CONSTITUTION OF PI TAU SIGMA

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**Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization*.***

Section 1: Name:

The Omega chapter of the international Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering honor society may also be abbreviated to PTS.

Section 2 - Purpose:

The object of this organization shall be to encourage and recognize superior scholarship, to foster the high ideals of the engineering profession, to stimulate interest in coordinating departmental activities, to promote the mutual professional welfare of its members, and to develop in students of mechanical engineering the attributes necessary for effective leadership and the taking up the responsibilities of a citizen living in a democracy.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:

Membership shall not be denied to any student on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Further membership qualifications and exclusions are noted in article II.

**Article II - Membership: Qualifications criteria and expectations**

Section 1. Active Members:

Active members shall be enrolled students at Oregon State University or qualified alumni who have paid the initiation dues and met the qualification criteria at the time of initiation. Furthermore, active members must be involved in at least one activity per term to maintain active membership. Failure to do so will cause the member to be considered an inactive member, described in Section 5. New initiates are considered active the term of initiation.

Section 2. At the time of initiation, members must meet the qualifications defined by the national organization and be invited to join. Students must be officially studying mechanical engineering and be in either the top 35% of Senior class or top 25% of students in the Junior class.

Section 3. One time initiation dues shall be paid by at the time of initiation. This guarantees lifetime membership for the international Pi Tau Sigma organization.

Section 4. All voting members and officers of PTS must be currently enrolled for at least 6 credits at Oregon State University. Alumni members are not permitted to vote. Inactive members may be allowed to vote.

Section 5. Inactive Members: Members that are initiated but who choose not to be involved in any club activities (at least one event or activity per academic term). Inactive members may be considered active again if they participate or organize an event.

**Article III – Officers (Organizational Leaders): Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders**.

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the constitution and bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the association.

Section 2. Officers shall be nominated in the spring of each year. Election shall be by secret ballot and the candidates receiving the most votes shall be named to their respective offices.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year, until their successors are elected, or they leave the university. Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected

Section 4. Vacancies in offices shall be filled by nomination and voting by an announced election and those members who attend the election. There must be a quorum of existing officers.

Section 5. It is the duty of all officers to ensure the timely completion of projects and club business.

**Article VI – Method of Removing Officers and Members.**

Officers may be voted out of office if the other officers or members deem the officer incapable of fulfilling his or her duties, at which time a replacement must be nominated and elected. Officers to be removed from office must be given sufficient warning of the intention to recall their position, with reasoning and may be provided an opportunity to correct their actions.

**Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board:**

A faculty advisor must be selected and may serve as long as he or she fulfills the duties of faculty advisor: maintaining relations with the national committee, filing taxes as necessary, and other faculty required duties.

**Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.**

Members are encouraged to volunteer for events within the school of Mechanical, Industrial, and Manufacturing Engineering to promote the organization, improve academic success amongst student peers, and maintain good standing with the national organization. There will not be regular meeting times, though there will be activities each term. Information about the events will primarily be sent via email to members.

***Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.***

Amendments to the constitution must be approved by the majority of the officers before taking affect.

 ***Article X* *– Parliamentary Authority***

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution, bylaws and special rules of order the organization may adopt.

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