

A Resolution Regarding the Combined Chapters

WHEREAS, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma recognize each other as “equal, affiliated organizations with parallel purposes, functions, and roles in the college and university band setting”;

WHEREAS, The Chapters of San Diego State University were founded with the intent of combining their resources and efforts in service to the bands, and We manifest that by performing all service projects, fundraisers, and other actions as a whole rather than as two discrete parts, despite our identities and rituals as Eta Mu and Zeta Xi;

WHEREAS, Perpetually combined decisions and actions require our membership to function as if in a single organization, without discrimination as to whether another member is a Brother or a Sister, lest competition and organizational “nationalism” reduce our ability to do the work that is needed for our band;

WHEREAS, The Duties of each of our Offices are considered the joint responsibility of those who hold the same type of office in each chapter, yet it is unreasonable and patently unfair for a member to have no say in the election of those who are directed to lead them;

WHEREAS, Each member in our combined chapters has an equal stake in the future of our organization, a future defined by the membership in which We train together, work with together, stand together, and support each other as Brothers and Sisters;

WHEREAS, Believing that words and Professions of Faith in Jointness without deeds are meaningless, the Chapters have voted as a combined whole for the vast majority of their 26 years as an ultimate expression of faith in and dedication to the values of mutual trust, responsibility, equality, and cooperation among the individual Brothers and Sisters of our Chapters;

WHEREAS, We as the Chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma at San Diego State University have been advised to end our method of combined voting in order to reconcile operations with respect to our respective National Constitutions;

WHEREAS, Our Chapter Sponsor and Director of Bands, Mr. Bryan Ransom, has stated that combined voting on the candidates and officers of both chapters is both a beneficial and necessary means of preserving the outstanding performance of our service to the Bands;

WHEREAS, Our “jointness” in operations demonstrates an application of the word far exceeding the usual actions of other chapters, and has prevented the discordance that has afflicted the relationships between many components of the Fraternity and Sorority around the country; and

WHEREAS, Our research has shown that our continuance of combined voting has been not only a natural, homeostatic mechanism, and itself a self-balancing state, but in fact the very keystone of a way of life that provides a viable means for the continued, positive co-existence of the Fraternity and Sorority; *now, therefore, be it*

Resolved, That the Chapters shall work to the utmost of their ability, with tireless dedication, and in every means possible, to foster an improvement of Joint Relations between all levels of the Fraternity and Sorority;

Resolved, That the Chapters affirm that it is impermissible for any member to not have an empowered voice in either the election of our leaders or in whom is accepted into our mutual Bond as a Brother or Sister;

Resolved, That the Chapters affirm that all of our members deserve, respect, and require an Equal Say in the future of our organizations, and that that Equal Say is required not of Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma as Organizations, but of the Brothers and Sisters as Equal Individuals;

Resolved, That the Chapters shall support the Sponsor's statement that a change in voting policy would be a detriment to the service We provide to his band program;

Resolved, That the Chapters express their strong concern that any appreciable permanent change in voting philosophy will cause serious and irreparable harm to our self-balancing, joint operational framework and will reduce our effectiveness in maintaining the highest standard of service within our band program; and

Resolved, That the Chapters reaffirm their belief in continuing to practice joint voting on chapter membership and elections as a means of fostering a spirit of trust, unity, respect, and mutual Brother-and-Sisterhood throughout the organization.

Passed this 20th day of February, 2005, by unanimous vote.

David Guthrie, KKΨ President

Karen Helbling, TΒΣ President

Bryan K. Ransom, Director of Bands and Chapter Sponsor (HM/ZΞ)