

BLINN PSI BETA CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

In order to provide national recognition of students' interest in and dedication to the field of psychology and scholastic achievement, to benefit the college and community through programs and services, and to provide a forum to develop student interest and knowledge of the larger field of psychology, we form ourselves into the Blinn College Chapter of Psi Beta and do hereby adopt this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article I Name

The official name of this honor society in psychology, recognized by the Student Government Association, is Blinn 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 the field of psychology and dedication to scholastic achievement.
- B. To provide opportunities to become acquainted with and involved with the larger field of psychology.
- 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.
- E. To provide greater opportunity for student/faculty interaction outside the classroom.
- F. To benefit the campus and community through programs and

Article III Members

Section 1. All full-time and part-time students enrolled at Blinn College are eligible for membership in the Blinn College Psi Beta Chapter provided that they meet the following requirements:

- A. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, including all transfer credits, or a ranking in the top 35% of enrollment, whichever is higher, by the date of induction.
- B. Have earned no less than a "B" in psychology courses, beginning with introductory psychology.
- C. Have completed at least one introductory psychology course and 12 semester hours total

college credit.

- D. High standards of personal behavior and integrity.
- E. Have a 3/4 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 spring. This organization may consist of up to five classes of members: active, inactive, alumni, faculty, and honorary.

- 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 school. Only active members may vote and hold office.
- B. Inactive members are students registered and inducted into membership, who have not maintained their GPA eligibility for Psi Beta or paid their chapter 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 enrolled in school and reactivated as a 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 provided by the national office.

Article IV Officers

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the first chapter business meeting in May and December and installed in the spring and fall induction ceremonies. Only active members are eligible to serve. The term of office shall be one semester. Each outgoing officer shall mentor the incoming officer. If an officer cannot fulfill the duties of office, the officer must resign. Any chapter officer may be removed with or without cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Blinn Chapter members whenever, in the sole opinion of a majority of the voting members of the Blinn Chapter, the best interests of the Chapter will be served by such removal. 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 all meetings, appoint committees, communicate regularly with the faculty sponsor and other officers, and vote in 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 sponsor 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 (or school) account, keep financial records, disperse funds as directed by the faculty sponsor, and submit monthly and annual reports to the chapter.

Article V. Meetings

- A. The chapter shall hold a meeting at least once per month.
 - 1. Active members can vote.
 - 2. 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 per semester
- C. The chapter shall sponsor at least one field trip for members per semester.
- D. The officers shall participate in at least one leadership training workshop following their installation and preceding the first chapter meeting of the school year.

Article VI. Executive Board

The executive Board faculty shall consist of the elected officers and sponsor(s).

Article VII. Finances

- A. Members shall pay \$5 dues per semester.
- B. New members must pay to the treasurer the lifetime, tax deductible, national membership fee of \$25 by the deadline, preceding the induction ceremony, determined by the chapter.
- 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 Blinn College's policies and procedures must be adhered to

over and above the local chapter Bylaws. Business meetings shall be conducted by 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 institutions policies and procedures.