

THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF TAU BETA SIGMA



2018 District Convention Minutes

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Joint Session 1: Friday, April 13th @ 4:00 PM

- 1. Southwest District Joint Ceremony**
- 2. Call to Order at 4:04PM**
- 3. Introduction of 2017-2018 Joint Southwest District Council**
- 4. Introductions of Visiting Dignitaries**
 - a. National Headquarters Staff
 - i. Di Spiva - National Headquarters Office Manager and Accountant
 - ii. Robert Bratcher - National Publications Manager and Multimedia Designer
 - iii. TJ Tooley- National Chapter & Colony Education Coordinator
 - iv. Justin Chesak - National Chapter Field Representative, KKPsi
 - b. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
 - i. Jessica Lee - National Vice President for Student Affairs
 - ii. Nick Bratcher - National Vice President for Programs
 - c. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - i. Jonathan Markowski - Tau Beta Sigma National President
 - ii. Siobhan Wilkes- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
 - d. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
 - i. Daniel George - Vice Chair
 - ii. Ed Savoy - Member
 - e. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - i. Brent Cannon - Traditions and Recognition Director
 - ii. Kelly Nellis - Membership Director
 - iii. Jennifer Pitts-Taylor - Programming and Professional Development Director
 - f. Distinguished Guests
 - i. Andy Melvin - Member of the Ritual Performance and Education Committee
 - ii. Chris Haughee - Member of the Ritual Performance and Education Committee
 - iii. Yvonne Daye - Member of the Curriculum Committee
 - iv. Derek Stoughton - Member of the Curriculum Committee
 - g. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
 - i. Lisa Croston
 - ii. Janet West Miller
 - h. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - i. Katie Rixon
 - ii. Tyra Yiare

- i. Southwest District Alumni Association
 - i. Helen Capehart- Chair
 - ii. Sarah Bogue- Finance Director
 - iii. Sami Kinnison- Programs Director
 - iv. Sara Remoy-Membership Director
 - v. Alana Sewell- Communications Director
- 5. Recognition of Graduating Seniors**
 - 6. Recognition of Life Members**
 - 7. Final Call for Convention Host Bids**
 - 8. Opening Announcement / Southwest District Convention Summary**
 - a. Tonight at 7 will be the first committee block for convention. All committees will be required to meet during this time to set a plan for when you will meet tomorrow. Please check the program for room assignments for each of those committees.
 - b. The Sec/Treas have put together an Online Catalog for everyone to use in order to see some of the merchandise that will be sold, and it can be found on the District Website. Please make sure that we respect business taking place during convention and only sell merchandise during the designated marketplace hours tomorrow during lunch.
 - c. If you are a membership candidate, there is a meet and greet happening in the FLC recreational room. This will be hosted by Connor Terry and Brianna Mitchell and is your alternative since you cannot attend the rituals and ritual workshops at this time.
 - d. SCHEDULE CHANGES:
 - i. SWDAA --- Saturday afternoon has changed! KKPsiAA Professional Development Workshop is from 2:30pm-3:50pm- R2W for Alumni Workshop is from 4:00pm-5:20pm
 - e. Be responsible and respectful this weekend.
 - f. Take your tumblers back up to registration if it's not decorated.
 - 9. Recess**

Separate Session 1: Friday, April 13th @ 4:45

1. Call to Order 4:46
 - a. Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session is now called to order
2. Appointment of the District Parliamentarian
3. Installation of Parliamentarian and Secretary/Treasurer
4. Reading of the minutes
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the minutes from 2017 District Convention without reading them.

- b. Gamma Tau
 - c. 2nd - Xi
 - d. Motion - Passed
5. Announcement of Dignitaries
 6. Call for/Handout District Officer Packets to Nominations Committee
 7. Meet the Candidates: District Officer Candidates
 - a. Sec/Treas.Candidates
 - i. Ciara Gibbs
 - b. VPSP Candidates
 - i. Chelsea Zuniga (not present)
 - ii. Kelsey Mattice
 - iii. Krystal Munoz
 - iv. Meeka Smith
 - c. VPM Candidates
 - i. Hannah Wilson
 - ii. Travis Howell
 - d. President
 - i. Natalia Lambert
 8. Tips for Convention
 - a. Donnelle, Kathy, and Kathryn.
 9. Seating of the delegates
 10. Assigning of Committees
 11. Announcements
 12. Recess until 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 14th, 2018.

Separate Session #2: Saturday, April 14th 8:00

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Report of the SWD Secretary/Treasurer: Ciara Gibbs
 - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2017-2018 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer.
 - b. Theta Theta
 - c. 2nd - Eta Pi
 - d. Motion - Passed
4. Announcements from TBSAA
5. Announcements from National Council
6. Report of the SWD Vice President of Special Projects: Meeka Smith
 - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2017-2018 Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects.
 - b. Beta Nu

- c. 2nd - Alpha Omicron
 - d. Motion - Passed
7. Announcements from Board of Trustees
8. Report of the SWD Vice President for Membership: Travis Howell
 - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2017-2018 Southwest District Vice President for Membership
 - b. Tau
 - c. 2nd - Iota
 - d. Motion - Passed
9. Recess until 4:00

Separate Session #3: Saturday, April 14th @ 4:00

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Women in Music Speaker
4. Announcements from SWDAA
5. Report of the SWD Counselor: Kathy Webster
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Southwest District Counselor, Kathy Webster
 - b. Epsilon Beta
 - c. 2nd - Tau
 - d. Motion - Passed
6. Report of SWD Counselor: Donnelle' Mitchell
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Southwest District Counselor, Donnelle' Mitchell.
 - b. Gamma Nu
 - c. 2nd - Alpha Omicron
 - d. Motion - Passed
7. Report of the SWD President: Natalia Lambert
 - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2017-2018 Southwest District President.
 - b. Alpha Omicron
 - c. 2nd - Psi
 - d. Motion - Passed
8. Preliminary Report of the Nominations Committee: announcement of the slate
 - a. President-Natalia Lambert
 - b. VPM-Kelsey Mattice
 - c. VPSP- Meeka Smith
 - d. Sec/Trea-Ciara Gibbs
9. Recess until 8:00 a.m.

Joint Session #2: Saturday, April 14, 2018 @ 5:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 5:38PM

2. Announcements

- a. Bands for Change
- b. SWDAA - Graduating Seniors
- c. We are going to leave here and head to the Outdoor Practice Field to take a picture real fast before dismissing to get ready for banquet.
- d. Preferential seating at banquet will take place from 7:30-7:45 tonight. If you are a host chapter, District Council, National Dignitaries, and KKPsi winners for The Charge. Please join us at 7:30. Open seating will begin at 7:45. Banquet will begin at 8:00 tonight.
 - i. The Charge Winners: Alpha, Delta, Gamma Phi, Gamma Iota
 - ii. If you got a non-banquet ticket, enjoy your meal we will see you tomorrow at 8!
- e. Name double check - You must have your name tag in order to get food and get a seat at banquet. If you don't have it, you won't be given food.

3. Recess

Separate Session 4: Sunday, April 15th @ 8:00

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Report of the Credentials Committee
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Credentials Committee
 - b. Alpha
 - c. 2nd - Eta Epsilon
 - d. Motion - Passed
4. Report of the Spirit and Sisterhood Committee
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Spirit and Sisterhood Committee
 - b. Theta Theta
 - c. 2nd - Beta
 - d. Motion - Passed
5. Report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
 - a. Entertain a motion to approve the budget from the Report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
 - b. Epsilon Beta
 - c. 2nd - Delta Upsilon
 - d. Motion - Passed
6. Constitutional Revisions
 - Motion to accept the changes to 3.05
 - Beta Delta
 - 2nd - Beta Zeta
 - Passed
 - Motion to accept the changes to 3.07
 - Gamma Tau
 - 2nd - Tau
 - Passed
 - Motion to accept the changes to 3.10
 - Gamma Nu
 - 2nd - Delta Tau
 - Passed
 - Motion to accept the changes to 3.12
 - Beta Nu
 - 2nd - Iota Beta
 - Passed
 - Motion to accept the changes to 3.06
 - Beta Omicron
 - 2nd - Eta pi
 - Passed

- Motion to accept the changes to 5.05
 - Epsilon Psi
 - 2nd - Zeta Mu
 - Passed
- Motion to accept the changes to 9.03.1
 - Xi
 - 2nd - Beta Gamma
 - Passed
- Motion to accept the changes to 9.04
 - Psi
 - 2nd - Alpha Upsilon
 - Passed
- Motion to accept changes to 9.03 regarding awards
 - Gamma Nu
 - 2nd - Eta Epsilon
 - Passed
- Motion to accept changes to 7.06
 - Alpha
 - 2nd - Delta Upsilon
 - Passed
- Motion to accept changes to 7.07
 - Alpha Omicron
 - 2nd - Iota
 - Passed
- Motion to accept changes to 9.01
 - Beta Nu
 - 2nd - Theta Theta
 - Passed
- Motion to accept changes to 9.02
 - Beta Nu
 - 2nd - Gamma Tau
 - Passed
- Motion to add graphic to 9.02
 - Beta
 - 2nd - Alpha
 - Passed
- Motion to accept the Report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
 - Gamma Phi
 - 2nd - Delta eta
 - passed

7. Elections:
 - a. President
 - i. Natalia was slated
 - ii. Natalia Lambert was elected as the 2018-2019 President
 - b. Vice President of Membership
 - i. Kelsey Mattice was slated
 - ii. Travis Howell was nominated
 - iii. Hannah Wilson was nominated
 - iv. Motion to have a 3 minute caucus: Alpha
 - v. 2nd - Delta Pi
 - vi. Hannah Wilson was elected as the 2018-2019 Vice President of Membership
8. Report of the History and Traditions Committee
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the History and Traditions Committee
 - b. Zeta Mu
 - c. 2nd- Delta Tau
 - i. Passed
9. SWDAA Announcement
 - a. Saturday, June 16th - All District Day - Temple, TX
10. Elections Part 2:
 - a. Vice President of Special Projects
 - i. Meeka Smith was slated
 - ii. Chelsea Zuniga was nominated
 - iii. Kelsey Mattice was nominated
 - iv. Krystal Munoz was nominated
 - v. Travis Howell was nominated and declined
 - vi. Motion to have a 3 minute caucus: Theta Theta
 - vii. 2nd - Alpha Omicron
 - viii. Meeka Smith was elected as the 2018-2019 Vice President of Special Projects
 - b. Secretary/Treasurer
 - i. Ciara Gibbs was slated
 - ii. Shannon Lotti was nominated and was vetted by the nomination committee
 - iii. Chelsea Zuniga was nominated and declined
 - iv. Ciara Gibbs was elected as the 2018-2019 Secretary/Treasurer
11. Report of the Programs Committee
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Programs Committee
 - b. Delta
 - c. 2nd- Gamma Xi

- d. Motion - Passed
- 12. Report of the Membership Committee
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Membership Committee
 - b. Epsilon Eta
 - c. 2nd - Delta Phi
 - d. Motion - Passed
- 13. Report of the Nominations Committee
 - a. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Nominations Committee
 - b. Tau
 - c. 2nd - Alpha
 - d. Motion - Passed
- 14. District Scrapbook
- 15. Officer Installation
- 16. Adjourn

Joint Session 3: Sunday, April, 2018 @ 12:00 PM

- 1. Call to order @12:40**
- 2. Presentation of Joint Awards**
 - a. Displays Awards – SWDAA
 - i. Best Scrapbook-Beta Nu (TBS)
 - ii. Best KKPsi- Gamma Iota
 - iii. Best TBS - Alpha Omicron
 - iv. Best Joint - Delta Sigma(KKPsi) and Gamma Nu(TBS)
 - v. D.c. al coda - Zeta Beta(TBS)/Beta Lambda (KKPsi)
- 3. Introductions of the 2018-2019 District Councils**
 - a. KKY
 - i. Pres- Annie Jane Burns
 - ii. VPM- Hannah Cheeseman
 - iii. VPP- Brady Gilleran
 - iv. Sec/Tres- No Slate
 - v. MAL- Garret Gardenhire
 - b. TBS
 - i. Pres- Natalia Lambert
 - ii. VPM- Hannah Wilson
 - iii. VPSP- Meeka Smith
 - iv. Sec/Treas- Ciara Gibbs
- 4. Report of the Joint Action Committee**
 - a. Kappa Kappa Psi
 - i. Motion- Epsilon Beta

- b. Tau Beta Sigma
 - i. Second-Beta
 - c. Pass/Fail- Passes
- 5. Report of the Joint Committee on Convention Site**
- a. Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Upsilon
 - b. Kappa Kappa Psi – Zeta Beta
 - c. Motion Pass/Fails- Passes
- 6. Election of the 2019 Southwest District Convention Host Chapters**
- a. Slated: Gamma Phi(TBS) & Epsilon Epsilon(KKPsi)
 - i. Move to accept the slate
 - 1. Motion- Delta
 - 2. Second-Psi
 - 3. Pass/Fail-Passes; as long as meet conditions by May 8th
- 7. Final Announcements and Thanks**
- a. Winner/loser of Bands for Change
 - b. There will be a Transition Meeting for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 District Councils immediately following the Closing Joint Session.
- 8. Motion to adjourn The 2017 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention.**
- a. Kappa Kappa Psi – Zeta Beta
 - b. Tau Beta Sigma – Delta Upsilon
 - c. Motion Passes/Fails- Passes
- 9. Adjourn @ 1:08PM**

Report of the SWD Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Sisters of the Southwest,

I want to start by saying that this semester has been a wild and memorable semester. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as the Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer. When I received the phone call that I was selected to serve it felt like a dream and I was overfilled with joy. I was actually in Chicago when I received the news and I was so ready to get back home to begin my work.

