any college or university at which Triangle is represented or proposes to be represented, and may specify a limitation (not less than three nor more than seven years) on the term for which approval of any course of study shall continue without the necessity for resubmission. The Committee is further authorized to establish a schedule of approval expiration dates for courses of study previously approved, such that its workload will remain relatively balanced from year to year.

2.5.8 National Council reserves the power conferred upon it by the National Bylaws to revise or repeal these rules at any time, and to direct the Committee as to the philosophy with which it is to approach its duties. Absent any direction to the contrary, the provisions of Regulation 2.6 describing criteria for approval of courses of study shall be construed with a view toward rejection in cases of uncertainty.
NATIONAL AFFAIRS / Guidelines and Criteria for Approval of Courses of Study

Revised October 10, 2014

2.6.1 Pursuant to Article 3, Section 2 of the National Constitution and Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1a of the National Bylaws, the following criteria and guidelines are hereby adopted for the approval of proposed courses of study by the Approved Courses Committee (Committee).

2.6.2 Engineering

Undergraduate engineering programs which are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) shall be deemed presumptively qualified for approval, and shall not require further study by the Committee.

Undergraduate four-year engineering technology programs which are accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission (TAC) of ABET, and which are offered at an institution which also offers EAC of ABET accredited engineering programs, shall be deemed presumptively qualified for approval.

Undergraduate engineering programs and/or undergraduate four-year engineering technology programs which are not ABET accredited may be considered for approval upon review by the Committee using ABET guidelines.

2.6.3 Architecture

Undergraduate architecture programs which are accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) shall be deemed presumptively qualified for approval.

Undergraduate architecture programs which are not NAAB accredited may be considered for approval upon review by the Committee using NAAB guidelines.

2.6.4 Science

Undergraduate science programs may be considered for approval upon review by the Committee, but shall be limited to:

a. natural sciences (which endeavor to explain or predict nature’s phenomena);

b. formal sciences (which use formal systems to generate knowledge); and

c. applied sciences (which study the application of scientific knowledge transferred into a physical environment).

Undergraduate science programs in these fields shall be considered for approval upon review by the Committee if they meet the following criteria:

a. At least fifty (50) percent of the courses required for graduation are in engineering, architecture, or natural, formal, or applied sciences; and

b. Either the program grants a bachelor of science (B.S.) degree, not a bachelor of arts (B.A.), or the program requires at least one (1) academic year of calculus.

Approval shall not be granted to programs in social sciences (which study the social world constructed between humans), including political science, military and naval science, library science, and any auxiliary sciences of history.
NATIONAL AFFAIRS / Guidelines and Criteria for Approval of Courses of Study

Revised October 10, 2014

2.6.5 Any program approved for any chapter at the undergraduate level shall be deemed to also be approved at the graduate level. Graduate programs which do not have an undergraduate counterpart shall be submitted for review and approval in the same manner as undergraduate programs.

2.6.6 All submissions of courses of study shall be made in the manner prescribed by the National Headquarters, and shall include appropriate information describing the content of the courses required for a degree in the program.

2.6.7 No submission shall be made without the approval of a two-thirds majority of the active organization or without the approval of the chapter’s faculty or chapter advisor.

2.6.8 Paragraphs 2.6.6 and 2.6.7 shall be waived for submissions by the National Headquarters for institutions being considered for proposed colonization efforts.
2.7.1 This Fraternity Regulation shall apply to the assets formerly constituting Permanent Fund, and to any additional Investment Assets subject to the control of National Council.

2.7.2 National Council shall by majority vote designate appropriate funds under its control as Investment Assets.

2.7.3 All Investment Assets of National Council shall be preserved, and shall not be used for any purpose other than the production of income, except upon the vote of a three-fourths (3/4) majority of National Council.

2.7.4 Except as approved by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of National Council, all investment income shall be set aside and used exclusively for one or more purposes approved under the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations.

2.7.5 National Council may at any time, or from time to time, appoint one or more persons, whether or not a member of Triangle, to serve as Investment Advisor to Triangle. Such appointment shall be for an indefinite term, and may be rescinded or withdrawn at any time upon the vote of a majority of National Council.

2.7.6 Such Investment Advisor shall make recommendations to National Council concerning investment policies and strategies, and shall be charged with the implementation of investment policies and strategies approved by National Council. The Investment Advisor shall report to National Council not less frequently than quarterly, or as otherwise directed by National Council.

2.7.7 This Fraternity Regulation 2.7 may be amended, modified or rescinded only upon the vote of a three-fourths (3/4) majority of National Council.
2.8.1 National Honorary Member

a. National Honorary Members may be chosen from engineers, architects, and scientists in appropriate fields who have attained recognized national standing in their professions.

b. Nomination Process: A nomination shall be submitted jointly by undergraduate and alumni members of at least two chapters, or may be made by National Council. The nomination shall include a dossier summarizing the nominee’s qualifications. The nominee must be living and able to attend an initiation ceremony.

c. Award Process: A candidate for national honorary membership may be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the National Convention, by a unanimous vote of National Council, or by the favorable vote of the majority of members of two-thirds (2/3) of the active organizations and favorable vote of the majority of the duly authorized representatives of two-thirds (2/3) of the combined alumni organizations and associations.

d. The Executive Director shall submit a nomination received as described to National Council and all Past Presidents. If National Council unanimously approves the nomination, it shall be deemed approved. If National Council does not approve the nomination but it is approved by at least three-fourths (3/4) of those Past Presidents responding, the Executive Director shall submit the nomination to chapters and alumni associations for voting.

e. The candidate shall be initiated as described in the Ritual. Notice of the initiation shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to each chapter and alumni organization to be read and recorded.

f. Comments: In general, National Honorary Membership is conferred on individuals who were not Triangle Brothers at the time of their noteworthy accomplishments. National Honorary Membership is considered analogous to a university’s honorary doctorate degree.

2.8.2 Triangle Wall of Fame

a. The members of the Triangle Wall of Fame include Triangles who have received widespread acknowledgment of success within their chosen fields. The Wall of Fame is intended to honor successful members, serve as a motivation for Triangle members, and be used as a recruitment tool by Triangle chapters.

b. Nomination Process: Nominations shall be submitted to the National Headquarters. The nomination shall be written and shall be accompanied by a dossier summarizing the nominee’s accomplishments.
2.8.3 Triangle Distinguished Alumnus Citation

a. The Triangle Distinguished Alumnus Citation is made to members of Triangle in acknowledgment of their having made outstanding contributions in such fields as engineering, architecture, science, education, industry, government, and the like, and by virtue of this having enhanced the prestige of Triangle.

b. Nomination Process: Any member of Triangle may nominate a Triangle Brother for the Triangle Distinguished Alumnus Citation. The nomination shall be written and shall be accompanied by a dossier on the nominee.

c. Award Process: The Triangle Distinguished Alumnus Citation shall be awarded upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to each chapter and alumni organization to be read and recorded.

d. Comments: In general, the Triangle Distinguished Alumnus Citation shall be given to no more than three members per year.

