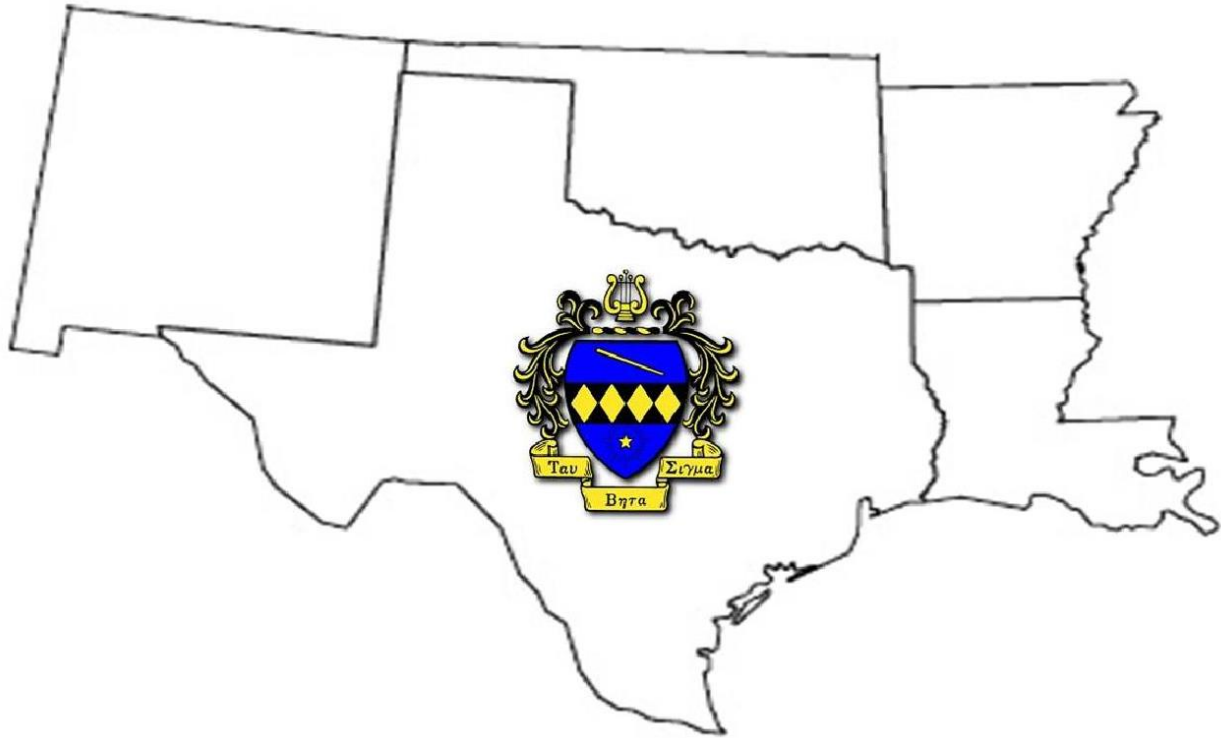


# THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF TAU BETA SIGMA



2019 District Convention Minutes

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### Opening Joint Session: Friday, March 29th @4:00PM

#### Call to Order at 4:03 PM

We call the 2019 Southwest District Convention to Order

## 1. Introductions

- a. Introduction of 2018-2019 Joint Southwest District Council**
- b. 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
- c. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council**
  - i. Evan Thompson- National President
  - ii. Marco Krcatovich- National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
- d. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees**
  - i. Daniel George - Board of Trustees
  - ii. Adam Cantley- Board of Trustees, Chair
- e. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Board**
  - i. Daniel Miller- Alumni Association Board of Directors, Chair
  - ii. Nic Rorrer-Alumni Association Board of Directors
  - iii. Brent Cannon- Alumni Association Board of Directors
- f. Distinguished Guests**
  - i. Ken Corbett-Past National President and Chair of Centennial Committee
  - ii. Chris Houge-Representing Ritual Committee
  - iii. Luis Manjeras- Representing Ritual Committee
- g. Tau Beta Sigma National Council**
  - i. Adrienne Rall- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
  - ii. Siobhan Wilkes- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
- h. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees**
  - i. Lisa Croston
- i. Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership**
  - i. Roselyn McDonald- Chapter Visitation Assistant
  - ii. Brianna Mitchell- Chapter Visitation Assistant
  - iii. Heather McGowen- Chapter Visitation Assistant
- j. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors**
  - i. Katie Rixon
- k. Southwest District Alumni Association**
  - i. Helen Capehart- Chair
  - ii. Samantha BrandBerry- Finance
  - iii. Sami Kinnison- Programs Director

- iv. Sara Remoy- Membership Director
- v. Nicole Benedict- Communications Director

**2. Recognition of Graduating Seniors:**

- a. If you are a graduating senior, please stand to be recognized.  
Congratulations!

**3. Recognition of Life Members**

**4. Final Call for Convention Host Bids**

**5. 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 for both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma candidates in the Music Hall room 101 during at 8 p.m. hosted by Sarah Bogue!
- d. SCHEDULE CHANGES:
  - i. All SWDAA events will now be hosted in the Music Hall room 101.
  - ii. National Vendors will be located in the FA102 for the duration of the convention.
- e. Risk Management
  - i. Kathy, Toni, and Clinton presented. Please be respectful of the places you go and don't make a mess. Old Science is the Science Building.

**6. Recess:**

- a. **We recess this meeting until 5:30 PM tomorrow.**

**Opening Separate Session: Friday, March 29th @4:45PM**

- 1. Call to Order
  - a. This Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session is now called to order \*gavel\*
- 2. Appointment of the District Parliamentarian
- 3. Installation of Parliamentarian and Counselor (5 min)
- 4. Call for/Handout District Officer Packets to Nominations Committee
- 5. Meet the Candidates: District Officer Candidates
  - a. VPSP Candidates
    - i. Chelsea Zuniga
    - ii. Wendy Stewart

- b. VPM Candidates
  - i. Ame Mixon
  - ii. Hannah Wilson
- c. President
  - i. Meeka Smith
  - ii. Ciara Gibbs
- 6. Seating of the delegates
  - a. Assigning of Committees
- 7. Reading of the minutes
  - a. I entertain a motion to accept the minutes from 2018 District Convention without reading them.
  - b. Move to accept - Delta
  - c. Second - Beta Delta
  - d. Motion - passess
- 8. Announcements
  - a. As a proxy, make sure you reach out to the chapter you are sitting for and let them know what is happening at convention.
- 1. Announcement of Dignitaries
- 9. Recess until 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 14th, 2018.

**Separate Session #2: Saturday, March 30th @8:00AM**

- 1. Call to Order 8:00am
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Report of the SWD Secretary/Treasurer: Ciara Gibbs
  - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2018-2019 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer.
  - b. Move to accept - Eta Pi
  - c. Second - Alpha Omicron
  - d. Passes
- 4. Report of the SWD Vice President of Special Projects: Meeka Smith
  - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2018-2019 Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects.
  - b. Move to accept - Beta Nu
  - c. Second - Delta
  - d. Passes
- 5. Announcements from National Council
- 6. Report of the SWD Vice President for Membership: Hannah Wilson
  - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2018-2019 Southwest District Vice President for Membership
  - b. Move to accept - Gamma Tau
  - c. Second - Alpha

7. Group Selfie
8. Recess until 4pm

### **Separate Session #3: Saturday, March 30th @4:00PM**

1. Call to Order 4:00pm
2. Roll Call
3. Women in Music Speaker
4. Report of the SWD Counselor: Kathy Webster
  - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Southwest District Counselor, Kathy Webster
    - i. Move to accept - Epsilon Beta
    - ii. Second - Tau
    - iii. Passes
5. Report of SWD Counselor: Ashlyn Simmons
  - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Southwest District Counselor, Ashlyn Simmons.
    - i. Move to accept - Psi
    - ii. Second - Tau
    - iii. Passes
6. Preliminary Report of the Nominations Committee: the announcement of the slate
  - a. President: Ciara Gibbs
  - b. Vice President of Membership: Amelia Mixon
  - c. Vice President of Special Projects: Wendy Stewart
  - d. Secretary/Treasurer: No Slate
7. Recess until 8 am, April 15th

### **Joint Session #2: Saturday, March 30th @5:30PM**

1. **Call to Order at 5:30PM**
  - a. **We now call session to order**
2. **Announcements**
  - a. Supply Sound - Meeka and Brady
  - b. SWDAA - Helen
  - a. (Natalia) We are going to leave here and head to the Football Field to take a picture real fast before dismissing to get ready for banquet.
  - b. 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. If you got a non-banquet ticket, enjoy your dinner time we will see you tomorrow at 8am!

- c. 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

## **Final Separate Session: Sunday, March 31st @8:00AM**

1. Call to Order 8:11am
2. Roll Call
3. Spirit and Sisterhood Committee
4. Report of the Credentials committee (5 min)
  - a. I entertain a motion to approve the Report of the Credentials Committee
    - i. Moved- Delta Phi
    - ii. Second- Theta Theta
    - iii. Motion passes
5. Report of the Membership Committee
  - a. I entertain a motion to approve the Report of the Membership Committee
    - i. Moved- Gamma Omicron
    - ii. Second- Delta Pi
    - iii. Motion passes
6. Report of the SWD President: Natalia Lambert
  - a. I entertain a motion to accept the Report of the 2018-2019 Southwest District President
    - i. Moved - Alpha Omicron
    - ii. Second - Delta Upsilon
    - iii. Motion passes
7. Report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
  - a. I entertain a motion to approve the proposed budget of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
    - i. Moved- Epsilon Psi
    - ii. Second- Delta Tau
    - iii. Motion passes
  - b. Entertain the motion to accept the change of 3.10
    - i. Moved - Beta Delta
    - ii. Gamma Xi
    - iii. Motion passes
  - c. Entertain the motion to accept all changes to 5.01
    - i. Eta Epsilon
    - ii. Gamma Tau
    - iii. Passed
  - d. Entertain the motion to approve the recommended changes to 6.03
    - i. Beta Zeta
    - ii. Beta Omicron

