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PREAMBLE

We, the brothers of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. hereby declare this document to be our one and only constitution. Let it be known that all brothers of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. shall abide by and protect this constitution as it is outlined in the Articles herein and the bylaws of the fraternity and the regulations.

MISSION

We, the brothers of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. strongly believe that many individuals and collective successes can be achieved through the efforts of a culturally diverse brotherhood of college and university men, who, through close association with each other, maintain honesty, commitment, respect, and trust. The maintenance of these qualities is nurtured, in large part, through the diversity of our cultures and through self-awareness and self-respect. Among these results of actions taken in these states of being are the promotion of friendship and brotherhood, the development of individual character, the advancement of justice and opportunity, and the acquisition of soundness and excellence in education.

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRATERNITY

Section 1 - Composition

The name of this organization shall be LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON LATINO FRATERNITY, INC. ("Fraternity"). It shall consist of undergraduate chapters, alumni chapters, graduate chapters, and colonies established and maintained as provided in this Constitution.

Section 2 - Regions

The area within the jurisdiction of this Fraternity shall be divided into sub-divisions called Regions. Each Region shall be under the direction and supervision of a Regional Director elected as hereinafter provided. The Fraternity shall provide for the administration of its chapters and Regions.

Section 3 - Governing Agencies

The government of the Fraternity shall be vested in:

- The Convention
- The Board of Regional Directors
- The Executive Board ("Board")
- The Chapters

Section 4 - Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law

The Supreme Law of the Fraternity shall be the Constitution. The Fraternity shall enact bylaws that are consistent with the provisions of this Constitution. The governing agencies of the Fraternity, including the National Executive Board, may promulgate regulations implementing the Constitution, and bylaws. The Constitution, bylaws, and regulations duly adopted by the Fraternity shall be collectively referred to as "Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law."

Section 5 - Insurance For General Fraternity Officers

The Fraternity shall provide director and officer's liability insurance for the following Fraternity officers acting within the course and scope of their duties: all Regional Directors, every member of the Board, and chairmen of the standing committees, Legal Advisor, and any other persons specifically designated by the Board. The Fraternity shall indemnify and hold harmless the above officials to the extent of the insurance provided.

Section 6 - Definition Of Terms

Whenever the word "chapter" appears in Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law, it shall refer to ALL chapters and colonies, except when the section specifies to the contrary.

Section 7 - Incorporation

The Fraternity may, upon vote of the Board, incorporate by forming a not-for-profit corporation to include all of the Fraternity's then existing members and to which all of the Fraternity's assets and liabilities shall be transferred.

ARTICLE II – NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1 - Composition Of National Convention

The convention will be composed of all the members of the Board, all Regional Directors and a delegate and an alternate from each chapter in attendance.

Section 2 - Powers At National Convention

At the Convention

- Regional Directors shall have the power to amend the Constitution
- Regional Directors shall have the power to enact such bylaws, as they deem necessary, so long as they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, or State or Federal Laws.
- Each Regional Director shall have one (1) vote per recognized chapter.

- In an election year, the chapters shall have the power to elect officers to the Board
- Board shall have power to enact such regulations, as it deems necessary, so long as they are not inconsistent with the bylaws, this Constitution, State, or Federal Laws.
- Board shall have power to promulgate Region updates

Section 3 - **Organization Of National Convention**

The President shall call the Convention to order. The Chair of the Convention Committee shall determine its order of business.

Section 4 - **Voting**

1. Distribution

Each chapter shall cast one vote.

2. Loss Of Vote At National Convention

A chapter shall have no vote at a Convention, if, at the time of the convening of such Convention:

- The chapter's charter is revoked or suspended unless the Board approves the seating of the chapter at the Convention.
- The chapter is under sanction of the highest level Corrective Action as defined by Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law unless both:
 - The conditions required by probation are complied with by the chapter; and,
 - The Board approves the seating of the chapter at the Convention.
- The chapter is not in financial Good Standing as defined by Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law unless both:
 - The conditions required by probation are complied with by the chapter; and
 - The Board approves the seating of the chapter at the Convention.
- The chapter does not send a delegation to the Convention

3. Compulsory For Chapter To Send Accredited Delegation

Even though the delegation may not qualify to vote, each chapter shall send an accredited delegation to the Convention. Any chapter, which fails to send an accredited delegation to the Convention, shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1000) OR five hundred dollars (\$500) and no new member education privileges for one year. The chapter has the option to choose either one of the penalties. Unexcused lateness to any mandatory events will be considered as failure to send accredited delegation and result on previously mentioned fines.

Section 5 - **Timing Of National Convention**

1. National Convention

- A National Convention shall be held every year at a time and place selected by the National Executive Board and or National Convention Committee. All details of upcoming National Convention will be shared at the National Convention that precedes it. A fifteen (15) month period will be given to prepare for the succeeding National Convention.
- National Convention shall be held within the Continental United States.
- Convention shall be held at a time selected by the National Executive Board or National Convention Committee.
- Upon selection of the time of National Convention, the National Executive Board and or National Convention Committee will notify fraternity via formal mass communication message.
- Each active paid chapter will have seven (7) calendar days to review one (1) of the three (3) choices and submit their vote of (yes or no) accepting at least one (1) of the options provided by the National Executive Board and or National Convention Committee; or such vote will be forfeited. The choices for the following year's convention shall be in one region and will be in order of region numbers.
- The vote shall be submitted directly from the Chapter President to the National Director of Public Relations in the form of an e-mail to communications@lsu79.org.

2. Special Convention

- A special convention may be held at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board to each. The notice will be sent to each chapter and officer at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for such special convention.

Section 6 - Procedure

All Convention meetings, all Board meetings, and all Regional Directors meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order so long as there is no conflict with Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Composition Of Board

A Regional Director will govern each region. Each Regional Director will have one vote per recognized chapter on behalf of his region. Each region shall have a Regional Officer of New Member Education, Regional Retention Officer, and a Regional Expansion Officer to help govern the region.

The Regional Boards shall consist of:

- Regional Director
- Regional New Member of Education (Cacique Mayor)
- Regional Retention Officer
- Regional Expansion Officer (where applicable)

Section 2 - Powers And Duties Of Board Of Regional Directors

1. Powers

- Regional Directors shall have the power to amend the Constitution.
- Regional Directors shall have the power to enact such bylaws, as they deem necessary, so long as they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, or State or Federal Laws.

2. Duties

- Each Regional Director will oversee all functions of the chapters in his geographic region and enforce, in those chapters, the Constitution, the bylaws, regulations and policy directives.
- Each Regional Director will act as a liaison between the chapters in his region and the Board.

Section 3 - Election, Removal, And Vacancies

1. Qualifications

Applicant must be a Brother for two (2) years and a resident for six (6) months in the region.

2. Method Of Election

Voting for Regional Directors will be made by majority of chapters in the region. An election for Regional Director shall be held every year one month before Convention. The term of office shall commence on July 1st of the year in which election is held. There is no limit to the total number of terms a Regional Director may serve except that there must be a one-term break in service after every three consecutive terms of service.

3. Removal Of Regional Directors

Any Regional Director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

4. Resignation Of Regional Directors

Any Regional Directors may resign by submitting a written resignation to the President of the Board, who shall immediately forward such resignation to all the members of the Board and Regional Directors. The resignation shall become effective immediately upon written acceptance by a majority of the remaining members of the Regional Directors who shall deliver a written acceptance to the resigning member.

5. Vacancies

An appointee shall fill any vacancy in the membership of a Regional Director. The residency requirement for the appointee shall not apply. The appointee shall serve until the next scheduled Convention or until the next scheduled

Regional Leadership Conference for that region; whichever is sooner, at which time a regular election shall be held to fill the remainder of the term or for a new term.

6. Oath Of Office

Each Regional Director and appointee shall take the Oath of Office before assuming the duties of his office administered by the Board.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1 - Composition Of National Executive Board

The Board shall consist of:

- National President
- National Vice President
- National Director of Member Education (Cacique Mayor)
- National Director of Alumni Affairs
- National Director of Finance
- National Director of Public Relations
- National Secretary
- National Director of Expansion
- National Director of Retention
- National Director of Philanthropy and Community Affairs

No member of the National Executive Board may at the same time hold a position of Regional Director.

Section 2 - Powers And Duties Of Board

The Board shall have executive and administrative authority, subject to Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law. The Board shall administer, enforce, and carry out the Constitution, the bylaws and Regulations, and to this end shall meet at least four (4) times per semester. A digest of the record of business undertaken at meetings of the Board shall be submitted to the Regional Directors and to undergraduate chapters and colonies within fifteen (15) calendar days after each meeting.

Section 3 - President Cabinet Directors

The National President may appoint the following directors upon approval of the National Executive Board and any others that become necessary:

- Director of Technology
- Director of Performance
- Director of Education
- Director of Special Projects
- Director of Risk Management

Section 4 - Elections And Vacancies

1. Qualifications

- Must be an alumnus in good standing
- Must be a brother for minimum 2 years or 4 years in some cases
- Must have held a previous position within own chapter or in the fraternity OR must have provided distinguished service to the Fraternity in any capacity (such distinguished status shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of the chapters)

2. Method Of Election

- During the first general session of the Convention in an election year, each candidate beginning with those nominated for "President" and followed consecutively by those candidates following may address the

Convention and entertain questions from the floor for not more than fifteen (15) minutes for each candidate. After all candidates have spoken, the candidates will meet informally with all delegates to the Convention for the remainder of the first session.

- Voting shall proceed immediately and shall be by secret ballot. After voting has started, it shall proceed to a conclusion without interruption.
- Any nominee who receives a majority of the votes cast by the active brothers shall be elected. In the event that no one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped after each ballot until one candidate has received a majority.
- The National President, National Vice President, National Director of Retention, and National Director of Finance shall be elected in the same year. The National Director of New Member Education, National Director of Expansion, National Director of Alumni Affairs, National Director of Philanthropy and Community Affairs and National Director of Public Relations shall be elected the following year.

