CONSTITUTION

Name of Chapter: XI PI  Effective Date: November 2006
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Phi Alpha Honor Society
University of Washington, Tacoma
Social Work Program
1900 Commerce Street
Tacoma, WA 98402-3100

Article 1 – Name of Organization
Phi Alpha Honor Society –

Article 2 – Purpose of Organization
The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to promote a closer bond among the students of social work and to enter into more intimate fellowship with those dedicated to the promotion of humanitarian goals and ideals by a professional group for which quality educational preparation is deemed significant. Students and faculty involved in social work education at the University of Washington, Tacoma resolve to sponsor a Chapter of Phi Alpha National Honor Society, thereby to foster high standards of education for social work and to ask into membership those who have attained an excellent caliber of scholarship and distinctive achievements as students in the social work program.

*Phi Alpha Honor Society will abide by all University of Washington, Tacoma regulations, federal and state laws, as well as the National Phi Alpha Council regulations.

Article 3 – Membership
a. Any undergraduate or graduate social work student at the University of Washington, Tacoma who meets the qualifications set forth in the By-Laws and the National Phi Alpha standards shall be eligible for active membership.
b. Social work students who do not meet the required GPA and coursework will be admitted as pledges for one academic term. Pledges will be inducted as Phi Alpha members only upon meeting the Phi Alpha national standards and chapter regulations.
c. Honorary membership may be granted to two students each academic year whose support of social work education and practice merit such recognition by approval of the chapter.
d. Faculty members having an official connection with the social work curriculum may be granted membership upon invitation and approval of the chapter.
e. Membership will not be restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, handicap, sexual orientation, or status as Disabled Veteran or Vietnam era veteran.
Article 4 – Officers
a. The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice–President, Secretary, and Treasurer to be elected by a majority vote of the chapter.
b. In order to be eligible for an officer position, candidates must be members of Phi Alpha Honor Society.
c. The officers shall be elected after the end of the spring quarter of each academic year and shall take office at the beginning of the fall quarter. Officers who wish to maintain their positions may only do so by a majority vote of the chapter.
d. Should a vacancy occur in any office, it shall be filled by appointment through a consensus vote of the existing officers.
e. The duties of the officers are outlined and set forth by the By-Laws.

*There must be a minimum of two qualified officers. All officers must be registered UWT students carrying a minimum of 6 credit hours for undergraduate students and 6 credit hours for graduate students and meeting the university’s requirements for student officers with a 3.5 for BASW students and a 3.75 for MSW students.

Article 5 – Meetings
a. The chapter shall hold official meetings once a month on Fridays during the academic term.
b. Special meetings may be called by the officers as needed.
c. A quorum for any official or special meeting shall consist of 10% of the members with a minimum of 5 present.

Article 6 – Amendments
The constitution may be ratified only by the consensus of the organization’s chapter officers.

Article 7 – Executive Committee
The chapter will have a standing Executive Committee. The following individuals will be members of this committee: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Faculty Advisor.

Article 8 – Ex-Officio Representatives
The Executive Committee will elect two Ex-Officio Representatives each year who will attend the Club Camp training (autumn quarter) along with officers of Xi Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society. This annual training is required for officers and representatives of any campus organization in order to become an officially Registered Student Organization at the University of Washington Tacoma. The Ex-Officio Representatives have no voting power; however, they can represent Xi Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society at campus events if asked by the President and/or Vice President.