- iii. Passed
  - e. Entertain the motion to approve the recommended changes to section 2.15 and section 3.12
    - i. Alpha Upsilon
    - ii. Zeta Phi
    - iii. Passed
  - f. Entertain the motion to accept the report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
    - i. Beta Gamma
    - ii. Iota
    - iii. Passes
- 8. Election of President
  - a. Your options for President are
    - i. Meeka Smith
    - ii. Ciara Gibbs
    - iii. No
  - b. Counselors: The 2019-2020 Southwest District President is Ciara Gibbs.
- 9. Vice President for Membership
  - a. Amelia Mixon has been slated for the position of Vice-President.
- 10. Your options for Vice-President for Membership are:
  - a. Hannah Wilson
  - b. Amelia Mixon
  - c. No
- 11. Counselors: The 2019-2020 Southwest District Vice-President for Membership is Hannah Wilson
- 12. Key Note: Emma Morris
- 13. Vice President of Special Projects (30 min)
  - a. Wendy Stewart has been slated for the position of Vice-President for Special Project.
  - b. Chelsea Zuniga was nominated
    - i. She accepted
  - c. Meeka Smith was nominated
    - i. She respectfully declined
  - d. Your options for Vice-President for Special Projects are now:
    - i. Chelsea Zuniga
    - ii. Wendy Stewart
    - iii. No
  - e. Counselors: The 2019-2020 Southwest District Vice-President for Special Projects is Wendy Stewart
- 14. Report of the Program Committee



- a. I entertain a motion to approve the Report of the Program Committee
    - i. Moved- Epsilon Eta
    - ii. Second- Beta
    - iii. Motion passes
- 15. Secretary/Treasurer
  - a. No one has been slated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer
  - b. Betty Buller was nominated
    - i. She accepted
  - c. Meeka Smith was nominated
    - i. She respectfully declined
- 16. Your options for Secretary/Treasurer are
  - a. Betty Buller
  - b. No slate
  - c. Counselors: The 2019-2020 Southwest District secretary/Treasurer is Betty Buller
- 17. Report of the Spirit and Sisterhood
  - a. I entertain a motion to approve the Report of the Spirit and Sisterhood Committee
    - i. Moved- Delta Sigma
    - ii. Second- Gamma Nu
    - iii. Motion passes
  - b. Tau - Delta Chapter
  - c. Beta - Alpha Omicron
  - d. Sigma - Gamma Phi
- 18. Report of the Nominations Committee
  - a. I entertain a motion to approve the Report of the Nominations Committee
    - i. Moved - Eta Pi
    - ii. Second - Psi
    - iii. Motion passes
- 19. District Scrapbook
- 20. Officer Installation
- 21. Adjourn
  - a. Entertain
    - i. Moved-Alpha Omicron
    - ii. Second-Eta Pi
    - iii. Motion passes

**Closing Joint Session: Sunday, @12:00PM**

- 1. Call to order 11:50AM
- 2. Last Call for Supply Sound

### **3. Presentation of Joint Awards**

- a. Displays Awards – SWDAA
  - i. Best KKPsi- Epsilon Beta
  - ii. Best TBS- Alpha Omicron
  - iii. Best Joint- Lambda/Psi
  - iv. Best Overall- Gamma Phi- Kappa Kappa Psi

### **4. SWDAA Announcements**

### **5. Introductions of the 2019-2020 District Councils**

- a. KKY
  - i. Pres- Garret Gardenhire
  - ii. VPM- Hannah Cheeseman
  - iii. VPP- Rachael Baca
  - iv. Sec/Tres- Ashley Nowikowski
  - v. MAL- Andrew “Andy” Cifuentes
- b. TBS
  - i. Pres- Ciara Gibbs
  - ii. VPM- Hannah Wilson
  - iii. VPSP- Wendy Stewart
  - iv. Sec/Treas- Betty Buller

### **6. Report of the Joint Action Committee**

- a. Kappa Kappa Psi –Lambda
- b. Tau Beta Sigma – Delta Pi
- c. Motion Passes

### **7. Report of the Joint Committee on Convention Site**

- a. Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Pi
- b. Kappa Kappa Psi – Epsilon Epsilon
- c. Motion Passes

### **Election of the 2020 Southwest District Convention Host Chapters**

- d. Slated: Kappa Kappa Psi- Gamma Iota- University of New Mexico
- e. Presentation by Gamma Iota
- f. Caucus -- 5 minute caucus
- g. The Southwest District 2020 Convention will be hosted by Gamma Iota with the conditions

### **Final Announcements and Thanks**

- h. Supply Sound winners
  - i. Winner- Kappa Kappa Psi- Delta
  - ii. Winner- Tau Beta Sigma- Delta Upsilon
- i. There will be a Transition Meeting for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 District Councils immediately following the Closing Joint Session.

**8. Motion to adjourn The 2018-19 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention.**

- a. Kappa Kappa Psi- Epsilon Epsilon
- b. Tau Beta Sigma- Gamma Phi
- c. Motion Passes/Fails- Pass

## **Report of the SWD Secretary/Treasurer**

Hello Spicy Southwest,

I can't believe that this year is already coming to an end. This year has allowed me to grow tremendously as a sister and to continue meeting so many wonderful sisters and brothers throughout this district.

I started the year in office at summer council. Where I was able to fully set out my goals for the year and bond with the rest of the council. Another plus was the fact that I got to learn how amazing Cookie Two Step ice cream is! I highly recommend trying it if you haven't yet. After summer council, I went to Stillwater to attend the national leadership conference where I was able to meet other district officers. During that time, I was able to learn more about my position to better assist this district especially in the fall semester.

Before the start of band camp, I was able to travel to the Chapter Leadership Conference. I was able to present to treasurers, corresponding secretaries, historians, and MALs. It was amazing to just be able to discuss and share amazing ideas that chapters have. I also want to highly encourage each and every one of you in this room to take the opportunity to attend this one day because even though we may not all have an official leadership position, we are all leaders and we all have room to grow in our knowledge of Tau Beta Sigma.

During the fall semester, I worked hard on creating a new centralized source of resources for treasurers and secretaries. I made folders on google drive for each position and made it available for the whole district through the district website. I also had the privilege of being able to directly communicate with 9 amazing chapters as my draft chapters throughout this year. Thank you so much to Xi, Beta Zeta, Beta Omicron, Delta Sigma, Zeta Mu, Theta Theta, Tau, Beta Delta, and Zeta Phi for talking to me throughout this year and I am so proud of the things your chapters are doing.

We had winter council here in Weatherford, where I was able to meet the host chapter. When we got on campus, I knew that this district convention was going to be amazing. Our host chapters were awesome to work with! Blair, if no one told you this yet, please know that you are a rock star!

Spring semester kicked off my favorite season of the year: workshop season lit season! I had the chance to go to 4 of the workshops and presented at the last workshop. One of the things that I was charged with was promoting the workshop travel assistance and I am so happy to announce that we had several chapters utilize this resource this year. Leading to district convention, I worked on creating a new district marketplace.

This has all led up to this moment.

To my chapter, I remember when I first talked about applying for district council and the amount of support and love that I received with the discussion. Thank you for continuing to support me

throughout this journey. Thank you for the great car trips to district events and enduring my horrible singing.

To the district council, I love y'all! Thank you for always being there for me. My Sunday nights are going to be weird not seeing y'all faces every other week. I know that this district convention will not be our final goodbye, but rather our see you later. To my fellow district officers, I can't wait to see what y'all accomplish in life. To our lovely counselors, y'all will forever be my moms.

To the district, thank you for entrusting me with this position this year. It has truly been an honor to serve this district and I wouldn't trade this experience for anything else. This has been a phenomenal year of growth for our district. Please continue to strengthen this energy into the new biennium. Les Brown said, "If you set goals and go after them with all the determination you can muster, your gifts will take you places that will amaze you." Remember to have fortitude and courage my sisTAUs. I can't wait to see everyone at Nationals this year!

MLITB,

Ciara Gibbs  
SWD Secretary/Treasurer 2018-2019

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**Report of the Vice President of Special Projects**  
Meeka Smith

To the Brothers and Sisters of the Southwest district,

Author Tennessee Williams writes in *The Glass Menagerie*, "Time is the longest distance between two places." It would take approximately 4 days and 2 hours to walk from last year's convention site to here. Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Yet, it has taken me an entire year. While I am sad that this journey is coming to an end, this weekend also feels like a celebration. Together, we are celebrating a year of growth, success, and love. I am celebrating a year filled with lessons, memories, and pride for being THE SWD Vice President of Special Projects. So, while we're on the subject, let's talk about all of the great projects we've completed together.

### **Focus on Five**

This year, the Southwest has truly gone for gold with Focus on Five. We have a total of 3 chapters as of today who have completed every stripe and lyre piece EXCEPT for the right lyre piece, which can only be obtained by seating a delegate at National Convention. Shoutout to: Xi, Alpha Omicron, and Beta Zeta! We are also the district that has completed the MOST National Intercollegiate band auditions. With our success also comes great responsibility. Focus on Five is a campaign that has truly inspired so many of our chapters and has shaped our organization. I would suggest to the Southwest to keep pushing forward and completing each of these projects. Represent the Spicy district! Show off the astounding things you are all doing in your chapters. Focus on Five is NOT just the responsibility of your liaison. It's up to ALL of you.

With the left lyre piece this year, the council decided to shine a light on the resources and awards we have to offer. The requirement was for your chapter to submit to at least **one** of the district awards, grants, scholarships, and/or assistances. I can proudly say that a total of 20 chapters took on the challenge and received the left lyre piece!

Under the umbrella of Focus on Five, I also worked in conjunction with Erika Pope to create the first National Intercollegiate Band program guide. I'm honored to have been given the opportunity to help make such a resource for chapters across the nation.

### **Professional Development**

This was a project that I continued over from my previous term in the hopes of improving it. I made a few changes, however it was not the biggest success. What I CAN say though is that I learned that sometimes not all the shots you shoot will hit the mark. Thank you to those who attended!

### **Groupmes**

An important project that I took on was also creating a groupme for service, sisterhood, and also Focus on Five liaisons. This is a step in the right direction for our district, as it will give your chapters access to one of our greatest resources... each other. They are each still the beginning stages, but we have already seen a massive success with the Focus on Five groupme. I wish the next VP of Special Projects great success and never stop discussing with one another.