3. Tenure

Each elected officer of the Board shall each serve for two years or until his successor in such office qualifies therefore. Each officer's term shall begin 30 days after being elected at convention. No board member shall serve for more than (3) three consecutive terms in any one office.

4. Vacancies

Any vacancy between elections in the offices or members of the Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

5. Removal Of Officers

Any member of the Board may be removed from office for misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance in office by a unanimous vote of the remaining elected members of the Board at a meeting in regular or special session and ratified by 2/3 of the Regional Directors.

6. Oath Of Office

Each officer shall take the oath of office before assuming the duties of his office.

Section 5 - Executive Director

The Board is authorized to employ an Executive Director with approval by a majority of the Board. The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Fraternity. The Executive Director may be assigned any executive or administrative duty of any general officer. The Executive Director shall be a member of the Fraternity.

Section 6 - Assignment Of Duties

The Board may assign any of the powers and duties of the Executive Director to any officer of the Fraternity or to an Administrative Secretary, which the Fraternity may employ.

Section 7 - Standing Committees

Standing committees shall be appointed as provided in Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law. The standing committees shall include but not be limited to the following: Cacique Committee, Expansion Committee, Grievance Committee, Convention Committee, Banquet Committee, and Finance Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRATERNITY

Section 1 - Eligibility

1. Undergraduate Chapters

The following shall be eligible for membership in the Fraternity:

- Any male student registered in any college or university having a chapter of the Fraternity.
- Upon approval by the affirmative vote of the Board, any male student registered fulltime in any accredited college or university not having an undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity.
- No person shall be eligible for election to membership or associate membership in an undergraduate chapter who is a member of another national collegiate based 4 year general college or social fraternity or social

fellowship. No member of the Fraternity shall join any other such fraternity or social fellowship.

2. Graduate Chapters

The following shall be eligible for membership in the Fraternity: Any male graduate or professional student registered in any college or university having a chapter of the Fraternity.

- Any male member of the teaching or administrative staff of any accredited college or university.
- Upon approval by the affirmative vote of the Board, any male student registered in any accredited college or university not having an undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity.
- No person shall be eligible for election to membership or associate membership in a graduate chapter who is a member of another national college or social fraternity or social fellowship. No member of the Fraternity shall join any other such fraternity or social fellowship.
- Upon the unanimous vote of an undergraduate chapter and the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board, an undergraduate chapter may initiate an associate member, waiving the initiation dues in such cases.

3. Honorary

Any male of professional or business standing who has shown himself outstanding in his specific area of endeavor may be initiated as a member in the Fraternity upon unanimous vote of the board.

Section 2 - **Denial Of Membership**

No person shall be denied membership because of race, color, sexual orientation, creed or religion, national origin, disability or HIV status.

Section 3 - **Vote For Initiation**

No person shall be initiated into an undergraduate chapter unless he receives approval by the chapter. No person shall be initiated as an associate member unless he has met the requirements set forth in the Associate Member Constitution.

Section 4 - **Expulsion**

If any member of the Fraternity shall violate his oath, Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law, or be guilty of unworthy conduct, it shall be the duty of any member who knows of that conduct to immediately notify an officer of the member's undergraduate chapter of such violation or conduct. Indebtedness of a member to a chapter or to the Fraternity, except non-payment of alumni dues, may constitute unworthy conduct within the meaning of this section.

Section 5 - **Expulsion Procedure**

1. Meeting Of Chapter-Notice Of Trial-Counsel

The officer notified of the violation or conduct shall immediately call a meeting of the chapter, and shall relate to the chapter the information received, withholding the name of the informer. If the chapter determines that a trial should be held, it shall fix a date therefore and shall order the Secretary of the chapter to summon, in the manner prescribed by Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law, the accused to appear before the chapter on such date as to defend himself in person or by not more than two members that he chooses from the Fraternity. The President of the chapter shall then appoint two members of the Fraternity to prosecute the accused on behalf of the chapter.

2. Temporary Suspension

The accused individual shall be placed under temporary suspension until an investigation into the allegation is complete and until the trial has rendered a decision.

3. Trial-Vote

The trial shall be held at the time designated by the chapter, unless there are good reasons to postpone the trial. The trial may proceed even though no defense is made by or for the accused. The accused has the right to be present at all stages of the trial except the vote for expulsion. After evidence has been introduced and arguments made, the accused shall retire from the chapter room and a ballot shall be taken immediately without motion. If four-fifths (4/5) of the votes are in favor of expulsion, the accused shall be expelled from the Fraternity. The accused shall be conducted into the chapter room and informed of the result.

4. Expulsion Proceedings By Board

The Board may order the initiation of expulsion procedure of a member in accordance with Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law.

5. Review Of Proceedings

Any trial by chapter, whether originated by the chapter or by the Board, shall be subject to review by the Board upon motion of any seven member of the Board, or upon recommendation of a majority vote of said chapter, or upon appeal by the expelled member. Any request for review shall be made within sixty (60) days from the date the transcript of record is received at the Headquarters Office. A certified letter shall be mailed to the expelled member's last known address informing him of the chapter's action and the date the transcript of record was received at the Headquarters Office. The Board shall have the power to affirm or reverse the expulsion, or remand the decision to the chapter with additional instructions. The Board may reverse or remand the expulsion only on a finding that the evidence does not support the expulsion, or that the expulsion is contrary to Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law. The Board is authorized to conduct further investigation, as it deems necessary. Any decision to reverse expulsion shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote. The Board shall act within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal and shall mail a certified letter to the expelled member's last known address informing him of its action. The Board, basing its decision solely on the records and papers submitted, shall have the power to affirm, modify, or reverse the action of the undergraduate chapter. Any decision of the Board, which results in expulsion of a member, shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

6. Effect Of Expulsion

After the chapter has expelled a member, the expelled member shall not be able to participate in any chapter or Fraternity functions or activities and shall not be covered by insurance. Further, the expelled member may not wear any fraternity insignia, may not present himself as a member of the fraternity and may not re-apply for membership, except upon approval of the majority of the Board. Review of proceedings by the Board does not affect the expulsion. If the Board reverses the expulsion, the expelled member shall be returned to full membership in the Fraternity and the chapter. If the decision is final then a certified letter stating the decision made by the fraternity shall be sent out to that individual respective institution.

Section 6 - **Hazing**

The Fraternity prohibits hazing. Any chapter, colony, or member who engages in any form of hazing shall be subject to discipline as prescribed in Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law, or federal, state or institutional requirements.

ARTICLE VI – NEW MEMBER EDUCATION PROCESS

Section 1 - **Rituals And Associate Member Ceremony**

All chapters shall conduct ceremonies in accordance to procedures adopted by the fraternity.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTERS

Section 1 - **Establishment Of Chapters**

The Fraternity has the power to establish chapters upon approval by the Board.

- Undergraduate Chapters - only 4 year institutions
- Graduate Chapters - only 4 year institutions
- Alumni Chapters – By locality

Section 2 - **Chapter Government**

1. Chapter Officers

Each chapter must consist of but is not limited to a:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary/Parliamentarian

- Alumnus Advisor
- Officer of New Member Education (Cacique)
- Recruiting Officer

2. Chapter Bylaws

Each chapter shall adopt such by laws for its internal government as it may deem fit but such by laws shall not be inconsistent with LSU LAW. Such by laws and each amendment thereto shall be submitted to the Headquarters Office for approval and, when deemed necessary by the President of the Board, shall be forwarded to a Legal Advisor for review.

3. Alumnus Advisor

Each chapter, by majority vote, shall elect an alumnus member who shall be known as a serve as an alumnus advisor. An alumnus advisor must be in good standing. In the event a chapter fails or refuses to select an alumnus advisor by October 15th of the year, the National Director of Alumni Affairs shall appoint one for the chapter.

4. Oath Of Office

Each officer shall take an oath of office, as prescribed in LSU Law, before assuming duties of his office. A National Board member or a Regional Director shall swear in the officers.

Section 3 - **Revocations And Suspension Of Charter**

1. Authority

A charter of an undergraduate chapter may be revoked by a unanimous affirmative vote of the National Executive Board and majority agreement of the Regional Board.

2. Revocation For Financial Obligations

- For undergraduate chapter, graduate chapter, or colony - charter can be suspended (at the discretion of the Board) after failure to pay fees dues or other obligations for a period of one fiscal year.
- The charter of any chapter or colony that fails to pay its dues, fees, or other obligations to the Fraternity for a period of two consecutive fiscal years shall be automatically revoked.

3. Surrender Of Fraternity Property During Charter Revocation Proceedings

- The officers of the chapter whose charter it is proposed to revoke shall return to the Headquarters Office immediately upon the notice of the revocation proceedings the charter, seal, and rituals of the Fraternity in their possession or control. Failure to return the same within thirty days shall operate as an automatic revocation of the charter.

4. Surrender Of Chapter Records And Accounts After Charter Revocation

Upon the revocation of a charter, all chapter records, bank accounts, notes receivable and accounts receivable, including members' accounts and notes, and all chapter treasurer's and President's records, including financial data of every kind, shall become the property of the Fraternity and shall be surrendered by the officer or member having possession thereof to the Headquarters Office upon demand; provided, however, that bank accounts, notes receivable and accounts receivable including members' accounts and notes, shall be held in trust by the Fraternity and when and as collected by it the proceeds there from shall be applied as follows: first, to the payment of indebtedness, if any, of such chapter owing the Fraternity. Second, the surplus, if any, upon the payment of debts, if any, of the chapter prorated in accordance with the amounts of the several debts of the chapter as these amounts may be ascertained to be then owing by the chapter, and third, any balance of such surplus shall be held for a period of ten years for the purpose of re-establishing the chapter and thereafter such funds or assets may escheat to the General Fund of the Fraternity upon approval by a majority of the Board.

