

THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF TAU BETA SIGMA



2020 District Convention Minutes

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Opening Session(Business Session #1): Saturday April 18th (10AM-11AM)

Call to Order at 10:02 AM

I call the Opening Separation Session to order at 10:02 AM

- Introductions
 - **Introduction of 2019-2020 Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Council**
 - Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - President – Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
 - VPCM – Erika Pope (Theta Theta)
 - VPPR – Tonya Mitchell-Sprandlin (Epsilon Alpha)
 - VPSP – Siobhan Wilkes (Beta Zeta)
 - VPCR – Leslie Gartin (Zeta Nu)
 - Board of Trustees
 - Chair of the Board of Trustees – Carolyn McCambridge (Alpha Xi)
 - Vice Chair – Dr. Dawn Farmer (Omega)
 - Kathy Godwin (Omega)
 - Rosalyn McDonald (Theta Phi)
 - Holli Hartman (Zeta Delta)
 - Jason Dornbush (Zeta Nu)
 - Life Member – Janet West Miller (Iota)
 - Immediate Past National President – Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
 - TBSAA Executive Council
 - Chair – Chris Foster (Tau)
 - Vice Chair – David Alexander (Gamma Omega)
 - Marissa Archuletta (Delta Kappa)
 - Thea Murphy (Theta Kappa)
 - Jessica Smith (Epsilon Epsilon)
 - Tyra Yiare (Eta Delta)
 - Chapter Visitation Assistants
 - Sarah Bogue (Psi)
 - Brielle Johnson (Psi)
 - Sami Kinnison (Psi)
 - Heather McGowan (Iota)
 - Brianna Mitchell (Alpha Omicron)
 - Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu)
 - Past SWD Presidents

- Natalia Lambert (Alpha Omicron)
 - Sami Kinnison (Psi)
 - Heather McGowan (Iota)
 - Kat Howell (Theta Theta)
 - Amanda Dickson (Gamma Nu)
 - Chris Foster (Tau)
 - Kathy Webster (Epsilon Beta)
 - Lisa Croston (Alpha)
 - Karon Miller Hammond (Iota)
 - SWDAA Officers
 - Chair – Sami Kinnison
 - Membership Director – Mikaela Rhodes
 - Finance Director – Samantha Brandeberry
 - Communications Director – Conner Terry
 - Programs Director – Nicole Benedict
- Announcements of District Officer Candidates
 - President
 - Tyler Hern (Beta Nu)
 - VPM
 - None submitted on time
 - We have a candidate running from the floor: Madelynne West
 - VPSP
 - Destinee Leger (Eta Pi)
 - Secretary / Treasurer:
 - Laine Rogers (Delta Sigma)
- Overview of Convention Schedule
 - FIRST Virtual Convention for the Southwest District
 - Live feed and interactive discussions
 - Continue business session in current room
 - Committee Reports
 - Applicable votes
 - National Leadership Presentations
 - Elections
 - District Officer Reports
 - Presentation of District Awards
- Seating of Delegates
 - No Proxies for the Virtual Convention
 - Roll Call
 - Present
 - Alpha
 - Beta
 - Delta

- Xi
- Tau
- Psi
- Alpha Omicron
- Beta Gamma
- Beta Delta
- Beta Zeta
- Beta Nu
- Beta Omicron
- Gamma Nu
- Gamma Xi
- Gamma Omicron
- Gamma Phi
- Delta Sigma
- Delta Tau
- Delta Upsilon
- Delta Phi
- Epsilon Beta
- Zeta Mu
- Zeta Phi
- Eta Epsilon
- Eta Nu
- Eta Pi
- Theta Theta
- Iota Beta
- Iota Tau
- Not Present
 - Iota
 - Alpha Upsilon
 - Gamma Tau
 - Delta Eta
 - Delta Pi
 - Epsilon Psi
- Thank you
- Rotation Seating for the 2021 Convention will begin with Zeta Phi.
- Practice Vote
 - Explanation
 - Block voting
 - Questions
 - Practice vote with suspending the reading of Convention Minutes
 - Anybody want to make a motion