2.8.4 Ellison Onizuka Young Alumnus Award

a. The Ellison Onizuka Young Alumnus Award is presented to members of Triangle within twenty years of their initiation who have received honorable recognition of success in such fields as engineering, architecture, science, education, industry, government, and the like, and by virtue of this having enhanced the prestige of Triangle.

b. Nomination Process: Any member of Triangle may nominate a Triangle Brother for the Young Alumnus Award. The nomination shall be written and shall be accompanied by a dossier on the nominee.

c. Award Process: The Young Alumnus Award shall be given upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to each chapter and alumni organization to be read and recorded.
2.8.5 Triangle Service Key

a. The Triangle Service Key is for pre-eminent work in developing the National Organization of Triangle in one or more elective or appointed national posts. The criterion is that of molding the character of the Fraternity and the members, and not that of finance or numerical expansion. The member's service must have been clearly outstanding, not merely long-lasting, and must have had a positive effect on individual members and on the Fraternity as a whole. This is the highest award given for national service.

b. Nomination Process: Any member of Triangle may nominate a Triangle Brother for the Triangle Service Key. The nomination shall be written and shall be accompanied by a summary of the member's service for Triangle and a supporting letter from a Past National President who is not currently on National Council.

c. Award Process: The Service Key shall be awarded upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to each chapter and alumni organization to be read and recorded.

d. Comments: A Triangle member may only receive the Service Key once.

2.8.6 Order of the Transit

a. The Order of the Transit is conferred for pre-eminent work in developing a Triangle chapter or association. The criterion is that of molding the character of the group and its members, and not that of finance or numerical expansion. The member’s service must have been clearly outstanding, not merely long-lasting, and must have had a positive effect on individual members and on the chapter or association as a whole. This is the highest national award given for local service.

b. Nomination Process: Any member of Triangle may nominate a Triangle Brother for the Order of the Transit. The nomination shall be written and shall be accompanied by a summary of the member's service for Triangle, a letter from the active organization president (if applicable), and a letter from a member of the alumni organization board (or an alumni association officer).

c. Award Process: The Order of the Transit shall be conferred upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to each chapter and alumni organization to be read and recorded.

d. Comments: A Triangle member may only receive the Order of the Transit once from a particular chapter or association.
2.8.7 Outstanding Alumnus Award

a. The Outstanding Alumnus Award is presented to members of Triangle in acknowledgment of their having rendered significant service to a Triangle chapter or association in such fields as expansion, finance, organization, or counseling, and by virtue of individual supervision of collective efforts or personal dedication of their time and talents have promoted the objectives of the Fraternity.

b. Nomination Process: Any member of Triangle may nominate a Triangle Brother for the Outstanding Alumnus Award. The nomination shall be written and shall be accompanied by a summary of the member’s service for Triangle, a letter from the active organization president (if applicable), and a letter from a member of the alumni organization board (or an alumni association officer).

c. Award Process: The Outstanding Alumnus Award shall be given upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to interested chapters and alumni associations.

d. Comments: A Triangle member may only receive the Outstanding Alumnus Award once from a particular chapter or association.

2.8.8 Certificate of Service

a. The Triangle Certificate of Service is presented at the discretion of National Council in acknowledgment of service in an elective or appointive national post.

b. Nomination Process: Any member of National Council may nominate a Triangle Brother for the Certificate of Service. The nomination may optionally include a written summary of the member’s service to Triangle.

c. Award Process: The Certificate of Service shall be awarded upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to interested chapters and alumni organizations.

d. Comments: At the discretion of National Council, this award may be given:

i. Upon the completion of satisfactory service as a National Council member, BLF Trustee, or TFEF director.

ii. Upon the completion of noteworthy service in any other elective or appointive national post.

iii. In recognition of a significant contribution in time and effort to the National Organization of Triangle.

e. A member may receive more than one Certificate of Service.
2.8.9 Certificate of Appreciation

a. The Triangle Certificate of Appreciation is presented at the discretion of National Council in appreciation of services rendered to the National Organization of Triangle.

b. Nomination Process: Any member of National Council may nominate an individual or group for the Certificate of Appreciation. The nomination may optionally include a written summary of the nominee’s service to Triangle.

c. Award Process: The Certificate of Appreciation shall be awarded upon a majority vote by the members of Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to interested chapters and alumni organizations.

d. Comments: At the discretion of National Council, this award may be given:

   i. To a non-member upon the completion of satisfactory service as a Triangle staff member, event speaker, or other position serving Triangle.

   ii. To a Triangle chapter or association or other organization that has performed significant services to the National Organization of Triangle.

   iii. To a Triangle member who has made a significant contribution to the National Organization of Triangle, but who is not considered eligible for a Certificate of Service.

e. An individual or group may receive more than one Certificate of Appreciation.

2.8.10 Richard H. Sudheimer Interfraternal Leadership Award

a. The Richard H. Sudheimer Interfraternal Leadership Award is intended to recognize significant contributions by non-members of Triangle Fraternity to the betterment of the interfraternal movement. Candidates include, but are not limited to, Greek advisors, university administrators, faculty members, fraternity and sorority staff members, suppliers and vendors, and parents.

b. Nomination Process: A nomination may be submitted by a Triangle staff member, National Council member, Triangle Education Foundation member, chapter alumni officer, or a majority vote of the active organization of any Triangle chapter.

c. The nomination shall be written and shall include a summary of the individual’s contributions to the interfraternal world.

d. Award Process: The award shall be given upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to each chapter and alumni organization to be read and recorded.
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Revised August 3, 2014

2.8.11 Outstanding Advisor Award

a. The Outstanding Advisor Award is presented to Triangle members or non-members in acknowledgment of their having rendered significant service as an Advisor to a chapter of Triangle for a period of at least five (5) years.

b. Nomination Process: Any chapter of Triangle may nominate an individual for the Outstanding Advisor Award. The nomination shall be written and shall be accompanied by a summary of the person's service for Triangle and a letter from the chapter's active organization president indicating a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the active organization.

c. Award Process: The Outstanding Advisor Award shall be awarded upon a majority vote by the members of Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to interested chapters and alumni organizations.

2.8.12 Cap Henning Altruism Award

a. The Cap Henning Altruism Award is intended to recognize members of Triangle Fraternity who have made an exemplary contribution to a better world through one or more of the following:

i. As with Cap Henning, exemplary contribution of a member's time and energy to an altruistic cause not related to his profession;

ii. Exemplary contribution of a member's time and energy using his professional skills for an altruistic cause;

b. Nomination Process: Any member of Triangle may nominate a Triangle Brother for the Cap Henning Altruism Award. The nomination shall be written and shall include a summary of the individual's contributions.

c. Award Process: The Cap Henning Altruism Award shall be awarded upon a majority vote by the members of National Council. The National President or his designee shall present the award in a manner that is fitting and appropriate. Notice of the award shall be placed in Triangle Review and delivered to each chapter and alumni organization to be read and recorded.

d. Comments: In general, the Cap Henning Altruism Award shall be given to no more than one member per year.
2.8.13 Top Triangle Pin

a. Eligibility is on the basis of special service to the Fraternity. Members eligible to wear the Top TRIANGLE Recognition Pin include National Honorary Members, members of the Wall of Fame, Citation holders, Distinguished Alumnus Citation holders, Young Alumnus awardees, Service Key holders, Order of the Transit holders, Certificate of Service holders, Outstanding Alumnus awardees, Building Loan Fund Trustees, Education Foundation Directors, National Council Members, and Active Advisors.