Section 4 - **Suspension Of Chapter**

The National Executive Board shall suspend a chapter for violation of LSU Law or any part thereof, or for conduct, action or procedure detrimental, injurious or offensive to the best interests of the Fraternity, its chapters or members, when, in the judgment of the Board, such action is necessary and proper. Such Board action may be taken when a chapter has indicated its desire to disaffiliate from the Fraternity. The National Executive Board in case of suspension may order return of the charter, seal and rituals. All chapters subject to suspension shall be presented with a hearing, conducted by the National Executive Board, prior to any decision that is made.

Section 5 - **Due Process**

If a chapter is to be considered for disciplinary action as specified in Sections 3 or 4 of this Article by the Board, then the chapter, its alumnus advisor and Regional Board shall be notified in writing of the specific charges against the chapter not less than thirty (30) calendar days in advance.

1. Failure To Notify

If notification is not sent within the prescribed time, no action may be taken against the chapter or colony.

2. Response To Charges

The chapter or colony shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to the charges either in writing or by having one or more representatives appear before the Board.

3. Written Notice

If the Board imposes suspension or any sanction, the chapter or colony shall be given written notice of the action and all conditions imposed by the Board. A written notice shall also be sent via certified letter of the fraternity's decision to that respective institution.

4. Appealing Fines

A chapter shall have thirty (30) days from the date notification is mailed to appeal the fine.

Section 6 - **Conservatorship**

The National President, upon the recommendation of the National Director of Retention, Regional Director, or Chapter's Alumnus Advisor, may appoint a conservator for a chapter. The Conservator shall have full charge of chapter administration. The Conservator shall be responsible to the Board.

Section 7 - **Re-Establishment Of Chapter**

Any chapter who wishes to re-establish itself will fall under the jurisdiction of the National Director of Retention.

ARTICLE VIII - FRATERNITY FINANCES

Section 1 - **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Fraternity shall begin July 1 and shall terminate June 30 of the following year.

Section 2 - **Fraternity Budget**

The Fraternity shall operate upon a budget prepared by the National Treasurer, approved and adopted by a majority vote of the National Executive Board. This budget shall not exceed 100% of the total cash receipts of the previous year without approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board. Any line item expenditure in excess of 10% of the amount budgeted for any item must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board. Expenses shall not exceed the total budget without approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board.

Section 3 - **Limitation On Investments**

No part of Fraternity funds shall be loaned upon chapters or invested in the securities of chapters without national bank accounts; however, this prohibition shall not apply to any special loan fund raised by assessment or donation for the specific purpose of providing financial assistance to chapters and colonies in securing chapter amenities.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS AND VOTING

Section 1 - **Amendments**

1. Constitution

This Constitution may be amended upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the active chapters or by the affirmative vote of the National Executive Board ratified by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of Board of Regional Directors. Any amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON LATINO FRATERNITY, INC. Convention Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Convention at which such amendment is to be presented unless it has been submitted in writing to

the chairman of the Convention four (4) hours prior to consideration by the Convention to allow adequate time to notify the delegates of the proposed amendment.

2. Bylaws

Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the active chapters or by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Board of Regional Directors. Any amendment to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the LSU Convention Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Convention at which such amendment is to be presented unless it has been submitted in writing to the chairman of the Convention four (4) hours prior to consideration by the Convention to allow adequate time to notify the delegates of the proposed amendment.

3. Referral To Committee

Bylaws and constitutional amendments may be referred to committee for further study by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the convention or by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Regional Directors. These committees will be appointed as needed by the National Executive Board.

4. Regulations

Regulations may be adopted and amended with the approval of an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board.

5. Technical Corrections

Upon a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Board of Regional Directors, a member of the National Executive Board may be authorized to make technical corrections to LSU Law not changing any point of substance, including but not limited to typographical, grammatical, or syntax errors, incorrect references to other sections of LSU Law, or punctuation. Any technical corrections made pursuant to this section shall be reported to each chapter and colony within 30 days.

Section 2 - **Voting**

1. Voting By Chapters

- Chapter eligibility to vote – If at the time the voting period in subsection 2 (below) begins, a chapter would be considered under Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law to have lost the right to vote at a convention the chapter shall not be entitled to vote on any fraternity matters; unless a chapter ineligible for financial reasons has reduced its account balance to be in good financial standing prior to the recording of the vote in headquarters.
- Effect of failure to vote affirmative – the failure of any qualified chapter to vote within the voting period shall be considered an affirmative vote. The voting period by mail shall be 30 days from the day the last notice of the motion is postmarked for mailing from the headquarters office.

2. Voting By Board Or Regional Directors

- Matters submitted by headquarters office – Any matter presented for action to the Regional Directors or the Board shall be submitted by the headquarters office by mail or electronic means. The Executive Director or President is authorized to establish priority of motions.
- The headquarters office has submitted effect of failure to vote – Affirmative vote – Unless a member of the Board of Regional Directors or the Board registers his vote with the headquarters office within fifteen (15) days after the question, his silence shall be construed as an affirmative vote.

THE BYLAWS OF LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON LATINO FRATERNITY, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1 - Name

The name of this Fraternity shall be known as *Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.*, herein referred to as *LSU* or *fraternity*.

Section 2 - Variations in Name

Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. may also be referred to as LSU and/or Upsilon.

ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 1 - General

The Fraternity shall consist of the Undergraduate Chapters, Alumni Chapters, Graduate Chapters, and Colonies.

Section 2 - Incorporation

This fraternity shall be incorporated as a Not-For-Profit organization and shall be represented legally as *Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.*

Section 3 - Government

The government of the fraternity shall be vested in The Convention, the Board of Regional Directors, the Executive Board, Undergraduate chapters, Graduate chapters, and Colonies.

Section 4 - Laws

The Laws of the fraternity shall be vested in the Constitution, these bylaws, The Manual for New Member Education and all regulations set forth by the Board of Regional Directors or National Executive Board of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 5 - Regions

The chapters of this fraternity shall be divided for the purposes of administration into regions. The region shall be under the supervision of a Regional Director.

Section 6 - Division of Regions

Each Region shall be divided by locality and/or state. The National Board may establish or restructure regions when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE III – NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1 - Purpose of Convention

The National Convention is the annual meeting of all chapters, undergraduate, graduate, colonies, and alumni of this fraternity. During the National Convention all members of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. will have the opportunity to attend workshops and seminars that provide chapters and individual's direction, leadership skills, strengthening of brotherhood, providing educational material, and encouraging involvement consistent with the goals of this fraternity. The Convention will also be the venue for the Board of Regional Directors meeting, and when appropriate, for the election of new Executive Board members and Regional Directors. The National Convention is the only venue where the Constitution and bylaws may be changed.

Section 2 - Representation

All Chapters are required to send one (1) delegate to attend the National Convention. Chapters may also send an alternate to replace the delegate in any mandatory event.

- *Delegates* - Shall be an active undergraduate in good standings of the chapter that they are representing, should have at least a 2.5 GPA, and should be a member of the chapters Executive Board OR an active alumni in good standings of the chapter that they are representing.
- *Alternate* - Shall have the exact requirements as a regular delegate.

Section 3 - **Quorum and Voting**

- Quorum will be present when three-fourths (3/4) of the active chapters of this fraternity are present.
- Each active chapter is allowed one (1) vote.

Section 4 - **Elections of Delegates and Alternates**

Each delegate and alternate should be voted by their respective chapter, as long as he meets criteria stated in section 2 of this article. The result of vote should be handed in to fraternity headquarters no less than 30 days prior to convention.

Section 5 - **Registration**

Delegates must register and pay all applicable fees in order to vote in any of the general business meetings. The Convention Committee shall determine the applicable fees.

Section 6 - **Transaction of Business**

The transaction of business shall follow an agenda approved by the National Executive Board.

Section 7 - **Robert's Rules of Order**

All meetings of this Fraternity shall follow Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Section 1 - **Purpose**

The Board of Regional Directors shall be the legislative branch of the Fraternity. The Board of Regional Directors may amend the Constitution and the bylaws of the Fraternity. This board shall consist of all Regional Directors of this Fraternity.

Section 2 - **Meetings**

The meeting of the Board of Regional Directors shall be held once a year at the National Convention, or when deemed appropriate by a 4/5ths vote of all Regional Directors.

Section 3 - **Quorum and Voting**

Quorum will be present when the majority of the Regional Directors are present.

Section 4 - **Limitations**

No member of the Regional Board shall be part of the new member induction officer's administration.

ARTICLE V – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 - **Purpose**

The National Executive Board shall be the managerial, executive, and governing board of this Fraternity. It shall enact all legislation set forth by the Board of Regional Directors and shall promulgate regulations when deemed necessary. The National Executive Board shall also set the direction of the fraternity.

Section 2 - **Attendance**

All members of the National Executive Board must attend all National Executive Board meetings, the National Convention, and all emergency meetings. National Executive Board member must have written proof as to why he cannot attend a meeting. If a member has (3) three absences without approval or advance notice, that board member shall be given a warning; the (4) fourth offense shall be grounds for removal.

Section 3 - Meetings

The National Executive Board shall meet at least eight (8) times a year including the National Convention. Other meetings may be held when appropriate.

Section 4 - Voting

The National Executive Board shall have a right to vote on all matters when Convention is not in session. Each member has one vote.