A couple of weeks later and a few days before the semester started, I packed up my things and headed to Winter Council. I was able to meet the full district council and to meet my counterpart and it was a great time to bond with everyone. During winter council, I was able to work on taking minutes in each session, making needed updates to the website, and preparing for the rest of the semester.

After January was over, workshop season came in full force. I was able to attend the Louisiana, East Texas, and Arkansas workshops where I met so many wonderful sisters and brothers. Also, I was really hyped to be able to say workshop season lit season. During this time I was also able to visit the Zeta Phi and Delta Sigma chapter.

During my time in office, I had personal goals of updating the website with updated information and building communication with treasurers and secretaries around the district. I was able to work on those goals by doing weekly meetings with my counterpart to make sure the proper updates were completed and doing monthly check ins with the treasurers. Later on in the semester, I started doing Minute Mondays with the secretaries and shout out to all the secretaries that participated in it. In addition to that I worked with my amazing counterpart to create a new way to display the District Convention Catalog. We wanted to find a new way to display these items in a smooth design for easier viewing.

Throughout the school year, I was responsible for keeping in contact with Alpha, Beta, Alpha Omicron, Delta Sigma, Epsilon Psi and Gamma Phi. I sent monthly emails with the different district updates, deadlines, and just to check in to see how their chapter were doing. I had such a great time getting to know the lovely sisters from these different chapters.

To the council, thank you for encouraging me and extending so much love towards me. Quick shout out to my counterpart, Annie Jane, for being amazing and ready to work with me. Sisters, I want to thank all of you for blessing me with this wonderful opportunity to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer. MLITB

Respectfully Submitted,

Ciara Gibbs

Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer

Tau Beta Sigma- Eta Pi chapter

Report of the SWD VPSP

To the Brothers and Sisters of the Southwest district,

Wow. Standing here among you today, it is hard to believe that it's been a year serving as your Tau Beta Sigma Southwest district Vice President of Special Projects... but a fantastic year all the same. Every day, especially leading up to this very moment, my heart has been filled to the brim thinking of all of the amazing sisters and brothers that I've had the pleasure to meet, the lessons I've learned, but more importantly, the growth that I've seen in each of your chapters. I say this a lot, but I am so humbled by our success as a district and our dedication to the purposes of our organization.

I knew after my election in Stillwater in Spring 2017 that I would need to be exceedingly organized to keep up with such success, so I spent much of the weeks after creating a plan of action, a focus on five spreadsheet, a photo challenge spreadsheet, google forms, jot forms, you name it. Google drive and I became very good friends during this time.

Moving forward, It is impossible to wrap up all of the memories, bonds, and long nights into a simple 5 minutes, but then again, I would talk about it for hours if given the chance. For my sake, I've arranged this report by topic rather than month. So, here goes:

To start, I did plenty of correspondence with several chapters: Delta, Xi, Psi, Beta Zeta, Gamma Xi, Gamma Tau, Delta Tau, Theta Theta, and Iota Beta. This included monthly emails where I discussed the wonderful happenings of our district and paperwork while answering any questions they may have. I also had the opportunity to visit with *Gamma Tau* and *Beta Zeta* chapter at a football game at the University of Central Arkansas, where we took the cutest picture imaginable and sang. It was amazing to hear UCA perform afterwards as well. I also got free pizza, so that was a plus. I organized skype calls with each of these chapters as well, and let me tell you, seeing an entire chapter through a computer screen is an experience.

I also corresponded with Keegan, my counterpart and D-I-Septuple-D partner-in-crime, through skype where we discussed joint projects such as Bands for Change and the New ALTO. I also got to work with Dino on creating this year's Joint Chapter Challenge.

Speaking of the New ALTO... I oversaw parts of the creation process for both the Fall and Spring editions, which was awesome, because encouraging more than just article submissions truly brought out the creativity in our district. Seriously, I'm still filling in some of those crosswords. All of this, however, would not have been possible without the outstanding 2017-2018 New ALTO editing team that we selected in the Fall. So, a big thank you to:

TBS Copy Editor, Katelyn Zimmer from Howard Payne University

KKY Copy Editor, Kelli Hughes from Oklahoma State University

Design Editor, Braeden Weyrich, from Oklahoma State University

And Public Relations Officer, Hannah Wilson from the University of Central Arkansas

Editing a newsletter was definitely a learning experience for all of us, and while we had some difficulty getting it out on time, the end product was very well-done and representative of our accomplishments as a district.

Another project that wonderfully showcases the chapters in our district is the Photo Challenge Contest. For the themes this year, I really sat down and tried to choose different qualities and factors that would apply well to each month, and I think the results were outstanding. Getting to see how each of the chapters in our district are committed to this organization is impeccable. Thank you so much to those who submitted for brightening my day each time.

A new project that I implemented this past semester was the Professional Development chats. While they had their faults, the advice that attendees received was so valuable, and I also believe they are a great way for district officers to have more face-to-face communication with the brothers and sisters within our district while creating opportunities for growth in chapter operations.

The professional development chats, the photo challenges, and the New ALTO all kind of feed into one of the largest projects under this office. Focus on Five. More specifically, the left lyre piece. Coming up with the district lyre piece this year was truly a task, because I felt it should give a variety of options for completion, while still holding requirements that further our district involvement. The end result was the Take Action! Piece, where you must complete 2 of 4 qualifications. To help keep up with all of the different parts of this lyre piece, I created my own spreadsheet, and then created an entire SWD Focus on Five spreadsheet to be sent out to chapter presidents so your chapters could keep live track of your progress. I'm glad that each of you are getting to see the progress of your chapter here at convention, indicated by the stickers on your chapter's delegate placards. If you are wishing you'd have more stickers, then work with your chapter to complete those pieces. Completing Focus on Five is not just the duties of your liaison, president, or sister in charge of service. It is up to all of you.

Focus on Five was wonderful too, because it allowed me to collect a multitude of photos of your chapters serving bands and upholding the purposes of Tau Beta Sigma for... the district scrapbook, which is exactly what I'm going to talk about next. Besides scavenging through the Focus on Five page, I also worked with the other district officers to track down chapter photos on your facebook pages and other social media platforms. I'm SO excited for all of you to get to see the product of this year's hard work tomorrow.

One project that I believe truly brings us together to service the community is the Southwest District Service project, Bands for Change... formerly known as Penny Wars. As the title states, this is a project where we collect change (in a *friendly* competitive way) to service a school in the host chapter area. This year, we are raising this money for May ISD, a small band program that began in the Fall of 2000 under the direction of Brian Flenniken. To help encourage donations, we are hosting a raffle. For every \$.50 you donate, your name and chapter will be entered the raffle. The winning organization will have a chance to draw from their pool of chapters for the grand prize of a laser engraved crest, and other goodies! Thank you to all the

chapters and individuals who have contributed so far, and just know that May ISD is very grateful for every penny.

My last (phew!) topic I'd like to talk about, is travel. Over the summer, I flew out to Orlando, Florida to attend the National Leadership Conference, where I got to collaborate with the legendary Erika Pope and other outstanding National Leadership, the other AMAZING district VPSPs, and the other members of their councils. It was also here that we created the rough outline for the district lyre piece. I then attended a worthwhile National convention as the delegate for Beta Nu, and was temporarily adopted by Alpha Omicron (I'm still finding Daytona Beach sand in my backpack). Moving forward, I attended the Chapter Leadership Conference at Texas A & M—Commerce in August. This was my first chance getting to meet so many of you as an official District Officer and to also meet many different brothers and sisters in charge of service and sisterhood in their chapters. In January, I met up with the other district officers, counselors, and governors for our Winter Council Meeting here in Brownwood. We stayed up way too late playing board games (I'm a master at 7 Wonders apparently) and discussed our plan of action for the Spring semester. The Spring semester was FULL of adventures, including Louisiana Area Workshop at McNeese State University on February 10th, where I got to present about Committee Management and Participation. I then traveled literally a block away to Arkansas Area Workshop hosted on our campus of Arkansas Tech University and presented once more. I couldn't tell if I was sweating from nerves, or because it was like 90 degrees in that building, but it was amazing either way. My favorite travel buddy, Tyler Hern and I then made the trip to Oklahoma Area Workshop at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on March 31st. Shoutout to Hannah Wells for being an amazing host and showing us around Oklahoma City. That trip was filled with great coffee and great crab legs. Finally, I made the trek to... here, for the 2018 Southwest District Convention in Brownwood, Texas. I don't know about you, but I'm having a great time and I wouldn't trade these moments for the world.

Now, for some MUCH needed thank yous...

To both the 2017-2018 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma district councils—thank you for making this year one I will never forget and for always putting up with my awkward sounds and laughter. Each of you has left an impact on me, whether you know it or not, and any time I eat Chinese buffet, I will think of you.

To our wonderful counselors—you guys were my rock this semester. Thank you for always seeing the good me and encouraging me when I needed it the most. You are two of the most stunning people I've ever met.

To my quirky and magnificent chapter, Beta Nu—thank you for being so resilient, for being so adaptable, for being the ground underneath my feet. These past 3 years with you have been years

of continuous growth and memories that will rest in my heart for my entire life. Who are you?
ATU-BETA-NU!

To the Southwest—thank you for being you. This district shines in so many ways and getting to bask in its brilliance this past year has been the highlight of my life. Thank you for also filling my heart to the brim with love and support and for providing me with fortitude and courage that will carry me throughout my entire life.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meeka Smith
Southwest District Vice President of Projects 2017-2018
And Southwest District “Meme Queen”

Report of SWD VPM

To the Southwest District, I am truly grateful for serving as your District Vice President of Membership. I am thankful from the bottom of my heart. This has been one of the most amazing experiences and it has been a pleasure meeting some awesome and wonderful people in this great organization. Thank you for dealing with my constant emails, posts, updates, and all of the other communication this year.

After the 2017 District Convention, I wasted no time getting to work on the MEP approval process and creating guides to help make this process as efficient and stress-free as possible. In July, I traveled to Orlando to attend the 2017 National Convention. It was awesome to get to see so many new sisters and to represent the Southwest. Shout out to the Delta and Iota Tau chapters for keeping me company since I was the only one from the council and chapter that wasn't a delegate.

The weekend following NatCon was the Chapter Leadership Conference. Thank you to Epsilon Beta and Zeta Kappa Chapters of Texas A&M Commerce for hosting. This event wouldn't have been a success if it was not for your support planning everything to the minutest detail as well as your expertise on dongles.

Once the semester started, things took a slight turn with Hurricane Harvey, causing just a slight drizzle. After staying at my house for over a week, literally, I took a trip to San Antonio to visit the Iota Tau chapter at UTSA. Thank you, Iota Tau, for the warm welcome as that was my first of many chapter hangouts and my first meeting of the fall semester. Because, again, hurricane.