- Zeta Mu Moves
 - Gamma Phi Seconds
 - Any opposition
 - Motion Passes
- Standing Rules
 - Adapted for Virtual Convention
 - I entertain a motion to accept the Standing Rules
 - Epsilon Beta So Move
 - Eta Nu Seconds
 - Any opposition
 - Any abstentions
 - Motion Passes
 - No longer allowing members to run from the floor who have not submitted a packet
- Reading of the Minutes of Last Convention
 - We will now read the minutes from Last Convention
 - Eta Pi Moves to suspend the reading of the minutes from last convention
 - Gamma Omicron Seconds
 - Any opposition
 - Motion Passes
- Vote to Accept the Minutes from Last Convention
 - Eta Pi moves to accept Minutes from Last Convention
 - Gamma Phi Seconds
 - Any opposition
 - Motion Passes
- Assigning of Committees
 - Committee Chairs and Advisors
 - Committee Assignments
- Questions from Delegation

Recess to Committee Meetings until Saturday April 18th at 1:45PM

Committee Session #2 (1:45PM)

I call this session to order at 1:50

- Roll Call

Business Session #2 Saturday April 18th (4:45PM – 7PM)

I call this Session to order at 4:49PM

- Roll Call
- Membership Committee Final Report Presented by Orion Monroe Miller-Maxey (Gamma Nu)
 - I now yield the floor to the Membership Committee Chair Orion Monroe Miller-Maxey to give the final report of the Membership Committee
 - Report
 - I entertain the motion to approve the report of the Membership Committee
 - Gamma Omicron so moves
 - Eta Nu seconds
 - All Opposed
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- Programs Committee Final Report presented by Aaliyah Carter (Delta)
 - I now yield the floor to the Programs Committee Chair Aaliyah Carter to give the final report of the Programs Committee
 - Report
 - I entertain the motion to approve the report of the Programs Committee
 - Gamma Omicron so move
 - Theta Theta Seconds
 - Any opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- Jurisdiction & Finance Committee Final Report Presented by Laine Rogers (Delta Sigma)
 - I now yield the floor to the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee Chair Lainé Rogers to give the final report of the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee
 - Report
 - I entertain the motion to accept the Jurisdiction & Finance Report
 - Gamma Omicron so moves
 - Delta Upsilon Seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
 - Voting on the Budget
 - I entertain the motion to accept the 2020-2021 budget proposed by the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee
 - Alpha so moves

- Alpha Upsilon seconds
- Opposed
- Motion Passes
- Voting on Constitutional Changes
 - I entertain the motion to accept the addition of section 7.11
 - Gamma Omicron so moves
 - Theta Mu seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion passes
 - I entertain the motion to accept the addition of section 7.12
 - Eta Pi so moves
 - Delta Upsilon Seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion passes
 - I entertain the motion to accept the proposed change for section 2.03
 - Eta Nu so moves
 - Delta Upsilon Seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
 - I entertain the motion to accept the proposed change for section 2.08
 - Eta Pi so moves
 - Theta Theta Seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion passes
 - I entertain the motion to accept the proposed change for section 4.01
 - Alpha so moves
 - Eta Nu seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
 - I entertain the motion to accept the proposed change for section 8.03
 - Alpha Omicron so moves
 - Gamma Omicron seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
 - I entertain the motion to accept the addition of 9.04.1
 - Theta Mu so moves
 - Alpha Seconds
 - Opposition

- Abstentions
 - Motion passes
- I entertain the motion to accept the proposed change for section 3.05.1
 - Alpha Upsilon so moves
 - Delta Upsilon seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion passes
- I entertain the motion to accept the proposed change for “she/he” pronouns to “they/them”
 - Theta theta so moves
 - Eta Pi seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstention
 - Motion Passes
- Credentials Committee Final Report by the Credentials Committee Chair Ciara Gibbs
 - I now yield the floor to the Credentials committee chair Ciara Gibbs - SWD President
 - Report
 - I entertain the motion to accept the report for the Credentials Committee
 - Gamma Omicron so moves
 - Delta Sigma seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- Nominations Final Report and Presentation of the Slate presented by the Nominations Committee Chair Breanna Amszi (Alpha Omicron)
 - I now yield the floor to the Nominations Committee Chair Breanna Amszi to give the final report of the Nominations Committee
 - Report
 - I entertain the motion to accept the report
 - Delta Upsilon so moves
 - Theta Mu seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
 - Slate
 - President - Tyler Hern
 - VPM - Not slate
 - VPSP - Destinee Leger
 - Secretary / Treasurer - Lainé Rogers
 - Vote on the Slate
 - I entertain the motion to accept the Slate
 - Eta Nu so Move