b. Comments: National Council does not explicitly vote to award someone a Top Triangle Pin. Permission to wear the Top Triangle Pin is automatic for anyone who is or has been in one of the above mentioned categories.
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POSITION STATEMENTS / Responsibilities of Members

Effective August 7, 1973

3.1.1 TRIANGLE, by resolution of National Council, endorses and subscribes to the following resolution setting out the responsibilities of Fraternity members:

RESOLUTION ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF FRATERNITY MEMBERS ADOPTED AT THE 1963 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION (now the Fraternity Executives’ Association)

WHEREAS, It is apparent that many fraternity chapters do not make it clear to their rushees just what their individual responsibilities are in relation to their respective chapters, and as a result such rushees fail to fulfill those responsibilities, especially when they become upperclassmen, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all member fraternities be provided with the following statement of responsibilities, and that each fraternity, either through its magazine columns or a release to chapters from each central office, urge their chapters to impress continuously upon their members and especially their rushees these responsibilities:

Complete financial, moral and academic support by every member for four years, or until such members have received a degree, including

a. Residing in and eating all meals in the chapter if vacancies exist;

b. Attending all chapter meetings and official functions unless prevented from doing so because of circumstances beyond the member’s control;

c. Compliance with all policies and regulations, set forth by the college and the national fraternity, including those relating to hazing, drinking and general behavior, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this statement of responsibility be disseminated to interfraternity councils, for use in their general fraternity brochures, should they desire to use it.
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POSITION STATEMENTS / Code of Ethics

Revised February 1, 1997

3.2.1 TRIANGLE CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of Triangle, I recognize my obligation to:

Observe the precepts of the Fraternity as set forth in the Ritual;

Accept cheerfully my full share of any task, however menial, involved in maintaining a chapter home;

Preserve and promote the chosen ideals of my Fraternity;

Pay all personal bills promptly and always live within my means;

Help create in my chapter home an environment in which enduring friendships may be formed;

Maintain a creditable scholastic record;

Promote the welfare of my profession;

Maintain my self-respect by proper conduct at all times;

Uphold faithfully the traditions and program of my Alma Mater;

Pay the price of success in honest effort.
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Fraternity Regulation 3.3

POSITION STATEMENTS / Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities

THIS POSITION STATEMENT AND FRATERNITY REGULATION IS SUPERSEDED BY “TRIANGLE ANTI-HAZING DECLARATION” AND “POSITION PAPER ON HAZING - (OFFICIAL POLICY)” AS SIGNED EVERY TERM BY CHAPTER OFFICERS.

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Fraternity Regulation 3.4

POSITION STATEMENTS / Drugs and Intoxicants

THIS FRATERNITY REGULATION WAS RESCINDED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1990, UPON ADOPTION OF FRATERNITY REGULATION 3.6.
3.5.1 The following resolution was adopted by the 1972 National Convention:

“WHEREAS, Triangle’s unique status as a National Fraternity of Engineers, Architects and Scientists represents an asset to the Fraternity, and

“WHEREAS, Triangle’s reputation as a Fraternity of technically oriented students and alumni affords valuable and irreplaceable opportunities for the education and enrichment of its members, now therefore be it

“Our Accepted Position, That in view of these convictions, we strongly recommend to the National Council and to all Chapters of Triangle that the Fraternity retain course-of-study membership restrictions.”
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POSITION STATEMENTS / Triangle Risk Management Policy

Revised August 11, 2019

TRIANGLE FRATERNITY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The goal of Triangle Fraternity is to develop balanced men in the fields of Engineering, Architecture and Science. We aim to do that by providing an environment that fosters personal growth and professional success. This includes taking an interest in the personal well-being of each of our members.

Triangle Fraternity expects its members to properly respect and follow the laws and regulations governing the chapters and individual members, create an environment of responsibility, and to live the Triangle Code of Ethics.

The Risk Management Policy of Triangle Fraternity includes the provisions which follow and shall apply to all fraternity entities and all levels of fraternity membership.

3.6.1. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

In any activity sponsored or endorsed by any Triangle chapter or at any event that a reasonable, objective observer would associate with a chapter, including those that occur on or off chapter premises:

1. Chapters, members, and guests must comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide, or be provided alcoholic beverages.

2. Chapters, members, and guests must follow the federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell, and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances while at any chapter premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter.

3. Alcoholic beverages must either be: (a) provided and sold on a per-drink basis by a licensed and insured third-party vendor (e.g., restaurant, bar, caterer, etc.); or (b) brought by individual members and guests through a bring your own beverage (“BYOB”) system. The presence of alcohol products above 15% alcohol by volume (ABV) is prohibited on any chapter premises or at any event, except when served by a licensed and insured third-party vendor.

4. Common sources of alcohol, including bulk quantities, which are not being served by a licensed, insured third-party vendor, are prohibited (i.e., amounts of alcohol greater than what a reasonable person should consume over the duration of an event).

5. Alcoholic beverages must not be purchased with chapter funds or funds pooled by members or guests (e.g. admission fees, cover fees, collecting funds through digital apps, etc.).

6. A chapter must not co-host or co-sponsor, or in any way participate in, an activity or event with another group or entity that purchases or provides alcohol.

7. A chapter must not co-host or co-sponsor an event with a bar, event promoter or alcohol distributor; however, a chapter may rent a bar, restaurant, or other licensed and insured third-party vendor to host a chapter event.

8. Attendance by non-members at any event where alcohol is present must be by invitation only, and the chapter must utilize a guest list system. Attendance at events with alcohol is limited to a 3:1 maximum guest-to-member ratio and must not exceed local fire or building code capacity of the chapter premises or event venue.
3.6.1. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS (CONTINUED)

9. Any event or activity related to the new member joining process (e.g., recruitment, intake, rush, etc.) must be substance free. No alcohol or drugs may be present if the event or activity is related to new member activities, meetings, or initiation into an organization, including but not limited to “bid night,” “big/little” events or activities, “family” events or activities, and any ritual or ceremony.

10. Chapters, members or guests must not permit, encourage, coerce, glorify or participate in any activities involving the rapid consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.

3.6.2 HAZING

The term “hazing” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against any individual or group of individuals, regardless of affiliation, whether or not committed at a Triangle premises, for the purpose of recruiting, joining, pledging, initiating, admitting, affiliating, or for the purpose of continued membership or enhanced status in an organization that causes an individual or group of individuals to do any of the following, regardless of a person’s willingness to participate:

1. Be coerced to violate federal, state, provincial, local law, or Triangle policy.

2. Be coerced to consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug, or other substance in any non-customary manner which subjects the individual or group of individuals to a substantial risk of emotional or physical harm which includes but not limited to sickness, vomiting, intoxication, or unconsciousness.

3. Endure brutality of a physical nature, including but not limited to whipping, beating, paddling, branding, dangerous physical activity, or exposure to elements or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.

4. Endure brutality of a mental nature, including but not limited to activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact or conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.