As the fall semester progressed, I was able to also travel and hangout *to some capacity* with the sisters of the Delta *sort of*, Epsilon Psi, Beta, Alpha, Delta again *sort of* (schedule conflicts are real, y'all), Beta Gamma, Eta Pi, Alpha Upsilon, and Beta Omicron. I enjoyed my time with each of y'all, and I hope to visit again soon.

Moving into the spring semester, I traveled with the rest of the council to Howard Payne University to visit the host chapters for this lovely convention. I learned that weekend that I can always rely on my fellow council members for help and that we are all family here. Thank you to Kathryn and Holly for being awesome convention heads and making this convention as successful as possible.

Mirroring my travel schedule in the fall, I was able to travel and hangout *again, to some capacity* with the sisters at the Louisiana workshop, East Texas workshop, all of the TMEA friends, the Delta chapter (that one actually worked out. Again, schedule conflicts are real), and Oklahoma workshop. I was even able to attend Beta Zeta's 2nd degree.

Now onto my thank yous:

To the 2017-2018 Chapter VPMs, you are all rock stars! I enjoyed hearing your stories and learning about the things y'all have done throughout the year. I enjoyed nothing more than being your cheerleader every step of the way. I am inspired by the work ethic, the perseverance, and the enthusiasm you all encompassed to providing only the best for the future of your chapters.

You should all be extremely proud of your accomplishments this year and I hope that I was able to help in some way along the way, even in the smallest bit. You have all done an awesome job and after this year is all said and done, coming from someone who knows how exhausting and downright extra this position can be, my last piece of advice to you all is to go get some much needed rest.

DNS: To Kathryn Grice, you are an amazing human being who is able to take on more jobs than I can count. To be honest, I don't know how you are able to organize everything so well, and I applaud you for it. You have a heart of gold, and although you do a lot of behind the scenes work, I appreciate all the work you have done with this convention and as an educator.

To Lizzi, the peanut butter to my jelly, the pepper to my salt, and the Katya to my Trixie. Thank you for being the best counterpart ever and being my partner in crime this year. You have truly stepped up to the plate and I couldn't imagine having someone else as my counterpart. Thank you for being my road trip buddy, for the taco truck dates, the long and analytical conversations about Drag Race, and all of the fun we had planing out *literally* all of the things. You're great and I wish you all of the luck in the world as you start your big girl job as a band director. I'm sure there will be more shenanigans to come as we only live about 30 minutes from each other.

To Ashlyn and Maggie. You two are amazing human beings inside and out. I appreciate you both so much for your advice and checkups throughout the year. On a more personal note, y'all have been an inspiration to me to be a better sister, a better educator, and a better person all-around. From my time as a candidate to now, both of y'all have truly been one of the best to grace the district councils and this organization as a whole. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your kindness, your generosity, and your passion in everything you do.

To Donnelle' and Kathy, thank you for just dealing with me. In the words of Donnelle', I can be "overzealous" and "extra" about my office at times and I thank both of y'all for your patience. Whenever I have an obstacle in my way, whether an actual problem or just something I made up in my head, I know that I can count on y'all to help me through it. Thank you for the home cooked meals, the 10+ mattresses at Kathy's house, and all of the TBS/being somewhat of an "adult"/life advice. I honestly don't know how you guys are able to balance it all, but you do it nonetheless. I speak for the entire council when I say "Thanks, mom."

Sydney, I know this year has been way too long, and has had its ups and downs, but we survived! You're a kick butt kind of girl and have an immense passion in everything you do. You have set your sights high, and I have no doubt you can do whatever you set your mind to.

Ciara, from day one you have been on point with this position. Although you were only in office for a short time, you accomplished so much. Your work ethic is commendable and your desire to serve others is inspiring. Keep that tenacity, and I know you'll do great things.

Meeka, thank you for being the walking meme of the Southwest district. You have made me laugh and I don't really know what this year would have been like without you. Thank you for the long Google Hangouts after meetings just talking, the 93 and counting screenshots from

Snapchat, and for being one of the most driven human beings I've ever met. You have done great things so far, and I can't wait for what's to come next.

Natalia, thank you for being the older sister I never had. Although we bickered and teased each other throughout the year, I wouldn't have had it any other way. In all seriousness, I have enjoyed our phone calls, our road trips, and the many memories we share. As District President, you have brought class, poise, and compassion every single day of your term. As a Sister of Tau Beta Sigma, you have dedicated yourself to serving others before you and making the world a better place one day at a time, and that has honestly inspired me to be the best Sister I can be. Always know that you are capable of whatever you set your mind to, no matter how many obstacles you face. Keep your head up and don't let anything stop you. You are truly someone I look up to, although I physically have to look down, and I am honored to have served alongside you.

To Tau. These past four years have had their ups and downs. There are lessons that I have learned, people I've lost, and with life pulling me in multiple directions, you have all been there with me every step of the way with what I needed the most. A hug, advice, or even a comment when I'm fixing my hair too much or getting too full of myself (*which by the way, never happens*). If I ever fall, I know that you will be there to pick me back up, after laughing at me of course. You guys are the shadiest group of people I've ever met, and I'm happy that I am a part of it. Thank you for the memories and the thick skin. From bounce houses to Beyoncé, I would just like to take time to say that. . .eh, y'all are okay. *Yeah, y'all thought*.

Finally to the Southwest District, I would like to share a quote from my chapter to you all. Take all of your experiences in Tau Beta Sigma and put what you have learned towards the future. Live by our ideals, laugh a little, love life and you will do great things.

Love you mean it. Respectfully submitted and Go Coogs,

Travis Howell
Tau – University of Houston
2017-2018 Southwest District Vice President of Membership

Report of the SWD President

Hi there Sisters of the Southwest,

Serving as the Southwest District President this year has been one of the best experiences of my life and by far one of the most educational. After taking recommended week off after the 2017 Convention, I started planning for National Convention in Orlando and also helping our Counselors in the search for a District Secretary/Treasurer. When we found a Sec/Treas, we had a Summer Council meeting at Kathy's house in Rockwall to talk about National Convention as well as planning out our goals for the upcoming year. While at Summer Council meeting, we bonded as a council with Quelf, Walmart trips, and lots of snacks. We planned out the National Convention Travel Buddies, discussed our individual roles at NatCon and National Leadership Conference, and planned out different ways for the Southwest to participate in the theme days as well as show spirit throughout the convention.

We arrived a few days early for NatCon to attend National Leadership Conference where we learned more about our offices, connecting with the National Officers, and assisting in any last minute preparations for NatCon. I was able to have meetings with both Kathryn and Jonathan where I learned the importance of delegation and how to best assist my council without micromanaging. Makenzie and I got to start planning the 2018 SWD Convention and what we wanted for this year for the District. That is where we came up with the idea to start Take Action. Take Action was based on the idea of getting chapters to make action plans while at all district events throughout the year to take back to their chapters.

National Convention was absolutely amazing! I was honored to serve as the delegate for the Southwest District as well as the Committee Chair for the Chapter Visitation Assistant Committee. To open up NatCon, I played in the National Leadership Band with past and current National Leadership as well as the other District Presidents. The Southwest was well represented at NatCon and oh man were we spirited! So much so that we ended up winning the National Spirit Stick! S/O to Donnelle' for all of our matching TBS Mickey ears! Our District was also blessed to have one of our chapters win the Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award! Congratulations again to Gamma Nu on your continued leadership! I also want to recognize Delta Upsilon and Alpha Omicron for also being nominated!

Before we started the Fall semester, I attended the Chapter Leadership Conference at Texas A&M-Commerce in the first weekend of August. I was able to present a workshop for chapter presidents on what to expect during their terms and all of the random little things they might not of known were their responsibilities. Working with the chapter presidents of the Southwest throughout the year was one of the highlights of the year. Thank you to all the chapter presidents, the Southwest is blessed by your service.

During the Fall semester, I created the Frequently Asked Questions document for the reports and forms on the OMRS. This document is based off of questions that have been asked by chapter officers in the past and the answers come from our District Counselors and National Council. I was able to assist my 10 draft chapters throughout the year. Thank you to Iota, Tau, Beta Nu, Gamma Nu, Gamma Omicron, Delta Upsilon, Epsilon Beta, Epsilon Eta, Zeta Mu, and Eta Pi for answering my emails and never being afraid to ask a question! Also during the Fall semester, I was able to video call in with my draft chapters during their chapter meetings to update them on District events and announcements. Convention planning started early in the Fall and I had the convention plan sent to National Council by the last week in November. I also submitted a poem to my littles in the Fall 2017 edition of the New Alto!

We had Winter Council Meeting in Brownwood, TX during MLK weekend to tour Howard Payne University and meet with the host chapter. Kathryn and Holly were a joy to work with! We met as a council multiple times that weekend to plan out the rest of the semester. Bonding with the Joint Council

that weekend was absolutely amazing! Planning Convention with Kathryn and Holly was wonderful and these two are angels!

Workshop season started off in Louisiana this year at McNeese State University. During the workshop season I attended 5 of the 6 workshops, presented a presentation on TBS resources, presented 5 Separate Sessions, and co-presented 5 Joint Sessions. I also hosted a live online Separate and Joint Session on our Facebook. Thank you to all of our amazing host chapters this year! Also during the Spring semester, I held a professional development online workshop on chapter operations and the OMRS. I wrote an article about my travels around the Southwest in the Spring 2018 New Alto.

To Makenzie: When I first heard that you were running, my heart leapt with joy because I knew if we were both elected, we would be a perfect fit as counterparts. You are a blessing and we work together flawlessly! You are truly inspiring to work with. We calm each other when it seems like the sky is falling and we lift each other up when life is getting hard. Love ya Babe!

To my council this year, Travis, Meeka, and Ciara: Ciara, I am so immensely proud of you and the hard work you put in this semester! You have such a strong future in this organization and I know you will have the Fortitude and Courage to do whatever your heart desires. To My Meeka, you are extraordinary human being and I will forever cherish our memories, memes, and all the videos I have saved of you on my snapchat! You are going to do amazing things in life and your leadership is inspiring to everyone around you. I am blessed to have you in my life. To Travis, in my four years in TBS I have never met anyone with as much dedication and determination to make things the best they can possibly be. I will always remember you attempting to teach us how to tongue pop and and your many moments of sass. You have helped me grow as a leader and together we make one heck of a planning duo!

To Kathy and Donnelle': Thank you for being my role models and showing me how to lead with my head and my heart. I appreciate and love you both more than words can express. We always joke that Kathy is there to give you a hug and Donnelle can make you an action plan for your grow points. But in all seriousness, you two make an amazing pair of mentors and I strive to live by your examples daily. Thanks Moms, I love you!

To AO, Katie, and My Littles: Thank you for your continuous support and your constant encouragement! You all bring me smiles, laughter, and more sass than I could ever imagine! I love you all with all of my heart💖

To Jamie: You've been an amazing first man of the Southwest this year. Thank you for bringing joy into my life on a daily basis. I couldn't do what I do without your love and support!
#TauBetaSweethearts

To the Southwest District: Thank you for blessing me with the opportunity to serve you this year. You all set an excellent example of what it means to have a servant's heart with the many projects you all do throughout the year. I cannot thank you enough for entrusting me with the honor of being your President. The Spicy Southwest will always have my heart💖

I love quotes, so I'll end with one of my favorites.

“Believe in yourselves, dream, try, do good.” - Mr. Feeny, Boy Meets World
Respectfully Submitted and MLITB,

Natalia Lambert
2017-2018 Southwest District President of Tau Beta Sigma

Reports of the SWD Counselors

Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest,

It is hard to believe another year is “in the books” as they say. It was a packed year. And as always, I am honored to be allowed to be a part of the happenings.

As we left Stillwater without a Sec/Tres, we started off with a call for applications. We were able to select a candidate just in time for the summer meeting over Memorial Day. The new council got to know each other and prepare for the upcoming year. We also spent time contacting the chapters of the District to be sure they were working on completing their Chapter Summary Report.

After summer meeting, it was time for the District Days. A time for our Sisters and Brothers to get together for some relaxing fun. This year the Alumni Association hosted two District Day's. One in TX and one in AR. It was a great time for actives and alumni to get together and just have a relaxing day at the lakes.