## Travel

You know, it's good that I got a new car this summer, because driving as much as I did this year in my old Forerunner would have made me and the district bankrupt. First, I traveled to Texas in May for a summer council meeting, where my fellow council members and I discussed our goals for the year and started planning for success. Later that summer, I traveled to Stillwater, Oklahoma to attend the National Leadership Conference. There, the council and I got to collaborate with National Officers and the other district councils. It was a "peachy keen" weekend. Chapter Leadership Conference soon followed in August, which meant good sushi and great workshops. Soon, the new year began, and both the district councils, counselors, and governors met in January for our Winter Council Meeting here in Weatherford. You can bet I will never forget those cheap, plastic "flutes" and harmonicas... or the onesies. Workshop season was soon upon us, which brought along with-it countless memories and "you had to be there" scenarios. In short, I attended:

- East Texas/Louisiana area hosted by Sam Houston State University (ask me sometime about their potato shack)
- North Texas area at Texas A & M University – Commerce
- Arkansas area with Southern Arkansas University, where I presented over lessons you can learn in tough chapter situations
- and South Texas area at the University of Houston (I almost had to pay \$84 dollars for a parking pass?)

and finally, here I am. Before all of you today... most certainly **not** the same Meeka Smith I was 1 year ago.

## Chapter Correspondence

This year, I had the opportunity to assist 10 draft chapters: Delta, Alpha Omicron, Beta Gamma, Gamma Nu, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Tau, Epsilon Psi, Eta Epsilon, and Iota Tau. It was wonderful hearing back from you, even in the midst of your crazy semesters.

## District Supply Drive

This year, my counterpart Brady Gilleran and I, wanted to do something a bit different from Bands for Change. So, we collected PLENTY of feedback from national officers, our councils, AND from all of you. In doing to, we came up with the district supply drive #SupplySound. Through this drive, we've been able to collect countless number of instruments, cases, music supplies, and money for Vici Public Schools. Thank you all for your contributions, and I can't WAIT to award the top 2 donating chapters.

## New ALTO

You know, it's truly special to have such a publication as the New ALTO. None of it would have been possible without the outstanding 2018-2019 editing team that Brady and I put together in the Fall. So, a big THANK YOU to:

TBS Copy Editor: Catherine Lillie, Beta Delta

KKY Copy Editor: Luke Schumacher, Delta

Design Editor: Kayla McCullough, Delta

Public Relations Officer: Seferina Baca, Gamma Iota

Brady and I simply pointed out the direction, and these amazing individuals took it and ran with it. Thank you to each of them for being so creative and so dependable.

### **Photo Challenges & District Scrapbook**

The SWD Photo Challenge and Scrapbook have been one of the longest running projects in this office and I can see why. This year, I moved away from the 8 & 5, and instead explored more broad topics. Each chapter is unique in its own way, and collecting your submissions throughout the year has given me a deeper appreciation for what we do. Ultimately, I hope that each of you feel the same way after watching the district scrapbook this year.

### **Thank you,**

Now for the most bittersweet part... the thank yous.

To Natalia, thank you for the many laughs, the many tears, and the many memories these last 2 years. I feel like I've known you my entire life... I don't know if I will ever find someone who loves me weird monkey noises as much as you. You are a star, go show the world your shine.

To Hannah... why do so many weird things happen when we are around each other? You know what, at least we're alive. Thank you for paying the airport parking tolls, for accompanying me in sketchy gas stations, and for protecting me from psychos in my neighborhood.

To Ciara... You know, I freaking love you. Thank you for being able to banter with me and for being one of the most level-headed people I know. You are an outstanding, driven, and dedicated

To my zesty, vivacious chapter.... Beta Nu. Thank you for putting up with all of my crazy ideas and initiatives. Thank you for celebrating and loving me at my worst and your patience and love at my worst.

### **Respectfully Submitted,**

Meeka Smith

Southwest District Vice President of Projects 2018-2019

Tau Beta Sigma – Beta Nu



# Report of the Southwest District VPM

To the Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

I am honored to stand before you today, and I do not think I will ever be able to truly express how incredible serving as your District Vice President for Membership has been. This journey has given me many lessons and opportunities, and I am excited to share my adventure with you.

After my election at the 2018 Southwest District Convention in Brownwood, Texas, I quickly began working towards my goals for this office. I could not contain my excitement and drive to immediately get started. On May 25th, I traveled to Rockwall, Texas for our summer meeting as a council. The weekend was full of planning, as well as discovery. I discovered some of my goals and ideas, while great in theory, were not aligned to the needs of our district or the direction our organization is going nationally. I began making new goals, and adjusting my projects to support the success of our district.

Through the summer months, I began making connections with VPMs and chapters, and working on education resources for the district to use. On July 13th, I flew to Stillwater, Oklahoma for the KKY & TBS National Leadership Conference. I had the opportunity to work with other district officers as well as national leadership. Working with Adrienne Rall, Allison Leeman, and Leslie Gratin to understand, and learn about the national curriculum was a valuable experience. This committee had put in countless hours to create a program centered around the needs of the members of our organization. I left this conference feeling inspired, and ready to help the Southwest District.

Shortly after, on August 5th, the Chapter Leadership Conference took place at Texas A&M University - Commerce. My counterpart, Hannah Cheeseman, and I were beyond excited to work with the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Zeta Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. This event would not have been the success it was without them. I would like to thank both of these chapters for making our (Hannah and I) first event so wonderful. At this conference, is also where I realized what I could personally bring to this office: connection. One of my biggest goals during my term was to make personal connections, and help chapters form connections with one another. In my break out session for VPM's I allowed myself to be valuable, and share my experiences as a chapter VPM. From that moment, the atmosphere in the room changed. Each VPM was able to open up about their successes and struggles. It also allowed them to collaborate and support each other. This experience was a milestone in my journey. From this point, I was fully confident in my goals, and my ability to meet them. I would like to thank each of the VPM's that were in my workshop..

\*Taylor Vanderburg from the Delta Chapter

- \*Isaiah DeHoyos from the Alpha Chapter
- \*Kathryn Cogar from the Beta Chapter
- \*Meredith DeLeon from the Alpha Upsilon Chapter
- \*Shannon Lotti from the Gamma Nu Chapter

Thank you for being awesome! Each of you helped me solidify my goals in this office, and further define the direction I wanted to take.

The fall semester was filled with reviewing MEP's, MEPals chats, working towards completing my education resource guide, and reviewing the curriculum activities. I loved assisting with the MEP review process. It allowed me to see all the amazing and unique things chapters are doing. I also enjoyed supporting and uplifting chapters who needed to further develop their MEP. The MEPals chats were prompted discussions over various topics that took place in the VPM GroupMe. With each chat, I saw more and more collaboration between the VPM's. (In the spring semester, I did not hold as many MEPals chats. However, a great thing happened. VPM's began asking questions, reaching out, collaborating, and supporting each other, without a prompt. Overall my goal for this project was to help the VPM's build a connection, and ultimately that goal was accomplished.) I was also able to create a "Guide To Education" that outlined modifications and adjustments VPM's could make to their education processes to support the diverse learner. This project was even more incredible, because I got to collaborate with several VPM's who were very interested in the project. During the fall, my chapter received the opportunity to pilot curriculum activities. I was able to learn a lot about the activities through experiencing them with my sisters.

The spring semester was filled with travel, Area Workshops, presenting the curriculum at the Area Workshops, professional development, District VPM meetings, and taking a deeper dive into the curriculum itself. I kicked off this semester by traveling to Weatherford, Oklahoma for our joint winter council meeting. During this meeting, we got to tour the facilities, and the picture of planning District Convention began to come together. A special thank you to our host chapters, the Gamma Phi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Epsilon Epsilon chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, for being so wonderful and helpful. All of you are incredible! The winter council meeting also included a lot of Area Workshop planning with my counterpart, Hannah Cheeseman. The task of planning six workshops across the Southwest, at first, was overwhelming. However, as we began working, and I discovered how manageable it actually was and how well we worked together to accomplish a common goal. Overall, we are so impressed with how the Area Workshop season went this year. I would like to say thank you to our amazing host chapters! Thank you to...

- \*the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Sam Houston State University
- \*the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Zeta Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Texas A&M University - Commerce

\*the Xi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Alpha Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at West Texas A&M University

\*the Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Delta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Oklahoma University

\*the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Delta Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Southern Arkansas University

\*the Tau Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Beta Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the University of Houston

The success of this Area Workshop season would not have been possible without you!

During the rest of the semester, I attended several District VPM meetings. The main focus of each meeting was the national curriculum. I knew at National Convention this summer, the curriculum would be a huge voting point for everyone, so I wanted to make sure that the Southwest had the opportunity to hear more about the curriculum. I learned a lot during the District VPM meetings, but I knew to truly understand I needed to do research on my own. I spent hours looking through the curriculum taking notes, and making connections. I took my research and knowledge, and created a presentation that I presented at four of the six Area Workshops. The direction of the curriculum will be a huge step for our national organization as a whole, and I wanted to do everything I could to give our district as much information as possible.

Now, for some much needed thank yous...

To the chapters I have corresponded with this year - Alpha, Iota, Psi, Gamma Xi, Delta Eta, Delta Pi, Epsilon Beta, Eta Nu, and Eta Pi - I have truly enjoyed working with your chapters. Each of you are so unique! I have enjoyed being your biggest cheerleader, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

To my VPM's - Working with each of you this year has been a dream come true! Thank you for being both patient and open with me. All of you are truly incredible, and I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to work and get to know each of you.

To Annie Jane, Garret, Brady, Keegan - Each of you are wonderful, and it has been cool watching each of you be successful in your respective office. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you!

To Hannah - I have no idea where to start. We began this process together trying to figure out how to be a district officer. Along the way, we became the dynamic pair, "Hannah Squared". I have so much to thank you for. Thank you for supporting me. Thank you for the countless rant/tea spilling sessions. Thank you for always saving the day. Thank you for being so hardworking. Thank you for showing me what an outstanding Brother looks like. Thank you for

the countless laughs and memories. Being your counterpart has been one of the best parts of serving on council. I am honored to call you not only my Brother and counterpart, but a close friend.

To Ciara - I look up to you in all the things that you do, both on a district and chapter level. Thank you for supporting me, and collaborating with me throughout this process. I have valued your friendship throughout this term.

To Meeka - I feel as though our time on council together has been a mixture of super weird experiences, and LONG car rides. But know, I would not have it any other way. Serving with you on council, and being able to call you not only my sister, but my friend, is an honor. You are one of the most inspirational people I have ever met, and I cannot wait to see all that you do in Tau Beta Sigma.

