

BY-LAWS
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
ETA CHAPTER

The following by-laws govern the activities of the Eta Chapter. They have been modeled after the international constitution and by-laws (June 13, 1960), but in case of conflict, the international by-laws will be adhered to. Adopted by the Eta Chapter March 20, 1964. Revised March 13, 1968; March 4, 1969; February 11, 1972; February 2, 1973; September 19, 1973; September 18, 1974; February 8, 1977; February 13, 1981; February 19, 1988; September 22, 1989; February 23, 1990; September 21, 1990; September 27, 1991; September 25, 1992; April 11, 1996; March 14, 1997; March 12, 1999; March 8, 2002; October 8, 2004; March 1, 2005; October 6, 2006; October 10, 2008; April 16, 2019.

Article I. Name

The name of the society shall be the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, Eta Chapter of Kansas State University.

Article II. Objective and Purpose

- Section 1. The objective of this society is to encourage high standards of scholarship, character, and proficiency in all branches of agricultural science and education, and a high degree of excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits.
- Section 2. The objective of the society shall be implemented: by electing to membership students, faculty and alumni of Kansas State University who have demonstrated ability in academic studies, high moral character, or signal service to the cause of agriculture; and by presenting approved awards of honor to persons whose contributions to and accomplishments in agricultural sciences and education are worthy of recognition.

Article III. Membership

- Section 1. A. Membership in the Eta Chapter shall constitute membership in the International Society of Gamma Sigma Delta. Payment of the international membership dues shall provide a life-time membership in the international society.
- B Active members of the Eta Chapter are those who pay annual dues or paid a life membership to the Eta Chapter prior to June 1, 2005. Members who have not paid dues by December 1 will be notified (see Article V, Section I). Failure to pay the immediate past year's dues by May 31 will place them on an "inactive" list. Members will be reinstated to the active list on payment of the current year's dues.
- C. Members of the Eta Chapter having emeritus status shall be retained on the active membership list without the payment of annual dues.
- D. Any Gamma Sigma Delta member elected by another chapter may affiliate with the Eta Chapter upon payment of the annual dues.

Section 2. Those who are eligible for membership in the Eta Chapter are seniors, graduate students, faculty, and alumni engaged in agricultural studies and/or pursuits.

A. Undergraduate students. Students with at least a 3.8 overall Kansas State University grade point average who are classified as seniors in each of the following: Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine; Departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics; Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health; and Hospitality Management. They must meet the following conditions:

1. Have at least 30 graded credit hours exclusive of credit-no credit or pass-fail credits in residence at Kansas State University.
2. A letter of recommendation from an active Gamma Sigma Delta faculty member. (A suitable form is permissible).

B. Graduate students. Students majoring in Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, and Health and Human Sciences, Division of Biology, and Departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics; Statistics, Chemistry, Geology, Chemical Engineering, and Physics may be considered in this category for a calendar year after receiving their M.S. or Ph.D. degree. They must meet the following conditions:

1. Have a minimum accumulative 3.5 grade point average in 12 or more graduate credit hours toward the Master of Science in residence at Kansas State University or in 36 graduate credit hours, 24 of which are in residence at Kansas State University, toward the Doctor of Philosophy, both exclusive of research credits.
2. A letter of recommendation from active Gamma Sigma Delta faculty members. (A suitable form is permissible).

C. Professionals. Faculty members and other professionals who are engaged in agricultural research or teaching or in science related to agriculture are eligible for membership. They shall have demonstrated exceptional ability as teachers or investigators. Nominations are to be made to the membership committee by two active Gamma Sigma Delta Faculty members who must provide pertinent information concerning the nominee.

D. Alumni. Alumni members may be selected from the alumni of Kansas State University who have rendered significant service to the cause of agricultural development, or from the alumni of other recognized colleges and universities who are outstanding agricultural leaders in Kansas. Nominations shall be made by the same procedure as for faculty (Article III, Section 2-C).

Section 3. Election of members. Election shall be made at any meeting designated for that purpose. A membership committee shall present the list of eligible candidates. Nominees shall be declared elected following a 3/4 majority favorable vote of the membership present or through those voting in an online poll made available to all members. A certificate of membership shall be issued to each initiate in accord with the international constitution.

Article IV. Officers and Government

Section 1. Officers. The officers to be elected are president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and historian.

A. Election. Elections shall be conducted at the spring business meeting or electronically afterward. The president-elect shall serve during the ensuing year and serve as president the following year. The secretary and treasurer shall be elected for 2- year terms. The terms shall begin in alternate years.

The historian shall be elected for a 3-year term, and, for continuity, may be re-elected.

In the event of the office of president becomes vacant, the president-elect shall advance to the presidency and shall serve the unexpired as well as the following regular term. The executive committee shall then appoint a vice-president to serve for the remainder of the term. In case of a vacancy in the office of secretary, treasurer, or historian the executive committee shall appoint an officer for the current year, and at the next spring election the position shall be filled for a full term by election of the membership.

- Section 2. Executive Committee. The president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, historian, immediate past-president and any officer of the international society who is an active Eta member and located at Kansas State University will constitute the executive committee.
- Section 3. Committees. There shall be a membership committee of at least five members appointed annually by the president. There shall be a nominations committee appointed by the president, one member of whom shall be the immediate past-president or one of their predecessors.
- Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of all active members present at a properly announced business meeting.
- Section 5. Business year. The business year shall be from June 1 to May 31. New officers will assume their duties on June 1.
- Section 6. Meetings. There shall be at least one meeting held each spring. The president may call other meetings as deemed necessary or a meeting may be called on petition of ten active members. All active members are to be notified of each meeting.

