

The Constitution and By-Laws
of the **UAH**
Alpha Psi Omega - Xi Theta Cast
Theatre Fraternity

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Alpha Psi Omega Fraternity, Xi Theta Cast, in order to develop dramatic talent and the art of production & performance, to cultivate a taste for the best in drama, to foster the cultural values, which we believe dramatics develop, and to unite the dramatic forces of several colleges and universities, members of this order in mutual brotherhood and service, do hereby form and establish this constitution and by-laws of the Alpha Psi Omega Fraternity, Xi Theta Cast.

ARTICLE I - Name & Purpose

Section 1. The name of this society shall be the Alpha Psi Omega Fraternity, Xi Theta Cast.

Section 2. This fraternity shall be classified as a National Honorary Dramatic Fraternity.

Section 3. This cast is formed for the purpose of providing an honor society for those doing a high standard of work in dramatics and providing wider fellowship for those interested in the college of theatre. The fraternity is not intended to take the place of regular dramatic club or other producing

bodies, but as students qualify, they are rewarded by election to membership in this society.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1. A regularly enrolled student of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, who has been active in at least two major productions produced by the Communication/Theatre Arts Department, shall be eligible for membership in the Xi Theta cast of Alpha Psi Omega.

Section 2. In addition to Article II, Section 1, a total of 50 points is necessary for a student to be considered eligible. These points will be assigned by a special election committee, composed of the five Cast officers and the Faculty advisors. Points are not conferred for paid staff and paid non-staff duties. Students transferring into the University of Alabama in Huntsville must notify an officer of the Cast to determine eligibility for membership to this fraternity. They may receive a maximum of 15 points for productions outside of the university or at any other Theatre Arts Program as long as they are not paid for services or royalty rights. If they are paid, then no points shall be awarded.

Section 3. Alpha Psi Omega, Xi Theta Cast, Point System.

ACTING

Full Length Play (2 or more Acts):

Major Role	15 points
Minor Role	10 points

One-Act Play:

Major Role	10 points
Minor Role	5 points

DIRECTING

Student Director:

Departmental Full Length Play	30 points
One-Act Play/Directing Scene	10 points

Assistant Director:

Departmental Full Length Play	20 points
One-Act Play	10 points

PRODUCTION STAFF

Produced Playwrights	25 points
Designers	20 points
Assistant Designers	15 points
Stage Manager	25 points
Assistant Stage Manager	20 points
Crew Heads	15 points
Crew Workers (Running Crew)	10 points
Special Assignments	10 points
Productions Outside UAH	15 points

OTHER

Ushering	5 points
Marketing	5 points
Fundraisers	5 points

ARTICLE III -Officers

Section 1. The officers of this cast shall be the Cast President (also called the Cast Director), Vice President (also called the Stage Manager), Secretary (also called the Production Manager), Treasurer (also called the Business Manager, and Historian (also called the Dramaturg).

Section 2. The President of the Cast shall preside at all meetings, call meetings, appoint committees, and have general supervision of the affairs of the fraternity.

Section 3. The Vice President shall assist and assume the responsibilities of the President in case of his/her absence. They shall be responsible for communications between members and the officers.

Section 4a. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of meetings, keep record of members' points, and read a report of the minutes and other activities at each regular meeting.

Section 4b. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and assessments of members, pay bills sanctioned by the fraternity, keep and account of all the receipts and expenditures, and read a report of the financial status at each regular meeting.

Section 4c. The Historian shall keep visual and written documentation of the fraternity's activities, along with visual and written documentation of the department's presentations throughout the year.

Section 5. Officers for the following year shall be elected at the start of the Fall Semester and formally installed by the incumbent officers.

Section 6. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the cast.