To Natalia - Out of all of us, I strongly believe you are the “mom friend.” Thank you for supporting me throughout my term, letting me borrow your onesies, and welcoming me with open arms. Each of us would not be where we are today without your influence, and you are truly appreciated more than you will ever know.

To my TBS Moms - Kathy, thank you for opening your home to me, giving me tons of hugs, and always checking in with me. At the beginning of this experience, I was very nervous, but you helped me feel right at home. I am so grateful to have had you by my side. Ashlyn, I was beyond excited when I found out you were our new counselor. You are someone I had looked up to for so long, because of your outstanding job as District VPM yourself. When I met you at NLC, for the first time, you welcomed me with a hug. I’ll never forget one of the first conversations we had. I began telling you how I wanted to be just like you as I served in this office, and you told me that the best thing I could do in this office was be myself. I cannot tell you how much of an impact that conversation had on me. You are truly an inspiration, and I am lucky to have been able to work with you. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me during this journey.

To Gamma Tau - I cannot even begin to describe how thankful I am for each one of you. All of you have been my biggest supporters and cheerleaders through this experience. Thank you for the support. Thank you for believing in me even when I did not believe in myself. I am so proud to call each of you my Sister.

To the Southwest District - Thank you so much for trusting me with this position. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Southwest District Vice President for Membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Wilson  
2018 - 2019 Southwest District Vice President for Membership  
Tau Beta Sigma - Gamma Tau

# Report of the SWD President

Dear Sisters of the Southwest District,

I started of this term by starting up the chapter draft for the 2018-2019 district officers. Shoutout to my draft chapters: Beta, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Nu, Gamma Phi, Delta Tau, Delta Upsilon, Delta Phi, Epsilon Eta, and Iota Beta. I assisted chapter presidents with their Chapter Summary Reports throughout April and May. At the end of May, I planned and went to our summer council meeting in Rockwall, TX at Kathy's house. During this time we established our goals and said goodbye to Donnelle as she was headed off to her next big adventure! In July, we met up again in Stillwater, Oklahoma for National Leadership Conference. It was there that we discovered that Ashlyn Simmons would be our new District Counselor. We learned so much from the National leaders and were able to bond with each other and other district officers. This is also where we decided on our main goal this year: Get Spicy!

In August, I attended and presented at the Chapter Leadership Conference at A&M Commerce. I presented to the chapters presidents on what to expect in their office and to give them some tips to make it a great year! From July to September, I worked on collecting and reviewing chapter constitutions for the district counselors and we had all 36 chapters turn it in on time!

Also during the Fall semester, I began and finished most of the planning for this Convention with my amazing counterpart, Annie Jane. Thank you for always being the calm when all I saw was a storm. I was truly blessed this year with her partnership and I am very excited for our bond to continue to grow! I am so proud to now call you my little Brother! Planning this convention is one of the reasons I love this position.

We started the Spring semester with Winter Council meeting here in Weatherford! Though I was sick the whole time (thanks student teaching), we had an excellent time and made lots of memories with onesies! From there we went separate ways until workshop season began. Thankfully, it wasn't long until our first workshop at my school, Sam Houston State University! Alpha Omicron did a fabulous job and I'm so proud! I also attended workshops in Arkansas, North Texas, and South Texas! Over the workshop season, I presented a workshop twice and lead a team building activity. All of our workshop host chapters did amazingly and I'm so thankful for you all!

Throughout the year, I held a president video chat once a month called Tau Talks. The goal for these was to have at least two presidents at each chat and talk about how its going and problem solve as a group. The goal was met each month and problems were discussed and solved! My favorite part of this job is working with chapter presidents and help in whatever way I can. Chapter Presidents, thank you for communicating with me and helping me build this community of support for one another.

Our goal of Get Spicy this year was to have all chapters in the Southwest submit the following paperwork on time or early: Chapter Personnel Report, Fall Activity Report, Initiate Registration, and Chapter Summary Report. We started off strong with 91.7% of chapters turning in the CPR on time! For the FAR, we had 77.8% on time. Fall Initiate Registration brought it back up with 91.7%. Spring Initiate Registration hasn't finished yet and Chapter Summary Report is after that. We still have time to reach the goal to Get Spicy and turn those in

on time! Though not all the reports were 100%, this was more on time than we have had in awhile!

Finishing up this convention planning meant making and sending out itineraries for all presenters, advisers, chairs, and district council members representing TBS. I created folders for all committees and worked with Ciara to create guides for both the committee chairs and advisers to be used in the future. There were many more behind the scenes parts to planning, so I won't bore you! I have to start my thank yous though with Blair Peoples. Without her and Jessica, this convention could not have happened. For months I've spoken with Blair almost daily and I have never met someone with more grace and a kind demeanor at all times.

To Ciara: You are the reason we stay on track. You are one of the most dependable and hardworking individuals I have ever met. You go above and beyond for this council in every way. I would have been lost without you this year. Thank you for making me believe that delegation can work.

To Meeka: These past two years... how do I describe them. Your special projects always brought joy to my heart and I will never not think of you while eating apple sauce. You have so much dedication and passion for this organization and it shows daily. Thank you for always making me smile and bringing joy to our council.

To Hannah: Thank you for your continuous hard work in everything membership this last year. You have been a tremendous help and supporter of all the chapter vpms this year and it is truly inspiring to see the connections you have made with them. Also, thank you for the tea and hugs.

To Donnelle': Though you aren't here, you have sent me so many messages of encouragements throughout this year and I can never express how much that means to me. You continue to inspire me daily.

To the Lovely SWD Counselors: It still holds true that whenever you need a hug, you go to Kathy. You house us and make sure we stay on track and you are truly like our mom. Thank you for always caring about our well being. I appreciate you so much. Ashlyn, when I heard you were our new counselor, I cried because I was so happy. As an MC, you inspired me to want to be on district council. Your poise and level headedness has made this transition seamless and I am so thankful that you joined our team. Thank you for letting me call and cry on the rough days, I am so thankful for all the support you provide us.

To AO: Thank you for showing your support these last three years while I have been on council. Without the love from my home chapter, I would not be able to do what I do. I love you all so much.

To Jamie (SWD First Man): Thank you for listening to me rant, for correcting me when I'm wrong, for driving with me to all the events, and thank you for supporting me every step along the way.

To the Southwest District: I cannot express how much these last three years on council have meant to me. This experience has shaped me into the person I am today. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of being your District President. I am truly blessed to be in the Southwest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalia Lambert, 2018-2019 Southwest District President

Report of the Southwest District Counselors  
Ashlyn Simmons



Greetings, Spicy Southwest! I am honored and humbled to be reading my report documenting my first year as one of your Southwest District Counselors. Watching the sisters of the Southwest grow into leadership positions and change their chapters and schools for the better has truly been the highlight of my time as counselor. I am thankful for this opportunity to support you all as you develop new ideas! It all started with a phone call from Jonathan Markowski informing me of my acceptance to this position. Before I knew it, I was attending National Leadership Conference in Stillwater, OK, not only alongside the SWD Council, but student and professional leaders from all over the nation. It was during this weekend that I got my feet wet with Counselor activities and development. However, my favorite part of the weekend was bonding with my Co-Counselor and with your 2018-2019 SWD Council. Taking what we learned from National Leadership Conference, we went straight into Chapter Leadership Conference day for the SWD! Thank you to the Epsilon Beta and Zeta Kappa chapters for hosting us at Texas A&M University - Commerce. I was personally inspired by the hard work and dedication our student leaders showed, and I love how vulnerable you were able to be with one another about your common struggles and challenges. This led to some great discussions about overcoming obstacles and keeping up hope for the future! After months of Membership Education Process document reviews, I started planning my chapter visits! My first one was in October with the Beta chapter at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Thank you for allowing me to visit your beautiful campus and for giving me a glimpse of what life is like as a sister of Beta. I loved meeting with your executive council, full chapter, and together, setting goals for the future. You will always have a place in my heart as my first chapter visit! My second visit was with the Xi chapter at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, in November. This was a full weekend of events! Thank you for inviting me to your MC Recital and to dinner! Special shout out to Sammy Carter for driving me around Canyon and Amarillo since I did not have my car. It was great swapping stories with all of you and discussing effective methods of sisterhood bonding and change. I can sum up the weekend by saying "Xi is mighty fine!" At the conclusion of winter break, the joint councils converged on Weatherford, Oklahoma, to put final touches on the plan for SWD Convention. A huge thank you to the Gamma Phi and Epsilon Epsilon chapters here at Southwest Oklahoma State University for hosting us not only for Winter Council but also for convention! Once again, it was a weekend full of productivity, planning, and setting goals for the remaining semester. It was also a weekend full of fun and bonding between the councils. After winter council was Tau's Ritual Workshop where I was invited to present "Making the Ritual Your Own." It was a wonderful, well-planned event! I am thankful that we have chapters that take initiative to do something special for the district. At this event, I was surprised with honorary membership in the Tau chapter! Thank you for this recognition, and I hope that I can continue to support the Tau chapter and make you proud. Go Coogs! Next thing you know, it's workshop season! Thank you to our SWD VPMs and our host chapters for planning such wonderful events. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend three area workshops this year: East Texas/Louisiana Area Workshop at Sam Houston State University with the Alpha Omicron chapter, Oklahoma Area Workshop at the University of Oklahoma with the Delta chapters, and the West Texas/New Mexico Area Workshop at West Texas A&M University with the Xi and Alpha Psi chapters. It was a pleasure watching sisters and brothers bond together over a passion for learning and mastering new concepts! I hope you were all able to bring back what you learned to your home chapters. And just like that, we're at

District Convention! I appreciate this opportunity to speak in front of you all and reflect upon our progress in the past year. In order to quantify this progress, I have collected some data that I would like to share with you all! I was inspired by Donnelle', my predecessor, to use facts and data to show our current state of affairs within the district.