Article V. Finance

- Section 1. The annual dues shall be payable on or before October 1 of each year. The amount is to be determined by the executive committee. Dues must be paid by the following May 31 to maintain active membership (see Article III, Section I-B).
- Section 2. Initiation fees shall include the international dues and other assessments as determined by the executive committee.
- Section 3. The treasurer shall keep the financial records of the society which shall be audited annually as of May 31.

Article VI. Special Recognitions

- Section 1. First Year Performance Award. The society shall annually make at least one award, consisting of a cash award and a suitable certificate, to an outstanding freshman or transfer student from the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine; Departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics; Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health; and Hospitality Management. Selection of the recipient shall be made by the Undergraduate and Graduate Recognition Committee from among those students who attain a 4.0 overall grade point average for a minimum of 30 credit hours earned while enrolled during their first academic year at Kansas State University.
- Section 2. Junior Honors. Junior honors certificates shall be awarded annually to all students with at least a 3.8 overall Kansas State University grade point average who are classified as juniors in each of the following groups: Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine; Departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics; Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health; and Hospitality Management. Students in Veterinary Medicine must have completed the first two years in residence in the College of Veterinary Medicine before September 1 of the academic year in which recognition is made and only the credits earned during that time shall be considered. All other students must have been eligible to enroll as a junior at the beginning of the Fall Semester, and by the end of that semester have earned a minimum of 30 credit hours in residence at Kansas State

University with a 3.8 or higher overall KSU grade point average. Only those credits earned in residence shall be considered.

- Section 3. Undergraduate Research Award. Up to three awards, consisting of cash and a certificate, shall be made annually to an undergraduate student in the broad field of agriculture at Kansas State University for the best independent research activity. Competition is open to freshmen in the College of Veterinary Medicine and sophomores, juniors, and seniors in other colleges or departments with agriculturally-related research. The project must be supervised by a member of the faculty. Neither the student nor their mentor must be a member of Gamma Sigma Delta.
- Section 4. Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award. Two awards will be presented annually (one for M.S. work and one for Ph.D. work) to a graduate student(s) majoring in Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, and Health and Human Sciences, Division of Biology, and Departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics; Statistics, Chemistry, Geology, Chemical Engineering, and Physics. The recipient must have completed a minimum of one year of graduate work at Kansas State University and may not have completed graduate work at Kansas State University earlier than one year before the Spring Semester in which the award is given. Evaluation will be on grade point average, research, resume, teaching experiences, and letters of recommendation. The nominator must be a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, but the student is not required to be a member of Gamma Sigma Delta.
- Section 5. Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award. Two awards will be presented Annually (one for M.S. work and one for Ph.D. work) to a graduate student(s) in the Colleges of Agriculture, Health and Human Sciences, or Veterinary Medicine, the Division of Biology, or the Departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering, Geology, Physics, or Statistics. The recipient must have completed a minimum of one year of graduate work at Kansas State University and may not have completed graduate work at Kansas State University earlier than one year before the Spring Semester in which the award is given. Evaluation will be on grade point average, teaching experiences, resume, and letters of recommendation. The nominator must be a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, but the student is not required to be a member of Gamma Sigma Delta.
- Section 6. Distinguished Alumni Award. One award for distinguished service shall be made annually to an alumnus member of Gamma Sigma Delta who meets the following minimum requirements: graduation from Kansas State University or other recognized colleges and universities at least five years prior to the date of the award and noteworthy contributions to community, state, or nation in fields appropriate to Gamma Sigma Delta.
- Section 7. Distinguished Faculty Award. One award for distinguished faculty service may be made annually to an active faculty member of Gamma Sigma Delta meeting the following minimum requirements: member of the Kansas State University faculty at least five years, outstanding service in teaching (residence or extension), research, or administration, activity in community affairs and professional organizations, and/or have highly creditable publications.
- Section 8. Outstanding Teaching Award. One award for outstanding teaching shall be made annually to an active member of Gamma Sigma Delta meeting the following requirements: member of the teaching faculty for at least two years and outstanding service in resident teaching.

- Section 9. Advisor Award. One award for outstanding advising shall be made annually to an active member of Gamma Sigma Delta meeting the following requirements: member of the teaching faculty for at least two years and outstanding service in student advising.
- Section 10. Excellence in Extension Award. One award for excellence in extension shall be made annually to an active member of Gamma Sigma Delta meeting the following requirements: member of Extension faculty for at least two years and outstanding service in extension program development and delivery.
- Section 11. Outstanding Research Award. One award for outstanding research shall be made annually to an active member of Gamma Sigma Delta meeting the following requirements: member of research faculty for at least two years and outstanding service in research.
- Section 12. Early Career Award. One award for outstanding contribution in extension, research or teaching shall be made annually to an active member of Gamma Sigma Delta meeting the following requirements: member of the faculty at rank of instructor or assistant professor.
- Section 13. Other Awards. These shall be made as deemed advisable and specified by the society.

Article VII. Change of By-Laws

These by-laws shall change by electronic ballot providing prior notice of the proposed changes has been given to the members. A 3/4 vote of those voting is necessary to change the by-laws. All changes must be in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the international society.