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## ***Constitution***

*Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society, Inc.*

*Iota Omicron Chapter of CNU*

Adopted September, 1998

(Revised to meet Christopher Newport University standards August, 2009)

## ***Membership***

Future members of Sigma Tau Delta are notified by invitation as decided by the Faculty of the English Department.

*Sigma Tau Delta Iota Omicron shall not haze any prospective or current member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of Sigma Tau Delta Iota Omicron are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. Sigma Tau Delta Iota Omicron shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation.*

## ***Bylaws***

### **Bylaw I**

#### **OFFICIAL MOTTO AND SYMBOLS**

Section I. Official Motto. The official motto of the Society, indentified by its initials, is Sincerity, Truth, Design.

#### **Section II. Official Symbols and Insignia**

- A. Colors. The official colors shall be cardinal and black.
- B. Flower. The official flower shall be the red rose.
- C. Seal. The official seal shall be a circle surrounded by a corrugated border. Just within the circumference shall appear the motto – Sincerity, Truth, Design – and the birth date of the Society, 1924. In the center there shall be a crossed pen and torch with the Green letters ΣΤΔ and a five-point star in the quadrants.

- D. Pin. The official membership pin shall be a simple shield with the Greek letters ΣΤΔ superimposed.

## Bylaw II

Section I. International Conventions. An International Convention shall be held annually in the spring session of the academic year at a location selected by the Board. A Board meeting shall be held in connection with the International Convention (Article II, Section IV. A).

Section II. Regional Conferences. Each Region is encouraged to hold a conference during the fall session of the academic year.

## Bylaw III Board Representation

Section I. Representatives of the Board. The representative of the Society to the following functions shall be the Executive Director, his or her designee, or one elected by the Board:

- A. Installation of the college or university presidents,
- B. Installation of new chapters, and
- C. ACHS (Article I, Section VI). Whenever possible, the representative to ACHS shall be the Executive Director.

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## Bylaw IV Parliamentary Authority

Section I. Unless otherwise specified, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern.

Section II. At each Board meeting, the Board shall select a Parliamentarian.

## Bylaw V

## Corporation Policies

Section I. Purpose. The corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and in accordance with the mission and purposes set forth in Article I, Section III, of the Sigma Tau Delta Constitution.

Section II. Inurement of Income. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, its Board of Directors, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Section III. Legislative or Political Activities. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section IV. Operational Limitations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on.

- A. by a corporation exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) or
- B. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section V. Dissolution: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### ***Advisor***

The advisor shall be a designated member of the English Faculty of Christopher Newport University.

*The advisor shall work closely with the organization in coordinating activities to insure that they are conducted in compliance with Christopher Newport University policies and the laws of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the City of Newport News.*

### ***Responsibilities***

*The organization will adhere to University policies and all local, state and federal laws.*

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