5. Endure any other activity which adversely affects the health and safety of an individual, including but not limited to the disruption of academic performance or class attendance, required designated driving programs, line ups, calisthenics, or personal, physical, or financial servitude.

3.6.3 SEXUAL ABUSE

The fraternity and chapters should not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions, activities or events, whether on chapter premises or an off-site location, which are demeaning to women or men, including but not limited to verbal harassment or sexual assault by individuals or members acting together. The employment or use of strippers, exotic dancers or similar, whether professional or amateur, at a fraternity event as defined in this policy should not be allowed.
3.6.4 RESPECT AND DIGNITY

Triangle expects its organizations, members, and guests to respect the dignity of all persons. This includes, but is not limited to, the areas of gender, ethnicity, national origin, race, sexuality, religious or cultural practices, or individuals with disabilities. Abusive, harassing, or discriminatory behavior towards others is prohibited.

3.6.5 FIGHTING AND PHYSICAL ABUSE

The fraternity will not tolerate or condone any form of fighting or physically abusive behavior while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or at any event a reasonable observer would associate with the fraternity.

3.6.6 FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY

Chapter houses must meet all applicable fire and health codes and standards. Chapters should also comply with any recommendations as reported by the Fraternity’s insurance company or municipal authorities.

3.6.7 FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES

Triangle and its members must comply with all federal, state, provincial, local laws, and campus policy as it relates to firearms or explosive or incendiary devices.

Firearms or explosive or incendiary devices are prohibited from the chapter facility and at all fraternity activities or events.

3.6.8 WATER FEATURES

The use of self-constructed pools, bodies of water, slip-and-slides or similar, on chapter premises or at any event a reasonable, objective observer would associate with the fraternity is prohibited.

3.6.9 RETALIATION

Triangle prohibits retaliation against any individual – members and non-members – for reporting, inquiring, or cooperating with a report around a violation of the Triangle Risk Management Policy.

Retaliation is any action, statement, or behavior that is designed to punish an individual for filing a compliance report, cooperating with a compliance investigation, seeking guidance regarding a compliance concern, or to deter one from taking such action.

3.6.10 EDUCATION

All student members shall be informed of the Risk Management Policy of Triangle Fraternity annually. A copy of the Risk Management Policy is also available on the Fraternity’s website.
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POSITION STATEMENTS / Liability Insurance

Revised February 18, 2018

3.7.1 National Council has been informed that in the event of an incident involving one of the chapters or colonies of Triangle, there is a strong likelihood that any resulting litigation would also involve the National Organization. If a chapter or colony fails to carry proper liability insurance, the entire assets of the National Organization and the Fraternity itself could be placed at risk.

3.7.2 National Council has determined, in the exercise of its fiduciary responsibility to protect and preserve Triangle and its assets, that Triangle can no longer allow any chapter or colony to jeopardize the entire Fraternity by its failure or refusal to carry adequate liability insurance.

3.7.3 Each chapter and colony shall, not later than September 15, 1998, obtain liability insurance through Triangle Fraternity’s National Insurance Program.

COVERAGES:

A. COMPREHENSIVE OR COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

1. Premises, Operations, Independent Contractors, Elevators
2. Products and Completed Operations
   a. On Premises Products (i.e. Meals) Included
3. Other Restrictive Conditions or Exclusions are subject to the approval of National Council.

B. GENERAL COVERAGE EXTENSIONS TO BE INCLUDED

1. Host Liquor Liability
2. Personal Injury and Advertising Injury
3. Contractual Liability
   a. All Oral and Written Contracts
4. Broad Form Property Damage
   a. Products and Completed Operations Included
5. Assault and Battery
   a. Protecting Persons and/or Property
6. Premises Medical Payments
C. SPECIAL FRATERNITY COVERAGE EXTENSIONS TO BE INCLUDED

1. Broad Named Insured Wording
   a. National Fraternity and Triangle Fraternity Education Foundation
   b. House Corporations, Active Organizations and Alumni Organizations
   c. Alumni Members, Active Members, Pledges and Volunteers

2. Hazing Liability Coverage
   a. Defense and Coverage for Innocent Parties

3. Sexual Abuse and Misconduct Liability Coverage
   a. Defense and Coverage for Innocent Parties

4. Ninety (90) Days Notice of Cancellation or Non-Renewal

5. Additional Interests and/or Insureds
   a. As May Be Required by Local, Chapter or School Circumstances

D. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE COVERAGE

1. Hired and Non-Owned Automobile Liability
   a. All Leased, Hired or Non-Owned Autos

   Coverage Limits:
   Commercial General Liability:
   Per Occurrence: $1,000,000
   Gen. Aggregate: $2,000,000
   Products & Completed Operations: $1,000,000
   General Agg.: $2,000,000
   Personal & Advertising Liability: $1,000,000
   General Agg.
   Fire Legal Liability: $50,000
   General Agg.
   Medical Payments: $5,000
   General Agg.

   Coverage Limits: Business Automobile Liability:
   Per Accident: $1,000,000
   Gen. Aggregate: Not Applicable

3.7.4 Failure of any chapter or colony to obtain or maintain liability insurance through Triangle Fraternity’s National Insurance Program shall authorize National Council, in its discretion, to do any or all of the following:

   a. Procure liability insurance for the chapter or colony, irrespective of whatever other liability insurance the chapter or colony may have. The cost of any liability insurance which may be so procured shall be billed to and paid by the chapter or colony so insured, together with a surcharge of not more than 25% of the cost of such insurance to cover administrative and policy deductible expenses incurred by National Council and the National Organization.

   b. Suspend the chapter or the active organization of a chapter or withdraw recognition of a colony.

   c. Impose such conditions, limitations or restrictions upon a chapter or colony as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, in lieu of suspension or withdrawal of recognition.
3.8.1 Under the National Bylaws, National Council has the power to suspend chapters and active organizations. Under the National Bylaws, National Council also has the power to recognize (and inherently to withdraw recognition from) colonies.

3.8.2 National Council recognizes that not every failure to abide by one or more provisions of the National Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, and Guidelines by a colony, chapter, or active organization constitutes grounds for the imposition of the ultimate sanction of suspension. However, a failure to abide may be of sufficient severity as to warrant some form of sanction. The purpose of this Fraternity Regulation is to set forth both the circumstances and the basis upon which National Council may, in its discretion, impose sanction(s) up to and including suspension.

3.8.3 National Council considers the following to constitute failures of sufficient severity as to warrant consideration of sanction(s):

a. Any failure to abide by the Triangle Risk Management Guidelines (Fraternity Regulation 3.6).

b. Initiation into Triangle membership of men who are not qualified for membership in Triangle.

c. Repeated failure of a chapter, active organization or colony to pay amounts due the National Organization.

d. The use by any chapter, active organization or colony of a name not authorized by the National Constitution and Bylaws.

e. The failure of a chapter or colony to fulfil conditions of probation established by National Council for prior failure(s).

f. The failure to adhere to the Triangle Fraternity Code of Ethics.

g. Failure to abide by any other provisions of the National Bylaws, Regulations, or Guidelines.

3.8.4 Process For Consideration Of Sanction(s)

a. During or immediately after an incident (the chapter shall promptly notify the Executive Director of any incident):

The Executive Director or his designee shall manage the initial fact-finding. Any Triangle staff member or volunteer who is notified of or becomes aware of a potential incident shall notify the Executive Director immediately.

