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CHAPTER BYLAWS

Article I. Name

The official name of this honor society in psychology, recognized by the Student Government Association, is Southwest Tennessee Community College Psi Beta Chapter.

Article II. Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

A. To serve as a means of national recognition of the student's early interest in and dedication to the field of psychology and to scholastic achievement.
B. To provide opportunities to become acquainted with and involved with the larger field of psychology.
C. C. To provide a forum for developing one's perspective about psychology and for building a sense of community and identity with others in the field.
D. To enhance leadership skills and encourage research.
E. To provide greater opportunity for student-faculty interaction outside the classroom.
F. To benefit the campus and community through programs and services.

Article III. Members

Section 1. All full-time (at least 12 hours leading to the associate degree) students enrolled at Southwest Tennessee Community College are eligible for membership in the Southwest Tennessee Community College Psi Beta Chapter provided that they meet the following requirements:

A. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25, including all transfer credits.
B. Have earned no less than a "B" in a college psychology course.
C. Have completed at least one introductory psychology course and at least 12 semester hours total college credit.
D. Have high standards of personal behavior and integrity.
E. Have a ¾ affirmative vote of the membership attending a regular chapter meeting.

Section 2. New members shall be registered at the national office annually and inducted in the fall and/or spring semesters. This organization may consist of up to five classes of members: active, inactive, faculty, honorary, and alumni members.

A. Active members are students who have been registered and inducted into membership, have paid chapter dues, have maintained eligibility requirements, have attended at least one Psi Beta meeting per semester, and are still enrolled in the college as full-time students. Only active members may vote and hold office.
B. Inactive students are students registered and inducted into membership, who have not maintained their GPA eligibility for Psi Beta and/or paid their local dues. Inactive

members cannot hold office or vote until they are in compliance with Psi Beta membership and chapter requirements.

C. Alumni members are invited to all regular chapter meetings, programs and activities. They may not vote unless re-enrolled in the college and reinstated as an active chapter member.
D. Faculty members are registered and inducted the same as student members, but faculty members may not vote or hold office.
E. Honorary members are nominated by the chapter and approved by the Psi Beta National Council. They are registered the same as faculty members and inducted in a special ceremony described in the handbook.

Article IV. Officers

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the first chapter business meeting and installed in the induction ceremony. Only active members are eligible to serve. The term of office shall be one year. Each outgoing officer shall mentor the incoming officer. If an officer cannot fulfill the duties of an office, the officer must resign. The chapter will elect a new officer, except in the case of the president, who will be replaced by the vice-president. All officers shall perform duties common to the role of the office.

A. President shall plan agendas, preside at meetings, appoint committees, communicate regularly with the faculty advisor and other officers, and vote in the case of a tie.
B. Vice-president shall take over all duties of the president during the president's absence and serve as Program Chair for the chapter.
C. Secretary shall keep minutes and agendas of all business meetings in a notebook, handle all correspondence approved by the faculty advisor relating to the chapter, and maintain a list of all active members and committees in the notebook.
D. Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and dues, deposit the funds in the chapter account, keep financial records, disperse funds as directed by the faculty advisor, and submit monthly and annual reports to the chapter.
E. Chapter delegate shall get the consensus or vote of chapter members at a regular chapter meeting on survey issues or ballots provided to the delegate by the National Council and shall submit the results, as directed.

Article V. Meetings

A. The chapter shall hold a regular meeting at least once per month during the spring and fall semesters.
    a. Active members can vote.
    b. The majority vote of active members attending a meeting shall determine the chapter vote for national elections/ballots.
B. The chapter shall sponsor at least one campus-wide program during the spring and fall semesters.
C. The chapter shall sponsor at least one field trip for chapter members during the academic (fall and spring semesters) year.
D. The officers shall participate in at least one leadership training workshop following their installation and preceding the first chapter meeting of the academic year.

Article VI. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and faculty advisor.

Article VII. Finances

A. Members shall pay to the treasurer $5 local chapter dues per semester.
B. New members must pay to the treasurer the once-in-a-lifetime, tax deductible, national membership fee of $50 by the deadline, preceding the induction ceremony, determined by the chapter. Inductees shall receive a membership certificate and card, plus a gold-plated Psi Beta pin, from the national office.
C. The Psi Beta chapter account must contain at least $50 at the end of the year to be carried to the next academic year.
D. The chapter shall submit a budget request to the student government annually.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

All rules and regulations established by the national Psi Beta Charter, Bylaws and policies, the Student Government Bylaws, and Southwest Tennessee Community College's policies and procedures must be adhered to over and above the local chapter Bylaws. Business meetings shall be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Article IX. Amendments

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority of the active members, following a second reading, so long as the changes are in compliance with the national Psi Beta Charter, Bylaws and policies and the institution's policies and procedures.

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