- Alpha Seconds
 - Opposed
 - abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- Secretary / Treasurer Final Report presented by Tyler Hern (Beta Nu)
 - I entertain the motion to accept the Final Report of the Secretary / Treasurer
 - Beta Nu so moves
 - Psi seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- VPSP Final Report presented by Wendy Stewart (Psi)
 - I entertain the motion to accept the Final Report of the VPSP
 - Xi so moves
 - Delta seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- VPM Final Report presented by Hannah Wilson (Gamma Tau)
 - I entertain the motion to accept the Final Report of the VPM
 - Eta Nu so moves
 - Xi seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- National Presentation
 - I now yield the floor to the National Council to give their Presentation
 - Shout out
 - Video?
 - Released in the next week as we move to DC al Coda
 - Youtube channel
 - Announcements / Updates
 - Headquarters Staff
 - Working from home
 - Very responsive to emails (email first)
 - Ritual Workbooks
 - Planned to be given at District Convention
 - Ready and waiting
 - Hold on to them until we know it's good to send
 - Trying to be super flexible
 - Cover page for quick view of changes
 - Risk Management Policies with Kappa Kappa Psi
 - Working with Insurance
 - Update language
 - Aboved

- Planned to provide during District Convention
 - Rolling this out via videos
 - Effect in next school year
 - Intent of policies haven't changed
- Award Highest award - Baton
 - Holding off on awarding them until DC. Al Coda Weekend April 25th and 26th
 - Honor on a National Stage
- Overture
 - Update with COVID-19
 - Resources
 - May 15 Deadline for new initiate form and fees
- Focus on Five
 - Focus on Five 2.0
 - Southwest District
 - 50% Completion
 - Chapter who have already completed
 - Delta
 - Xi
 - Psi
 - Beta Zeta
 - Beta Nu
 - Delta Phi
 - Epsilon Beta
- Podcasts
 - Helpers to be on the Podcast
 - Monthly podcasts
- Showcase Nominations
- Lapel Pins from the Alumni Association
 - Wava 100 pins
- "For Greater Bands" Virtual 5k Next Week
 - April 25th
- April 25th Graduating Senior Workshop

We will now recess until Saturday April 18th at 7:45PM

Business Session #3 Saturday April 18th (8PM – 10PM)

I call this Business Session to order at 7:47 PM

- Roll Call
- Counselors Presenting “Banquet Awards”
 - I now yield the floor to the Counselors for the Presentation of the awards
- Elections
 - Procedure
 - Practice Vote
 - Start
 - President
 - I open the floor for Nominations for the Southwest District President
 - Tyler Hern is automatically nominated for President by the Slate
 - Are there any more nominations for the office of President (x3)
 - The floor is now closed for Nominations
 - I open the floor for elections for the office of President
 - Congratulations to the 2020-2021 President Tyler Hern from the Beta Nu Chapter
 - Vice President of Membership
 - I open the floor for Nominations for Southwest District VPM
 - No one was slated so no nomination is set
 - Gamma Omicron nominates Madelynn West
 - Are there any more nominations for the office of VPM (x3)
 - The floor is now closed for Nominations
 - I open the floor for elections for the office of VPM
 - Congratulations to the 2020-2021 VPM Madelynn West from the Gamma Omicron Chapter
- Keynote Speaker (John Mark from Psi)
 - Vice President of Special Projects
 - I open the floor for Nominations for the Southwest District VPSP
 - Destinee Leger is automatically nominated for VPSP by the Slate
 - Are there any more nominations for the officer of VPSP (x3)
 - The floor is now closed for Nominations
 - I open the floor for elections for the office of VPSP
 - Congratulations to the 2020-2021 VPSP Destinee Leger from the Eta Pi Chapter
- District Scrapbook
 - Secretary / Treasurer
 - I open the floor for Nominations for the Southwest District Sec/Treas