The next big event was NLC and for National Convention in Orlando. The District Councils and Counselors arrived early for the NLC with the National Council. We received training and discussed new programs. We went right from the NLC into NatCon17.

The Southwest District finished up the summer with providing the district with the annual CLC. It was again hosted by Epsilon Beta and Zeta Kappa at Texas A&M University – Commerce.

Donnelle' and I traveled down to Huntsville to visit Alpha Omicron on a Saturday when they presented their hazing workshop to the chapter. In October, I went to AO again for a chapter visit. It was great to meet the Sisters of AO and answer all their questions during the Chapter Visit. I also was able to attend their Homecoming game and see the chapter in action serving the Barkat Band.

The fall was also a time for reviewing the chapter's MEP for the upcoming year. It was a challenge, however the progress the VPM's made on their chapters MEP was evident. It was exciting to read all the wonderful activities that were planned for the recruitments and sisterhood activities the chapters had planned for the upcoming year.

Throughout the fall the District Council was busy completing their duties. Natalia was busy with

completing the District Convention Plan, Travis was busy with MEP initial review to ensure all items on the MEP outline were included in each MEP, Meeka was busy with lots of special projects (Bands for Change, assisting with the New Alto, working on Focus on Five), and Sydney was busy working on updating Convention Minutes, updating the District Constitution, and reviewing our various media platforms.

As we finished the fall semester, we once again were placing a call for applications for the District Sec/Treas. We reviewed and selected a candidate in time for Winter Meeting in Brownwood at HPU. It was a good weekend packed with lots of meetings. We were able to tour the lovely campus of Howard Payne University and see where all the meeting rooms were and get a feel for the flow of the weekend. Both Council's were able to meet and get to continue work on their projects, plan for convention, get ready for the upcoming area workshops, and of course spend on time getting to know one another.

Once the start of February came, it was workshop season.

The workshop schedule was as follows:

02/10/18 – LA Area Workshop at McNeese University

02/24/18 – West TX/NM Area Workshop at Eastern New Mexico University

03/03/18 – East Texas Area Workshop at Prairie View A&M University

03/10/18 – South Texas Area Workshop at Texas A&M – Kingsville

03/10/18 – Arkansas Area Workshop at Arkansas Tech University

03/24/18 – North Texas Area Workshop at University Texas – Tyler – Cancelled

03/31/18 – Oklahoma Area Workshop at Southwest Oklahoma State University

I was able to attend the LA, AR, and OK Area Workshops. At those workshops there was much accomplished. Those in attendance were provided with presentation covering an array of topics to help the Sisters and Brothers improve operations and sister/brotherhood at their chapters.

After the workshops, it was time to finalize preparations for the 2018 Southwest District Convention at Howard Payne University. Everyone had done a lot of work to ensure that all the details were attended and all should go smoothly.

To the District Council...Natalia, Travis, Meeka, and Ciara, it has been a pleasure to watch all that you do for our District. Each of you have a passion for our Organization and for our District that spreads to those around you. It has been a pleasure to share this journey with each of you and watch how you have grown over the year.

To Donnelle' ...oh my we have survived another year. It has been a great year with lots of twists and turn. I have enjoyed getting to learn from you over the year. I must say I have really enjoyed getting to know you through our road trips. I am thankful for being able to go down this road with you.

To the District, I can not express my gratitude enough for being able to serve this district as one of the Counselors. It is so amazing to get to see all that you do for our organization, our district, your chapter, your sisters, and your band programs. While at times we may stumble, we continue to always move forward and learn more every year.

To the National Council, District Counselors, and Chapter Field Representatives, I want to thank you all for your guidance and leadership to me and our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Webster
SWD Counselor

Greetings Southwest!

This year has been full of celebrations and trials for the Southwest District. I have laughed, cried, and problem solved alongside many of you over phone, text, email, Google Hangout, and in-person meetings. As I've said before, YOU are my favorite part of being a Southwest District Counselor. Having the opportunity to work with you is one of my greatest joys. I love helping you achieve your goals, guiding you through answers that you didn't realize that you already knew, and celebrating new accomplishments as you serve your band and community through projects and national programming.

This year, I had many opportunities as your counselor to connect with you and other students in the nation. Right after recovery from the 2017 SWD Convention I packed up and headed to the **2017 SED Convention** to present, advise and support Southeast District students. Upon return I entered into a chapter visit weekend of EPIC proportions where I had the opportunity to visit with the **Iota Tau** and **Delta Eta** chapters. Over Memorial Day weekend, your 2017-2018 District Council gathered at Kathy's house for **Summer Meeting** where we discussed goals and visions for the year. It was here that the council learned that I'm REALLY good at interpretive dance.

My school year ended and I was able to celebrate with our membership at **District Day** at Lake Grapevine. While I did many things over the summer, making Mickey Ears for **National Convention** was a perfect way to craft away the summer! I continue to be proud of the work that you do at conventions. Your heads for business and intentional selection of national officers makes me incredibly proud. From personal bonding with my fellow counselors across the nation at **National Leadership Conference** to watching our Southwest District sisters perform in the National Intercollegiate Band, July was a great one for the books! After returning from National Convention, I rounded out the summer with attending **Chapter Leadership Conference** and working with our officers as they planned for the year.

In the fall I had the privilege of presenting with Kathy at **Alpha Omicron's Hazing Workshop**, where their ingenuity continues to surprise me. Thank you for hosting such a thoughtful event, sisters! Next up, I visited the **Beta Gamma** chapter in Austin, Texas. What a fun day! I look forward to seeing their involvement continue to grow within our district and nation. As I told them at their visit, their district misses them.

As the months grew colder, we drew closer to **Winter Council**, where your council spent hours planning and working out specifics for this weekend to be a success alongside the host chapters. Thank you Howard Payne always being such gracious hosts! After the close of this weekend, workshop season was in full swing. This year I attended **Louisiana, West Texas New Mexico, East Texas, and South Texas Area Workshops**. Many great miles were put onto my Prius. There were LOTS of TED Talks and Taylor Swift!

Last, but certainly not least, I had the honor of joining the **Gamma Nu** and **Alpha Omicron** chapters through the privilege of honorary membership. Thank you for your extension, as it means more than I could ever express fully.

So...that's what I did. I joined Tau Beta Sigma because I wanted to DO, and not just constantly talk and plan without things coming to fruition. I thrive on DOING. What I appreciate about what I've always know about the Southwest is that WE are as well. BUT, the DOING has come to a crawl. Last year I outlined some data points that spurred discussions on how we could change Area Workshops. This year we ensured heavier targeted marketing of the events, as well as more national leader presence. This was from last year:

2017 Area Workshop Attendance

Area Workshop	# Sisters	# Chapters	% Chapters	# New Sisters
Oklahoma	13	3	8%	10
Arkansas	64	5	14%	55
Louisiana	6	3	8%	6
South Texas	?	?	?	?
WestTexas/NewMexico	22	5	14%	22
East Texas	28	6	16%	19
North Texas	10	4	11%	9
			(17/37) 46%	121 (14%)

This year I wanted to assess our workshops the same way to see if those changes made an impact or not. As a whole, they did not. So in “Donnelle’ Does Data, 2018 Edition,” I bring you a bit more information regarding sister engagement in district events.

2018 Student Engagement

Area Workshop	# Sisters	% Sisters	# Chapters	% Chapters
Oklahoma	9		5	14%
Arkansas	64		9	26%
Louisiana	14		6	17%
South Texas	6		2	6%
WestTexas/NewMexico	8		2	6%
East Texas	15		5	14%
North Texas	NA		NA	NA
	105		18	51%
Chapter Leadership Conference	# Sisters	% Sisters	# Chapters	% Chapters
	30		15	42%
Professional Development				
Natalia Lambert	4		2	6%
Travis Howell	0	0	0	0%
Meeka Smith	2		2	6%
Ciara Gibbs	1		1	3%
Donnelle’ Mitchell	0	0	0	0%
	7		3	9%
District Awards & Appointments	Nominees	#Nom Chapters	%Nom Chapters	
Convention Assistance		2	6%	
Parliamentarian	2	2	6%	
Keynote Speaker	2	2	6%	
Chris Gordon Scholarship	2	2	6%	
Danny George Fostering Relations	3	2	6%	
Dollie Chapter Perseverance		6	17%	
Janet Outstanding Service to Music		6	17%	
Patsy Outstanding Large Chapter		6		
Dorothy Outstanding Small Chapter		4		
Erika Legacy of the Southwest	4	3	9%	
		13	37%	

District Convention	# Sisters	% Sisters	# Chapters	% Chapters

Okay, so that's a lot of information. As a whole, what it shows is that at our highest, only half of our chapters are taking advantage of district events or initiatives. The opportunities range from geographically targeted area workshops, online workshops that ANYONE can access, awards, and even MONEY. My purpose is not to be half of the district's counselor. I want for our membership to feel comfortable engaging with the chapters of our district in SOME form every year. But I can't read your minds. What would you like? What do you need from your district? Your council? Me? Those aren't easy questions to answer, but think on them. I'll be sending out an e-mail and making a Facebook Post with a Google Form for your feedback.

Heavy, I know. I get up in front of you to yap for a while and then make YOU do more work. Thank you in advance! Speaking of Thank You...

2017-2018 District Council: Thank you for being up for any challenge that was thrown your way this year. The district will never know the hours that you took making sure that they were kept well informed with paperwork ON TIME! You may not have always known what I was thinking, but know ONCE AGAIN that I DO love you and am incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished.

Kathy: Thank you for delirious jokes while driving, bad accents, and reading my mind at all the right times. I'm lucky to work with you.

National Leadership: The support that you provide me to be able to do my job best is incredibly appreciated. You answer all of my questions and provide different perspectives that I lack the experience to see for myself.

Students of the Southwest: Thank you for being the most exciting non-job job. You're intuitive and creative. You GO BIG and never settle for 'good.' So...

Go Be Great, Southwest!

Donnelle' Mitchell
Southwest District Counselor

REPORT OF THE JURISDICTION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Committee Chair:

Kayla McCullough, Delta

Committee Members:

Sammy Carter, Xi

Kelsey Mattice, Epsilon Beta

Koty Mattocks, Beta Delta

Advisors:

Ciara Gibbs, Eta Pi

Siobhan Wilkes, National Vice President for Communication & Recognition

The 2018 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the JAC Constitution Changes regarding the realignment of the District.
2. Redistribute funds to reflect a non-national convention year.
3. Evaluate the constitution's efficiency of organization – Is everything laid out in a way that makes the most sense? Are there any contradictions between sections?
4. Compare the Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Constitution and the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Constitution to check for continuity.
5. Create a new scholarship or increase the amount of the one we already have.
6. Create a list for of what needs to be included for an Operations Manual for the District.
7. Review removing the History and Traditions Committee as a standing committee in the Southwest District Constitution and make it a ad hoc committee.
8. Review removing the Spirit and Sisterhood Committee as a standing committee in the Southwest District Constitution and make it a ad hoc committee.
9. Review the Committee on Credentials changes regarding the removal of the Chapter Percentage Award
10. Review the JAC Constitution changes regarding the New ALTO verbiage.

Finances:

The Jurisdiction & Finance Committee looked at the budget from last year (a national convention year) in order to compose our proposed budget for the upcoming year.

District Officer Travel Expenses remained the same with each allocated \$500, as did the budget for district awards at \$200. Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration remained at \$500, the Honorary Membership Fee remained at \$250, and District Awards remained at \$200.

The budget for travel assistance was changed to reflect Workshop and District Travel Assistance, increasing from \$250 to \$500. Chapters can apply to receive these funds to put towards their trips to either workshops or district. On National Convention years, this money can be used to assist with National Convention travel as well. The Miscellaneous budget was reduced from \$300 to \$200, due to it not being used completely in this previous year.

With the money remaining, we increased the Scholarship of Excellence award from \$250 to \$425, and created another scholarship (called the “Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship”) that is also \$425. The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship will highlight sisters and brothers of Tau Beta Sigma who demonstrate innovative and exemplary service to their band program, chapter, or district. The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship is only to be presented every Biennial, on non-National Convention years. On years with a National Convention, its funds will be allocated to helping with chapter travel assistance.

