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Article I.

Name

The name of this organization shall be known as the Nu Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Article II.

Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to unite all types of people in getting positive things done while excelling in academics, athletics and all other facets of life- Separating ourselves not by our color, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status, but by our actions, and the way we think.

Article III.

Zeta Psi Nu Delta Chapter

- A. Charter. The charter shall be an engraved or engrossed instrument in the traditional form, under seal and signed by the Grand Officers, and shall be suitably framed and hung in the regular chapter room or, if none, in a suitable place in the chapter house or other accommodations occupied or used by Zeta Psi Nu Delta.

- B. Rules and Regulations. Subject to the approval of the Supreme Council of the corresponding elder chapter, all rules and regulations must be in conjunction with the official Zeta Psi national by-laws.

- C. Members.
 - 1. *Rushing and Pledging Rules and Practices.* All pledges should be men who have attained satisfactory academic achievement by holding a minimum GPA of a 2.0, displayed honorable character traits, who have been involved in college or community activities, are full-time undergraduates of Marist College. First year students must complete one semester before being eligible to pledge. Any other discrepancies or modifications will

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be made at the discretion of Zeta Psi Nu Delta in compliance with Marist College.

2. *Pledge Manual.* At the time he is pledged, each pledge shall receive a Pledge Manual. The manual shall contain a concise statement of the purposes and history of the Fraternity and description of its organization, together with such other information as shall be appropriate, prior to initiation, to assure on the part of each pledge a proper understanding and appreciation of the traditional ideals and standards of the Fraternity, the serious purposes of membership and the nature and extent of the obligation to be assumed.

3. *Revocation or Termination of Pledgeship.* A pledge shall have the right to withdraw and thereupon the pledgeship shall be revoked. The pledge shall remain responsible for all financial or other obligations incurred prior to the exercise of said right. The pledge shall be suspended or terminated by action of Zeta Psi Nu Delta by the failure of the pledge to maintain the eligibility requirements for membership in the Fraternity. While under suspension, the pledge may not participate in any Fraternity affairs. A termination may be appealed in writing to the Supreme Council of the corresponding elder chapter. The decision reached by the Supreme Council of the elder chapter is final.

4. *Initiation.* At the consent of Marist College, Zeta Psi and Nu Delta chapter, a pledge shall be qualified for initiation; however, no pledge shall be initiated unless all initiation fees have been paid in full. All members of Zeta Psi Nu Delta are to attend the initiation, except those who are unavoidably absent and who have been excused by the Supreme Council. The ceremony shall be conducted in due and ancient form and in no event shall the traditional ceremony or the ritual be varied or abridged. In appropriate cases, present or past Grand Officers, officers of the elder chapter, and members of the Fraternity other than officers and members of the Nu Delta chapter, may attend and preside at or otherwise participate in the ceremony. Completion of the initiation in due compliance with all provisions of the constitution and by-laws shall entitle the initiate to receive a certificate of membership as provided in the constitution and due issuance of the certificate shall constitute final election and installation of the initiate as a member of the Fraternity, entitled to the rights and privileges and subject to the duties and obligations of membership. Faculty members and administrative officials Marist College, upon election to membership and due certification thereof by the Sigma Alpha of the Grand Chapter, may be initiated by Zeta Psi

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Nu Delta.

5. *Dues.* Dues include but are not limited to the expenses of insurance fees, initiation fees, and chapter fees. Insurance fees will be determined by the International Head-Quarters of the Zeta Psi Fraternity, Inc. based on the number of members that make up the Nu Delta Chapter. The total bill for insurance will then be divided evenly among the members of the chapter. Insurance fees must be paid by September 30th of each Fall semester. The cost of initiation is \$275, unless modified by the International Head-Quarters of Zeta Psi Fraternity, Inc. The chapter fee is \$1,100 and is to be divided evenly among the active members of the Nu Delta Chapter. All members are responsible for ensuring the payment of these dues in a timely fashion and failure to do so will be dealt with at the discretion of the presiding Phi and Supreme Council.

