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GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this society shall be the University of Delaware chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

ARTICLE II - Purpose and Activities

Section A. The purposes of the Society shall be:

1. To recognize and encourage scholastic achievement and excellence in all undergraduate fields of study.
2. To unite with collegiate faculties and administrators in developing and maintaining high standards of education.
3. To provide recognition to students who are superior academically, without requiring individual participation of members.
4. To provide economic assistance to outstanding members by means of scholarships.

Section B. Activities of the University of Delaware chapter shall be:

1. Community Service projects.
2. Educational programs.
3. Other activities that are deemed necessary and worthwhile by the executive board.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section A. Membership into the Society shall be based on the following criteria:

1. By invitation only to those undergraduates having attained a grade point average of 3.25.
2. A prospective member must have successfully completed at least sixty-two semester hours, or achieved the status of junior or senior, of which twenty-five semester hours are completed at the University of Delaware.
3. Before being considered a member of the Society, one must have paid, in full, the initiation and life membership fee.
4. Golden Key will not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, religion, or national origin.

Section B. Active Membership

Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University as faculty, staff or full-time matriculated undergraduate students.

Section C. Honorary Members

1. The chapter may select up to five honorary members for each reception. Individuals who are not undergraduate students and have distinguished themselves in their fields of endeavor are selected to receive full rights and privileges of membership in the Society.
2. Honorary members are welcome and encouraged to participate in all Society activities.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section A. Members of the executive board of each chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and any other office deemed necessary by the advisor and executive board.

Section B. The term of office will be one year.

Section C. Any student who meets the membership criteria and is endorsed by the collegiate advisor is eligible to hold office.

Section D. Officers will be elected by a democratic process or appointed by the advisor each spring.

Section E. Voting rights are extended to the executive board members of each collegiate chapter.

Section F. Responsibilities of each officer are as follows:

1. **President**
 - A) Responsible for the overall success of each chapter.
 - B) Call meetings of the officers and delegate responsibilities whenever needed.
 - C) In charge of the planning and programming of the reception and other chapter activities.
 - D) Together, with the other members of the executive board and advisor, determine the five honorary members.
 - E) Responsible for the completion of the annual chapter schedule.
2. **Vice-President**
 - A) Assist the president in the completion of his/her duties.
 - B) In charge of the Campus Awareness Process.
3. **Secretary**
 - A) Responsible for all chapter communications.
 - B) Prepare and deliver the invitations to the reception for administrators and faculty.
 - C) Mail all the affirmations and dues that were hand delivered to the Advisor's office no later than two days past the affirmation deadline.
 - D) Record the minutes of all chapter meetings and submit a copy to the National Headquarters.

4. Treasurer
- A) Take charge of all financial transactions of the chapter.
 - B) Receive and distribute chapter funds.
 - C) Assist the vice-president with Campus Awareness Process.
 - D) Submit to National Headquarters a financial summary of reception expenditures.

ARTICLE V - Chapter Conduct

- Section A. The University of Delaware chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society adheres to all policies and regulations of the University of Delaware, the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress, and all local, state, and federal laws.
- Section B. The Golden Key National Honor Society does not condone "hazing" nor is "hazing" used in any form in the Society.
- Section C. Any executive board member who fails to meet his/her responsibilities as a chapter officer shall have his/her position suspended as determined by a two-thirds vote of the executive board. Executive board members may be removed on the basis of a failure to fulfill the duties of their office as outlined and defined in the chapter constitution. An executive board member's removal must require the introduction of a motion to so move by a current executive board member and properly seconded, followed by a two-thirds vote approval to remove the officer from his/her designated office position. Such a vote will be by secret ballot and given by members present at an executive board meeting called for such a purpose. The executive board member in question shall have the opportunity to defend him/herself before the vote is taken.

ARTICLE VI - Advisor

- Section A. An outstanding member from the university faculty or staff is chosen to serve as the faculty advisor.
- Section B. The duration of the advisor's tenure is individually determined, but must be at least one academic year.
- Section C. Each advisor is to be considered as a lifetime honorary member whose responsibilities include:
- 1. Assist in the preservation of each collegiate chapter in upholding high ethical standards.
 - 2. Obtain a list of prospective members including names and addresses that meet the predetermined membership criteria.
 - 3. Guide students in the distribution of the certificates that were not issued at the reception, and all Golden Key activities.
 - 4. Complete the Annual Chapter Schedule and submit it to the National Headquarters with executive board assistance.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

- Section A. General membership shall be held at least three times during the academic year.
- Section B. Executive board meetings shall be held as needed.
- Section C. Non-participating honor society members are not required to attend any meetings, although they are encouraged to attend the reception, as well as general membership meetings and Society functions.

ARTICLE VIII - Dues

- Section A. The initiation and life membership fee shall be \$45.00 to be paid in full to the Golden Key National Honor Society. Seven dollars of the fee shall be forwarded to the chapter for operational expenses.
- Section B. In the event of dissolution of the chapter, funds in the chapter treasury will be placed on reserve for a period of one year. If after such a period, the chapter has not been re-registered and formed as a student organization and active society, funds in the chapter treasury shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

Amendments to the constitution or bylaws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.