The proposed budget for the 2018 -2019 term is as follows:

Proposed Budget (2018 - 2019)

District Officer Travel Expenses	
President	\$500.00
Vice President of Membership	\$500.00
Vice President of Special Projects	\$500.00
Secretary-Treasurer	\$500.00
District Convention Expenses	
Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration	\$500.00
Honorary Membership Fee	\$250.00
District Awards	\$200.00

Scholarship of Excellence	\$425.00
Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship	\$425.00
Workshop/District Travel Assistance	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$4,500.00

Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship Qualifications:

All nominees/applicants must be:

- 1.) An active member in good standing of a Tau Beta Sigma chapter within the Southwest District at the time of application.
- 2.) They must be planning to attend a school with a Tau Beta Sigma Chapter and be in ACTIVE standing in the Fall semester that follows the SWD Convention in which they are awarded the scholarship.
- 3.) They must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.00.

Along with those initial requirements, each application should describe in details the reason why the nominee/applicant is deserving of this scholarship. Provide examples or describe how they have demonstrated innovation in the services provided to their band, chapter, or district.

Nominations may be made by an Active Sister, an Active Chapter, Chapter Sponsors, Director of Bands, District Officers, a Tau Beta Sigma Life Member or by the individual themselves. A panel of judges will review all applications and a scholarship in the amount of \$425 will be awarded.

Proposed Changes to the Southwest District Constitution:

1. Updated Sections for Consistency with the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Constitution

CURRENT: 3.05 The Committee on Convention Site’s description is listed.

PROPOSED: The phrase “No member of a chapter presenting a bid may serve in any capacity on this committee” is added to the end of the Committee’s description.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This makes the Committee on Convention Site’s description consistent with Kappa Kappa Psi’s Southwest District Constitution, as well as clarifies an important stipulation of the Committee.

2. Committees

CURRENT: 3.07 The Committee on History & Traditions will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all proposals relating to the preservation of the oral, written, and pictorial history of both the chapters in the Southwest District and the Southwest District itself. The Committee will also review and make additions to the Southwest District Scrapbook as deemed necessary.

PROPOSED: This section will be removed and combined with 3.10

CHANGES/RATIONALE: The Committee on History & Traditions and the Committee on Programs have similar charges year-to-year, so they should be combined to form one committee.

CURRENT: 3.10 The Committee on Programs will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all proposals for District and National programs and evaluate Southwest District-wide participation in these programs. This committee will be advised by the Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects.

PROPOSED: The Committee on Programs will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all proposals for District and National programs and evaluate Southwest District-wide participation in these programs. This committee will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all proposals relating to the preservation of the oral, written, and pictorial history of both the chapters in the Southwest District and the Southwest District itself. The Committee will also review and make additions to the Southwest District Scrapbook as deemed necessary. This committee will be advised by the Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: The Committee on History & Traditions and the Committee on Programs have similar charges year-to-year, so they should be combined to form one committee.

CURRENT: 3.12 The Committee on Spirit & Sisterhood shall examine, recommend, and submit all proposals related to spirit and sisterhood in the Southwest District and among the active chapters. The committee shall meet in closed session to determine the recipients of the Spirit of Sisterhood Awards (Beta & Sigma Turtles) and the recipient of Tau’s Book of Spirit

PROPOSED: This section will be removed and made an ad hoc committee in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: The Committee on Spirit & Sisterhood is better served as an ad hoc committee, and therefore deserves to be an ad hoc committee in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual. The inclusion of this committee in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual would give the district council more flexibility on the roles of the committee and the number of members in it.

3. Sections being Edited/Removed for Clarity

CURRENT: 3.06 The Committee on Credentials will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all credentials of the District Officers, Official Delegates, and Proxies to the District Convention. They will also calculate the Chapter Distance Award, Calculate the distance the chapter has traveled and then multiply the distance by the number of attendees from the chapter in question and report it at the Awards Presentation at the banquet. This committee will only consist of the District President and District Counselor(s).

PROPOSED: Remove the words “and Chapter Percentage Award”.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: Remove the Chapter Percentage Award from the District Constitution due to the unfair nature of the award and the inability to collect and process the data.

CURRENT: 5.05 In general, the order of business for all District Convention will be:

- a. Invocation
- b. Seating of Delegates
- c. Appointment of Committees
- d. Report of the District Officers
- e. Unfinished Business
- f. New Business
- g. Report of Committees

- h. Installation of Officers
- i. Selection of Convention Site
- j. Closing Ceremonies

PROPOSED: This section will be removed and instead defined in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: If this is laid out in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual, it is not necessary to have it in the Southwest District Constitution.

CURRENT: 9.03.1 For the Dorothy Allen Nichols Award and Patsy D. Hejl Award, as well as the Spirit of Sisterhood Awards (Beta turtle and Sigma turtle), the Southwest District council will calculate what number of active members will be used in determining eligibility so that approximately half of the district chapters are eligible for each award.

PROPOSED: This section will be removed and instead defined in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: If this is laid out in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual, it is not necessary to have it in the Southwest District Constitution.

CURRENT: 9.04 Tau Beta Sigma will have a District Mascot, which will be a turtle.

1. Tau's length of stay shall be from convention to convention. He will move on to another chapter after the banquet at each District Convention. The chapter currently in possession of Tau will decide on the next chapter to host the District Mascot.
2. Tau will not be located at a chapter twice within the same five year period. Chapters eligible should be actively participating in the District. District Officers shall be contacted for a list of available schools to receive Tau.
3. The chapter hosting Tau must submit an article to the New Alto every semester summarizing Tau's adventures with them that year.

PROPOSED: This section will be removed and instead defined in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: If this is laid out in the Standard Operations Procedures Manual, it is not necessary to have it in the Southwest District Constitution.

4. Awards

CURRENT: 9.03 This section lists all awards presented at District Convention.

PROPOSED: Add “Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship” under “Christina M. Gordon Scholarship of Excellence”.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This would reflect the addition of the Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship in this year’s proposed budget.

5. Programs

CURRENT: 7.06 The New ALTO shall be published twice a year. Publication dates will be November 15th and April 1st. The Vice President of Programs from Kappa Kappa Psi and the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma shall set deadline dates for submission of articles, and shall also, with the assistance from the public relations officer, inform all chapters of the district at least six weeks in advance of the submission deadlines.

PROPOSED: The New ALTO shall be published twice a year. Publication dates will be November 15th and April 1st. Extensions of up to two (2) weeks to allow for a later publication date may be granted by the Kappa Kappa Psi Governor(s) and Tau Beta Sigma Counselor(s). The Vice President of Programs from Kappa Kappa Psi and the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma shall set deadline dates for submission of articles, and shall also, with the assistance from the public relations officer, inform all chapters of the district at least six weeks in advance of the submission deadlines.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This change adds a statement regarding a possible deadline extension for the New ALTO. This change is being voted on today by Kappa Kappa Psi at the 2018 Southwest District Convention and this would ensure the consistency between the two Constitutions.

CURRENT: n/a

PROPOSED: 7.07 Each New ALTO should consist of at least ten (10) pages of written submissions and five (5) pages of miscellaneous submissions. Should the total number of pages not reach these totals, publication of a New ALTO may be deferred to be combined with the next scheduled issue with the approval of the Kappa Kappa Psi Governor(s) and Tau Beta Sigma Counselor(s).

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This change adds a minimum submission requirement for the New ALTO. This change is being voted on today by Kappa Kappa Psi at the 2018

Southwest District Convention and this would ensure the consistency between the two Constitutions.

6. Realignment of the District Areas

CURRENT: 9.01 The Southwest District will be divided into seven areas. Each area will host an annual workshop. The host(s) of each workshop will change every year based upon a rotation schedule maintained by the Joint District Council.

The areas will be as follows:

West Texas/New Mexico: University of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University, University of Texas at El Paso, West Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, Howard Payne University, McMurry University (Colony)

East Texas: Baylor University, Blinn Junior College, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin University, Texas Southern University, University of Houston, Prairie View A&M University

South Texas: Texas Lutheran, Texas State University at San Marcos, University of Texas, Texas A&M University – Kingsville, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, University of Texas at San Antonio

North Texas: Texas Christian University, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Tarleton State University, East Texas Baptist University, Tyler Junior College, University of Texas-Tyler, Texas College, Midwestern State University

Louisiana: All schools within the state of Louisiana with active Tau Beta Sigma and/or Kappa Kappa Psi chapters.

Arkansas: All schools within the state of Arkansas with active Tau Beta Sigma and/or Kappa Kappa Psi chapters

Oklahoma: All schools within the state of Oklahoma with active Tau Beta Sigma and/or Kappa Kappa Psi chapters

PROPOSED: The Southwest District shall be divided into six (6) areas: the Oklahoma Area, the Arkansas Area, the North Texas Area, the East Texas/Louisiana Area, the South Texas Area, and the West Texas/New Mexico Area. The boundaries of these areas are defined as follows:

All boundaries of the Southwest District with other districts shall also be boundaries for the respective Areas of which they are part.

Boundaries between the Oklahoma Area and the West Texas-New Mexico Area: the Oklahoma/New Mexico state line; the Oklahoma/Texas state line from the New Mexico state line to Texas State Highway 6.

Boundaries between the West Texas-New Mexico Area and the North Texas Area: Texas State Highway 6 from the Oklahoma state line to its convergence with Texas State Highway 16 in De Leon; Texas State Highway 16 from its convergence with Texas State Highway 6 in De Leon to its intersection with US Highway 190 in San Saba.

Boundaries between the West Texas-New Mexico Area and the South Texas Area: US Highway 190 from its intersection with Texas State Highway 16 in San Saba to its convergence with US Highway 83 near Menard; US Highway 83 from its convergence with US Highway 190 near Menard to its convergence with US Highway 377 near Junction; US Highway 377 from its convergence with US Highway 83 near Junction to its intersection with US Highway 90 near Del Rio; US Highway 90 from its intersection with US Highway 377 near Del Rio to the divergence of Texas State Highway 349 near the Amistad Reservoir; Texas State Highway 349 from its divergence from US Highway 90 near the Amistad Reservoir to the United States/Mexico border.

Boundaries between the South Texas Area and the North Texas Area: US Highway 190 from its intersection with Texas State Highway 16 in San Saba to its convergence with US Highway 79 near Milano; US Highway 79 from its convergence with US Highway 190 near Milano to its intersection with Interstate 45 in Buffalo.

Boundaries between the South Texas Area and the East Texas-Louisiana Area: Interstate 45 from its intersection with US Highway 79 in Buffalo to its intersection with Texas State Highway 105 in Conroe; Texas State Highway 105 from its intersection with Interstate 45 in Conroe to its intersection with Texas State Highway 146 at Moss Hill; Texas State Highway 146 from its intersection with Texas State Highway 105 at Moss Hill to its intersection with Interstate 10 near Mont Belvieu; Interstate 10 from its intersection with Texas State Highway 146 near Mont Belvieu to the eastbound beginning of Texas State Highway 73 near Winnie; Texas State Highway 73 from its eastbound beginning to its intersection with Texas State Highway 124 near Winnie; Texas State Highway 124 from its intersection with Texas State Highway 73 near Winnie to its terminus near the Gulf of Mexico; an imaginary line extending from the terminus of Texas State Highway 124 to the Texas boundary in the Gulf of Mexico.

Boundaries between the East Texas-Louisiana Area and the North Texas Area: US Highway 79 from its intersection with Interstate 45 in Buffalo to its convergence with US Highway 259 near Henderson; US Highway 259 from its convergence with US Highway 79 near Henderson to its intersection with Texas State Highway 155 north of Ore City; Texas State Highway 155 from its intersection with US Highway 259 north of Ore City to its convergence with US Highway 59 near Linden; US Highway 59 from its convergence with Texas State Highway 155 near Linden to its convergence with Texas State Highway 77 near Atlanta; Texas State Highway 77 from its convergence with US Highway 59 near Atlanta to the Louisiana state line; the Louisiana state line from the terminus of Texas State Highway 77 to the Arkansas state line.

Boundary between the East Texas-Louisiana Area and the Arkansas Area: the Louisiana/Arkansas state line.

Boundary between the North Texas Area and the Arkansas Area: the Texas/Arkansas state line.

Boundary between the North Texas Area and the Oklahoma Area: the Oklahoma/Texas state line from the Arkansas state line to Texas State Highway 6.