6. *Suspension or Revocation of Membership.* The grounds for suspension or revocation of membership shall be the commission of any offense which might subject the member of Zeta Psi Nu Delta to disciplinary action leading to expulsion of the member or suspension or withdrawal of the privileges of the chapter by Marist College authorities; willful or deliberate repudiation of the Fraternity or of its essential ideals and purposes by the member; repeated, flagrant breaches of chapter discipline; continued refusal or neglect to discharge financial obligations to the Nu Delta chapter or Fraternity; or moral turpitude. The accused shall be entitled to be apprised of the charges, to a preliminary hearing before the Supreme Council of Zeta Psi Nu Delta, to an open hearing before a duly constituted meeting held on due notice and to the right of review before the Supreme Council of the elder chapter. Conviction and fixing the penalty shall require the three-fourths vote of all members entitled to vote. The Supreme Council; upon the preliminary hearing, shall dismiss the charges if it determines that the charges do not merit further action; however, the written demand of not less than one-fourth of the membership of Zeta Psi Nu Delta shall require that the charges be heard by all members. On review the Supreme Council of the elder chapter may reverse, modify, or suspend the decision and/or the penalty imposed, or the Supreme Council of the elder chapter in its discretion may conduct the hearing in the first instance. Grand Chapter retains superior authority. The Nu Delta Chapter must also abide by all Marist College Policies, and should a member go against the policies of Marist College the member will not only be held accountable by the Supreme Council of both the Chapter and Elder Chapter, but may also be placed under Judicial Review by Marist College.

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D. Officers.

1. *Supreme Council.* The Supreme Council shall govern the chapter, manage its business and affairs and, subject to Article I, Section C.5, exercise disciplinary power over the members. In addition to the Phi, who shall be ex-officio voting member, the Supreme Council shall consist of no less than three and no greater than six members, more specifically: the Gamma, the Delta, the Sigma (Alpha Sigma in case of the Sigma's absence), the Greek council representative and the Social Chair. The Phi is a non-participant member unless needed to break a tie or intervene in discussion as necessary. Additional positions will be invited to the Supreme Council as seen fit by the Phi along with the discretion of the Supreme Council.

2. *Phi.* The Phi shall be the executive head of the chapter and shall exercise the customary powers and perform the customary duties of president, including presiding at all meetings of the chapter pending acceptable excuse and of the Supreme Council and presiding at initiations. He shall be present at every philanthropic, social, and recruiting event pending acceptable excuse. He shall delegate all appointive committees and representatives for Student Government Association with the assistance of the Supreme Council and be responsible for the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the chapter and of the policies as laid down by the Supreme Council.

3. *Alpha Phi.* The Alpha Phi is the vice president and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Phi, in the event of his absence or inability to act, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Supreme Council. He shall also be responsible for the chapter's risk management policy in addition to acting as a liaison between the Chapter and Elders.

4. *Sigma.* The Sigma shall perform the customary duties of secretary, including keeping complete and accurate minutes of all meetings of the chapter and of the Supreme Council. He shall make the minutes accessible to the Supreme Council no greater than one day after the General or Supreme Council meeting. He shall keep a regular attendance at all events. He is responsible for the upkeep of the Chapter documentation with the help of the Alpha Sigma.

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5. *Alpha Sigma.* The Alpha Sigma shall perform the customary duties of corresponding secretary, including composing and filing periodic chapter letters for publication in the official publication of the Fraternity. The Alpha Sigma shall also perform the customary duties of the Sigma in the event of his absence.

6. *Gamma.* The Gamma shall be the fiscal officer and perform the customary duties of that office, otherwise referred to as the treasurer. He shall verify and approve all disbursements, sign checks without co-signature, unless co-signature is provided for in the rules and regulations, bill and collect all accounts, keep proper books and records of all financial transactions, make proper financial reports, monthly and at the end of each semester, to the Supreme Council and to the Beta Pi (Chapter Advisor) of the elder chapter, and under the supervision of the Supreme Council make annual financial reports to the Board of Delegates of the Grand Chapter, said reports to be prepared as of and filed within thirty days after the close of the spring semester. The Supreme Council of the elder chapter may require the active Gamma to be bonded. The Gamma shall keep up to date financial records of all brothers in the Chapter. He is required to create payment plans for individuals of financial need so that the payment is made within the time allotted by the Grand Chapter.

7. *Delta.* The Delta shall be the Zeta Psi Nu Delta historian. He shall be the custodian of and shall keep up-to-date the historical record of the chapter, in which shall be recorded all significant data relating to the founding and progress of Nu Delta. It shall contain a chronological record of initiations and graduations, of chapter officers, of individual and chapter honors and of functions and events of historical interest in the life of the chapter. He also shall be the custodian of and shall keep up-to-date a proper permanent list of all active members and elders of the chapter, in which shall be entered in each instance the name, current mailing address, address when initiated, names of parents, names of all persons related by blood or marriage who are or were members of the Fraternity, dates of birth, initiation and graduation or disenrollment, death and such other statistical data as may be informative for the purposes of the chapter and of the Fraternity. He shall be responsible for supplying like information to the corresponding elder chapter and to the Grand Chapter.