<b>Events</b>	<b># of Sisters</b>	<b>% of Sisters</b>	<b># of Chapters</b>	<b>% of Chapters</b>
<b>Chapter Leadership Conference Day</b>				
2017	30		15	42%
2018	25		10	27%
<b>Arkansas Area Workshop</b>				
2018	64		9	26%
2019	34	4%	7	19%
<b>Oklahoma Area Workshop</b>				
2018	9		5	14%
2019	22	2%	5	14%
<b>North Texas Area Workshop</b>				
2018	N/A		N/A	N/A
2019	25	3%	9	25%
<b>West Texas/New Mexico Area Workshop</b>				
2018	8		2	6%
2019	24	2%	2	6%
<b>East Texas/Louisiana Area Workshop</b>				
2018	N/A		N/A	N/A
2019	24	2%	3	8%
<b>South Texas Area Workshop</b>				
2018	6		2	6%
2019	26	3%	7	19%

Red shows a decline in attendance from the previous year. Yellow indicates that attendance remained the same. Green shows an increase in attendance from the previous year. In respect to Area Workshops, 55% of chapters sent at least 1 representative to at least 1 area workshop.

	<b>Form</b>	<b># of Nominees</b>	<b># of Chapters Submitting Responses</b>	<b>% of Chapters</b>
	<b>Area Workshop Assistance Form</b>			
	2018	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2019	8	6	16%
	<b>Convention Assistance Form</b>			
	2018	2	2	6%
	2019	11	11	31%
	<b>Keynote Speaker Application</b>			
	2018	2	2	6%
	2019	2	2	6%
	<b>District Parliamentarian Application</b>			
	2018	2	2	6%
	2019	2	2	6%
	<b>Christina Gordon Scholarship</b>			
	2018	2	2	6%
	2019	6	5	14%
	<b>Danny George Fostering Joint Relations</b>			
	2018	3	2	6%
	2019	3	2	6%
	<b>Dollie O'Neal Chapter Perseverance</b>			
	2018	6	6	17%
	2019	6	6	17%
	<b>Janet Outstanding Service to Music</b>			
	2018	6	6	17%
	2019	6	6	17%
	<b>Patsy Outstanding Large Chapter</b>			
	2018	6	6	17%
	2019	4	4	11%
	<b>Dorothy Outstanding Small Chapter</b>			
	2018	4	4	11%
	2019	4	4	11%
	<b>Erika Legacy of the Southwest</b>			
	2018	4	3	9%
	2019	8	8	22%

Here's the information for our applications to district awards. Once again, red indicates a decrease in applications from last year to this year, yellow means it stays the same, and green means that participation increased. I am also keeping track of submissions of national paperwork, convention attendance, CLC attendance, and Focus on Five; but in the spirit of brevity, I'll save that for another time. As I continue to serve as your district counselor, I want to work together with my fellow sisters of the Southwest District to see continued growth in district participation and utilization of resources. How can we work together? I promise to work with the councils to ensure proper communication and marketing of events and resources, and in turn I would like you all to take advantage of opportunities presented to you! Let's work together to

make the Southwest District better and stronger! Finally, I have a few, brief “thank you”s to those people and groups without whom this past would not have been possible. Thank you first to the National Council for allowing me to embark on this new adventure in leadership within the Southwest. I am thankful that you believe in me, and I look forward to working with each council to further the interests of Tau Beta Sigma. To the District Council, I am forever grateful to be a witness to your leadership, passion, and impeccable work ethic. As Kathy and I have repeatedly said this year, you all have made us so proud and each day we are impressed by your determination to succeed in your goals. You were a great first council to advise, and I can’t wait to see where your futures take you. To Kathy Webster, my partner in crime, thank you for supporting me as I figure out my new role in the Southwest. I consider myself blessed to have such a competent and phenomenal counterpart. We complement each other perfectly, and I am so thankful for you and our friendship! To Donnelle’, thank you for believing in me before I even believed in myself. You are extremely missed by the Southwest, and I’ll work every day to fill your shoes and continue your legacy! Thank you, all, for listening! I look forward to working with you in the future! Let’s welcome the 2019-2020 year with open arms! Much love in the bond,

Ashlyn Simmons  
Tau Beta Sigma, Life Member of Psi  
Southwest District Counselor

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

What a year. It is hard to believe that last year Donnelle and I were heading back to Dallas when she looks at me and says "Do you remember how I have talked about teaching overseas?" I knew then that things were going to change. Shortly after Donnelle announced she had accepted a position overseas that would start in June. I was so excited for her, and yet a little nervous as to who would fill her shoes as my co-counselor. By NLC, it was determined that Ashlyn Simmons would be taking over as my co-counselor. I was sad and excited at the same time...sad to see Donnelle go...excited to see Donnelle take on her dreams...and excited to work with Ashlyn.

In May, we had our summer meeting at Casa De La Webster. It was wonderful to see the council bond and get to know one another as they worked on setting personal goals for the upcoming year. We were excited and sad as we only had Donnelle' for a little while longer before she began her new journey.

Things moved forward and the transition was smooth. In July the council attended NLC in Stillwater. We learned new skills, set District goals and welcomed Ashlyn to the team. We left Stillwater with a goal for the District, and a timeline to meet the goals. The council was excited about the year ahead. From NLC we proceeded into CLC in August. We were excited to assist everyone in attending get prepared for their year coming up.

During the Fall, we worked hard to get all the chapters to complete the Chapter Personnel Report. We had 92% turned in on time. The council worked diligently on their goals and preparing for the busy spring semester, and finished the Fall Semester with assisting the chapters submit their Fall Activity Report.

I was able to go to an Apache Marching Half-time show with Sarah Bogue at Tyler Junior College. I was able to touch base with the DOB and meet members of the chapter. I was also able to attend the Homecoming Game at Sam Houston State University. It was wonderful to see the chapters supporting their bands and getting to know the students.

The New Year started off with a trip to Weatherford, OK for the Winter Meeting. The councils were able to tour the facilities for the 2019 Convention. More importantly they were able to work together with their counter parts and prepare for the Area Workshops and the Convention. February began the whirlwind of Workshop Season with the culmination of the Convention at the end of March.

I was able to attend the E. TX/LA (02/02/9), North TX (02/10/19), OK (02/16/19), AR (03/20/19), and the S. TX Area workshops. There were many great presentations throughout the spring semester. I was also able to squeeze in two Chapter Visits during the spring semester. I was able to visit the Sisters of the Gamma Omicron Chapter at Southern AR University on March 9, 2019. The sisters shared the wonderful things they were doing and were excited to continue to learn more about our organization. I have another chapter visit scheduled for April 6, with the Theta Theta Chapter at Henderson State University. It will be a great way to finish up the spring semester.

Donnelle', as always, there are no words to describe how fortunate I have been to be on this journey over the last four years with you. You are a fearless leader. I have learned so much from you. It has been great to see you take on the world over the last year.

To the Council...Natalia, Hannah, Meeka, and Ciara...wow what a year we have had. You have each handled all challenges with ease and such poise that makes me so proud. It is hard to believe the

year is over. Each of you are going to do such amazing things as you move forward on your paths! I am excited to see where you all go!!! I could go on, but you all know how proud I am of each of you. You make my heart happy.

Ashlyn, you were one of my first “kids” and now you look at you! The District is so lucky to have you join our team. It has been a great year getting to know you and watch you grow into this new role. You have a way of making everyone feel so accepted. You are the little sister I never knew I had!!

To the National Council....I thank each of you for all you do for our organization. Your support during the year is so appreciated. I also want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve TBS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Webster

SWD TBS Counselor

Life Member #2161

## Report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee 2019 Southwest District

**Committee Chair:**

Harrison Calvert, Alpha

**Committee Members:**

Alexandria Boyce, Zeta Phi

Braeden Weyhrich, Alpha (sat for Zeta Mu)

Julia Biberdord, Eta Nu

Steven Nguyen, Tau (sat for Alpha Upsilon)

**Advisors:**

Ciara Gibbs, Eta Pi

Roselin McDonald, SWD CVA from Theta Phi

**The 2019 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee was charged with the following:**

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

**Finances:**

The Jurisdiction and Finance Committee look at the budgets from the last year (a non-national convention year) and two years ago (a national convention year) to come up with a proposed budget for the upcoming year.

The District Officer travel expenses have remained the same with each being allocated \$500. The Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration has remained the same at \$500. The district's Honorary Membership Fee and District awards will also remain the same at \$250 and \$200 respectively.

This year since it is a National Convention year, we will only be offering one scholarship, the Scholarship of Excellence Award. The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship is

only offered every other year. The scholarship had been raised from \$250 to \$425 the past year to encourage more people to apply. This year, the scholarship will be set at \$300 to allow more money to be offered for National Convention Travel Assistance.

As this is a National Convention year, the amount of money for District Travel Assistance was decreased from \$500 to \$250 to allow more money to be used for National Convention Travel Assistance. There will be \$750 of National Convention Travel Assistance, with the money coming from the scholarship not being offered this year, from the Scholarship of Excellence Award, and from the District Travel Assistance. We felt it important to offer a significant amount of money for National Convention Travel Assistance because National Convention is in the Southwest District this year, and can be very costly for members to go to. By offering a large amount of money for Travel Assistance, we hope to allow more chapters in the Southwest District to be able to travel to National Convention.

This year, the miscellaneous part will stay the same at \$200 as this was a sufficient amount for the previous year.

The proposed budget for the 2019-2020 term is as follows:

Proposed Budget (2019-2020):

<b>District Officer Travel Expenses</b>	
President	\$500.00
Vice President of Membership	\$500.00
Vice President of Special Projects	\$500.00
Secretary-Treasurer	\$500.00
<b>District Convention Expenses</b>	
Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration	\$500.00
Honorary Membership Fee	\$250.00
District Awards	\$200.00
Scholarship of Excellence	\$300.00
<b>Workshop/District Travel Assistance</b>	\$250.00



<b>National Convention Travel Assistance</b>	\$750.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,450.00</b>

**Proposed Changes to the Southwest District Constitution:**

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

**CURRENT:** 3.10 The Joint Action Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all miscellaneous joint proposals for the Southwest District. This will be a joint committee with Kappa Kappa Psi. The Joint Action Committee shall also review the qualifications of the chapter(s) bidding for the publication rights of the District Newsletter and present its recommendation to the convention. The Joint Action Committee will also be responsible for evaluating the District Website and recommending any changes. No member of a chapter presenting a bid may serve in any capacity on this committee. The Joint Action Committee shall also shall discuss matters pertinent to the advancement of music education and submit ideas to chapters throughout the district that will help to stimulate local music programs. In addition, the Joint Action Committee will budget the previous year's funds into portions not to exceed 1/3 each for the following: an educational speaker or conductor, a cash gift, and the Service to Music Education Grant.

