



ZETA PSI FRATERNITY

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Zeta Psi Officer Duties

Supreme Council

Description:

The Supreme Council shall govern the chapter, manage its business and affairs and exercise disciplinary power over the members. In addition to the Phi and Alpha Phi, who shall be ex-officio voting members, the Supreme Council shall consist of not less than three or more than five members, no more than two of whom shall be seniors or active graduate students.

Responsibilities:

- The Supreme Council is the first defined officer category in Zeta Psi's By Laws. The Supreme Council is elected by the chapter in accordance with the local By Laws. Some chapters elect the Supreme Council for one semester or quarter, others for an entire year.
- **Powers of the Supreme Council:** Govern the chapter, manage its business and affairs, and exercise discipline over the members.
- **The VOTING members of the Supreme Council are:** The Phi, Alpha Phi, and three, four, or five members no more than two of whom may be senior or active graduate students.
- **NOTE: If your chapter's Supreme Council doesn't check off all of the above, your chapter is not operating in accordance with the International By Laws!**
- **Best practices to make the Supreme Council effective include:**
 - Chaired by the Phi
 - Meets every week before the chapter meeting
 - Responsible for oversight of all chapter planning documents
 - Members must be above reproach
 - Members are there to represent the whole chapter – not their class and not their buddies
 - Members must be willing and able to hold themselves and their brothers accountable
 - If the chapter wants to “overturn” a Supreme Council decision, ask for the matter to be reconsidered by the Supreme Council with a report back the next meeting. Often, the extra time may change the thinking of the Supreme Council or the members that thought that the Council made the wrong call. Rarely does something need to be decided so quickly.
 - Violations of the Risk Management Policy need to be handled or reported to the Elders, the IHQ Consultant, or reported on EthicsPoint. Supreme Councils that (intentionally or inadvertently) sweep matters under the rug are creating the conditions for future chaos.
 - The Supreme Council should specifically provide oversight for how all members, new members, and guests participate in any public or private chapter affiliated social media. Members of the Supreme Council should be authorized or have delegated the authority to delete inappropriate content.

Additional Resources:

- “ZeteForward” (<http://bit.ly/zetapsizeteforward>)
- “Ideal Chapter Criteria” (zetapsi.org/actives/idealchapter)
- “EthicsPoint” (zetapsi.ethicspoint.com)