8. *Sigma Rho.* The Sigma Rho shall be keeper of the door while chapter meetings are in session and at social events hosted by Zeta Psi Nu Delta. Nu Delta events shall require the traditional identification and admit no one who is not a member of the Fraternity. He shall be

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the custodian of the key to the chapter room and of the regalia and chapter room properties. He is responsible for enforcing the risk management policy as constructed by the Alpha Phi in accordance with the Supreme Council, and even further, the Zeta Psi by-laws. He is to ensure the cooperation of the brothers at all meetings.

9. *Social Chair.* Social Chairs shall be the coordinators and organizers of social events in regards to philanthropy, and other opportunities to expand and build upon the Marist College community. Social Chairs are to be present at the Supreme Council meetings and all Greek Council meetings.

10. *Web Master.* The Web Master shall be the keeper of the Zeta Psi Nu Delta website and any other media-centric conveyer of chapter information. The Web master works in conjunction with the Delta and Sigma in providing accurate information to be displayed on said media. The Web Master is present at the Supreme Council meetings as needed.

11. *Eligibility, Nomination and Election.* The members of the Supreme Council and all other chapter officers shall be elected annually after a Spring-Fall tenure. Nominations shall be a group vote among active members within the chapter including those individuals who are participating in election. Each member is granted one vote and the elected official is based on majority vote results. In the event of a tie, a re-poll will take place by the members of the active chapter in conjunction with participating members of the Elder Chapter. Members may not run for a position if they intend to go abroad the semester immediately after in which the current election is held. A student may resign whenever they wish and does not need to serve 2 consecutive semesters. Elected members that resign but wish to remain in the club will not be penalized. Members may not run for a Supreme Council position unless already having been approved by a majority vote from the current serving Supreme Council.

12. *Tenure, Removal, and Vacancies.* Chapter officers shall hold office from the Spring semester until the end of Fall semester. The voting process will take place the last week in November until their successors are qualified and installed during a three-week shadow period until the end of the semester. Officers may be removed given a three-fourths appeal vote among active members. This will be followed by a simple majority vote among those Supreme Council members who are in weekly attendance of the Supreme Council meeting. This vote will act as final arbitration. In the event of a vacancy due to discrepancies

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with performance or with Marist College, the Supreme Council fills the position.

E. Meetings.

1. *Regular Meetings.* Regular Meetings of Nu Delta are held every week in chapter room or other accommodations occupied by Zeta Psi Nu Delta in accordance with Marist College Activities policy, if need be.
 2. *Special Meetings.* Special Meetings are requested by the Supreme Council with the advising of the Phi.
 3. *Supreme Council Meetings.* Supreme Council meetings are held every week in chapter room to discuss events and chapter needs before the following General meeting. Members holding active positions are permitted to attend as needed. General members are not permitted to attend unless given special provision by the Phi.
 4. *Notice, Place and Conduct of Meeting.* Notice of meetings shall be given by the Sigma. Meetings shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the Zeta Psi Nu Delta By-laws.
 5. *Attendance.* The Supreme Council alone shall have the power to excuse non-attendance. Punishment is at the discretion of the Supreme Council. Acceptable excuses from active members shall be directed to the Sigma who in turn shall seek approval by the Supreme Council.
- F. *Suspension or Revocation of Charters.* Nu Delta can be suspended or placed on probation for failure to comply with the Constitution and the By-Laws. Club status may also be terminated if Zeta Psi Nu Delta fails to comply with the Marist College Student Government Association.
- G. *Grand Chapter Representation.* One delegate, to represent and act for the chapter and cast its vote at meetings of the Board of Delegates of the Grand Chapter, and one alternative delegate to act in the absence of the delegate.

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H. *Insurance.* Zeta Psi Nu Delta and all its members are responsible to pay for insurance in a timely manner.

I. *Hazing Policy.* Zeta Psi Nu Delta is in full compliance with the Marist College hazing clause. Zeta Psi Nu Delta holds a no tolerance policy against any hazing activity. If any hazing related incident surfaces, the Supreme Council shall take immediate action under the consul of the Executive Director of the Grand Chapter and Marist College Student Government Association. Action is not limited to expulsion or suspension from the Chapter as reviewed by the aforementioned parties.

J. *Campus Student Government .*

Priority Points

Members have the opportunity to earn a maximum of 2 priority points per semester. The first point shall be given for attending $\frac{3}{4}$ of the club's meetings per semester. The second point shall be given for participating in all philanthropic events that Zeta Psi Nu Delta is either involved with or is hosting on campus. Participation involves helping setup, plan for, and conduct an event.