Boundary between the Oklahoma Area and the Arkansas Area: the Oklahoma/Arkansas state line.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: The redefining of areas in this way sets clear lines for areas that would aim to reduce confusion in the future. The Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi approved this change in their Constitution at the 2017 Southwest District Convention. They have not implemented it yet because they are waiting for us to approve it as well, since the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee did not get to it last year.

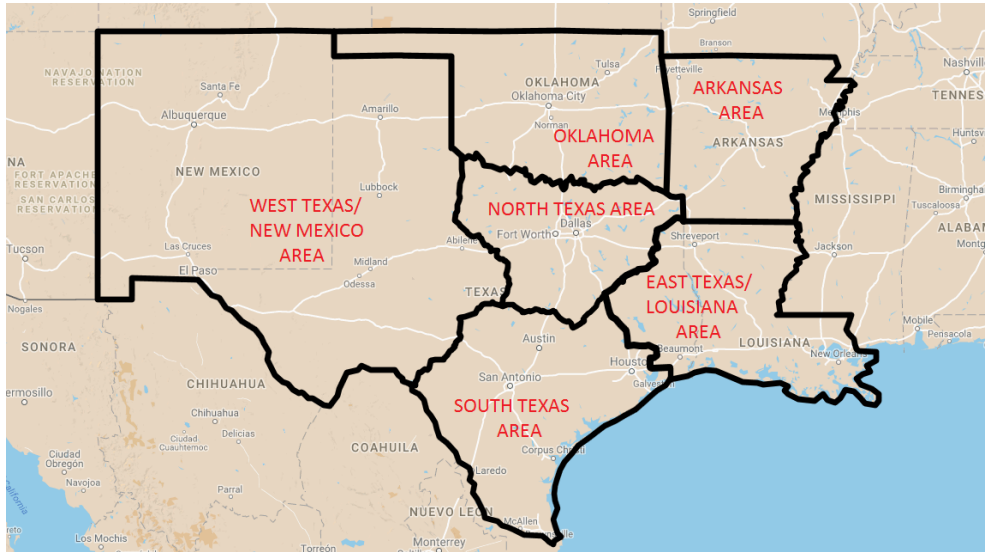
CURRENT: 9.02 There will be 7 Area Workshops with content chosen by the District Council. Logistics, facilities, and a feature workshop will be the responsibility of the Host Chapter. The Feature workshop must be approved by the District Council prior to the Workshop.

PROPOSED: Change “7” to “6”.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This would reflect the new area boundaries as explained in 9.01.

CURRENT: n/a

PROPOSED: 9.02



CHANGES/RATIONALE: The addition of this visual would aid in easier understanding of the changes in 9.01 and 9.02.

Standard Operating Procedures:

This set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) acts as an established guide for operations of the Southwest District Council of Tau Beta Sigma. It will be maintained by the District Counselors, District Council, and Jurisdiction Committee each year and published to the District Website.

I. District Council

- a. Candidacy Requirements
 - i. The basic qualifications for District Officer Candidate (including National requirements)
 - ii. Application process

- b. Elections Process
 - i. District election process

- c. Disciplinary action taken by the District Counselors
 - i. List disciplinary actions

- d. Removal of a District Officer, and Replacement Process
 - i. Action steps to removal

- ii. Process for replacement

- e. District Officer Responsibilities
 - i. The recurrent responsibilities of the full District Council
 - ii. Include District Workshops responsibilities of council
 - iii. District and National Conventions obligations and attendance

- f. Communication Expectations
 - i. Communication within the council
 - ii. Communication with the District as a whole
 - iii. With Chapter Officers
 - iv. Alumni
 - v. Social Media

- g. Meetings
 - i. District Council Meetings SOP
 - ii. Summer & Winter Meeting
 - iii. District Officer Reports for monthly calls and convention
District Website

- h. Additional Items
 - i. Chain of command

- i. Individual District Officer Duties
 - i. President
 - a. List district and national requirements/duties
 - b. General District Council Management
 - c. District Convention
 - d. [list any other recurrent responsibilities]

 - ii. Vice President of Membership
 - a. List district and national requirements/duties
 - b. Workshops
 - c. Ritual
 - d. MEP Things

- e. [list any other recurrent responsibilities]

- iii. Vice President of Special Projects
 - a. List district and national requirements/duties
 - b. Focus on Five
 - c. District Projects
 - d. [list any other recurrent responsibilities]

- iiii. Secretary-Treasurer
 - a. List district and national requirements/duties
 - b. District and Council Minutes
 - c. District Budget
 - d. Social Media
 - e. List any other recurrent responsibilities

II. Meetings

- a. District Workshop
 - i. Add detailed area alignment information from JAC here- aligned with SWD KKPsi verbiage
 - ii. District Officer Travel Guidance
 - iii. District Travel Grant description and selection

- b. District Convention
 - i. Committee Descriptions (open or closed, duties, etc)
 - a. Add description on Spirit and sisterhood committee selection and duties here.
 - b. History and Traditions is part of Programs

 - ii. Convention Bid Requirements aligned with National and SWD KKPsi requirements

 - iii. Order of Business:

In general, the order of business for all District Convention will be:

- a. Invocation
- b. Seating of Delegates
- c. Appointment of Committees
- d. Report of the District Officers
- e. Unfinished Business

- f. New Business
- g. Report of Committees
- h. Installation of Officers
- i. Selection of Convention Site
- j. Closing Ceremonies

c. District Awards & Scholarships

- i. Description, selection process, etc

IV. Finances

- a. Use of District Funds
- b. Reimbursements

Charges for the 2019 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee:

1. Review the charges from the 2018 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee.
2. Redistribute funds to reflect a national convention year.
3. Review the amount of applications coming in for the two district scholarships and reallocate funds as necessary.
4. Review the amount of applications coming in for travel assistance fund and reallocate funds as necessary.
5. Review Kappa Kappa Psi's 2018 Southwest District Constitution and check for inconsistencies.

Charges for the 2018-2019 District Council:

1. Review the charges from the 2018 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee.
2. Promote the two district scholarships throughout the year.
3. Finish the Standard Operations Procedures Manual.

Special Thanks:

First, I would like to start out by thanking the members of the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee for their hard work and patience. We were charged with a lot going into this weekend, but we covered everything thanks to the outstanding work of my committee. Sammy, Kelsey, and Koty: know I appreciate everything you did and every sacrifice you made this weekend to make our success as a committee happen.

Second, I want to give a huge thank you to Siobhan and Ciara. I couldn't have asked for two better advisors for my committee. You two were able to answer every question I had, and if you didn't know the answer yourself, you made sure you found someone who did. Your thoroughness and tenacity is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I want to thank my chapter, Delta, from the University of Oklahoma. Being able to represent you as the delegate at the 2018 Southwest District Convention has been an honor and a privilege. To Hunter, my amazing big: thank you for your support of me as I took on this daunting position this weekend. Your sass and amazing sense of humor got me through the weekend with my sanity intact. To Maddie and Christen: thank you for answering my endless questions and being patient with me as I formulated my game plan for running this committee. Your input and support was invaluable to me this weekend. I am so sad to see you two graduate, but I know you're going to do amazing things. I love y'all and all of Delta with my entire heart.

Respectfully Submitted and Boomer Sooner,

Kayla McCullough, Delta

Chair of the 2018 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Committee Chair:

- Natalia Lambert, Southwest District President ,Alpha Omicron

Advisors:

- Meri Terpstra, Beta Delta Life Member

The 2018 Credentials committee was charged with the following:

- Re-evaluate the Chapter Percentage award (based on percentage of chapter in attendance) and consider getting rid of it due to complications of calculating. With MCs that are not in the OMRS yet, there is no accurate way to have a count of how many people are actually in each chapter.
- Get the information of personnel from the host chapters after registration is over and calculate the Chapter Percentage Award (based on chapter percentage of people in attendance) and Chapter Distance Award (number of members in attendance times the miles travelled) and have as many of the calculations done before convention begins.
- Have numbers of people in each chapter before convention begins to ensure quick calculations.
- Complete report as early as possible during/before convention.

Discussions during meeting/Relevant information:

- I submitted a proposed constitution change to the Jurisdictions and Finance committee to remove the Chapter Percentage Award from the Constitution. The award is only mentioned once in the constitution and it does not mention what the award is or how to properly calculate the award.
- National Officers
 - Jonathan Markowski - National President
 - Siobhan Wilkes - National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
- Board of Trustees
 - Lisa Croston - Vice Chair of Board of Trustees
- Past National Officers
 - Dr. Nicole Sanchez - Past National President, Vice President for Colonization and Membership, Vice President for Communication and Recognition,
 - Lisa Croston - Past National Secretary & Vice President of Special Projects
- Chapter Visitation Assistants
 - Rosalyn McDonald
 - Heather McGowan
 - Brianna Mitchell
- National Headquarters Staff
 - Di Spiva - National Headquarters Office Manager and Accountant
 - Robert Bratcher - National Publications Manager and Multimedia Designer
 - Justin Chesak - National Chapter Field Representative, KKPsi

- TJ Tooley - National Chapter & Colony Education Coordinator
- National Alumni Association
 - Katie Rickson - TBS National Alumni Association Chair
 - Tyra Yiare - Finance Committee Chair
- Southwest District Alumni Association
 - Helen Capehart - TBS Southwest District Alumni Association Chair
 - Sarah Bogue - Finance Director
 - Sami Kinnison - Programs Director
 - Sarah Remoy - Membership Director
 - Alana Sewell - Communications Director
- Southwest District Council
 - Natalia Lambert - SWD President
 - Travis Howell - SWD VPM
 - Meeka Smith - SWD VPSP
 - Ciara Gibbs - SWD Secretary/Treasurer
- Convention Officers
 - Maddie Hoefke - Parliamentarian
- Past Southwest District Officers
 - Lisa Croston - Past SWD President/Treasurer
 - Dr. Nicole Sanchez - Past SWD President/VPCM
 - Kathy Webster - Past SWD President/Treasurer
 - Scott Sergeant - Past SWD Sec/Treasurer
 - Heather McGowan - Past SWD President
 - Sami Belford-Kinnison - Past SWD President/VPSP
 - Ashlyn Kubacak - Past SWD VPM
 - Meri Terpstra - Past SWD President/VPSP
 - Maggie Denton - Past SWD VPM
 - Hannah Wells - Past SWD VPSP
- Chapter Percentage award
 - Unable to calculate the data.
- Chapter Distance Award
 - Gamma Xi - 6,930 miles total

Charges for the 2018-2019 District President/Credentials Committee are as follows:

- Charge the 2019-2020 District President to re-evaluate the Chapter Percentage award (based on percentage of chapters in attendance) and consider getting rid of it due to complications of calculating (if revision does not pass through the 2018 delegation). With MCs that are not in the OMRS yet, there is no accurate way to have a count of how many people are actually in each chapter.
- Calculate the Chapter Distance Award (number of members in attendance times the miles travelled) and the Chapter Percentage Award (if it does not get removed by the delegation).
- Have as many of the calculations done before convention begins and put them in a spreadsheet.
- Have the numbers of people in each chapter before convention begins to ensure quick calculations.
- Find out which dignitaries will be attending convention and all positions they have held .

- Complete report as early as possible during/before convention.

A very special thank you to my Advisor, Meri Terpstra for assisting me with the charges of this committee. I would also like to thank Maggie Denton and Hannah Wells for helping us collect data. I appreciate and love you all so much!

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalia Lambert

Southwest District President

Credentials Committee Chair

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION SITE COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Committee Chair:

- Kathryn Grice, Delta Upsilon
- Holly Leatherman, Zeta Beta

Committee Members:

- **TBS Members**
 - Gillian Quiggle, Beta
 - Amy Skoff, Beta Omicron
 - Kendall Blalock, Tau
 - Alexis Workman, Iota
- **KKY Members**
 - Caleb Ryan Tullius, Alpha Xi
 - Ryan Bishop, Lambda
 - Emma Beebe, Gamma Sigma
 - Sara Garcia, Mu Lambda

Advisors:

- Toni Castle, Governor
- Kathy Webster, Counselor

The 2017 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following:

Charges

- Review the report of the 2017 Convention Site Committee.
- Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the deadline.
- Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the same presenters.
- Review all bid packets from bidding chapters and schedule interviews/ presentations with each one.
- Each bidding university that meets the stated requirements will have a presentation and question/answer period during the second joint session.
- Discuss bids and slate a host chapter for the 2019 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to host, a “no slate” can be suggested.
- Review the Prezi and make any necessary changes.

