

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 changes:

Under the current constitution of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, voting privileges have been solely reserved for members of the organization. In other words, candidates are not eligible to cast a vote during elections or any other vote that may impact the future of the organization. The constitution was written this way under the thinking that members (as opposed to candidates) possessed a greater understanding of chapter operations and could therefore make a better decision with regard to the future of the organization.

Two major considerations were discussed by the current members of the executive board when voting to approve this amendment for review and vote by the members of the organization. The first was the fact that our chapter is comprised of a greater number of candidates than members. The second was the that candidates (who have made the necessary time and monetary commitments over the course of the semester) and members share an equal in the future success of the chapter. That being said, the proposed changes are as follows:

Concerning the constitution of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at Western Michigan University, *Article II: Membership, Section F. Voting Privileges* currently states the following:

"F. Voting Privileges:

- a. Active members are eligible to cast one vote during any vote undertaken during the year. Absentee ballots will not be available. Members need to be present to cast their votes."

With this document the executive board of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at Western Michigan University as of November 15, 2016 (with a majority vote in favor), proposes to amend *Article II: Membership, Section F. Voting Privileges* of the constitution of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi to state the following:

"F. Voting Privileges:

- a. Members
 - i. Active members are eligible to cast one vote during any vote undertaken during the year. Absentee ballots will not be available. Members need to be present to cast their votes.
- b. Candidates
 - i. Active candidates are eligible to cast one vote for every vote held during the end-of-semester general assembly meeting at which executive board member elections are scheduled to be held.
- c. Exploratory members
 - i. Exploratory members who have maintained perfect attendance at all required meetings and events over the course of the semester are eligible to cast one vote during the election of executive board members"

By casting a vote as a member 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 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.