Section 5 - Composition of Board

The National Executive Board of the fraternity is as follows:

- National President
- National Vice President
- National Director of New Member Education (Cacique Mayor)
- National Director of Alumni Affairs
- National Director of Finance
- National Director of Public Relations
- National Secretary
- National Director of Expansion
- National Director of Retention
- National Director of Philanthropy and Community Affairs

Section 6 - Qualifications

The following qualifications must be met in order to be nominated and to be able to accept the following National Executive Board Positions:

1. President & Director of New Member Education

- Shall be an alumnus in good standing with a degree, and has been an alumnus for two (2) full years.
- Shall have held a junior level position (i.e. Regional, Cabinet position, Alumnus Advisor or Alumni Chapter member) within the last two (2) years.
- Shall have been a member of this fraternity for a minimum four (4) years.
- **Shall be active for the last two (2) consecutive years prior to nomination.**

2. All Other National Executive Board Positions

- Shall be an Alumnus in good standing with a degree, and has been an alumnus for one (1) full year.
- Shall have held a junior level position (i.e. Regional, Cabinet position, Alumnus Advisor or Alumni Chapter member) within the last two (2) years.
- Shall have been a member of this fraternity for a minimum two (2) years.
- **Shall be active for the last two (2) consecutive years prior to nomination.**

Section 7 - Duties and Powers of National President

- Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity.
- Shall act as the official host of the Fraternity.
- Shall have the power to sanction any individual or chapter of the Fraternity.
- Shall preside over all meetings of the National Executive Board, Board of Regional Directors, and National Convention.
- Shall sign all charters and certificates of membership.
- Shall act on behalf of this fraternity in all emergencies.
- Shall be responsible for executing all policies and procedures enacted by the National Executive Board, and the National Convention.

- Shall be responsible for collecting and reviewing all chapters End of the Year Report.
- Shall create ad-hoc committees when deemed appropriate.
- Shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

Section 8 - Duties and Powers of National Vice President

- Shall be the Chief Director of Operations for the fraternity.
- In the Absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties and responsibilities of the President.
- Shall be responsible for all internal affairs of the Fraternity.
- Shall collect and review regional reports and records.
- Shall preside over all meetings of Board of Regional Directors.
- Shall update the Chapter Operation's Manual.
- Shall act as parliamentarian at the National Convention.

Section 9 - Duties and Powers of National Director of New Member Education (Cacique Mayor)

- Shall be the Chief Executive Officer in all matters of New Member Education.
- Shall see over all aspects of New Member Education.
- Shall have the power to sanction any member or chapters in regards to matters of New Member Education.
- Shall submit a report of each chapter's progress in New Member Education.
- Shall update the Manual for New Member Education according to majority vote of active paid chapters present at the National Convention and or New Member Education Forum of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.
- Shall chair the New Member Education Committee.
- Shall create and maintain a database of all associates.
- Shall update and maintain the brother database as new members are initiated into the fraternity.

Section 10 - Duties and Powers of National Director of Alumni Affairs

- Shall be the Chief Director of all Alumni Affairs for the fraternity.
- Shall be responsible for the implementation and supervision of alumni chapters.
- Shall be the advocate for the alumni members of the fraternity.
- Shall greet and explain benefits and services to recent graduates of the fraternity

Section 11 - Duties and Powers of National Director of Finance

- Shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Fraternity.
- Shall prepare an annual budget for the fraternity.
- Shall approve all expenditures made by the Board of Directors in accordance with the budget.
- Shall keep a record of all financial transactions of the Fraternity.
- Shall provide all of the Chapters with invoices and receipts in order to collect dues and fees from all chapters.
- Shall be the chair of the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Shall provide all Chapters with a financial report at the beginning of every semester, which will include all of the Fraternities' transactions of the prior semester.
- Shall post annual budget and financial budget on mass brother communication medium currently in use or to be used in the future no later than September 15th in the fall semester and no later than January 15th in the spring semester.
- Shall be responsible for filing the necessary yearly IRS forms to keep our tax exempt status.
- Shall be responsible for contacting the IRS about all necessary and required forms.

Section 12 - **Duties and Powers of National Director of Public Relations**

- Shall be Chief Director of Public Relations and control all aspects of fraternity marketing.
- Shall be responsible for writing and distributing press releases highlighting the fraternity.
- Shall be responsible for all social media used to promote the fraternity; but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- Shall be responsible for creating and overseeing a public relations committee.
- Shall keep correspondence with other Greek – Lettered Organizations.
- Shall conduct and schedule events that represent the fraternity in a positive manner.
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Section 13 - **Duties and Powers of National Secretary**

- Shall record the minutes of all National Executive Board and National Convention meetings and distribute accordingly.
- Shall be in charge of all files, documents, and records pertaining to the fraternity.
- Shall distribute information to all chapters.
- Shall maintain the fraternity database.
- Shall distribute all minutes of the National Executive Board, Board of Regional Directors and National Convention meetings to the chapters.
- Shall compile and present an end of the year report detailing the work of the National Executive Board (including financial information) and the accomplishments of the organization as a whole to be presented at the National Convention.

Section 14 - **Duties and Powers of National Director of Expansion**

- Shall preside over all matters regarding expansion.
- Shall be the direct liaison between the fraternity and any institution that wishes to establish a chapter of this fraternity.
- Shall be the direct liaison between the fraternity and all interested men from institutions where Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. is not established.
- Shall chair the Expansion Committee.
- Shall be a member of the committee, which appoints the induction officers for expansion groups through the National Induction Officer Protocol.
- Shall not be appointed as an induction officer.

Section 15 - **Duties and Powers of National Director of Retention**

- Shall preside over all issues regarding retention.
- Shall monitor the progress of all chapters that are under retention.
- Shall be the liaison between the fraternity and administration in which the chapter is under retention.
- Shall be the chair of the Retention committee.
- Shall be responsible for re-chartering all defunct chapters.

Section 16 - **Duties and Powers of National Director of Philanthropy and Community Affairs**

- Shall coordinate all national and regional community service and philanthropy events.
- Shall document and report on all national community service and philanthropy events.
- Shall organize at least two (2) Community Service & two (2) Philanthropy mandated events a year.
- Shall be the liaison between organizing community service projects with other organizations.

Section 17 - **Reports**

Each National Executive Board member shall present a report at the National Convention. These reports shall collectively be known as the “Annual Report”.

Section 18 - **Limitations**

No member of the National Executive Board shall be part of the new member induction officer’s administration.

ARTICLE VI – REGIONAL BOARD

Section 1 - **Purpose**

The purpose of the Regional Director is to supervise all chapters that are under their jurisdiction. They shall report directly to the National Vice President. The Regional Directors shall have further duties, responsibilities and authority as prescribed in the Laws of this Fraternity. They hold legislative power in regards to the Constitution and the Bylaws of this fraternity.

Section 2 - **Qualifications and Tenure**

All Regional Directors shall be an alumnus of this fraternity in good standing and have been a brother for at least two (2) years. The tenure of office for a Regional Director is one (1) year unless authorized otherwise by the National Executive Board.

Section 3 - **Duties and Powers**

- To monitor and supervise all chapters in the respective region and provide a monthly report on their region.
- To collect a monthly report from each chapter.
- To collect a list of active and inactive undergraduate brothers, including their GPA's, at the beginning of every semester. This list is to be forwarded to the Treasurer for the purpose of dues.
- To plan and conduct at least one regional conference per year.
- To oversee any effort chapters are making towards national initiatives, directives or goals.
- To appoint regional committees that will assist in aspects of finance and new member education.
- To represent his region at the National Convention and make any legislative decision or proposals to the Constitution and bylaws on behalf of his region.
- To resolve any discrepancies in their respective region
- The Regional Director shall have such further powers and duties as may be prescribed in Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law.

Section 4 - **Report**

Every Regional Director shall provide a monthly report to the National Executive Board on the progress of their region. This report is due on the 1st week of every month.

ARTICLE VII – REGIONAL OFFICER OF NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

Section 1 - **Purpose**

The purpose of the Regional Officer of New Member Education is to monitor and oversee all aspects of new member education regarding a specified region under the jurisdiction of the National Director of New Member Education and Regional Director. The Regional Officers of New Member Education shall have further duties, responsibilities, and authority as prescribed in the Laws of this Fraternity.

Section 2 - **Qualifications and Tenure**

All Regional Officers of New Member Education shall in good standing and have been a brother for at least two (2) years. The Regional Officer of New Member Education must have previously been an Officer of New Member Education of an initiated new member intake class. The tenure of office for a Regional Officer of New Member Education is one (1) year.

Section 3 - **Duties and Powers**

- Shall monitor and supervise all aspects of new member education within their region
- Shall manage and advise all the Chapter Officers of New Member Education
- Shall act as the liaison between the chapters within their region and the National Director of Membership
- Shall plan and conduct at least one (1) New Member Education conference per semester for their region
- Shall have the power to sanction any individual or chapter within their region
- Shall resolve any potential new member education disputes and discrepancies in their region

ARTICLE VIII – REGIONAL EXPANSION OFFICER

Section 1 - **Purpose**

The purpose of the regional expansion officer is to monitor and oversee all aspects of expansion regarding a specified region under the jurisdiction of the National Director of Expansion and Regional Director. The Regional Expansion Officer shall have further duties, responsibilities and authority as prescribed in the Laws of this Fraternity.

Section 2 - **Qualifications and Tenure**

The regional expansion officer shall be a brother of this fraternity in good standing and has been a brother for at least two (2) years. The tenure of office for a Regional Expansion Officer is one (1) year unless authorized otherwise by the National Executive Board.

Duties and Powers

- Shall preside over all matters regarding expansion within their region.
- Shall directly report all expansion information and activity to the National Director of Expansion.
- Shall be the liaison between all interested gentlemen and the National Director of Expansion.
- Shall recommend a Cacique to the National Director of Expansion regarding an interest group.
- Shall be the liaison between administration and the region
- Shall directly communicate and establish relations with administration or any Greek governing body.

ARTICLE IX – REGIONAL RETENTION OFFICER

Section 1 - **Purpose**

The purpose of the Regional Retention Officer is monitor and oversees all aspects of retention regarding a specified region under the jurisdiction of the National Director of Retention and Regional Director. The Regional Retention Officer shall have further duties, responsibilities and authority as prescribed in the Laws of this Fraternity.