- Lainé Rogers is automatically nominated for Sec / Treas by the Slate
 - Are there any more nominations for the office of Sec / Treas (x3)
 - The floor is now closed for Nominations
 - I open the floor for elections for the office of Sec / Treas
 - I entertain the motion to vote in Lainé Rogers by acclimation
 - Gamma Omicron so moves
 - Xi seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Secretary / Treasurer Lainé Rogers from the Delta Sigma Chapter
- Final President's Report by Ciara Gibbs (Eta Pi)
 - I entertain the motion to accept the Final Report by the District President
 - Eta Pi so moves
 - Beta Omicron seconds
 - Opposition
 - Abstentions
 - Motion Passes
- Explain what is happening next
 - Newly elected officer will be installed at the DC al Coda event NEXT SATURDAY at
- Adjourn
 - I now entertain the motion to adjourn the 2020 Southwest District Convention of Tau Beta Sigma
 - Eta Pi: So Moved
 - Xi seconds
 - Any opposition
 - abstentions
 - Motion passes

Awards

- Danny A. George Award for Fostering Joint Relations
 - Drew Wilson of the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at The University of Arkansas
- Christina M. Gordon Scholarship of Excellence
 - Keagan Lambert of the Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at The University of Oklahoma
- Erika L. Pope Legacy of the Southwest Award
 - Krystal Munoz of the Xi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at West Texas A&M University
- Dollie McDonald O'Neil Chapter Perseverance Award
 - Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Arkansas
- Janet West Miller Outstanding Service to Music Education Award
 - Beta Nu Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Arkansas Tech University
- Dorothy Allen Nichols Outstanding Smaller Chapter Award
 - No winner was chosen this year. The Southwest District Counselors hereby charge ALL of the smaller chapters (with less than 15 members) in the district with applying for this award for the 2021 convention.
- Patsy Drury Heijl Outstanding Larger Chapter Award
 - Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Oklahoma
- The Baton Winners
 - Ciara Gibbs of Eta Pi at Northwestern State University of Louisiana
 - Amelia Mixon of Alpha Omicron at Sam Houston State University
 - Meeka Smith of Beta Nu at Arkansas Tech University

Report of the Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer

To the Spicy Southwest,

This past year has gone by so fast and has presented us with so many challenges. I am sad that my time as Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer is coming to an end, but I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to serve my district and grow closer with my sisters and brothers.

When this year started, I never thought that I would have this opportunity, but knew that I wanted to run for District Council someday. Then when the position became open, I knew that I had to apply. When I took office in October, I was super nervous and, like with any new office, so scared that I wasn't going to meet my own expectations to serve my district. The District was so supportive that these feelings quickly turned into confidence within my office and allowed me to complete so many objectives during this past year.

During the end of the fall semester, I spent most of my time organizing and updating aspects of the office. I set my goals for the rest of the year, updated the treasurer and secretary group me's, updated the website with the past District Convention Minutes and the updated District Constitution, updated the treasurer resources to have just one universal budget template, reached out to chapters to help on the Fall Activities Report, and set up an online meeting for the district treasurers and secretaries to discuss things to expect in the spring. It was so much fun to communicate with all the treasurers and secretaries in the district. You guys worked so hard this past year and you should be so proud of everything that you have accomplished.

Then I had the pleasure of heading to Albuquerque, New Mexico for our Winter Council meeting. It may have been a super long drive, but this weekend was one of the best weekends of the year. The full council was finally all together, in person, for the first time. This weekend was an amazing opportunity to bond with our council as well as our joint council and get a ton of work done for the District Convention. My amazing counterpart, Ashley, and I worked to perfect the form for District Marketplace and look over our Joint General Service to Music Grant. I also worked with my kinda counterpart, Andy and Ashley to get some footage that would later be used for hype videos for the convention in Albuquerque. We worked on so many things and were so prepared for the upcoming convention.

During the Spring semester, I spent time reevaluating the secretary resources. I condensed the minute templates and added many examples for alumni newsletters for the secretaries to utilize. I had the opportunity to attend the East Texas/Louisiana Area Workshop which was an amazing experience to bond with sisters. I also attended the two virtual workshops we had this year and made recordings of some of the presentations to help provide more resources for the district. Leading up to convention, I spent time working on a preliminary

budget and constitutional changes for the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee and got ready for the first ever virtual convention for the Southwest District

Finally, I would like to thank the many people who helped me along the way.

To the District Council: I wish we could have had more time in person with each other, but the work that we have done this past year has been truly incredible. I am inspired by each of you and the amazing leadership you give to this organization and this district. It has been an amazing year and I cannot wait to see the amazing work that I know all of you will continue to do.

To the District: Thank you so much for supporting me from the very beginning of my term. I was so nervous when I was appointed to this position that I would have a hard time, but you quickly showed me that I was capable and worthy of having a district office. It meant the world to me that the District supported me so much and allowed me to have this amazing opportunity.