**PROPOSED:** The Joint Action Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all miscellaneous joint proposals for the Southwest District. This will be a joint committee with Kappa Kappa Psi. No member of a chapter presenting a bid may serve in any capacity on this committee. The Joint Action Committee shall also discuss matters pertinent to the advancement of music education and submit ideas to chapters throughout the district that will help to stimulate local music programs. In addition, the Joint Action Committee will budget the previous year's funds into portions for the following: an educational speaker or conductor, a cash gift, and the General Service Grant.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** Removed the sections about District Newsletter and District Website as these are no longer controlled by the committee. Removed an extra “shall”. Changed Service of Music Education Grant to General Service Grant to reflect the name change in other parts of the Constitution. Removed “not to exceed ⅓ each” to allow the committee to better use the given funds with less restrictions.

**CURRENT:** 5.01 A regularly called meeting of the District will be held every year, the exact date to be determined by the host chapters subject to approval of the majority of the Southwest District chapters.

**PROPOSED:** A regularly called meeting of the District will be held every year. The location will be determined by the previous District Convention. In the absence of a decision by the District Convention, a site shall be chosen by the District Counselors in conjunction with the Kappa Kappa Psi District Governors. The exact date will be determined by the host chapters subject to approval of the majority of the Southwest District chapters.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This change makes the selection of the next District Convention description consistent with Kappa Kappa Psi’s Southwest District Constitution, as well as clarifies how a site will be selected if none was at the District Convention.

**CURRENT:** 6.03 Host Chapters should add a \$2.00 fee to the final registration fee as a collection for the Joint Action Committee fund. All proceeds collected through this fee shall be submitted to the District Secretary/Treasurer no later than forty-five (45) days after the close of convention. These funds are to be used by the Joint Action Committee as specified in Part 3 and split evenly between the two organizations.

**PROPOSED:** End the section after “Part 3”.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** The funds are to be used jointly and are not needed to be split between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

## **2. Sections Being Edited for Clarity/Mistakes**

**CURRENT:** 2.15 If any office other than the President becomes vacant, the remaining District Council and the District Counselor(s) will determine if it is necessary to fill the vacancy. If it is determined that it is necessary to fill the vacancy, it will be according to section 2.18.

**PROPOSED:** Change 2.18 to 2.17.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** The incorrect section is referenced.

**CURRENT:** 3.12 The Joint Action Committee General Service Grant can be used to cover service projects that could include, but could not be for the sole purpose of, travel in direct relation to the completion of the project. The allocation of JAC grant funds is at the discretion of the district Tau Beta Sigma Counselors and Kappa Kappa Psi Governors.

**PROPOSED:** Remove “Joint Action Committee” from the first sentence.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** The grammar is incorrect and these words do not come before General Service Grant in other sections of the Constitution.

### **Charges for the 2020 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee:**

- Redistribute funds to reflect a non-national convention year
- Review the amount of applications coming in for the two district scholarships and reallocate funds as necessary.
- Review the amount of applications coming in for travel assistance fund and reallocate funds as necessary.
- Review Kappa Kappa Psi’s 2019 Southwest District Constitution and check for inconsistencies that don’t require a joint discussion

### **Charges for the 2019-2020 District Council:**

- Review the charges from the 2019 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee
- Finish and publish the Standard Operating Procedures

### **Charges for the 2020 Joint Action Committee:**

- Acknowledge who publishes and edits the joint southwest district website and make sure it is reflective in both constitutions
- Review the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma District Constitutions for inconsistencies in the Joint Action Sections

### **Special Thanks**

I would like to thank the members of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee for their hard work, patience and flexibility. We had a lot of last minute changes to review and got them all done successfully. Thank you for contributions on the constitution changes and budget revisions.

Next, I would like to thank Ciara and Roselyn. Without the two of you to help guide me through this committee, I might not have been able to do it. You two were able to answer all my questions and those of the committee or direct us to someone who has the answer.

Lastly, I would like to thank my chapter, Alpha. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you at the 2019 Southwest District Convention. I love everyone in our chapter so much, and y'all are always there for me. Thank you to our amazing president, Chelsea Zuniga, who does so much for our chapter and the band program. I would not have thought I could chair a committee if you had not suggested that I do it. I don't know what we would do without you.

**Go Pokes and Respectfully Submitted,**

**Harrison Calvert, Alpha**

**Chair of the 2019 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee**

## Report of the Credentials Committee

Committee Chair and Advisor Names and Chapters:

- Natalia Lambert, Chair, Southwest District President ,Alpha Omicron
- Lisa Croston, Adviser, Life member of the Alpha Chapter.

**The 2019 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:

- Creating a list of all Dignitaries who are at the convention for Tau Beta Sigma.
- National Headquarters Staff
  - Di Spiva - National Headquarters Office Manager and Accountant
  - Robert Bratcher - National Publications Manager and Multimedia Designer
  - TJ Tooley - National Chapter & Colony Education Coordinator
  - Aaron Moore- National Alumni Historical and development Coordinator
- Tau Beta Sigma National Council
  - Adrienne Rall- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
  - Siobhan Wilkes- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
- Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
  - Lisa Croston- Board of Trustees and National Historian
- Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership
  - Roselyn McDonald- Chapter Visitation Assistant
  - Brianna Mitchell- Chapter Visitation Assistant
  - Heather McGowen- Chapter Visitation Assistant
  - Sarah Bogue- Chapter Visitation Assistant
- Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors
  - Katie Dukes- Chair
- Southwest District Alumni Association

- Helen Capehart- Chair
- Samantha BrandBerry- Finance Director
- Sami Kinnison- Programs Director
- Sara Remoy- Membership Director
- Nicole Benedict- Communications Director
- Past National Officer-
  - Beth Bronk- National Vice President Professional Relations
  - Lisa Croston- Vice President of Special Projects and National Secretary
- Past Southwest District Officers
  - Kathy Webster- Treasurer
  - Ashlyn Simmons- Vice President of Membership
  - Hannah Wells- VPSP
  - Maggie Denton- VPM
  - Lisa Croston- President and Treasurer
  - Sami Kinnison- President and VPSP
  - Heather McGowen- President
  - Tyler Gorshing- Sec/Treasurer
- Southwest District Council
  - Natalia Lambert - SWD President
  - Hannah Wilson- SWD VPM
  - Meeka Smith - SWD VPSP
  - Ciara Gibbs - SWD Secretary/Treasurer
- Convention Officers
  - Juliana Mitchell- Convention Parliamentarian
- Chapter Distance Award
  - The Chapter Distance award goes to: Delta Phi for a total of 7,470 miles combined.

Charges for the 2019-2020 District President/Credentials Committee are as follows:

- Calculate the Chapter Distance Award (number of members in attendance times the miles travelled)
- 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.
- Bring materials for the Distance Award to convention .

A very special thank you to my Advisor, Lisa Croston for assisting me with dignitaries and going over the report with me! I appreciate you so much!

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalia Lambert

Southwest District President

Credentials Committee Chair

- Report of the 2019 Convention Site Committee  
Committee Chair Name and Chapter:
  - Jessica Haas, Epsilon Epsilon
  - Blair Peoples, Gamma Phi
- Committee Member(s) Name(s) and Chapter(s)
  - TBS Members
    - Sami Chick, Beta Nu

- Jessica Fuentes, Beta- Proxy Iota
    - Allison Sessom, Beta
    - Meg Reasner, Gamma Phi
    - Katelyn Charles
  - KKPsi Members
    - Drew Wilson, Lambda
    - Katarina Lile, Delta Sigma
    - Caleb Ryan Tullius, Alpha Chi
    - Breydon Renard, Epsilon Epsilon
    - Dawn Smith, Eta Nu
- Advisor(s) Name(s)
  - Toni Castle, Governor
  - Kathy Webster, Counselor
- The 2019 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following:
  - Review the report of the 2018 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 2020 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 2019 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 2018 Convention Site Committee was reviewed.



- All bids were collected at the designated time; one bid was received to host the 2020 Southwest District Convention. The bid was thoroughly reviewed and interviews with the potential host chapters were scheduled. Before meeting with the potential host chapter, 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 March 30th to view their presentations and discuss their bids to host the 2020 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 2019 Southwest District Convention Site Committee, the bid for district convention was discussed and agreed upon for the 2020 Southwest District Convention.
- Slate for the 2019 Southwest District Convention
  - The Convention Site Committee would like to slate, with conditions, the Gamma Iota(KKY) chapter University of New Mexico to host the 2020 Southwest District Convention provided that they follow our conditions we've listed. The deadline to provide this information to the advisors will be thirty one days from today, May 1st. If these provisions are not met by that deadline, the floor will be open again for bids.
    - Letters showing support from DOB, Sponsor, and high level university officials.
    - More detailed budget for expenses for the convention.
    - Find and select a Tau Beta Sigma chapter to work with to coordinate ritual
- The above conditions must be met by May 1, 2019. If the above conditions are not met, the District Counselors and Governors will open the bid process to the district for convention site hosts for 2020.
- The Committee charges the 2020 Convention Site Committee with the following:
  - If the final bid is accepted the convention site committee charges the host chapter to do the following:

- Send representation to each Area Workshop to promote the convention
  - Share their travel experiences to aide in the planning of other chapters
  - Reach out to the district periodically to encourage attendance
  - Promote Alumni involvement at convention
- If the final bid is accepted, the convention site committee charges the district Councils to do the following:
  - Adjust the convention schedule to include a later start time and an earlier ending time to allow for travel
  - Promote Alumni involvement at convention
  - Promote chapter communication among surrounding chapters to coordinate travel plans
- The Committee charges the 2020 Convention Site Committee with the following:
  - Review the report of the 2019 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 2020 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to host, a “no slate” can be suggested.
  - Review the presentations and make any necessary changes.
- Thank You’s
  - We were very honored to co-chair this committee and would like to thank all committee members for being so insightful during our meetings. From all the details we discussed, we can see a change of mindset for the Southwest District and for each individual member. We appreciate the fact we were able to imagine new ways to view our

lives as members, as organizations and as a district. Your thoughtful contributions and help were invaluable. Thank you for being a part of this committee and helping advise the delegation about a very important decision and mindset for our future. We would also like to thank Toni and Kathy, as well as every member of council for teaching us the valuable lessons of patience and fortitude. You helped make all of this possible and we are incredibly grateful. Finally, we would like to thank our Director of Bands and our Sponsors, Mr. Marc Mueller, Tyler Gorshing and Joyce Tegtmeyer. Each of you have given us the support of hosting convention since day one.