Section 2 - **Qualifications and Tenure**

The regional retention officer shall be a brother of this fraternity in good standing and has been a brother for at least two (2) years. The tenure of office for a Regional Retention Officer is one (1) year unless authorized otherwise by the National Executive Board.

Section 3 - **Duties and Powers**

- Shall preside over all matters regarding retention within their region.
- Shall directly report all retention information and activity to the National Director of Retention.
- Shall be the liaison between conservators and the National Director of Retention.
- Shall recommend a Cacique to the National Director of Retention regarding retention schools.
- Shall be the liaison between university administration and the region.
- Shall collect all necessary documentation and reports from retention schools.

ARTICLE X – CABINET

Section 1 - Purpose

The Cabinet of this Fraternity shall be a group of directors that will coordinate certain projects and tasks that further the development and the goals of this Fraternity. The Cabinet shall also advise the National Executive Board and Board of Regional Directors on their specific area. These positions are junior level positions and have no vote.

Section 2 - Appointment

The National President shall nominate the members of the cabinet. The National Executive Board shall appoint the members of the Cabinet.

Section 3 - Composition

The Cabinet shall consist of the following positions:

- Director of Technology
- Director of Performance
- Director of Education
- Director of Special Projects
- Director of Risk Management

Section 4 - Qualifications

Each Cabinet member shall be an alumnus in good standing and have held an executive position in their chapter. Special consideration will be made to undergraduates who exhibit extraordinary qualities and who are deemed qualified, to the respective position, by the National Executive Board.

Section 5 - Duties and Powers of Director of Technology

- Shall control all aspects of fraternity technology.
- Shall maintain and update national website and El Barrio.
- Shall head the technology committee to develop and maintain LSU technology.

Section 6 - Duties and Powers of Director of Performance

- Shall over all National LSU performance leadership and National Performance Teams.
- Shall have the power to sanction any brother off any performance team.
- Shall advise the National Executive Board on performance team expenses, media exposure, national shows, and performance team roster.
- Shall select and oversee the Executive Performance board which shall include:
 - National Step Coordinator
 - National Stroll Coordinator
 - National Performance Treasurer
 - National Performance Event Coordinator
- Shall coordinate tryouts, for national teams along with National Step or Stroll Coordinator and have final say along with Executive Performance Board or a Committee on who makes the national orall-star teams.
- Shall select National Step and Stroll Masters along with Executive Performance Board.
- Decisions regarding the name or representation of the fraternity will require National Executive Board approval.

Section 7 - Duties and Powers of Director of Education

- Shall monitor all chapters for any violations regarding GPA requirements.
- Shall monitor all new initiating members for any violations of GPA requirements.
- Shall develop strategies to increase the fraternity's graduation rate.

Section 8 - **Duties and Powers of Director of Special Projects**

- Shall oversee all national special projects.
- Shall head the special projects committee.
- Shall develop at least one project per year.

Section 9 - **Duties and Powers of Director of Risk Management**

- Shall monitor all chapters for any violations regarding hazing.
- Shall educate members on liability and fraternity policy regarding risk management.
- Shall develop strategies to prevent fraternity liability.
- Shall enforce the Code of Ethics of this Fraternity.

Section 10 - **Vacancies**

If a Cabinet position becomes vacant, the National President shall appoint another member. If the position is vacant thirty (30) days before convention, the position will be appointed after the National Convention.

ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Section 1 - **Purpose**

The Executive Director shall be the General Manager of the National Headquarters of this Fraternity. The Executive Director is a salaried position and shall be filled by a member in good standing of this Fraternity.

Section 2 - **Tenure of Office**

The tenure of office will be determined by a contract that will be drawn up by the President of this Fraternity and by a Legal Counsel, which shall be chosen by the National Executive Board.

Section 3 - **Duties and Powers of Executive Director**

- Shall be an Alumnus of this Fraternity
- Shall manage the National Headquarters.
- Shall hold all records and historical items of the fraternity.
- Shall be the Director of the Fraternity Museum
- Shall deposit and account for all fraternity monies.
- Shall hire a staff to assist him in all duties.
- The Executive Director shall have such further powers and duties as may be prescribed in Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law.

ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1 - **Standing Committees**

The standing committees of this fraternity shall be the following:

- Banquet Committee
- Grievance Committee
- Expansion Committee
- Convention Committee
- New Member Education Committee
- Finance Advisory Committee

The President shall be an ex-officio member of each committee. Each committee will meet as necessary to carry out, to their fullest, their duty. The objectives of each committee shall be consistent with the goals of this organization, and shall be approved by the National Executive Board.

Section 2 - **Committee Chairs**

The National Executive Board appoints all committee chairs. Committee Chair terms are for one year unless specified otherwise. An alumnus of this fraternity shall chair each committee.

Section 3 - **Banquet Committee**

The banquet committee shall be responsible for all aspects of the fraternity's annual banquet.

Section 4 - **Grievance Committee**

The grievance committee shall be appointed by the National Executive Board or by the National President, as needed. It shall be the supreme judicial body of this fraternity. If no definite means of resolution can be made to a particular discrepancy in regards to absenteeism, questionable conduct of a brother, new member education, removal of an officer, or any other violation of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law, it will be sent to the Grievance committee for review. In the case that a grievance is brought against the National Executive Board or any member of the National Executive Board itself. The grievance committee shall be composed of five (5) to seven (7) brothers who have previously served at least one (1) full term on a Regional or National Executive Board of LSU, and have not been suspended within the past year, in addition to the National President as ex-officio member and the committee chairman. The National Executive Board shall appoint the committee members. Each region shall also have a grievance committee. The grievance committee shall have the power to sanction the individual at their discretion depending on the severity of the infraction.

Section 5 - **Expansion Committee**

The expansion committee shall be presided over by the National Director of Expansion. It shall render the appropriate and adequate assistance the expansion officer needs in the fulfillment of his charge. The committee shall be responsible for overseeing the expansion process and appoint an induction officer, in accordance with the National Induction Officer protocol, for the prospective chapter. The expansion committee shall be composed of the National Director of Expansion, and but not limited to all Regional Expansion Officers recognized by the National Executive Board.

Section 6 - **Convention Committee**

The convention committee shall be presided over by an alumnus of this fraternity. It is responsible for all preparation and facilitation of the National Convention. It shall render the appropriate and adequate assistance the committee chair needs in the fulfillment of his charge. The convention committee is also responsible for the facilitation of the National Executive Board and Regional Director election at the Convention.

Section 7 - **New Member Education Committee**

The new member education committee shall be presided over by the National Director of New Member Education. It shall consist of all appointed regional induction officers and shall make any revisions or additions to the Manual for New Member Education.

Section 8 - **Finance Advisory Committee**

The finance advisory committee shall be presided over by the National Director of Finance. It shall render the appropriate and adequate assistance the treasurer needs in the fulfillment of his charge. It is responsible for all national fund raising activities.

Section 9 - **Ad-Hoc Committees**

The National Executive Board shall authorize ad-hoc committees when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XIII – UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

Section 1 - **Charter**

A Charter of the 1st degree will be issued to every chapter in good standing.

Section 2 - **Chapter Bylaws**

Every chapter shall have bylaws, which are in accordance with Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law.

Section 3 - **Good Standing**

All chapters are considered in good standing with the fraternity if they meet the following criteria: Dues paid by due date, hand in all paperwork on time, follow rules in accordance to LSU LAW, in good standing with school.

Section 4 - **Meetings**

Chapters shall meet, at least, bi-monthly and shall hand in the minutes of these meetings to fraternity headquarters.

Section 5 - **Report**

- Each chapter shall provide a monthly progress report to their respective Regional Director. This report must be handed in by the 1st week over every month. The report shall consist of all events and activities held by the chapter and a calendar of all upcoming events for the next month.
- All chapters who are not in a defunct status are mandated to complete and submit an End of the Year Report. This report will consist of all events/activities held by the chapter throughout the year. The End of the Year Report shall be due at the time that the National Executive Board determines. Please note that chapters shall have 120 days prior notice to complete and prepare this report using the template provided by the National Executive Board.
- Chapters that hand in this report late shall not be eligible for any chapter awards given out by the National Executive Board.
- Chapters that do not hand in the End of the Year Report shall not be eligible for any chapter awards for that year.
- Newly established or revived chapters in the spring semester will not be responsible for an End of the Year Report for the previous year.
- A \$100 fine will be issued to any chapter that is not in a defunct status, and fails to complete and submit an End of the Year Report on its due date.

Section 6 - **Chapter Executive Board Officers**

The Chapter Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary/Parliamentarian, and Officer of New Member Education (Cacique), a Historian, and a Recruiting Officer.

Section 7 - **Committees**

Each undergraduate chapter shall mandate committees when deemed necessary.

Section 8 - **Qualifications for Officers**

Must be attending school and in school of chapter, must have at least a 2.5 GPA or be an alumnus of their chapter.

Section 9 - **Vacancies**

All chapter vacancies shall be in accordance with the chapters' bylaws

Section 10 - **Alumnus Advisor**

Each chapter is required to have an alumnus advisor. Advisor should be an alumnus from respective chapter or a brother in the region of the chapter. No member of the National Executive Board or Regional Directors may be alumnus advisor.

Section 11 - **Duties of Alumnus Advisor**

The alumnus advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the officers of their respective chapter. The alumnus advisor may also have such duties as prescribed by the chapters' executive board.

Section 12 - **Dues**

National Dues for the all active undergraduate chapters shall be set by the National Director of Finance and must be approved by the National Board and Regional Director by majority vote. National Dues are not to exceed 100% of the prior's year amount. The new structure must be presented at National Convention and will not go into effect until the next calendar year.

Section 13 - **Records and Equipment**

All records and equipment of each chapter, such as Charter, Manual for New Member Education, Chapter Operations Manual, Expansion and Retention policies are the property of this fraternity, and will be used by the chapter during such period that it is in good standing. Once the chapter is not in good standing with the fraternity, all records and equipment specified above shall be returned to national headquarters.