Committee Report:

To begin, the 2018 Convention Site Committee met during each scheduled committee block to discuss and complete the charges outlined for us. First, we met as a committee and reviewed the charges from the past District Convention. The report from the 2017 Convention Site Committee was reviewed.

All bids were collected at the designated time; three bids were received to host the 2019 Southwest

District Convention. The bids were thoroughly reviewed and interviews with the potential host chapters were scheduled. Before meeting with the potential host chapters, the committee, after reviewing the bid packet, came up with a series of questions to ask the presenters.

This committee met with the representatives of the potential hosts on Saturday April 14th to view their presentations and discuss their bids to host the 2019 Southwest District Convention. Questions were asked of the presenters and discussions between the presenters and committee took place discussing the details of the bids.

To wrap up the meetings of the 2018 Southwest District Convention Site Committee, the bid for district convention was discussed and agreed upon for the 2019 Southwest District Convention.

Slate for the 2019 Southwest District Convention:

The Convention Site Committee would like to slate, with conditions, the Gamma Phi (TBS) and Epsilon Epsilon (KKY) chapters Southwestern Oklahoma State University to host the 2019 Southwest District Convention provided that they follow our conditions we've listed. The deadline to provide this information to the advisors will be thirty days from today, May 8th. If these provisions are not met by that deadline, the floor will be open again for bids.

The conditions are:

- Provide more detailed and specifics for both Chapter budgets, include overall totals.
- Add Saturday Lunch to your convention plan and budget.
- Format all the budgets the same
- Give room capacities for the facilities.
- Provide the travel distances in time traveled instead of miles.

The Committee charges the 2019 Convention Site Committee with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2018 Convention Site Committee.
2. Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the deadline.
3. Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the same presenters.
4. Review all bid packets from bidding chapters and schedule interviews/ presentations with each one. Each bidding university that meets the stated requirements will have a presentation and question/answer period during the second joint session.
5. Discuss bids and slate a host chapter for the 2019 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to host, a "no slate" can be suggested.
6. Review the presentations and make any necessary changes.

Thank you's:

We were honored to co-chair this committee and would like to thank all members of this committee for being so involved in our meetings and for being so willing to help determine the future of this convention. Your thoughtful contributions and help was invaluable. Thank you for being a part of this committee and

helping advise the delegation about a very important decision for our future. Thanks to our advisors, Toni and Kathy, for providing wonderful guidance and assisting us in hosting. You helped make all of this possible and we are incredibly grateful.

(Kathryn) Thanks to Holly for everything you've done for this committee and for convention. You're a rock and you've made this whole thing happen. Thanks to Delta Upsilon for holding me steady and for giving me the chance to do this. Y'all have provided for me more than I could ever have hoped for and thank you so much for tolerating me and being kind. Thank you Zeta Beta for hosting with us, we all know we couldn't have done this without each other and you all showed amazing follow through and made amazing things happen.

(Holly)

Thank you so much to my partner in crime, Kathryn. I couldn't have gone through this hosting process without you and the friendship we have built I know will last a lifetime. My family, thank you for coming to help with convention and for helping us in whatever we needed, we are all very grateful for y'all. To Zeta Beta, thank y'all for believing in me when I brought up the idea of hosting convention and for working hard all weekend to make this happen. Y'all have been incredible and I am so honored to be a member of an amazing group of brothers. To Delta Upsilon, y'all are incredible people and I am so impressed and amazed by all the tasks y'all accomplish despite y'all's size. Thank you to all our alumni for coming to help with convention. We really couldn't have done this without y'all.

We would like to thank Makenzie and Natalia for all of y'all's hard work in answering all of our questions and helping us be successful. Thank you for guiding us and listening to all of our rambles. The friendships that we have built together we know will last a lifetime. Y'all are incredible woman and we are so blessed to know y'all and have gotten the opportunity to work with y'all.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Grice- Delta Upsilon Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
Holly Leatherman- Zeta Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

REPORT OF THE HISTORY & TRADITIONS COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Committee Chair:

Jaclyn Seres, Beta Nu

Committee Members:

Raicheal Harper, Gamma Tau, proxy for Gamma Phi

Kasi Schultz, Tau, proxy for Delta Tau

Lauren Murabito, Psi, proxy for Epsilon Eta

Colton Lackey, Alpha Omicron, proxy for Eta Epsilon

Advisors:

Dr. Nicole Sanchez, Past National President, Advisor

The 2018 History and Traditions Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the report from the 2017 History and Traditions Committee
2. Gather records of chapter attendance and involvement from district council for all chapters in the SWD from 2017 and 2018 workshop and convention seasons. Records for 2017 can be found in Donnelle' Mitchell's Counselor report.
3. Compare these numbers and discuss whether certain programs that were implemented are effective and propose possible alternatives.
4. Create a 10 year plan for this committee and evaluate how it will be useful in the future.

Looking at 2017 and 2018 involvement within the district

As stated in Donnelle' Mitchell's reports from 2017 and 2018, participation records for district events reflects involvement of typically half of our chapters. She also discussed that engagement in other areas was significantly low. The previous committee proposed several ways to help increase involvement, but, as the data reflects, they were ultimately ineffective. If necessary, you can review these records in the 2017 and upcoming 2018 minutes.

Prospective ideas to increase involvement for 2019

As a committee, we discussed alternative methods for increasing involvement across our district. We created questions for a Google form that can be used as a feedback survey for chapters to fill out together. The questions we came up with inquire about reasons for attending or not attending district events, involvement in Focus on Five, and any other comments or suggestions they might have. Another idea we talked about is the suggestion to invite geographically convenient chapters with low participation to host area or district. We also determined that an additional method to improve involvement would be to implement digital workshop events. This would be a day set aside that could entail the usage of YouTube Live or Facebook Live, providing documents for PowerPoint presentations, and group chats. We would like to see this happen at least once or to make up the difference for the normal amount of area workshops that occur. The later would be dependent on the ultimate decision of reducing the amount of area workshops for the district.

Ad Hoc proposal

We found that coming up with innovating approaches has been increasingly difficult for this committee as a whole. This is the reason why we decided not to fulfill our last charge of outlining a 10 year plan. As a committee and per the recommendation of the District Council, we concurred on our standing to change to that of an Ad Hoc committee, one that would only meet to supervise tasks as delegated by the District Council upon their discretion. We believe this would be the most effective use for the committee.

Charge to the District Council:

1. Consider the prospective ideas for increasing involvement

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaclyn Seres, Beta Nu, Chair

REPORT OF THE JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Committee Chair:

Eric Pannell II, Eta Pi

Keegan Turney, Epsilon Beta

Committee Members:

Christopher Broome, Eta Xi

Morgan Darling, Gamma Tau

Nikki Settlemyre, Epsilon

Catherine Lillie, Beta Delta

Britni Hays, Delta Upsilon

Addison Womack, Delta

Sarah Jones, Beta Gamma

Colt Deaton, Delta Chi

Mandi Duncan, Gamma Omicron

Advisors:

Chris Houghee, Advisor

The Joint Action Committee of 2018 was charged with the following:

- Review the 2017 Joint Action Committee Report
- Examine sections of both the Kappa Kappa Psi and the Tau Beta Sigma constitutions that define joint activities and ensure they correspond with one another
- Reconsider the name/constitutional obligations for the JAC
- Review all submissions to the JAC Grant.
- Decide if the New ALTO should remain being published once a semester or if it should change to once a year.

During this year's convention, the following actions took place:

- The committee reviewed the two submissions for the Joint Action Committee Grant, which was from Alpha Omicron and Xi and Alpha Psi chapters. Both Universities that applied for the grant wanted the funding specifically to help fund projects for music schools in need of basic music supplies. The committee decided to award Alpha Omicron at Sam Houston their requested \$650

in addition to and extra \$170, bringing the total awarded to \$820. The reason for this was in order for Alpha Omicron to purchase an additional 2 boxes of each type of reeds as well as an additional intermediate percussion mallet pack. The committee also reviewed the Grant submission from the Xi and Alpha Psi chapter at West Texas A&M and decided to reduce their award from \$1200 to \$200. The committee encourages these chapters to reapply in the near future with a greater focus on the specific costs of equipment for the schools. The \$200 awarded to these chapters is for the basic musical items, including 3 boxes of both clarinet and saxophone reeds as well as slide grease and valve oil.

- The committee also reviewed whether or not the New ALTO publication should continue to be released biannually or changed to only annually. The committee expressed their opinions and concerns for both sides, however the committee's decision on this matter was for the New ALTO to remain a Biannual publication, like it already is.
- The committee also discussed whether the New ALTO should have a minimum length of pages of submissions in order to be considered for a New ALTO to not be published that semester. After drafting several clauses and subclauses for this specific purpose, we felt that our wording and intent was clear. After submitting our reports to jurisdictions, the jurisdiction committee from Kappa Kappa Psi gave us their edited draft for the constitution, which we accepted.

The Committee would like to charge the 2019 Joint Action Committee with the following:

- Review the 2018 Joint Action Committee Report
- Examine sections of both the Kappa Kappa Psi and the Tau Beta Sigma constitutions that define joint activities and ensure they correspond with one another
- Evaluate the success of the Area Workshops in relation to chapter attendance, as well as workshop location. Consider reducing the area workshops and implementing a rotation between the Southwest District areas.
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Joint District Council's advertisement of the Joint Action Committee Grant.
- Review all submissions to the JAC Grant.
- Evaluate the New ALTO submission success
- Consider changing the name of the Joint Action Committee Grant

The Committee would like to charge the Charges for the 2018-2019 Joint District Council

with the following:

- Increase advertisement of the Joint Action Committee Grant
- Attach published New ALTO to chapter correspondence e-mails.
- Increase clarity of the Joint Action Committee Grant application online form; Budget for Grant vs Budget of Chapter

The Committee would like to charge the 2018-2019 KKY VP Programs and TBS VP Special Projects with the following:

- E-Mail all members to advertise New ALTO submissions and publications

The Committee would like to charge the 2018-2019 New ALTO Staff with the following:

- When advertising the New ALTO, clarify the process of submissions (Specifically editing grammar).

Thank you to committee members:

Christopher Broome- Eta Xi, Morgan Darling - Gamma Tau, Nikki Settlemeyre - Epsilon, Catherine Lillie - Beta Delta, Britni Hays - Delta Upsilon, Addison Womack - Delta, Sarah Jones - Beta Gamma, Colt Deaton - Delta Chi, Mandi Duncan - Gamma Omicron

A big thank you to our Advisor, Chris Houghee!

Eric Pannell II

2017-2018 President of Eta Pi

2018 Joint Action Committee Chair

Eta Pi, Northwestern State University

Fraternally submitted,

Keegan Turney

2017-2018 Southwest District Vice President for Programs

2018 Joint Action Committee Chair

Epsilon Beta, University of Central Arkansas

REPORT OF THE SPIRIT & SISTERHOOD COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

- Katherine Lacy, Alpha Omicron

Committee Members and Chapters:

- Christen Jarshaw, Delta proxy for Delta Pi
- Kristin McMullen, Alpha Upsilon proxy for Eta Nu
- Amanda Aguiler, Delta Eta

Advisor:

- Ashlyn Simmons, Life Member of Psi

The 2018 Spirit and Sisterhood Committee was charged with the following:

- Committee chair and advisor should contact chapters to ensure that the spirit and sisterhood items will be at convention.
- Teach yourselves the National and District chants to demonstrate at separate sessions.
- Coordinate with the District President to teach the delegation at separate session throughout the convention.
- Discuss the chapters in attendance at the 2018 Southwest District Convention on the qualities of spirit and sisterhood. Award the Spirit and Sisterhood Awards in accordance with the District constitution.
- Create guidelines and criteria for the committee to select winners at future conventions. Some examples include active participation in activities, enthusiasm in all they do, and a sisterly approach to other chapters.
- Add a sisterhood event that can be done with other chapters to the Southwest District Spirit and Sisterhood database.
- Create a video for the Southwest District web page that teaches all chants

Discussions during meetings/Relevant information:

- Identified past award recipients from past five years to ensure we are not awarding the same, small group of chapters the awards.
- Discussed and practiced District and National chants and practiced teaching the chants to the delegation. We also created videos of us teaching the chants to be posted on the SWD website.

