

Proposal to Amend the Constitution of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at
Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business

Summary of proposed changes:

Currently, the constitution only allows for two different types of participants in the Gamma Rho chapter; members, and candidates or "pledges". In order for a student to become a member of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, they must successfully complete their candidacy. The requirements (which are made clear and are available to be viewed by any interested party in the constitution of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi) to become a candidate and complete the necessary requirements to become a member are well thought out, fair, and appropriate in the eyes of the executive board and are not subject to change under this proposal. Though fair and appropriate, those requirements are restrictive to the extent that a student may not join the organization as a candidate until they have first completed their preliminary major specific courses. This effectively prohibits the vast majority of freshman and sophomore students with an interest in accounting, finance, and/or business information systems from participating in chapter activities. Accordingly, this constitutional amendment aims to accommodate those students and grow the chapter by creating and implementing a new class of membership for the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi. If passed by a 2/3 majority vote, this addition to the constitution will become *Article II: Membership, Section C: Exploratory members*. The proposed constitutional amendment is as follows:

"C. Exploratory Members:

- a. Students eligible for exploratory membership in the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi are those students (usually freshman or sophomore students) who have not yet met the requirements to become a candidate.
 - i. Students are required to have completed at least one full semester at Western Michigan University
 - ii. Students are required to have achieved and maintained a GPA of at least 3.0
 - iii. Students are required to have expressed a sincere intention to pursue a career in the field of accounting, finance, or business information systems.
- b. Exploratory members have all of the same rights as candidates with regard to chapter activities, however, they do not share the same voting privileges.
- c. Exploratory members will be assessed a mandatory membership fee at the beginning of the semester in an amount decided by the sitting executive board.
- d. Exploratory members will be assigned a BETA Buddy mentor at the beginning of each semester. They are required to satisfy the same expectations as candidates with regard to their BETA Buddies business relationship.
- e. Exploratory members are permitted one excused absence which is to be made up through attendance at an extracurricular professional event deemed appropriate and fitting by the sitting members of the executive board.
- f. Exploratory members are required to complete a minimum of 8 hours of community service each semester.
- g. Exploratory members are not permitted to represent the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi as tutors for any university course, as they have not yet passed their own preliminary major specific courses with a GPA deemed appropriate and sufficient by the chapter. This does not, however, prohibit exploratory members from tutoring fellow students on their own time."

By casting a vote as a member or candidate of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi with regard to the constitutional amendment outlined in this document, it is assumed that you have taken the time to read and understand the proposed changes. As a member or candidate of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, you are encouraged to vote with your heart. Make your decision based on what you feel is best for the future success of the chapter. Although you are afforded voting privileges, it is your choice to take advantage of those privileges by casting a vote. At no point should you feel that you *have* to vote