Section 7. In case officers fail to return to school, new officers shall be appointed by the following method: If the President fails to return, the Vice President becomes President, the Secretary becomes Vice President, and the new Secretary will be elected by the Cast and officers at the start of the fall semester. In the event that the Vice President fails to return, then the Secretary becomes Vice President and the new Secretary will be elected by the Cast and officers at the second quarterly meeting of the semester. In the event that the Secretary, Treasurer, or Historian fails to return, a new

Secretary, Treasurer, or Historian will be elected by the Cast and officers at the second quarterly meeting of the semester. In the event that all the officers fail to return, then a new election will be held by the Faculty Advisors. The Faculty Advisors shall be assigned by the Director of Theatre Arts or his delegate.

Section 8. Each officer shall take an oath pledging him/herself to carry out the duties of the officers conferred upon him/her to the best of his/her ability, and always with the decorum and dignity worth of the fraternity.

Section 9. An officer's term of office is one school year, August to August.

ARTICLE IV - Scholarship

Section 1. The Vice President will act as Scholarship Chairman.

Section 2. The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian) can not apply for the scholarship.

Section 3. The scholarship Chairman will inform the University of Alabama in Huntsville students of scholarship application, then accept all applications, and present them to the Executive Committee at a regular meeting.

(Scholarship Chairman's appointment will last to the end of the active Executive Committee's term, the month of May).

Section 4. The Scholarship Committee is formed, consisting of the Scholarship Chairman, the Executive Committee, and the Alpha Psi Omega Faculty Advisors.

Section 5. The Scholarship Committee will choose one person to be awarded the scholarship.

Section 6. The Scholarship Chairman will present the winner of the scholarship to the Executive Committee and Alpha Psi Omega members, annually, at Cameos (see Article VII).

Section 7. The amount will be determined by the Executive Committee and the Faculty Advisors.

Section 8. In case of lack of funds, or a lack of good applicants, or not one candidate is qualified, the awarding scholarship will be postponed until next year.

Section 9. Alpha Psi Omega Scholarship requirements for application are:

1. Applicant must be a full-time student, twelve hours minimum.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in the Theatre Cognate for at least two semesters at the University of Alabama in Huntsville before applying, and will continue commitment in the Theatre Cognate.
3. Applicant must have participated (cast or crew) in major productions, and continue to do so.

Section 10. Application form will be left up to the active Executive Committee and Alpha Psi Omega members.

ARTICLE V - Initiation, Fees, & Assessments

Section 1. There shall be an initiation fee of twenty dollars (\$20) which must be paid before any understudy can be initiated to Alpha Psi Omega, Xi Theta Cast.

Section 2. The President and Treasurer will send all national dues to the Grand Cast Business Manager no later than one week from receipt of payment.

ARTICLE VI - Committees

Section1. The only standing committee of the fraternity shall be the Executive Committee. This Committee shall be composed of the five officers and the Faculty Advisors. The Executive Committee shall deal with all minor business arising between meetings, membership election, and planning the initiation ceremony.

Section 2. Any other committees may be appointed by the Executive Committee where as desired necessary.

ARTICLE VII - Cameos

Section 1. Cameos is an award ceremony, appointed by the Executive Committee, to acknowledge the excellence of performance and production to students. It will, also, announce the Alpha Psi Omega Scholarship winner, and the new Alpha Psi Omega Xi Theta Cast Officers.

Section2. Cameos is held at the end of the Spring Semester annually.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Section 1. The article of this Constitution may be amended, revised, or altered in whole or in part at any regular meeting by two thirds vote of the members of the fraternity, provided such amendment and the notice of the proposed vote was given to each member in writing at least one week prior to such vote. The amendment must state an effective date, and be cleared by the Committee on Student Organizations.

ARTICLE IX - Rules & Regulations

Section 1. The fraternity will function in accordance with all University of Alabama in Huntsville rules and regulations.

Section 2. The fraternity will function in accordance with all Alpha Psi Omega National rules.

Section 3. The fraternity requires each member to attend all meetings. If a member cannot attend these meetings, the member has to give a presiding officer an excuse as to why.

Section 4. The fraternity requires each member to work at least Concessions for one of the major productions per semester. Up to nine Concession dates are available to work

Section 5. The fraternity requires each member to work at least one fundraiser/event per semester.