Upon notification of an incident, the Executive Director, in consultation with the National President, may at his discretion issue a cease-and-desist order to the chapter if needed to prevent bodily injury, property damage, illegal activity, or a chapter culture that may contribute to any of these situations.

This order may last no more than two weeks and shall be communicated to the chapter’s active and alumni presidents, National Council, and (if appropriate) university staff.
3.8.4 Process For Consideration Of Sanction(s) (continued)

Possible restrictions may include but are not limited to:

i. Activities with alcohol

ii. Initiation or pledging ceremonies

iii. Any activities involving pledges

iv. Social activities (including those involving non-members)

v. Visits to other chapters

b. Within one business day of notification of an incident:

The Executive Director shall gather preliminary information and report the incident to the National President, and Standards Committee. In most circumstances, this information will consist of basic facts only: chapter, type, time, and location of incident, and details of the cease-and-desist order if applied.

In his report, the Executive Director shall outline plans for next steps, which may include one or more of the following (subject to veto by the National President or Standards Committee):

i. Phone call with active/alumni president and/or officers

ii. Visit to chapter

iii. Call/meeting with university personnel

iv. Call/meeting with other individuals

v. Wait for completion of university or law enforcement investigation

vi. Other actions as appropriate

The National President shall distribute this report to the rest of National Council at his discretion.

The planned actions may be undertaken by Triangle staff, members of the Standards Committee, or other individuals as appropriate.

c. Within two weeks of an incident:

If a cease-and-desist order was issued, the Standards Committee may terminate the order or extend it until a specific date. Additional extensions are permitted up to a total of 45 days, subject to the communication requirements of the original order. If the Standards Committee takes no action on an order, the restriction shall end at the specified date.

At its discretion, National Council may vote to terminate or extend an order.
3.8.4 Process For Consideration Of Sanction(s) (continued)

d. At an appropriate time:

The Standards Committee shall communicate with the chapter’s active and alumni organizations to obtain all relevant evidence and the chapter’s explanation of the facts, and shall additionally consult with the Executive Director and other appropriate parties before presenting recommendations to National Council for further action (or no action). In all instances, National Council may impose sanctions up to and including suspension.

e. Periodically during the period of sanctions:

The Standards Committee, in consultation with the Executive Director, shall assess the chapter’s compliance with the sanctions that were imposed. Insufficient compliance may result in additional actions being taken by Council.

The committee shall also report back to Council on the long-term effects of the incident and subsequent actions taken by National Council.

Potential questions include, but are not limited to:

i. Has the chapter changed since the incident?

ii. Were the Council actions effective in meeting their goals?

iii. Is any further action recommended?

f. At each meeting of National Council, the Standards Committee shall provide an update on any investigations in progress and at each face to face meeting an update on any outstanding sanctions.

g. Throughout this process, the Standards Committee shall maintain appropriate documentation of communications, findings, actions, and deadlines.

3.8.5 Standards Committee

National Council shall annually appoint a Standards Committee consisting of two current Council members and the Active Councilman. At the discretion of National Council, the committee may also include up to two former Council members or Active Councilmen, preferably members who have previously served on the Standards Committee.

The purpose of the Standards Committee is to review chapter incidents / behaviors and prepare recommendations for National Council.
3.8.5 Standards Committee (continued)

The duties of the committee include:

a. Implementing, extending or terminating a cease-and-desist order if one is issued in accordance with this regulation.

b. Confirming any fact-finding completed by Staff, soliciting the chapter’s explanation of the facts, and establishing the formal record on which recommendations to National Council are based upon.

c. Making recommendations to National Council on actions to be taken. Such recommendations should include consultation with the Executive Director and the chapter’s alumni organization.

d. Assessing a chapter’s compliance with imposed sanctions

e. In consultation with Staff, follow up with the chapter after an incident and report to Council on the effect of the incident.

3.8.6 Potential Sanctions

Included among the range of desired outcomes and sanctions that National Council may impose are:

a. Remove immediate negative influences or situations from the chapter culture:

i. Prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol on chapter premises or at chapter events.

ii. Direct one or more officers (active or alumni) to resign or be removed from office.

iii. Impose fines payable within 30 days up to $25 per member and new member/pledge on the active roster.

iv. In addition to all other sanctions, a fine payable within 30 days of $10 per member and new member/pledge on the active roster will automatically be imposed for use of a common source of bulk quantity alcoholic beverage. A second incidence of use of a common source of bulk quantity alcoholic beverage within 24 months will result in the fine payable within 30 days increasing to $20 per member and new member/pledge.

v. Prohibit (or require approval for) any visits to/from other chapters.

vi. Direct the chapter to remove one or more members from participation in Triangle activities.

vii. Direct the chapter to request voluntary termination of membership of one or more members or expel him/them if necessary.

viii. Suspend or expel a member through National Council action.

ix. Direct the chapter to make changes to its governing documents or other policies or traditions.
3.8.6 Potential Sanctions (continued)

x. Any chapter with failure to abide by the Triangle Risk Management Guidelines will have its base rate for liability insurance increased by no less than 5% and no greater than 20% for the next academic year, dependent upon the seriousness of the failure(s) in question.

xi. Require the chapter to host and/or participate in an educational module.

b. Influence attitudes of chapter members:

i. Direct the chapter to present and/or participate in remedial or educational programs that relate to the charge:
   A. Host and/or sponsor a speaker for the university community.
   B. Host and/or attend a member-only presentation.
   C. Present a “lessons learned” session at an upcoming Triangle event.

ii. Direct the chapter to create an action plan addressing the situations that led to the incident:
   A. Risk Management Plan
   B. New Member Education Program
   C. Officer Transition
   D. Others as appropriate

iii. Direct the chapter to hold a member retreat addressing the situations that led to the incident. Possibly mandate participation by National, alumni, and/or university representatives.

iv. Direct the chapter to send one or more members to upcoming Triangle/interfraternal events.

c. Improve ongoing communication between the chapter and the national organization:

i. Direct the chapter to communicate periodically with the Executive Director or other Council representative.

ii. Send a letter to the chapter expressing Council’s position.

iii. Place the chapter on probation.

iv. Support/reinforce actions taken by the university administration.

v. Require participation with an individual appointed by National Council such as a financial advisor, alumni advisor, etc.
3.8.6 Potential Sanctions (continued)

d. Modify future privileges and obligations as a punitive measure:
   i. Bill the chapter for expenses incurred by the National Organization (or other entities) related to the incident.
   ii. Increase the chapter’s liability insurance premium.
   iii. Remove the chapter’s eligibility for Triangle awards, grants, or scholarships.
   iv. Place the chapter on social probation, prohibiting some or all of the following:
       A. Recruitment events
       B. Pledging or initiation ceremonies
       C. Participation in events hosted by other organizations, IFC, or the university
       D. Social events, whether on or off chapter property
   v. Suspend (close) the chapter or active organization.

3.8.7 Chapter Appeal

Any suspension or lesser sanction by National Council may be appealed by the chapter in writing to the National President stating the basis for the appeal. The National President may direct the Standards Committee to do additional fact finding in regards to the appeal which shall include a conference call with the chapter. Based on the findings, National Council shall decide whether any changes should be made in the sanctions.