Section 14 - **Checking Account**

Each chapter shall maintain a checking account at a bank or a federal Credit Union that is federally insured (FDIC, FSLIC or NCUA) or with the business office of a college or university, which the chapter is present. The check must be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the President.

Section 15 - **Programming Requirements**

Chapters will be required to complete eight (8) programs a year, two (2) community services, two (2) educational workshops, two (2) social programs and two (2) fundraisers (Making one (1) of the two (2) fundraisers directly related to raising funds for HIV/AIDS Awareness). If a chapter only has one (1) or two active, undergraduate brothers, they are to contact nearby chapters to help plan a program and brothers of the nearby chapter will make an appearance on campus to help with hosting and to show support.

If a chapter fails to meet these requirements upon completing the End of the Year Report their privileges to:

- Vote at the National Convention will be revoked.
- Participation in the New Member Education Process will be revoked for the following year and sanctioned accordingly by the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIV – ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Section 1 - **Definition of an Alumni Chapter**

A group of alumni or professionals of the fraternity who gather and discuss important issues related to Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. and the community as a whole. The chapter is comprised of local brothers from a common geographical area.

Section 2 - **Formation of an Alumni Chapter**

Each Alumni Chapter shall be formed when a group of at least five (5) active, dues paid brothers, residing in a common geographical area, are given the approval by the National Director of Alumni Affairs to establish an Alumni Chapter. A minimum of five (5) Alumni must be active in order to maintain the local Alumni Chapter.

Section 3 - **Meetings**

The Executive Board of the Alumni Chapter shall have a meeting at least once a month.

Section 4 - **Report**

Each Alumni Chapter shall provide an annual report to the National Director of Alumni Affairs. The report shall consist of all events and activities held by the alumni chapter. This report will be submitted before the end of the calendar year summarizing that year's activities.

Section 5 - **Dues**

National Dues for all active alumni chapters shall be set by the National Director of Finance and must be approved by the National Board and Regional Director by majority vote. National Dues are not to exceed 100% of the prior's year amount. The new structure must be presented at National Convention and will not go into effect until the next calendar year.

Section 6 - **Voting Privileges**

Each active alumni chapter shall be given one (1) vote at the annual National Convention.

Section 7 - **Executive Board**

The executive board of the alumni chapter shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Officer of Programming

Section 8 - **Qualifications for Executive Officers**

Any qualifying alumnus of the fraternity who is active within the alumni chapter is eligible to run for office. The National Director of Alumni Affairs must give each officer elected final approval.

Section 9 - **Membership**

Local alumni brothers of the fraternity who wish to become active within the fraternity are required to join their local alumni chapter as long as one exists in the area. The term local shall be defined as one who either resides or works in the geographical area where an alumni chapter is established. The demographics of the geographical area will be determined by each alumni chapter.

ARTICLE XV – GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL CHAPTERS

Section 1 - **Charter**

A Charter of the 1st degree will be issued to every graduate chapter in good standing.

Section 2 - **Chapter Bylaws**

Every graduate chapter shall have Bylaws, which are in accordance with Lambda Sigma Upsilon Law.

Section 3 - **Good Standing**

All graduate chapters in are considered in good standing with the fraternity if they meet the following criteria: Dues paid by due date, hand in all paperwork on time, follow rules in accordance to LSU LAW.

Section 4 - **Meetings**

Graduate Chapters shall meet at least monthly.

Section 5 - **Report**

Each graduate chapter shall provide a monthly progress report to the National Director of Alumni Affairs. This report must be handed in by the 1st week over every month. The report shall consist of all events and activities held by the chapter and a calendar of all upcoming events for the next month.

Section 6 - **Executive Board Officers**

The executive board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary/Parliamentarian, and Officer of New Member Education (Cacique).

Section 7 - **Committees**

Each Graduate chapter shall mandate committees when deemed necessary.

Section 8 - **Qualifications for Officers**

Must be an alumnus with a degree.

Section 9 - **Vacancies**

All vacancies shall be dealt with according to the chapters bylaws.

Section 10 - **Records and Equipment**

All records and equipment of each chapter, such as Charter, are the property of this fraternity, and will be used by the chapter during such period that it is in good standing. Once the chapter is not in good standing with the fraternity, all records and equipment specified above shall be returned to national headquarters.

Section 11 - **Checking Account**

Each graduate chapter shall maintain a checking account with National Executive Board and must maintain positive balance. All accounts must be opened through the National Director of Finance.

ARTICLE XVI – COLONIES

Section 1 - **Definition of Colony**

A group of brothers who are enrolled at a four -year institution, but do not have enough members to consist of an executive board (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) shall be considered a colony. It shall be recognized by the Fraternity, but shall have limited voting privileges, and shall not be issued a charter of the 1st Degree until it has enough members to comprise an executive board. Any current chapter can be reclassified as a colony status if it does not meet the requirements stated in Article XVIII of these bylaws. All colonies shall be under the supervision of the National Director of Retention.

Section 2 - **Meetings**

All colonies must meet at least bi-monthly.

Section 3 - **Report**

Each colony shall provide a monthly progress report to the National Director of Retention. This report must be handed in by the 1st week over every month. The report shall consist of all events and activities held by the chapter and a calendar of all upcoming events for the next month.

Section 4 - **Records**

All records and equipment of each colony, such as Charter, Manual for New Member Education, Chapter Operations Manual, Expansion and Retention policies are the property of this fraternity, and will be used by the colony during such period that it is in good standing. Once the colony is not in good standing with the fraternity, all records and equipment specified above shall be returned to national headquarters.

Section 5 - **Dues**

National Dues for the all active colonies shall be set by the National Director of Finance and must be approved by the National Board and Regional Director by majority vote. National Dues are not to exceed 100% of the prior's year amount. The new structure must be presented at National Convention and will not go into effect until the next calendar year.

Section 6 - **Checking Account**

Each colony shall maintain a checking account with National Executive Board and must maintain positive balance. All accounts must be opened through the National Director of Finance.

ARTICLE XVII - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - **Classification**

The members of this fraternity shall be classified as follows

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Alumnus
- Honorary

Section 2 - **Eligibility**

1. Undergraduate

- Any male member enrolled full time in a 4-year fully accredited institution shall be eligible to become a member of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.
- Have a cumulative and prior semester GPA of a 2.5 or better. (GPA requirement is based on a
- 4.0 scale)
- Have a minimum of 12 degree or college credits (EOF credits or basic skills classes will not be accepted)
- Must meet the requirements of the higher standing between University and Fraternity.

2. Graduate

Any male student currently enrolled in a graduate program at a fully accredited institution shall be eligible to become a brother of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

3. Honorary

Any professional or business male that can be described in section 6 of this article.

Section 3 - **Definition of Undergraduate Brother**

An undergraduate brother shall be duly initiated student matriculating in a 4-year institution where a chapter is present. If a brother transfers to another academic institution where another chapter is present, he may choose to affiliate with that respective chapter.

Section 4 - **Definition of Graduate Brother**

A graduate brother shall be a duly initiated student matriculating in a college or university where the individual is currently registered for graduate studies. The graduate member shall be the member of the graduate chapter in his region.

Section 5 - **Definition of an Alumnus Brother**

These brothers shall be those members of age 21 or older who have achieved 1 of the following 4 requirements:

- Earned a degree from a fully accredited College/University
- Have served (or currently serving) in the armed forces for at least 4 years
- Currently run/operate their own business for at least 4 years
- Currently working at least 1 full time career (40 hours or more with benefits) for at least 4 years

Section 6 - **Definition of an Honorary Member**

An honorary member are those members who have been nominated by the National Executive Board and the Board of Regional Directors, and have been duly elected by the National Convention, but at the time are not students of an undergraduate program or graduate program. Only those individuals who, in the opinion of the National Executive Board and Board of Regional Directors, have made a significant contribution to business, government, education, or Latino issues, and whose personal or professional achievements warrant the bestowing upon them of honorary membership in Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. may be initiated as honorary members.

Section 7 - **Definition of a Prophyte**

A prophyte is a brother that meets the following qualifications:

- Has been a brother for more than one year
- Has registered and attended at least one National Convention
- Has personally attended and witnessed each major ceremony of our New Member Education process at least once as a paid active brother of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 8 - **Benefits of a Prophyte**

Only brothers who are prophytes in active/good standing will have the right to:

- Be the Cacique of a line
- Be a Pana

- Hold a Regional Board Position
- Hold a National Executive Board Position

Section 9 - **Definition of a Neophyte**

A neophyte is a brother that does not meet the definition of a prophyte. Neophytes are not entitled to the benefits listed for being a prophyte.

Section 10 - **Good Standing**

Members shall be in good standing provided that they are not indebted to the Fraternity or their chapter for any sum past due and are not on probation or suspension, or have fallen below a 2.5 GPA. A graduate or an alumnus member is considered in good standing if they are in compliance with all rules governing active membership of the alumni chapter.

Note: The bylaws of the Alumni Chapter shall determine governing rules for active membership for alumni and graduate members.

Section 11 - **Hazing**

No member of this fraternity shall physically or mentally haze a potential new member of this fraternity in accordance to all federal, state, and local laws regarding hazing.

ARTICLE XVIII – DISCIPLINE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Section 1 - **Types of Offenses and Penalties**

Any member who violates the Code of Ethics of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. breaks the laws of this Fraternity or the chapter that they are affiliated with, or who acts in a manner unbecoming of a brother of this fraternity, or who engages, aids, abets, or participates in any activity disloyal, or is delinquent from any sum of money past due, or who fails to discharge financial obligation to their respective chapter or this fraternity, or who does anything or causes anything that, in the opinion of the National Executive Board and Board of Regional Directors, is prejudicial to the best interests of this fraternity or any of its chapters, shall be subject to fine, reprimand, probation, suspension, or expulsion.

