

Bylaws of the McMurry University Chapter of Psi Chi

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the McMurry University Psi Chi Chapter, a local unit of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter and the National Society.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of Psi Chi shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

Article III – Members

Section 1. Active Members. Active members are men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests and who are faculty members or students of McMurry University or are members who have been readmitted to active status by this Chapter. Persons are considered active when they regularly attend Chapter meetings and participate in Chapter activities. All shall possess high academic standards. Active members shall be entitled to participate in all chapter meetings and shall have the right to vote.

- A. Student Members shall be students enrolled in undergraduate study at the time of induction. Only student members shall be entitled to hold Chapter office.

Note: Membership requirements must meet the national minimum criteria as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society.

- 1. Undergraduate Students shall be enrolled in McMurry University, have registered for major or minor standing in psychology, have completed nine semester hours of psychology, have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and rank in the upper 35% of their class standing, and shall have a minimum grade average of 3.0 in psychology courses.
- B. Faculty members of McMurry University and other psychologists who met the current criteria when they were students may become active members of the Chapter upon election to membership and induction into Psi Chi. Faculty Members shall not be eligible to hold Chapter office.

Section 2. Membership in Psi Chi is open to qualified candidates of any age, sex, sexual orientation, race, handicap or disability, color, religion, and national or ethnic origin.

Section 3. Induction. Potential candidates will be invited to join Psi Chi during the fall semester. The induction ceremonies will be typically held in the fall and can also be held in the spring, as needed.

- A. *Fall Induction.* During fall semester the Chapter Advisor will identify students who meet the membership requirements. Applications will then be mailed to those who qualify. After review

of the applicants, the qualifying applicants will be invited to the induction ceremony. This will be the primary induction ceremony for the year.

- B. *Spring Induction.* Students who meet the requirements in the spring semester will be invited to apply. After verification of requirements, a second ceremony may be held.

Section 4. Prior to induction, each prospective member shall pay an induction fee as determined by the National Society, which shall entitle the inductee to life membership without payment of further dues or assessments to the National Society.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There must be at least three elected officers. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, the constitution, and bylaws of the National Society, and shall fulfill such other duties and requirements as may be determined by the National Society.

Section 2. At the regular Chapter meetings candidates will be nominated from the floor and immediately following officer elections will be held. Officer elections will be held in the spring semester.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and term of office shall begin in April. In the event there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be held by voice vote.

Section 4. Should the office of President become vacant, it shall be filled by the Vice President. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Chapter Advisor.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The Executive Committee and the Chapter Advisor shall determine the number of regular meetings to be held during the year in cooperation with Tri Psy, the McMurry Psychology Club. Notice of meetings will be published in the Psychology Club Newsletter and announced in Psychology classes.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special Meetings can be called by the President or the Executive Committee.

Article VI – Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Chapter and the Chapter Advisor.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the Chapter between its business meetings, fix the time, date and place of member induction, make recommendations to the Chapter, cause all reports required by the National Society to be submitted in a timely manner, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws and the constitution, bylaws and ruling of the National Society.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by any member of the committee.

Article VII – Chapter Advisor

Section 1. The Chapter shall have a Chapter Advisor who is a member of Psi Chi and a member of the faculty of McMurry University.

Section 2. The Chapter Advisor shall assist the Chapter in fulfilling its purpose and the requirements of the National Society.

Article VIII – Committees

The Executive Committee can form additional committees as needed for Chapter projects. The Standing Committees of the Chapter shall be:

Section 1. The Membership Committee shall promote membership in Psi Chi to all qualified persons.

Section 2. The Induction Committee shall make arrangements for induction ceremonies.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall prepare the budget and make an annual analysis of the chapter fiscal management.

Article IX – Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a majority vote of the active members. These bylaws shall not be in conflict with the constitution and bylaws or rulings of the National Society. Any amendment of the constitution and bylaws or rulings of the National Society affecting these bylaws shall cause this document to be amended automatically to concur with such amendment.

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