3.8.8 Good Samaritan

a. If a member assists another person in obtaining immediate and appropriate medical care related to the use or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or to another medical emergency, then that member, as well as those who are assisted, will not be subject to individual sanction(s) with respect to the incident. This is the case even if the member who is assisting was a contributing factor to that emergency. An individual may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.

b. A chapter that seeks immediate and appropriate medical assistance for a person in need related to the use or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or to another medical emergency, may be eligible for mitigation of sanction(s) related to failure(s) to abide by organizational guidelines. To be eligible for this potential mitigation, the chapter will be required to meet in person or by phone with a national staff member or an alumni volunteer designated by the fraternity. A chapter may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.
3.9.1 Under the National Bylaws, National Council has the power to suspend chapters and active organizations. Under the National Bylaws, National Council also has the power to recognize (and inherently to withdraw recognition from) colonies and interest groups.

3.9.2 National Council has grown increasingly concerned over the failure of some chapters to pay their obligations to National Council in a timely manner. While National Council recognizes that all chapter accounts payable to National Council are subject to a late charge of 1.5% per month, it appears to National Council that these late charges have failed to induce some chapters to assign appropriate priority to the payment of their obligations to National Council.

3.9.3 Beginning with the 1996-97 academic year, any chapter having an outstanding balance due National Council in excess of twenty percent (20%) of its predicted annual national fees (National Active Fees, Pledge Fees, Initiation Fees and National Meeting Reserve fees) for more than sixty days will be subject to the following sanctions:

a. At sixty days, eligibility to participate in any national awards programs shall be suspended. Such programs shall be deemed to include Chapter Performance Award, Summit Award, Scholarship awards, Publication awards, and individual awards such as Triangle Fraternity Education Foundation loans and scholarships.

b. At ninety days, the chapter, colony or interest group shall be placed on probation and permission to initiate new members shall be withheld or withdrawn. In order for the probation to be lifted, the chapter shall be required to pay the entire balance due National Council and submit a current balance sheet, and aged accounts receivable and accounts payable reports.

c. At one hundred twenty days, the National Treasurer shall refer the chapter’s status to National Council with a recommendation on suspension of the active organization.

3.9.4 The amount of predicted annual national fees for each chapter shall be determined by multiplying the total number of active members and pledges as shown by the National Secretary’s records as of the end of June of each year by $100.00.
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POSITION STATEMENTS / National Council Guiding Policies

Revised April 2, 2006

3.10.1 TRIANGLE FRATERNITY exists to provide an environment of excellence in which each individual member shall achieve his highest potential and where he may form lifelong friendships.

National Council recognizes the following (in priority order) as the stakeholders of Triangle, and shall work for these owners by striving to continuously achieve the mission of Triangle:

a. Members
b. Parents of members and prospective members
c. Universities (in particular, those at which Triangle chapters/colonies operate)
d. Communities (in particular, those in which Triangle chapters/colonies operate)
e. Employers (in particular, those by whom Triangle members are/might be employed)

3.10.2 National Council shall act in a way that represents the values of Triangle and otherwise use reasonable ethics and prudence.

3.10.3 National Council values and shall properly protect the physical and mental health and safety of its members and other stakeholders.

3.10.4 National Council shall act in a way that fosters the financial stability and growth of Triangle.

3.10.5 National Council shall seek to continuously improve the amount of member participation and investment in Triangle.

3.10.6 National Council shall act in a strategic capacity.

a. The National Council President shall be responsible for National Council agenda creation and use.

b. All meetings of National Council shall be open, unless a Directors-only meeting is called:

   i. Any Councilman may call a Directors-only meeting at any time by notifying the President.

   ii. Convening of a Directors-only meeting shall require a simple majority in favor.

   iii. Individual guests may be admitted to a Directors-only meeting by a majority vote of National Council.

   iv. If an open meeting was in progress prior to convening the Directors-only meeting, the open meeting must reconvene at the conclusion of the Directors-only meeting.
3.10.7 National Council values diversity of opinion in its Council membership, but seeks to achieve “many minds with one voice.”

   a. Only those who are qualified to serve Triangle in the best and fullest capacity shall be sought out to serve as Councilmen.

   b. Councilmen shall be expected to attend all Council meetings and participate in all Council discussion unless prior excuse is obtained from the National President.

   c. If for an extended period of time a Councilman is unable or unwilling to follow through on the duties to which he has committed himself, he shall remove himself or shall be removed from Council, according to the Bylaws.

   d. Councilmen shall be encouraged and expected to learn about Triangle, its operating environment, and business policies related to operating and improving the organization.

3.10.8 The Executive Director (and the staff whom he controls) shall act in a primarily tactical capacity.

   a. The Executive Director shall be responsible for implementation of procedures, practices, and staff policies that support achievement of Triangle’s mission and objectives and which also follow National Council’s Executive Director limitation/direction policies.
The following resolution was adopted by the 2003 National Convention:

“WHEREAS, Triangle Fraternity believes that sororities and women’s fraternities offer excellent opportunities for women to share a fraternal experience; and

“WHEREAS, Triangle Fraternity, as a social fraternity, is specifically exempt from the provisions of Title IX; and

“WHEREAS, auxiliary women’s groups organized by men’s fraternity chapters, commonly referred to as ‘little sisters,’ are inconsistent with the concept and philosophy of separate and equal women’s fraternities; and

“WHEREAS, Triangle Fraternity believes that these groups inhibit the accomplishment of chapter goals by:

DIVERTING resources of time, efforts, and money which are needed for chapter operations and programming;

DISTRACTING chapter members in the performance of essential duties (e.g., membership recruitment and membership education);

INVITING disharmony within the chapter by usurping the roles and responsibilities of initiated members; and

WEAKENING the bonds of brotherhood by adversely affecting interpersonal relationships within the chapter; and

“WHEREAS, the North-American Interfraternity Council, the Fraternity Executives Association, and several member fraternities have taken a position against these auxiliary groups;

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Triangle Fraternity hereby states its position on ‘little sisters’ as follows:

The formation of new ‘little sister’ groups is prohibited;

Chapters having ‘little sister’ groups are to eliminate these groups by the end of the 2003-2004 academic year.”
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POSITION STATEMENTS / Non-Discrimination Policy

Effective July 31, 2005

3.12.1 The following resolution was adopted by the 2005 National Convention:

“WHEREAS Triangle Fraternity is an organization of men in engineering, architecture, and science, limiting its membership on the basis of gender and academic discipline; and

“WHEREAS our chapters, colonies, interest groups, and national organization should value the diversity and tolerance of its membership; and

“WHEREAS the Ritual of Triangle defines the standard by which each brother should be judged -- individual merit, not class or category; therefore be it

“RESOLVED that discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, condition of disability, or religious affiliation is inconsistent with the guiding principles of Triangle Fraternity; and be it further

“RESOLVED that discrimination in practice or policy shall not be tolerated within the Chapters, Colonies, Interest Groups, or National Organization of Triangle Fraternity.”
3.13.1 The following resolution was adopted by the 2005 National Convention and subsequently modified by National Council:

"WHEREAS Triangle Fraternity wants every opportunity to expand to all eligible campuses; and

"WHEREAS Triangle Fraternity recognizes and supports the position of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), which promotes that we must extend good will and like opportunities to NIC members if we are to expect like good will and opportunities in return; and

"WHEREAS Triangle Fraternity upholds its Code of Ethics by promoting the Fraternal Movement which upholds the traditions and programs of alma maters and promotes the welfare of all professions, now therefore be it

"RESOLVED that Triangle Fraternity’s chapters and members are expected to support expansion of any NIC member group to their campuses; be it also

"RESOLVED that Triangle Fraternity’s chapters and its representatives are expected to support any NIC member group’s application for membership to their campus’s Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) or like organization, where we have a vote in that process; and be it also

"RESOLVED that Triangle Fraternity expects all NIC members and their chapters, representatives and members to support any expansion efforts of Triangle to their campuses (including membership in any IFC or like organization)."
The Triangle Code of Ethics states that each member shall “uphold faithfully the traditions and program of [his] alma mater.” As a collection of members, each chapter is also expected to follow this course in its relationship and interactions with its host institution.

Therefore, each chapter and its members shall:

a. Be a properly recognized student organization in accordance with the regulations set forth by its host institution and/or…

b. Be a member in good standing of its Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) or like organization, and take an active part in university activities available to fraternities.

c. Obey student codes of conduct as well as all university regulations applying to Greek organizations and student organizations.

In the rare situation that a university policy is deemed contrary to the ideals of Triangle or the rights of its members, any of the above requirements may be waived on a case-by-case basis by a majority vote of National Council. If a chapter and its members are not able to fulfill any of the above requirements, because of a refusal to sign a recognition, relationship, or similar document indemnifying the institution against its own negligence, or if it is determined that membership in the campus IFC is a barrier to success, then National Council can waive any of these requirements. (See regulation 3.15 for additional information).
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POSITION STATEMENTS / Non-indemnification of Host Institutions and Limit of Authority of Individual Chapters

Effective October 3, 2010

3.15.1 Triangle Fraternity (Fraternity) values its relationship with its many host institutions across the United States of America;

3.15.2 However, Triangle will not defend or indemnify any college or university host institution against the institution's own negligence and will not protect or defend any college or university host institution against any claim for an action or inaction related to the negligence of that host institution, its agents or employees.

3.15.3 In addition, chapters, undergraduate chapter members or officers, chapter advisory board members, and House Corporation officers or any other person affiliated with any individual chapter are not officers of Triangle Fraternity, and have no authority to execute agreements, contracts, or documents on behalf of the Fraternity that would bind or otherwise obligate the Fraternity.

3.15.4 No chapter should sign a recognition, relationship or similar agreement with a host institution without outside review by our insurance agent and National Headquarters and, if appropriate, legal counsel.

3.15.5 Pursuant to the Federal Volunteer Protection Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 14501-14505, college or university host institutions may not hold Triangle volunteers, at any level, liable for harm resulting from a negligent act or omission of a volunteer who was acting within the scope of his responsibilities as a Triangle volunteer.

3.15.6 At the start of school in the fall of each year, a copy of this policy should be mailed to each host institution that requests/requires such coverage. This regulation serves as notice to all members, officers and volunteers.
CHAPTER AFFAIRS / Criteria for Alumni Board Operation

Effective August 7, 1973

4.1.1 Meet monthly.

4.1.2 Include advisors as ex officio members without vote, unless advisor is elected to board, in which case he has voting power.

4.1.3 Require the undergraduate president and undergraduate treasurer to report in person at monthly board meetings.

4.1.4 At least examine, and preferably approve, Active Organization Budget (Form X-1) and Active Organization Program (Form S).

4.1.5 Give undergraduate treasurer assistance in collecting bills.

4.1.6 Secure house notes, if note system is used, from all new initiates. Consider an undergraduate house note treasurer for this. Failure to secure notes has cost a number of chapters much needed money for house remodeling and construction. The use of a house note system is highly recommended and considered by BLF in loan negotiations.

4.1.7 Alumni treasurer bill alumni for annual alumni dues and house notes due not less than annually.

4.1.8 Meet with Mothers, Wives or Parents Club at least semi-annually.

4.1.9 One or more board members should dine at chapter house monthly or more frequently.

4.1.10 One or more board members confer not less than monthly with housemother and cook.

4.1.11 One or more board members visit engineering, architecture and science deans and advisor to fraternities at least semi-annually.

4.1.12 Attend Founder' Day and initiation ceremonies insofar as possible. Assist the undergraduates in planning and promoting Founders’ Day celebrations.

4.1.13 Hold annual corporation meeting at house. Actives, who are corporation members, in particular should hear financial report of corporation treasurer and receive, as all members should, a printed copy.

   Most undergraduates are amazed at how little is left after mortgage or lease payments, taxes, insurance and major repairs are covered. This is aggravated if a rent payment is missed, the serious effect of which should be understood by the undergraduates.

4.1.14 Alumni board should choose and recommend the chapter advisor for acceptance by the undergraduates, or should have veto power over active organization choices of advisor. The chapter advisor may spend more time with the undergraduates, but his role is indicated by the fact he is chapter (active + alumni) advisor, not active organization advisor.
CHAPTER AFFAIRS / Ritual and Initiation Ceremony

Revised February 3, 1996

4.2.1 The impression that the Ritual makes upon a candidate for membership and the members of the chapter depends largely upon the manner in which it is presented. The individual members of the chapter should be familiar with all parts of the Ritual.

4.2.2 The complete Initiation Ceremony shall be read in an active organization meeting during the first month of each school year unless an initiation is scheduled to be conducted within the first two months of the school year.

4.2.3 Each active organization shall carry out all provisions on the Ritual exactly as specified, without alterations or additions.

4.2.4 The Initiation Ceremony shall be in the charge of a Ritual Committee appointed by the president of the active organization. The vice president of the active organization shall serve as chairman of this committee.

4.2.5 Within twenty-four hours after the Initiation Ceremony, the secretary of the active organization shall forward to the National Office a report on the initiation, stating the full names of the men who were actually initiated and explaining the situation in case any man for whom permission was secured and who was not initiated (Form E).

4.2.6 Because the presentation of the Ritual is a solemn event, there shall be no distractions permitted during its presentation. The presence or use of any alcoholic beverages during a Ritual presentation is specifically prohibited.
CHAPTER AFFAIRS / Founders’ Day

Revised February 3, 1996

4.3.1 The general provisions for celebrating Founders’ Day are contained in the National By-Laws.

4.3.2 In order to prepare an appropriate celebration, it should be planned and the date set at least two to three months in advance.

4.3.3 The chapters shall make due allowance for inclusion of such features as may be suggested or arranged by the National Council.

4.3.4 The secretary of the active organization shall furnish to the National Office such report of the Founders’ Day program as may be requested for the National files or the TRIANGLE REVIEW.
ACTIVE ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION / President

Effective August 7, 1973

5.1.1 The following specific duties that are assigned to the active organization president are listed for convenience and to avoid oversights. The listing of these duties in no way relieves the active organization president from any other duty that is specified or implied by the Ritual, Constitution, By-Laws or Rules and Regulations.