- To the chapter of Epsilon Epsilon and Gamma Phi: Thank you for all of your hard work this past year and especially this semester. This convention would not have ran as smooth as it did without each and everyone of you. Our hearts are full with the love and dedication that we have for our school and for each other. We could not be more proud. This event has brought us closer together and as we end this convention and eventually graduate, we hope that this experience has shown you we can work together no matter what. We encourage you to never lose this connection we have now. By working together we can accomplish great things!
- (Blair) First of all, I would like to thank my friend, fellow co-chair, and red-headed beauty and fireball, Jessica Haas. I had absolutely no idea what to expect as far as this convention was concerned and between the two of us we solved pretty much every issue that came our way. We are solid my dude and through this experience I think we are going to accomplish anything we set our minds to after graduation this semester. We each have had each other's backs in some manner and even though we didn't always agree, we never let that get in our way. Congratulations on your future graduation, marriage and being able to start your career. Go get 'em Girl! Finally, I want to thank Natalia for believing in me. You have always been there for all of our questions, even when they were completely ridiculous. Thank you for being you. Love you, sister!
- (Jessica) Lastly, I would like to thank my all time favorite Curly haired sister with the prettiest eyes, Blair Peoples aka Blur. I don't

think we would have thought we would be doing this when we both became members in Spring 2016. We have grown in many ways, but your bright spirit and kind heart always stayed the same. Through all the differences, rant sessions, and tears we have shared, I can't think of anyone else I would want to do this adventure with. We shot for the stars and we each got a handful and more. With both of us finishing our degrees, planning our weddings, and being presidents of organizations, I expect nothing but the best from my sister Blur. I also want to thank the district council. Thank you for all the talks we have had this past couple of days. You guys have made all the craziness not seem crazy. Thank you and keep striving.

- Respectfully submitted,
  - Blair Peoples- Gamma Phi of Tau Beta Sigma
  - Jessica Haas- Epsilon Epsilon of Kappa Kappa Psi

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

The Joint Action Committee of 2019 was charged 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

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

- We reviewed both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma constitutions to make sure the sections in both corresponded with one another. After reading both constitutions we proposed changes to the jurisdiction committees.
- The committee also evaluated the Area Workshop success in regards to chapter attendance as well as the workshop location. We discussed the workshop feedback form and decided that the rotations in place are working well. However, we think it would be beneficial to have more descriptions when it comes to the content of each workshop added to the facebook pages advertising the workshop. We also want to encourage chapters to work together to get to workshops that may be farther away. The last thing we wanted to suggest was possibly live streaming workshops on the facebook event page to allow those who can't make it to still get the information.
- The committee also discussed the effectiveness of the Joint District Council's advertisement for the Joint Action Committee Grant. Although it had been posted in the facebook page, the post was not very visible as more information about other things were posted as well.
- We also evaluated the New ALTO submission success and compared the amount of submissions to previous years. The submission numbers were similar from semester to semester so the committee agreed that everything is going well.
- The committee also considered changing the name of the Joint Action Committee Grant. We decided to rename the grant the General Service Grant as it is referenced in both constitutions.
- The committee also reviewed the Joint Action Committee Grant submissions from the Beta Nu, Gamma Phi, and Gamma Tau chapters of Tau Beta Sigma and the Epsilon Delta, Eta Xi, and Gamma Phi chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi. The committee decided to award Gamma Tau the requested \$1200 to help with funding for supplies for the Bigelow High School Band. We also decided to award the Eta Xi chapter the requested \$1200 to aid in providing for their local high school and middle school band programs. The last award we decided to give was to the Epsilon Delta chapter. This award is for a max \$1200, but they will receive as much of the \$1200 spent on the repairs of the donated instruments. We reviewed the applications of the Gamma Phi chapters of both Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi and strongly encourage them to re-apply next year with a more detailed budget on what exactly the money is being spent on.

The Committee would like to charge the 2020 Joint Action Committee with the following:

- Review the 2019 Joint Action Committee Report
- Examine the proposed changes made the previous year to both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma District constitutions and make sure the sections for the JAC correspond
- Evaluate the success of the Area Workshops in relation to chapter attendance as well as workshop location.
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Joint District Council's advertisement of the General Service Grant based on their charges from the previous year.
- Review all submissions to the General Service Grant.

- Evaluate the New ALTO submission success

The Committee would like to charge the Charges for the 2019-2020 Joint District Council with the following:

- Increase advertisement of the General Service Grant and make it easily accessible from the District facebook page.
- Increase clarity of the General Service Grant application online form; Chapters need to send in a complete budget for what they will be spending the money on as well as proof that they will be able to fund their project to then be reimbursed.

The Committee would like to charge the 2019-2020 KKPsi VP for Programs and TBS VP of Special Projects with the following:

- E-Mail all members to advertise New ALTO submissions and publications
- Send chapters in the district information for the General Service Grant through email and pin the information to the district facebook pages for easy accessibility

Thank you to committee members:

Thelma Peyton, Epsilon Beta (TBS)

Jacie Pujol, Rho (KKY)

Mattie J Awtrey, Alpha (KKY)

Sarah German, Zeta Beta proxy for Delta Psi (KKY)

Jeffery Gross, Xi proxy for Iota Beta (TBS)

Matthew Crockett, Gamma Alpha, (KKY)

Gracie Pasley, Gamma Xi proxy for Beta Omicron, (TBS)

Erica Nadolski, Delta proxy for Theta Theta (TBS)

A big thank you to our Advisors, Sarah Bogue and Dionicio Cardenas!

Fraternally submitted,

Brady Gilleran

2018-2019 Southwest District Vice President for Programs

2019 Joint Action Committee Chair

Lambda, University of Arkansas

Respectfully submitted,

Orion Miller

2019 Joint Action Committee Chair

Gamma Nu, University of Texas at Arlington

## **Report of the 2019 Spirit and Sisterhood Committee**

### **Committee Chair Name and Chapter:**

- Selin Nelson, Psi

### **Committee Members and Chapters:**

- Jasmine Johnson - Beta - Texas Tech, proxy for Eta Epsilon
- Laura Salguero - Tau - University of Houston, delegate
- Madelyn Arender - Delta Sigma - University of Louisiana - Monroe, delegate
- Matthew Harris - SAU - Gamma Omicron, delegate

### **Advisor:**

- Hannah Wells, alumna of Psi

### **The 2019 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 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.

Discussion during meetings/relevant information

- Reviewed the charges give to the committee by last year's Spirit and Sisterhood Committee
- Listened to and reviewed the chants
- We deliberated on which parts of the chants we want to teach
- Attempted to look into the sisterhood database; however the database is inaccessible to individuals. When you click the link it takes you to the form to submit but not where you can access the actual database.
- Made plans to talk to Meeka about award definitions. We needed clarification as it is not in the constitution.
- Wrote out the guidelines for each award.
- Reviewed past District convention minutes dating back to 2015 and created a list of past chapters that received the Tau, Beta, and Sigma awards.
  - Tau
    - 2018 - Psi
    - 2017 - Epsilon Psi
    - 2016 - Alpha Omicron
    - 2015 - Theta Theta
  - Beta
    - 2018 - Beta Gamma
    - 2017 - Beta Nu
    - 2016 - Theta Theta
    - 2015 - Gamma Tau
  - Sigma
    - 2018 - Delta Upsilon
    - 2017 - Sigma Phi
    - 2016 - Epsilon Psi
    - 2015 - Gamma Nu

Charges for the 2020 Spirit and Sisterhood Committee

- Update the record of which chapters have received the awards in the past five years.
- Review the District and National chants using the videos on the Southwest District Website.
- Review the Sisterhood Database and chapters' awareness of this resource.



### Charges for the 2019-2020 Vice President of Special Projects

- Ensure that the Sisterhood Database is accessible for individuals seeking that resource on the Southwest District Website under the Tau Beta Sigma Resources tab.
- Remind the Recipients of the Tau, Beta, and Sigma awards to submit an article with photos detailing each award's travels in the Southwest to the Spring Publication of the New Alto.
- Teach (or delegate someone else to teach) the District and National Chants at Southwest District Workshops.

### Charges for the 2020 Jurisdiction and Finance Committee

- Add details to the Southwest District Constitution about the Spirit Awards
  - “The Spirit and Sisterhood Committee should be knowledgeable in the Tau Beta Sigma National and District chants and teach them to the District throughout the convention weekend. The committee will also be in charge of choosing the Beta and Sigma award recipients.”
  - Award Descriptions - The criteria for all awards is a chapter cannot be chosen for the same award twice in five years. Also, a chapter cannot win 2 of the awards at one convention.
  - Tau - The Golden Tau is presented to a chapter that has exemplified spirit throughout the District year. The recipient of Tau is chosen by the chapter that was awarded it the year before. The chapter must submit an article, with pictures, to the Spring New Alto that documents Tau's adventures throughout the year.
  - Beta - This award is presented to a large chapter (15 or more members) that exhibits spirit and sisterhood throughout the District Convention weekend. The chapter that wins this award is chosen by the Spirit and Sisterhood Committee. The chapter must submit an article, with pictures, to the Spring New Alto that documents Beta's adventures throughout the year.
  - Sigma - This award is presented to a small chapter (14 or less members) that exhibits spirit and sisterhood throughout the District Convention weekend. The chapter that wins this award is chosen by the Spirit and Sisterhood Committee. The chapter must submit an article, with pictures, to the Spring New Alto that documents Sigma's adventures throughout the year.