To Beta Nu: Thank you for believing in me and also giving me the opportunity to even apply for this position. Ever since I was able to become a part of Beta Nu, I have felt like I was finally in a safe place where I could grow. Beta Nu has allowed me to take this amazing journey and I am so thankful for that.

Even though this past year was full of so many challenges. I am constantly impressed at how resilient and adaptable this amazing organization is. We have fought through so many obstacles and it has been an honor to serve this District and help in any way that I can.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Hern
SWD Secretary/Treasurer
2019-2020

Report of the Southwest District VPSP

Hello Spicy Southwest!

Wow, I'm amazed that it's already been a year. It's been a year of traveling, serving, bonding and adaptation. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve the district this past year. When I left Weatherford, Oklahoma last year, I definitely didn't picture addressing you all for the last time via video call. Even if we're not in Albuquerque currently, I am grateful to be able to be here and see you all today. The year has felt so short but as I have been reflecting to write this, I realized just how much I have done.

After heading home from Convention last year, I began to settle into a routine and plan for accomplishing my goals and charges given to me. I began some correspondence with chapters which continued throughout the year. This past year, I corresponded with Delta, Delta Tau, Beta Nu, Beta Delta, Beta Zeta, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Phi, Gamma Tau and Xi. In June, I traveled to Texas to plan out the year with the rest of the council at our Summer Council Meeting. I also attended a VPSP meeting with Erika Pope and the other district VPSPs. The next month, I traveled to Stillwater, Oklahoma for National Leadership Conference and National Convention. During National Leadership Conference, I met sisters and brothers from across the nation, met with other district VPSPs, met with National Leadership and learned more about myself and our national programs. Through this, I also made more plans for the projects in the Southwest District. After the Conference, I attended National Convention and the Kappa Kappa Psi Centennial Celebration. I had the opportunity to meet even more brothers and sisters across the nation and see old friends. We also got to welcome our new district counselor, Katie, after convention ended.

After returning home from Stillwater, I began correspondence with my counterpart, Rachael to plan for the year and plan our virtual District Leadership Conference presentation. As August began, the joint councils (with major planning from our VPMS, Hannah and Hannah) hosted a virtual District Leadership conference, I released the first Monthly Photo Challenge Theme and Rachael and I released the New Alto Staff Application. I also announced the District Lyre Project for the SWD, worked on getting Focus on Five information out and continued correspondence during this time. At the beginning of September, Rachael and I reviewed all the applications for the New Alto staff and selected the 2019-2020 staff. Thank you to our copy editors: Erica Wilson from the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, Megan Cross from the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, to our design editor: Christopher Bailon from the Gamma Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and our public relations officer: Kelly Gage from the Gamma Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi for all of your hard work this year for both the fall and spring editions of the New Alto! I continued to have monthly photo challenge themes and began work on updating the sisterhood and service idea lists. I also continued correspondence with chapters throughout the district and met with Siobhan and the other district VPSPs to discuss Focus on Five. I also worked with Siobhan to talk about ideas to host a successful Women in Music event. At the end of the semester, the New Alto team decided to award chapters with a virtual award if they had 3 or more submissions to the fall edition of the New Alto. Congratulations to these chapters for receiving that award in the fall: Delta Sigma, Delta Phi, Delta and Psi of Tau Beta Sigma and Epsilon Beta, Gamma Theta, Gamma Iota and Lambda of Kappa Kappa Psi. At the end of the year, we published the fall edition of the New Alto.

As 2020 began, I prepared for the travel ahead as I planned to attend workshops and convention. As my school semester began, I took a trip with other district officers from Arkansas to Albuquerque, New Mexico for our Winter Council meeting. During this time, plans were made for our Convention and Rachael and I met to plan this year's Joint Service Project and other projects in preparation for convention. I also learned how to answer the question: red or green? And how hot a pepper is during this trip. After Winter Council and as the spring semester progressed, I continued correspondence with chapters, met with Siobhan and other district VPSPs and finished the updated sisterhood and service lists. In February, the SWD Member at Large, Andy, reached out to me about a joint song competition and we began work on that. At the end of February, I traveled to Louisiana State University to attend the East Texas/Louisiana area workshop. As March approached, I prepared to visit Beta Nu and attend their initiation, and prepared for travel to the North Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas area workshops. Then, as we all know, the pandemic hit. In-person events were getting moved online or completely cancelled. After the initial news and the cancellation of the remaining workshops and convention, I began working with Siobhan to get information on Focus on Five 2.0 and share it among our district. I attended both virtual workshops on March 28th and April 4th, and attended part of the SED virtual convention to prepare for our convention. I also finalized the list of recipients of the District Lyre Piece. Leading up to today, I continued working on Focus on Five 2.0 questions and concerns, published the spring edition of the New Alto and I gathered photos from the monthly challenges to make our virtual scrapbook.