Section 2 - **Definitions of Penalties**

1. Fine

A sum of money not to exceed \$100.00, charged to the member as a penalty.

2. Reprimand

A formal censure intended to correct the fault and given an orally and or written notice to brother being reprimanded.

3. Probation

A period of time, not to exceed 6 months, during which the member must meet certain specific obligations or requirements determined by the chapter or by the National Executive Board and designed to correct the faults or to encourage improved participation.

4. Suspension

A brother temporarily removed from their position and privileges. The brother is considered inactive and is not allowed to participate in any functions of the Fraternity. The National Executive Board shall determine the length of time in which a brother is under suspension.

5. Expulsion

A brother removed of his full membership and affiliation to Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 3 - **Powers of Chapters and Executive Board**

Chapter will have power to impose any sanction on its members. The chapter executive board has the power to impose any sanction to its members, whether active or inactive.

Section 4 - **Vote required to Discipline**

1. By Chapter

A majority vote to fine, reprimands, or place on probation, a 2/3rds vote to place on suspension, a 4/5ths vote to revoke.

2. By Executive Board

A majority vote to fine, reprimand, and place in probation, a 2/3rds vote to suspend and expel.

Section 5 - **National Director of New Member Education (Cacique Mayor)**

The National Director of New Member Education (Cacique Mayor) has the right to place any brother on any sanction in regards to any new member education activities. The sanction for suspension must be ratified by a majority vote of the National Executive Board.

Section 6 - **Reports**

A report explaining in detail all procedures taken against the individual must be sent to National Headquarters.

Section 7 - **Appeals**

In the case of conviction the accused may, within 3 months from the date of the decision, file an appeal with the chapter's Executive Board or National Executive Board, and the Executive Board may, by a majority vote, dismiss any fine, reprimand, or probation, and by a 2/3rds vote dismiss a suspension. In the case that an individual was sanctioned by the National Executive Board the grievance committee will, by a majority vote, will dismiss a fine, reprimand, probation, and by a 3/4th vote, dismiss a suspension.

ARTICLE XIX – DISCIPLINE OF THE CHAPTER

Section 1 - **Penalties**

Any chapter of this fraternity, may receive a warning, be fined, placed on probation, or suspension, or have its charter revoked for any good cause as is hereinafter defined. A chapter may assume an inactive status as hereinafter described.

Section 2 - **Warning**

The National President shall have the power to issue a warning in writing to a chapter for any violation of LSU LAW. This warning may be done at the discretion of the President, or upon recommendation from the National Executive Board or Regional Directors. The Regional Director may issue such official warning if authorized by the National President.

Section 3 - **Definition of Inactive Status, Probation, or Suspension**

1. Inactive status

The status given to a defunct chapter within the fraternity.

2. Probation

The official notification of when a chapter has violated LSU LAW. If its conduct is not satisfactorily corrected, then the chapter can have its charter revoked. During probation a chapter may be given certain procedures or tasks determined to correct the situation of violation of fraternity law. A chapter has 12 months to correct the situation.

3. Suspension

Involves a chapter that is notified in writing that it cannot conduct any activities except those that are recommended or directed by the executive board, board of directors, or regional directors.

Section 4 - **Placement of Chapters on Probation**

The National President and/or the National Director of New Member Education have the power to place a chapter on probation. There may be a recommendation from the executive board, but the final decision shall be that of the National President and/or the National Director of New Member Education.

Section 5 - **Placement of Chapter under Suspension**

The National Executive Board, by a 2/3rd vote, may place a chapter under suspension for a period of ninety-days. A suspension for an additional 90 days can be added by a unanimous vote of the National Executive Board.

Section 6 - **Revocation of Charter**

The procedure for revocation and suspension of a chapter's charter shall be found in Article 7 Section 3 of the Constitution of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 7 - **After Revocation of Charter**

The effects of revocation of Charter shall be found in Article 7 Section 3 of the Constitution of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 8 - **Appeals**

The process for appeals shall be found in found in Article 7 Section 5 of the Constitution of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 9 - **Re-activation of Chapters**

The process for appeals shall be found in found in Article 7 Section 7 of the Constitution of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 10 - **Social Rules and Regulations**

Rules & Regulations:

- All regions will be divided according to voting rights, excluding New Jersey. New Jersey will be considered "One" Region for the purpose of parties.
- Only one chapter in each region can have a party regardless of where in the region the party is held.
- A Chapter cannot hold a party in a different region without co-sponsorship of a chapter from that region.
- Chapters can only hold 3 parties per semester. Even if the party is co-sponsored by another chapter.
- During the summer, each chapter can only hold 3 parties and must gain the permission of another region if the party will be in a region other than their own.
- All parties must be registered online at www.lsu79.org.
- All events can be posted online, not only parties. Non-party events can take place at the same time.
- No Chapters may host an event during a National Event.
- Definition of a Party: Promoted through LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON LATINO FRATERNITY, INC., Fund Raiser, Profit Driven, Social atmosphere & held between the hours of 10pm & 4am

Any rules and regulations broken by a chapter will result in a \$250 fine and suspension of party privileges for the remaining and following semesters.

ARTICLE XX – FRATERNITY FINANCES

Section 1 - **Taxation**

The National Board will have the power to levy, regulate, and change the taxation whether individual or groups for the maintenance of the Fraternity.

Section 2 - **Individual Undergraduate Dues**

National Dues for the all active undergraduate brothers shall be set by the National Director of Finance and must be approved by the National Board and Regional Director by majority vote. National Dues are not to exceed 100% of the prior's year amount. The new structure must be presented at National Convention and will not go into effect until the next calendar year.

Section 3 - **Individual Dues for an Alumnus Brother**

National Dues for the all active alumni brothers shall be set by the National Director of Finance and must be approved by the National Board and Regional Director by majority vote. National Dues are not to exceed 100% of the prior's year amount. The new structure must be presented at National Convention and will not go into effect until the next calendar year.

Individual active alumni dues shall only apply to alumni that do not fall under the membership jurisdiction of an active alumni chapter. In these circumstances payment will be remitted directly to the National Executive Board. In all cases where an alumnus resides in an area covered under the membership jurisdiction of an active alumni chapter, the local alumni chapter shall determine individual dues.

Section 4 - **Travel Expenses**

Travel expenses shall be determined for a set number of representatives by the National Executive Board. The determination shall be made upon the feasibility of funds in the fraternity. Before any traveling expenses are reimbursed, an expense report must be forwarded to the National Director of Finance.

Section 5 - **Paid Active Brother Privileges**

Active brothers have the following privileges:

- Hold and run for national and or regional positions.
- Attend convention at discounted prices.
- Participate in new member education.
- Covered by our general liability national insurance.
- Receive an active membership card electronically at lsu79.org.
- Has a vote in national elections.
- Able to access ALL National internal documents at lsu79.org.
- Able to view all financial documentations not limited to budgets and income statements.
- Indirect access to LSU professional network.
- Access to any LSU historical documentation available.
- Eligible for individual National LSU Awards presented at convention.
- Access to all benefits from LSU National partnerships.

ARTICLE XXI– EXPANSION

Section 1 - **Procedure**

In order to establish a chapter at an accredited institution of higher education, the following procedures must be followed:

- A group of (3) three or more interested gentlemen shall contact the National Director of Expansion. A meeting shall take place between the interested members and the National Director of Expansion.
- Once they have met these individuals must sign a petition stating that they would like to establish a chapter of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. at their institution.
- The National Director of Expansion shall provide a report to the National Executive Board recommending the action to be taken. The National Executive Board shall vote whether or not to accept the petitioning group for the expansion.
- If approved the National Director of Expansion shall notify the petitioning group of the decision. The group shall then become an official interest group of the fraternity. At that time the group will be provided with an associate member constitution, and a checklist of pre-requisites to be completed before the group begins the new member education process. During this time the National Director of Expansion shall appoint an induction officer for the group.
- Once the prerequisites have been completed, the interest group shall be notified of their begin date. The new member education program shall be overseen the Expansion Committee.

Section 2 - **Induction Officer**

The induction officer shall be an alumnus of this fraternity, and shall be appointed by Expansion Committee. The responsibility of administering the new member education program for the petitioning group is that of the induction officer.

The induction chapter will help ensure the right process is followed; support the induction officer and also aid the new chapters get established in their respective campus.

Section 3 - **Orientation**

The newly established chapter must attend a new chapter orientation session to be administered by either the National Vice President or the Regional Director.

Section 4 - **Classification**

Every newly established chapter of LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON LATINO FRATERNITY, INC. shall be classified as a colony for a period of one (1) year. During this time they will have a grace period of one (1) semester where no National dues are paid to the fraternity. The new chapter shall be under the jurisdiction of the National Director of Retention.

ARTICLE XXII – RETENTION

Section 1 - **Assistance and Consultation**

All chapters in good standing shall be entitled to assistance and consultation from the National Officers as provided by the Laws of this Fraternity.

Section 2 - **Concern**

The National Director of Retention shall have the power to express official concern in writing to a chapter on any matter related to the conduct or performance of its programs, operations or management. This may be done at the discretion of the President or upon recommendation of the National Executive Board, the respective National Officers or the Regional Director.

Section 3 - **Placement of Chapters on Retention**

The National Director of Retention shall have the power to place a chapter on retention. The National Executive Board may recommend that a chapter is placed on retention but the enactment of such recommendation shall be at the discretion of the National President.

Section 4 - **Definition and Purpose of Retention**

1. Definition

Retention is an official notification to a chapter that the conduct or performance of its programs, membership, operations or management is unsatisfactorily below minimum standards as may be established by the National Executive Board. During the guidance period, certain specific objectives will be given to the chapter designed to improve the conduct or performance of its programs, operations or management that were unsatisfactory.