5.1.2 The active organization president is responsible for strict compliance with the letter and spirit of the Ritual, Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, and for general supervision over the selection of suitable pledges and should be chosen for office with these responsibilities in mind.

5.1.3 He shall appoint such Rushing Committee(s) or Teams as are necessary to conduct the rush activities of the chapter. He shall replace any member of any committee at any time in the interest of the work of securing suitable rushees. Rush committees shall be maintained in active condition throughout the year.

5.1.4 He shall see that all active members take part in entertaining rushees.

5.1.5 He shall arrange to invite each elected rushee to pledgeship.

5.1.6 He shall arrange to secure a definite answer from each elected rushee within a reasonable time after the invitation is extended.

5.1.7 He shall conduct the pledging ceremony and notify the National Office of each pledging (Form A).

5.1.8 He shall appoint the Ritual Committee to take charge of the Initiation Ceremony.

5.1.9 He shall preside over and take part in the Initiation Ceremony.

5.1.10 He shall administer the release oath when required.

5.1.11 He shall report to the National Office of all releases of pledges and of members of the chapter (Form G).

5.1.12 He shall report to the National Office the name of any affiliate following the election and the affiliate's acceptance of the chapter's invitation (Form T).
ACTIVE ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION / Vice President

Revised February 3, 1996

5.2.1 The following specific duties that are assigned to the active organization vice president are listed for convenience and to avoid oversights. The listing of these duties in no way relieves the active organization vice president from any other duty that is specified or implied by the Ritual, Constitution, By-Laws or Rules and Regulations.

5.2.2 The active organization vice president shall be responsible to the National Council for the care and use of the Ritual and for necessary preparations for initiation.

5.2.3 He shall have supervision over the pledges of the chapter and shall see that the proper relations between the pledges and the active members are encouraged.

5.2.4 He shall appoint for each pledge an upperclass active member as an advisor.

5.2.5 He shall select the dates of initiation, subject to the approval of the active organization.

5.2.6 He shall forward the “Request for Initiation” to the National Office for approval, together with the appropriate Member Service Fee for each prospective initiate. Such request shall be forwarded to reach the National Office not less than 14 days before the proposed initiation (Form B).

5.2.7 He shall notify each candidate for membership following his election.

5.2.8 He shall order badges for initiates from the National Office.

5.2.9 He shall inspect the Ritual equipment at least a week before the date of each initiation and shall make sure that all parts are in good condition and/or pressed for use in the ceremony.

5.2.10 He shall appoint members of the Ritual Team and shall supervise rehearsals of the Initiation Ceremony.

5.2.11 He shall direct the arrangement and use of Ritual equipment as specified in Part 2 and 3 of the Ritual.

5.2.12 He may also serve as Membership Development Chairman.
ACTIVE ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION / Secretary

Revised February 3, 1996

5.3.1 The following specific duties that are assigned to the active organization secretary are listed for convenience and to avoid oversights. The listing of these duties in no way relieves the active organization secretary from any other duty that is specified or implied by the Ritual, Constitution, By-Laws or Rules and Regulations.

5.3.2 The active organization secretary shall keep a suitable and permanent record in which he shall record, in chronological order, official actions taken by the active organizations with respect to elections to membership.

5.3.3 He shall receive synopses of “Everyman” and of the History of TRIANGLE from each candidate for membership on a predetermined date.

5.3.4 He shall read the above synopses and shall accept only those that indicate satisfactorily serious effort and reasonable comprehension on the part of the candidate for membership. He shall reject each unsatisfactory synopsis and instruct such candidate to improve the effort, until the deficiency is overcome.

5.3.5 He shall report to the president of the active organization on the reading of the synopses as specified in the Ritual.

5.3.6 He shall forward to the National Office, within twenty-four hours after the ceremony, Form E and the Member Record, Form F, for each initiate.

5.3.7 He shall record the necessary data in the membership book of the chapter.

5.3.8 He shall secure the official badge, recognition pin, membership certificate, membership card and Code of Ethics when an active member is released, expelled or allowed to resign and shall forward these to the National Office.
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| 11-Aug-2019  | Modify the Risk Management Policies to be consistent with NIC guidelines  
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| 1-Aug-2018   | Modify the Risk Management Guidelines  
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| 18-Feb-2018  | Modify the requirements for chapter liability insurance  
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| 15-Jan-2016  | Modify the procedure for chapter discipline  
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| 10-Oct-2014  | Change the Approved Courses Advisor to the Approved Courses Committee  
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| 3-Aug-2014   | Create Cap Henning ill16 Altruism Award  
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| 5-May-2013   | Create Outstanding Advisor Award  
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| 7-Aug-2011   | Modify the criteria for approval of science curricula  
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| 3-Oct-2010   | Create position statement regarding non-indemnification of host institutions  
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| 26-Jul-2007  | Add Active Advisor to list of those eligible to wear the Top Triangle pin  
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| 9-Feb-2007   | Modify Risk Management Policy to clarify BYOB principles  
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| 28-Jul-2006  | Rename Triangle Citation, create Ellison Onizuka Young Alumnus Award, and modify details for National Honorary Member and Triangle Wall of Fame  
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2-Apr-2006  Create University Relations Policy
   Regulation 3.14
   Added explicit ability for National Council to admit selected guests to a directors-only meeting
   Regulation 3.10

10-Mar-2006  Revise Risk Management Regulation
   Regulation 3.6

12-Aug-2005  Convention resolution regarding open expansion policy
   Regulation 3.13

31-Jul-2005  Convention resolution regarding non-discrimination policy
   Regulation 3.12
   Modify Approved Courses criteria to allow consideration of majors closely related to engineering, architecture, and science
   Regulation 2.6.1

22-Feb-2004  Create Richard H. Sudheimer Interfraternal Leadership Award
   Regulation 2.8.9
   Regulation 2.8.10 (renumbered)
   Replace Approved Courses Committee with Approved Courses Advisor
   Regulation 2.5
   Regulation 2.6
   Convention resolution prohibiting little sister programs
   Regulation 3.11

16-Oct-2002  Modify nomination procedures for Triangle Wall of Fame
   Regulation 2.8.2

8-May-2002  Modify distribution procedures for Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations
   Regulation 1.3
   Regulation 1.4

30-May-2000  Explicitly forbid electronic distribution of the Ritual and Graduation Ceremony
   Regulation 1.2.5 (e)
   Loosen distribution requirements for the National Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations
   Regulation 1.3
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   Specify distribution requirements for the Graduation Ceremony
   Regulation 1.5

28-Feb-1999  Add procedure regarding funding of chapter disciplinary activities
   Regulation 3.8.11

28-Jun-1998  Mandate chapter participation in National liability insurance program
   Regulation 3.7.3
   Regulation 3.7.4 (deleted)
   Regulation 3.7.5 (renumbered and modified)

27-Jun-1998  Define guiding policies for National Council
   Regulation 3.10

1-May-1998  Remove non-compliance option for National insurance program
   Regulation 3.7.6 (deleted)

2-Mar-1998  Define criteria for National awards
   Regulation 2.3 (deleted)
   Regulation 2.8