It's been quite a year and I want to take a moment to thank a few people. First, thank you to the Southwest District for believing in my capability to fulfill the role of VPSP. You all mean so much to me and I'm so proud to be a part of this district. Thank you to the other district VPSPs for correspondence and support. Thank you to my counterpart, SWD VPP, Rachael for her work with me on joint projects, and thanks to the SWD MAL, Andy for correspondence on the joint song project. Thank you to the counselors, Kathy, Ashlyn and Katie for being a fantastic resource and giving unconditional support and love. Thank you to the rest of the council, Ciara, Hannah and Tyler. I have loved traveling with you all and continuing to grow as a member with you all. I wish you well and I am going to miss you all. Thank you to my chapter, Psi and to our brother chapter, Lambda for their constant support and love. Go Hogs! And lastly, thank you to my parents and younger sister for always supporting me as I have continued to "march to the beat of my own drum." None of us expected to be here today in this way but I am so thankful that we were still able to have a convention. While some things may feel unresolved or unfinished, I am grateful to be a part of the first (and hopefully only) SWD virtual convention. Thank you for a fantastic year Spicy Southwest and I look forward to where Tau Beta Sigma leads myself and this district in the future.

MOTS & MLITB,
Wendy Stewart

"Wendybird" "Broadway Boujee" "Lady of the Lake"
Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects 2019-2020

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 2019 Southwest District Convention in Weatherford, Oklahoma, I quickly began working towards my goals for this office. On June 12th, I traveled to Rockwall, Texas for our summer meeting as a council. The weekend was full of planning, and deciding what we wanted to accomplish for our district this year. My office specifically, would experience many changes this year with the implementation of Overture. I wanted to be as prepared as possible, while still being flexible to change (which happened A LOT this year.).

Through the summer months, I began making connections with VPMs and chapters, and working to help prepare for the start of Overture. On July 19th, Wendy and I headed 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 Erika Pope, members of the curriculum committee, and other District VPM's was a great experience. We were able to discuss all the details about Overture and collaborate. After the end of the Chapter Leadership Conference, I was to stay and participate in the National Convention as my chapter delegate.

Shortly after, during the first full week of August, the first virtual Chapter Leadership Conference took place! The decision was made to host a virtual CLC, because this summer was a National Convention year, and it was being hosted in the Southwest District. In order to maximize our time and attendance at both events, a virtual platform was our best option. My counterpart, Hannah Cheeseman, and I were ready for the challenge of planning an all virtual event. Overall, we did have an attendance increase, and gained a lot of positive feedback. Could this be something to keep up in the future? That is for you to decide!

The fall semester was full of "firsts" for everyone. I planned and executed several Overture VPM Video Chats in order to help prepare for a new curriculum. While prepared, this was definitely a semester for being flexible. In the middle of the semester, we learned that a google form would be used in place of the MEP. We then set deadlines for the old version of the MEP as well as when the google forms would start. The google form also changed this aspect of the VPM office. Typically, the VPM is responsible for checking MEP's in the fall. However, with the new google form this made that hard to do.(Update on this later) I continued reaching out to chapters, and helping where I could. I created several resources for chapter VPMs to use with Overture including powerpoints that went along with each module! Many VPMs found these very helpful

during their education processes. Towards the end of the semester Hannah and I began contacting our host chapters for Area Workshops in the spring.