2. Purpose

Retention is not a punitive action and shall not itself cause a chapter to be considered "not in good standing". Chapters on retention will be eligible for special assistance or consultation as may be determined by the respective National Officers or the Regional Director.

Section 5 - **Retention Period**

Retention must be for a specific period not to exceed twelve (12) months. A chapter may not be placed on retention for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive months. If by then the chapter has not shown satisfactory results, then the chapter's charter shall be revoked.

ARTICLE XXIII – CONSERVATORSHIP

Section 1 - Placement of Chapters on Conservatorship

The Executive Board may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, instructs the National Director of Retention to place a chapter in Conservatorship.

Section 2 - Definition of Conservatorship

Conservatorship is an agreement between a chapter and the Fraternity whereby the approval and general supervision of the operations and programs of the chapter are vested in a Conservator. Conservatorship may be entered into for any reason deemed necessary including those that may have caused a previous guidance or probation period.

Section 3 - Conservatorship Period

Conservatorship must be for a specific period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

Section 4 - Placement of Conservatorship

Placement of conservatorship shall consist of the terms of the conservatorship, including the period, requirements, the current Fraternity policy regarding conservatorship, and the procedure for acceptance. This shall be a written document, prepared by the President or designee, and delivered to the chapter officers, chapter advisor, and all associated national officers within 30 days of the National Executive Board vote.

Section 5 - After Placement of Conservatorship

After placement of conservatorship by a chapter, the National Director of Retention shall, after consultation with the Regional Director, appoint an alumnus member in good standing as Conservator. Upon appointment, the Conservator shall have the duty to supervise the operations of the chapter in conservatorship under the specific requirements of the conservatorship as set forth by the President. Such requirements shall specify the authority and responsibilities of the conservatorship and of the chapter. After placement of conservatorship of a chapter, the National Director of Retention shall, after consultation with the Regional Director, and active undergraduates of the chapter in conservatorship, appoint a chapter in good standing as the conservatory chapter. At this time the executive boards of the conservatory chapter and the chapter in conservatorship would merge together as one executive board to preside over both chapters until the chapter is removed from conservatorship. The National Director of Retention shall have the authority to replace the conservator for just cause. At the conclusion of the conservatorship period, the conservator shall prepare a final report for the National Executive Board. This report shall contain a specific recommendation that the chapter will either be placed on guidance or shall have its charter revoked.

ARTICLE XXIV – CONFERENCES

Section 1 - Regional Conferences

Regional conferences may be held in addition to meetings of the National Convention. The Regional Director will be in charge of the planning, organizing, and administration of their respective regional conference. The Executive Board may establish rules and regulations for the conduct of such conferences.

Section 2 - Purpose

The purpose of these regional conferences focuses on providing chapters and individual member's direction, leadership skills, providing educational materials, and encouraging involvement consistent with the goals of this fraternity.

Section 3 - Limitations

There shall be no power to enact any laws of the fraternity at regional conferences. The power to enact any laws will be restricted to the National Convention.

Section 4 - Timing

Regional conferences shall be held in the fall semester, or a semester when the National Convention is not meeting.

ARTICLE XXV – OFFICIAL INSIGNIA

Section 1 - **Colors**

- The Official Colors of the Fraternity are White and Baby Blue.
- The acceptable colors for “Λ Σ Υ” on paraphernalia shall be any combination of baby blue and white. Acceptable backgrounds shall be white, baby blue, or black.
- Any stitching shall be a name affiliated with Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Section 2 - **Motto**

The Official Motto of the Fraternity is “Latinos Siempre Unidos” (Latinos Always United).

Section 3 - **Shield**

The official shield of our Fraternity shall consist of a baby blue Spanish shield with a diagonal band of white from the top left corner to the bottom right section of the shield. On the band lies the Greek letter “Lambda” (Λ), “Sigma” (Σ), and “Upsilon” (Υ) and twenty stars in baby blue, with ten on the southwest edge of the diagonal and ten on the Northeast edge. On the upper baby blue portion of the shield lies a white map of Latin America. On the lower portion on the shield are: A machete, diagonally on the upper left hand corner; three fists, one being in front of the other, and an open book with two feathers crossing the pages directly at the base, all of which are white with baby blue outline. Above the shield is a white knight’s helmet facing forward with the facemask open. Below the helmet is a white ribbon with three creases, within each crease, written in baby blue are the words “Lambda”, “Sigma”, “Upsilon”. Flanking the shield are palm trees outlined in baby blue. Underneath the shield is another white ribbon with three creases, within the each crease, written in baby blue is the words “Latinos”, “Siempre”, “Unidos”.

Section 4 - **Cultural Identity Symbol**

The official cultural identity of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. shall be the Taino Indian.

Section 5 - **National Philanthropy Symbol**

The official insignia of our national philanthropy shall be the fraternity shield in front of the red ribbon, and the red ribbon embracing or behind the Greek letter upsilon in baby blue, or white and baby blue.

Section 6 - **Protection of Official Insignias and Colors**

It is prohibited for any member of the Fraternity or third party/s to wear, display, alter, distort, enhance, design, create, change, and add to the official insignia/s and colors of the fraternity. In addition; this prohibition is not limited to selling, giving or receiving as a gift any non-official, non – recognized items. It is also prohibited by members of the fraternity, or any third party/s to wear, display, and add additional logos or symbols representing the fraternity without properly presenting it to the fraternity in writing and receiving written authorization of the National Executive Board.

Section 7 - **National Mourning Symbol**

The official insignia of our National Mourning Symbol shall be the fraternity shield in front of the black mourning ribbon.

ARTICLE XXVI – CHARTER AND DESIGNATION

Section 1 - **Charter**

A Charter of the first class shall be given to all chapters in good standing. Colonies shall not be given a chapter designation until it has met the requirement of a total Executive Board.

Section 2 - **Description of Charter**

The Charter of this fraternity shall be in the following form:

LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON LATINO FRATERNITY INC.

*Hereby recognizes that
(Name of Founding
Brothers)*

Founded the (Designation)

Chapter On (Date of

Establishment)

Having met the qualifications necessary for admission into Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc., I, by virtue of the authority vested in me as National President of this fraternity hereby grant you this CHARTER of the 1st Degree. In witness thereof I have set my hand and affixed the seal of this fraternity on this (day) of (month) in the year (year spelled out)

Section 3 - Designation of Chapters

All chapters of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. are designated by the name that the initial group of men who participated and completed the New Member Education Program at that respective institution researched and chose as their line name. There are to be no Greek – Lettered designations by any chapter of this fraternity.

Section 4 - Date of Establishment

The official date in which a chapter or colony is established is the date in which the initial group of men have completed the entire new member education program.

ARTICLE XXVII– OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Section 1 - Magazine

The official magazine of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. shall be known as THE FELLOWSHIP. The magazine will be published bi-annually and will be edited by the National Director of Public Relations. The magazine will be distributed to all brothers (undergraduate, graduate/alumni, and honorary) in good standing who have paid all dues in full. Copies of the magazine may also be distributed to university officials, members of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference, and other fraternities and sororities whom we share publications with.

Section 2 - Chapter Publications

Chapters may issue publications as they deem advisable and are not inconsistent with the Laws of this fraternity.

Section 3 - Manual for New Member Education (Cacique Manual)

The National Director of New Member Education shall edit and distribute changes to the Manual for New Member Education. The chapters shall approve all changes to the Manual for New Member Education during the ‘New Member Education Forum’ at the National Convention. All chapters shall use the same manual and follow the instructions and laws therein.

Section 4 - Chapter Operations Manual

The National Vice President shall edit and distribute changes to the Chapter Operations Manual. All chapters shall use the same manual and follow the instructions therein.

Section 5 - Control of Publications

All official publications shall be under the control of the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE XXVIII – NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Section 1 - National Headquarters

The National Headquarters of the Fraternity shall be in the State of New Jersey. The Fraternity may have other offices as determined by the National Convention.

ARTICLE XXIX – NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Section 1 - The HYPE Club

In an effort to continue with the goals and the mission of the fraternity in exemplifying Academic Excellence, Cultural Awareness & Diversity, Being role models to the community and campus and in fostering the spirit of brotherhood among the brothers and participants of the HYPE Club (**H**elping **Y**outh **P**ursue **E**xcellence). As a nationally designated Big Brother Mentoring program the brothers of a chapter/region will work with a local high/middle school nearby and act as mentors with the members of the HYPE Club and assist them with homework, after school programs, community service be role models to them and help them advance in their academics. As the fraternities official big brother mentoring program it may help the chapter/fraternity in receiving financial support from alumni, local school/college administration. In addition, this will help the chapter/organization with recruitment of potentially new members when the members of the club do come to college. This HYPE Club is to be included in the chapters End of the Year Report.

ARTICLE XXX – UPSILON CONVOCATION

Section 1 - Upsilon Convocation

The forum will be held in addition to meetings of the National Convention and Regional Convention (Guazabara). The National Vice President will be in charge of the planning, organizing, and administration. The National Executive Board may establish rules and regulations for the conduct of the forum.

Section 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Upsilon Convocation is to provide an official platform that allows individual members to communicate ideas, suggestions, minor grievances, and other non-voting issues directly to the National Board, without the need for written proposals or approvals.

Section 3 - Meeting

The location of the forum shall be left for the discretion of the National Executive Board. The National Executive Board shall implement a means of broadcasting the forum for members who wish to attend remotely through use of current available technology.

Section 4 - Timing

The forum shall be held twice (2) a year. The second meeting shall be held six (6) months after the first. Dates and times will be left to the discretion of the National Executive Board.

Section 5 - Limitations

There shall be no power to enact any laws of the Fraternity at the forum. The power to enact any laws will be restricted to the National Convention.

Section 6 - Attendance

All members of the Fraternity, active and inactive, shall be invited to attend the forum. Attendance shall not be required for non-National Executive Board members and infractions shall not be imposed for lack thereof. All National Executive Board members shall be present at the forum.