Thank you: Thank you to my wonderful committee! I enjoyed working with y'all throughout this weekend. Thank you to Hannah Wells for being an awesome advisor and answering any questions we had. Lastly, thank you to my sisters from the Psi chapter for trusting me with all these responsibilities. It has been an honor to represent you at District Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

*Selin Nelson*

Spirit and Sisterhood Committee Chair

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

- Tau - Delta (presented by Psi)
- Beta - Alpha Omicron awarded for spirit to a bigger chapter (15 or more members)
- Sigma - Gamma Phi awarded for spirit to a smaller chapter (14 or less members)

**Report of the Programs Committee**

**Committee Chair Name and Chapter:**

Sammy Carter, Xi

**Committee Member Names and Chapters:**

Annan Kirk, Beta Zeta

Betty Buller (bowler), Gamma Phi, proxy for Delta Phi

Destinee Leger (lay-jey), Eta Pi

Carlee Mulhearn, Delta Sigma, proxy for Delta Tau

Meosha Spraggins, Delta Phi

Marisa Tuson, Delta Phi

Taylor Hammonds, Delta Phi

**Advisors:**

Siobhan (shiv + awn) Wilkes, National Vice-President for Communication & Recognition

Meeka Smith, VPSP, Beta Nu

The 2018 Programs Committee was charged with the following:

- 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).

### **Discussion of Charge 1:**

We reviewed the charges of the 2018 committee.

### **Discussion of Charge 2:**

We reviewed and decided winners for the Photo challenges for the whole 2018-2019 scholastic year. The winners are as followed.

Winners:

Titles:

- Above and Beyond award
  - Best overall participation with the challenges.
    - With a total of 66 photos submitted within a 7 month period.
      - Xi (TBS)
- Service in Action
  - The photo that most exemplified the action of service.
    - For helping the band prepare for the upcoming marching season, this chapter, along with their Kappa Kappa Psi chapter cleaned all the seat covers used on the stadium bleachers.
      - Beta Zeta (TBS)
- Meaningful Sisterhood Award
  - The photo that most exemplified the importance of loving in the bond together.
    - Sisters went together to the local Pumpkin Patch to go on hay rides, get lost in a corn maze and have some bonding time on a jumping balloon.
      - Xi (TBS)
- Meaningful Joint Activity Award
  - The photo that exemplified powerful joint activities whether it be with the joint Kappa Kappa Psi chapter or Phi Mu Alpha/Mu Pi Epsilon chapters
    - Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma and brothers of Phi Mu Alpha came together after a summer band rehearsal to sing their school's alma mater.
      - Beta Nu (TBS)
- Best Overall Photo Award

- The photo that has the best quality along with showcasing one of the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma
  - For the excellent photo quality and the demonstration of musicianship
    - Gamma Nu (TBS)

**Discussion of Charge 3:**

The Programs Committee discussed ways of making a video, exclusively about service, communicated clearer to the VPSP. We came up with the idea to challenge chapters across the district to submit videos, possibly in a “vlog” format, of their members participating in services during the year. These submissions can possibly be part of the district lyre piece or photo/video challenges. Individual chapter’s service vlogs can be compiled into a large video showcasing actual action clips as services rather than just staged photos.

**Discussion of Charge 4:**

Due to not much resources on the “For Greater Practice” the programs committee discussed what the program entails and ways to implement it in chapters. The “For Greater Practice” program is a program first discussed in the 2017 National Convention Programs Committee. This program's purpose is to promote musical activities within chapters in order to improve us as musicians, no matter the major. Ways to implement this could be, weekly song rehearsals, open mic nights, videos of members practicing sent to Monthly photo challenges, or “Conduct Me” bands, were an ensemble lets the general campus student body come and conduct the ensemble. We lastly discussed the ratio of music major and non-music majors in each committee members home chapters.

**Charges for 2019-2020 VPSP**

- Joint Photo Challenge
  - Encourage more video submissions from chapters in order to show what is happening.
  - Suggest chapters to participate in “vlogs” of their activities.
- Advertise to chapters what the “For Greater Practice” program is (a program that incorporates more musical activities to further our chapters as musicians) program that and how they could incorporate it more in their chapter.
- Advertise and highlight more interactive Coda events, outside of presenting concerts.
- Establish the District Lyre Piece, based on suggestions below.
  - Service video submission
    - Ask chapters to take videos of their members at services throughout the year, videos can be compiled into a collage type video that displays every chapters unique service projects

- 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 2020 Programs Committee

- Report the charges/report of the 2019 Programs Committee.
- Help the VPSP with photo challenge winners. (Monthly, Joint etc.)
- Help VPSP with new Photo/Video Challenge ideas
- Review and Discuss National Programs, such as Focus on Five and “For Greater Practice” (A program that incorporates more musical activities to further our chapters as musicians)

Thank yous:

Coming into my first time as a committee chair was a little scary but I was so excited to have the opportunity to take a small role in this District Convention, so thank you to the District Officers and Counselors for giving me that opportunity. Thank you so much to the beautiful women in my committee, I could not have asked for a better group of individuals to brainstorm and collaborate with. Thank you for all your support and understandings of my late night messages. Thank you to Siobhan (shiv + awn) and Meeka for your amazing guidance and suggestions. Lastly thank you to the Xi chapter for the endless love and understanding of my overwhelming “mom friend” qualities throughout our trip. Ya’ll are amazing and I’m so proud to call you my sisters, Xi sure is looking mighty fine!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sammy Carter, Xi, Programs Committee Chair 2019

## Report of the 2019 Membership Committee

The 2019 Membership Committee was charged with the following:

Charges from the 2018 Membership Committee:

- 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

Charges from National Council:

- Most of these items will not be things for Districts to vote on, necessarily, but they are items that we are collecting feedback on so that we can be prepared for discussion and voting at National Convention. They include:
  - Membership - National Curriculum. Some of the curriculum documents and information about the proposed curriculum will be available for review by membership committees. We would like students, especially those who have not participated in the pilots, to gain a better understanding of the resources and the direction that we are taking, as we are hoping to have a proposal for adoption at NatCon.
  - Ritual. The Ritual moratorium expires this summer, and changes to the National Ritual will be discussed. Currently, we have a proposal to address the use of gender-neutral language. Other proposals that chapters may have should be submitted through the online form or (given the sensitive nature of Ritual) discussed directly with me.

Charges from the curriculum committee:

- **Review and provide feedback on the current draft of the National Curriculum, specifically focusing on the provided modules and assessments.**
- **Answer the following questions and email the answers to [lesler@tbsigma.org](mailto:lesler@tbsigma.org), [Allison@tbsigma.org](mailto:Allison@tbsigma.org), and [adrienne@tbsigma.org](mailto:adrienne@tbsigma.org):**

- *A) Of the chapters represented in the room, how many do interviews as a part of the membership education process? For those who do interviews, how many are required and who are the MCs asked to interview?*
- *B) Of the chapters represented in the room, how many require a service project during the MC process?*
- *C) Of the chapters represented in the room, How many require a fundraising project during the MC process? Where do the raised funds go?*
- *D) Of the chapters represented in the room, how many currently use quizzes or tests for assessments of MCs? What is the grading scale you use (what is the lowest passing grade)? What do you do when a MC does not pass the test/quiz? What do you do when an Active does not pass the test/quiz?*

## Discussion

The committee reviewed and discussed the report of the 2019 Membership Committee to become comfortable with the information. We determined the **use of social media to increase submissions to the district database** was successfully completed. We further discussed the need for this in the future should Overature be passed and charged the future Vice President of Membership with this task. The 2018-2019 Vice President of Membership successfully completed her charge to **promote the area workshop student speaker application**. As a committee we discussed the effectiveness of this program and would not charge this task to the Vice President of Membership for the following year.

The committee was given two charges from the National Council, to **review the curriculum and discussed changes to ritual**. We reviewed the curriculum documents for modules zero, three, seven, and second degree recap. We read through the modules and discussed the format and style that could benefit all chapters. For the charge concerning ritual, we discussed the proposed change to the use of gender-neutral language in ritual. We found this would be beneficial by helping ritual flow better and catering to the diverse population of Tau Beta Sigma.

The committee was further charged by the curriculum committee to **review the draft module documents and provide feedback on questions** concerning our own personal chapter membership processes. We discussed the questions and submitted our responses to Adrienne Rall, National Vice-President for Colonization & Membership, so that the curriculum team may further enhance the curriculum.

We discussed the effectiveness of having six area workshops and the possibility of having fewer workshops to lessen the strain on the district council and all sisters of the South West District. We compared the amount of workshops that we hold, to other districts and found it significantly higher. The committee decided to charge the 2020 Membership Committee with reviewing the necessity of having such a large amount of area workshops.

The Committee charges the 2020 Membership Committee with the following:

- Review the 2019 Membership Committee Report
- Review the charges for the 2019-2020 Vice President of Membership and evaluate the effectiveness of their implementation.
- Evaluate the implementation of Overture in the South West District.
- Discuss the future of the area districting and if six workshops are necessary or if fewer can be utilized.

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

- 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 2019-2020 academic year, emphasize your role, responsibilities, availability, and ways you can serve as a support for those officers.
- Connect with chapters and ensure appropriate implementation should Overture be passed at National Convention.
- Evaluate the use of MEP and continuing membership databases and if they will be considered obsolete by overture.

Respectfully submitted,

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## 2019 Nominations Committee Report

The 2019 Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Nominations Committee was made up of Sarah Hutchinson, delegate from Gamma Xi, Melissa Smithson, proxy for Delta Eta from Gamma Omicron, Christina Resendez, delegate from Delta Phi, Laura Foote, proxy for Epsilon Psi from Epsilon Beta, and Ashlyn Simmons, the Nominations Committee Advisor.

The 2019 Nominations Committee was charged 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 candidate, 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 2018 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 with personalized questions stemming from each candidate's packet. After interviews we met to discuss who we thought would most fit the office and agreed on the persons to be slated.

We charge the 2020 Nominations Committee with the following:

#### Charges

- Review the 2019 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 candidate. , and verify that each candidate packet contains required items, in accordance with the District Constitution
- Create individual questions personalized to each candidate's platform.
- Interview each qualified candidate by asking personalized 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 all my committee members for making this an enjoyable committee to be apart of and for the seriousness in the discussions of each candidate. A special thank you specifically to Ashlyn Simmons for being the most helpful and reassuring person ever. We could not have done it without you. I also thank my chapter, Delta Upsilon, for entrusting me to represent them here at District Convention as well as my chapter president, Kathryn Grice, for believing in me and encouraging me through this. Last but certainly not least, thank you to all of the candidates for representing and preparing your presentation and offering your time to the committee. All of you should hold pride in your hearts for representing the southwest and the sisters of Tau Beta Sigma.

Respectfully  
submitted,

Lindsey Krueger - Delta  
Upsilon

Chair of the 2019 Nominations  
Committee