- Discussed potential award recipients and decided which chapters would be presented these awards
- Created the criteria for deciding award recipients:
“The Spirit and Sisterhood Committee will observe chapters throughout district convention and determine the spirit award recipients with reference to the following criteria: a sisterly approach to other chapters, consistent attendance and engagement in all events, participation in national and district chants, and/or performance of chapter chants. “

Discussed chapter-to-chapter sisterhood events - MC pen-pals. This is where chapters can bond even while thousands of miles apart. Chapters can contact other chapters to write an MC or even an active member via snail mail, email, or social media.

Charges for the 2019 Spirit and Sisterhood committee are as follows:

- Committee chair and advisor should contact chapters to ensure that the spirit and sisterhood items will be at convention.
- Teach yourselves the National and District chants to demonstrate at separate sessions.
- Coordinate with the District President to teach the delegation at separate session throughout the convention.
- Discuss the chapters in attendance at the 2019 Southwest District Convention on the qualities of spirit and sisterhood. Award the Spirit and Sisterhood Awards in accordance with the District constitution.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the sisterhood databases, including chapters’ knowledge and awareness of this resource available to them.

Charges for the 2018-2019 Southwest District Vice-President for Special Projects:

- Remind the chapter recipient of Tau to write an article for the New Alto detailing Tau’s travels in the Southwest, as mandated by the Southwest District Tau Beta Sigma Constitution.
- Upload instructional videos created by the 2018 Southwest District Spirit and Sisterhood Committee to the Southwest District website and promote these videos as a resource to chapters.

Thank you: Super shoutout to my wonderful committee! I could not have asked for a better group of people to chant with for hours in a classroom. Thank you to Ashlyn Simmons for being a tremendous advisor. I seriously couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you to my hotel room roomies for staying up late with me just to listen to me practice my cheers. Lastly, thank you to the Alpha Omicron chapter for giving me this opportunity to take on these responsibilities and I hope I made you all proud.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Lacy

Spirit and Sisterhood Committee Chair

The recipients for this year's awards are as follows:

- *Tau - Psi*
- *Beta – Beta Gamma*
- *Sigma – Delta Upsilon*

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

Ashley Massey, Theta Theta

Committee Member Names and Chapters:

Lauren Barnett, Gamma Xi

Shelby Howerton, Alpha, proxy for Beta Gamma

Erin Williams, Alpha

Advisors:

Brianna Mitchell, CVA and Life member of Alpha Omicron

Meeka Smith, VPSP, Beta Nu

The 2018 Programs Committee was charged with the following:

- Report the charges/report of the 2017 Programs Committee.
- Help the VPSP select the winners of the Joint Chapter challenges.
- Create/find a video that explains what service is and why it is important. Present the video during the reading of the committee report.

Discussion of Charge 1:

We reviewed the charges of the 2017 committee.

Discussion of Charge 2:

We reviewed and decided winners for the Joint Chapter challenges for April. The winners are as followed.

Winners:

Titles:

- Above and Beyond award
 - Best overall participation with the challenge.
 - With 7 events and 13 photos submitted.
 - Delta (TBS)
- Community Outreach award
 - Getting the organization more involved in the community through music.
 - For the work they completed with the TSU MCs Music in the Heights program. Which is a program that is located in downtown Houston within the third ward (consisting of lower socioeconomic status) where they did a instrument

petting zoo to complete the Crescendo project for Focus on Five.

- Tau (TBS)
- Campus Involvement award
 - Getting more involved with the College/University events that are open to greek life/organizations.
 - By getting involved with the campus (school wide event with another organization) participated in the WTAMU University Sing. The theme was throwback to the 90's. They sang songs such as Bittersweet Symphony, Closing Time, Sabotage, and more and they did this with their brother chapter.
 - Xi (TBS)
- Most Unique Experiences award
 - Finding the most creative and intuitive ways to get more involved in joint affairs.
 - Brothers went to a basketball tournament involving San Jose, Wyoming, and Utah. They then met up with the competing brother chapters and had a mini conference. Brothers in the UNM Spirit Marching Band got to play with the 44th Army Band at half time, and met Brothers who served our country.
 - Gamma Iota (KKY)

Discussion of Charge 3:

The programs committee watched several videos that dealt with service and we did not find a video that met our parameters. We also did not feel like we had the time or resources to create our own video. So the committee has instead decided to charge the 2018-2019 VPSP to collect submission from chapters on what service is and why it is important to them and the community. These submission will be compiled into a video to be presented at the next district convention in 2019. We also suggested that this should be incorporated into the district lyre piece.

Charges for 2018-2019 VPSP

- Joint Photo Challenge
 - Explore different options for the joint photo challenge submissions such as google classroom, google forms, and team drive. (or anything else!)
 - Rename the challenge so that it is clear that the challenge can occur with other Tau Beta Sigma chapters, brother Kappa Kappa Psi chapters, and other organizations, such as Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota.

- Make the submission forms have more defined fields so that it is easier to tell what is occurring the photos (ie: event, organizations, outside parties etc.).
- Encourage chapters to submit “Action” photos not just staged group shots.
- Research the For Greater Practice program and how to incorporate it on a district level, found within the minutes of National Convention 2017 under programs committee.
- Advertise and highlight more interactive Coda events, outside of presenting concerts.
- Establish the District Lyre Piece, based on suggestions below.
 - Go to a district event such as:
 - CLC
 - Area Workshops
 - District Day
 - Going to District Convention
 - A Ritual from another chapter (by invitation or permission)
 - (Must be photo submission)
 - Service video submission
 - Explaining why it is not only important for the band but also the community. (Supporting service)
 - Send in at least one submission (articles, word search, crossword, coloring page etc.) to either the fall or spring editions of the SWD Publication The New ALTO.
 - Have a chapter member attend either one of the professional development video chats hosted by the SWD Officers or a TBS Student Chat hosted by the TBS NVPCR.
 - Send in a photo or video submission for 5 out of 8 district Photo Challenges. For more information, contact the SWD VPSP.

Charges for 2018-2019 Programs Committee

- Report the charges/report of the 2018 Programs Committee.
- Help the VPSP with photo challenge winners. (Monthly, Joint etc.)
- Review video promoting service based on submission from different chapters (Reviewment of VPSP charge).
- Communicate with the VPSP on the research for the For Greater Practice program (maybe discuss different ways of implementation).

Thank yous:

I would like to thank everyone on my committee for coming to each meeting ready to start discussion and being very involved in it. I would also like to especially thank my advisors Brianna and Meeka, things would not have gone as smooth as they did without you. And thank you both for making my first time as a chair of a committee so much fun and educational. One last thank you would be to my wonderful chapter that came, you all are the best sister I could ever ask for and more.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Massey, Theta Theta, Programs Committee Chair 2018

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

The 2018 Membership Committee was charged with the following:

- Review the 2017 Membership Committee reports
- Review the 2017-2018 charges for the VPM and discuss the effectiveness of their implementation
- Evaluate the usage of different communication platforms for the dispersal of district information which may include, but not limited to, information about databases, speaker applications, events, and district officer roles
- Review the documents provided by the National Curriculum Committee

Discussion:

The committee reviewed and discussed the report of the 2018 Membership Committee to become comfortable with the information. We discussed the charges for the 2017-2018 Vice President of Membership regarding offering participation in online chats and virtual interactive workshops for membership educators within chapters and general membership in the Southwest District. We determined that the 2017-2018 Vice President of Membership was successful at this charge

The 2017-2018 Vice President of Membership successfully completed his charge to **increase chapter participation in area workshops by creating an application for submission of workshop presentations** open to members of Tau Beta Sigma. Six SWD members applied to present at area workshops during the 2017-2018 workshop season. We determined this charge was an *effective* route to promoting district involvement and utilizing our diverse membership, but it can be promoted further by utilizing more communication outlets in future years.

After extensive research, we determined the 2017-2018 *President* completed the charge of creating a platform for outgoing presidents to update the SWD of newly elected officers by June 1st - not the Vice President of Membership, and decided it was effective but has plenty of room for improvement.

We discussed the exact role and responsibilities which fall on the Southwest District Vice President of Membership, and discussed ways to reduce confusion regarding the specific duties of each district officer. We discussed the concept of utilizing the district lyre piece or district awards for chapters who continue to submit to the SWD databases. We discussed the idea of the Vice President of Membership creating a document to aid in transitions with future officers.

The Committee charges the 2018-2019 Vice President of Membership with the following:

- Continue promoting submissions to the district databases through the use of social media platforms and incentives which may include the district lyre piece for Focus on Five or the requirements for district awards.
- Update the transition packet as needed and maintain it throughout term of office to be given to the succeeding Vice President of Membership.
- When first making contact with new chapter officers for the 2018-2019 academic year, emphasize your role and responsibilities and ways you can serve as a support for those officers.
- Continue to promote the area workshop student speaker application through the use of multiple communication platforms which may include, but is not limited to, FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, the district website, and email.
- Support the implementation of the National Curriculum if prepared

The Committee charges the 2018-2019 SWD Council with the following:

- Challenge all district council members to share their specific roles and responsibilities during Tau Beta Sigma announcements at area workshop.
- Continue updating chapter rosters and contact information as chapter leadership and officers change throughout the academic year.
- Support the implementation of the National Curriculum if prepared

The Committee charges the 2018 Membership Committee with the following:

- Review the 2018 Membership Committee Report.
- Review the charges for the 2018-2019 Vice President of Membership and evaluate the effectiveness of their implementation.
- Evaluate the implantation of the National Curriculum if prepared
- Evaluate the implantation of student speaker applications for area workshops and determine its effectiveness and whether it should be continued

Respectfully submitted,

Arieal C. Goodson, Epsilon Psi, Chair

Katie Gibson, Alpha Upsilon, Delegate

Caitlin Hall, Gamma Nu, Delegate

Catherine Darnell, Delta Sigma, Delegate

Dominique Thomas, Zeta Mu, Delegate

Travis Howell, Tau, Advisor - Southwest District Vice President of Membership

Ted McCadden, Life Member of Iota Delta, Advisor - Northeast District Counselor

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

2018 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

The 2018 Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Nominations Committee was made up of Mary Clyde, proxy delegate for Iota Beta from Beta Zeta, Amelia Gutierrez, delegate for Beta Zeta, Brittny Raup, delegate for Delta Phi, Nicole Benedict, delegate for Psi, and our committee advisor, National President Jonathan Markowski.

The 2018 Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

Charges

- Review the 2017 Nominations Committee Report.
- Collect all materials from all candidates running for District Council.
- Schedule interviews with each District Council Candidate
- Review the materials of each candidates, and verify that each candidate packet contains required items, in accordance with the District Constitution
 - Review the standard questions asked of each district council candidate, and add or remove questions as seen fit
- Interview each qualified candidate by asking the pertinent questions about the office of which they are running
- Discuss who the committee feels is best qualified for each office. Submit a slate in your preliminary report.
 - Review the District Officer Election guide.

This committee reviewed the charges from the 2017 Nominations Committee, then set up interview time slots with candidates for District Council. We reviewed all packets submitted and conducted the interviews for each candidate, then discussed and came up with a slate which we presented yesterday.

We charge the 2019 Nominations Committee with the following:

Charges

- Review the 2018 Nominations Committee Report.
- Collect all materials from all candidates running for District Council.
- Schedule interviews with each District Council Candidate
- Review the materials of each candidates, and verify that each candidate packet contains

required items, in accordance with the District Constitution

- Review the standard questions asked of each district council candidate, and add or remove questions as seen fit
- Interview each qualified candidate by asking the pertinent questions about the office of which they are running
- Discuss who the committee feels is best qualified for each office. Submit a slate in your preliminary report.
 - Review the District Officer Election guide.

Thank you to the committee members for going above and beyond to ensure that we had thoughtful and meaningful interviews and discussion. Thank you also to our awesome advisor, Jonathan, for making sure we stayed on task and for answering all of our questions. Lastly, thank you to all of the candidates for representing yourselves so well in your preparation and presentation to the committee. Every one of you should be proud in how you have represented the Southwest.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Benedict – Delegate for Psi

Chair of the 2018 Nominations Committee