The spring semester was filled with (some) travel, meetings, and challenges! On MLK weekend, I traveled 12 to 14 hours to Albuquerque, New Mexico for our Winter Council meeting. This weekend was filled with tons of planning for the upcoming convention and workshops. (It was also here that the counselors and I discussed what we could improve on for the next year of Overture.) Our councils were ready to take on the rest of the year! Fast forward a few weeks to February 29th and March 7th, where we hosted the East Texas/Louisiana and West Texas New Mexico Area Workshops. Both of these workshops were a great way to start out the year! After this, our organizations became aware of the fast spreading COVID-19 and its risks. Due to this, all in-person workshops and conventions had to be cancelled. Hannah and I immediately began planning how to take the workshops to a virtual platform just as the conventions would be. Although we experienced a few bumps along the way, we hosted two successful virtual workshops for our district.

Overall, this year has been filled with many adventures and challenges, but I am so grateful I got to experience that with our district.

Now, for some much needed thank yous...

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 have handled the implementation of Overture so well!

To Hannah - I will never forget sitting at breakfast with you during our first winter council. I had asked you if you were going to run for VPM again, and without hesitation you said, "I'll run if you run." The rest is history! Thank you for being the BEST partner for two years. I could not have made it through this year without you. You are an outstanding Brother, and I can't wait to see all the incredible things you do. I am so proud to call you my Brother and friend. :)

To Ciara - While this may not have been the convention you planned for, you have still rocked! Through this year you have accomplished so much! I am so proud of all the work you have done for our district, and I can't wait to see where you go in the future. I am happy to call you a friend.

To Wendy - My car buddy! I am so happy that I got to go all the places with you and do all the things! You have brought so much passion and inspiration to your office, and it has been great watching you shine! I am so happy to call you a friend.

To Tyler - Oh, Tyler! I am so happy you were able to join our council. You have brought so much joy to us, and it is always accompanied with a wonderful smile. I have been so impressed with all that you have done. You have so much passion for our organization, and I can't wait to see where it takes you! You will do such great things! I am so happy to call you a friend.

To my TBS Moms - Kathy, thank you for opening your home to me, giving me tons of hugs, getting us our favorite ice cream, bringing lots of laughter to our council, and always checking in with me. You have always made me feel at home, I am so grateful to have had you by my side. Katie, thank you for all your advice and hard work! You have been such a joy to work with. You bring so much professionalism as well as a little sass to our council. I am so happy we got to work with you this year! Ashlyn, you are someone that I have always looked up to, and it has meant the world to me that I have gotten to work with you the past two years. Thank you for countless hugs, encouraging me, checking in with me, and being a true friend.

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 Sisters.

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

2019 - 2020 Southwest District Vice President for Membership

Tau Beta Sigma - Gamma Tau

Report of the Southwest District President

Hello Spicy Southwest!

I didn't realize how fast a year could go by until now. And man what a year this has been. I still remember at the last convention hearing my name as the new district president. I remember looking out at the delegation and thinking to myself that it's time to get to work on this crazy journey ahead. It also felt a little like a dream to me because I remember when I attended my first district convention and I witnessed the elections. I thought to myself man being a district officer sounds crazy, but I felt it deep down that calling to be one. I am so happy that I answered the call to help serve this amazing district and I will never be thankful enough for being selected to serve in this capacity.

I started out my term planning summer council where the council got to spend a weekend bonding and creating our goals for this year. Shortly after I was headed to Stillwater for NLC and the national convention despite some weather challenges. At NLC, I got to work with all of district leadership and create relationships that will last a lifetime. I got to learn, sing, dance, and laugh and in every single moment, I truly felt the love you should feel as a sister of TBS. When NatCon started, I got so excited to see my sisters of the Southwest arrive. I was able to create a trifold to showcase the wonders of the Southwest District to everyone in the nation. I wish you all could have seen the amazement sisters had when I got to share the district's success and how each chapter in this district contributes to that success. I am always proud and will continue to be proud of what each individual chapter does in our district. After NatCon turned into napcon, I got back to work prepping for this year and preparing for our virtual CLC. I got to do a Google Meet with chapter presidents and I could tell that this was going to be a great year for our chapters.

A good part of my fall semester was spent planning district convention with my awesome counterpart. I also spent a great deal of time contacting chapters and presidents to help with chapter things that were going on, paperwork deadlines, and anything else they wanted to talk about. Thank you to everyone that ever emailed, texted, or messaged me back. It has been great getting to know you and learning more about your chapter.

At the start of my spring semester, I took a plane ride over to New Mexico for Winter Council. I got to spend some amazing time with the joint council. We got so much work done on top of having so much fun with each other. After seeing the wonders of New Mexico, I couldn't wait to see how workshop season would be and to finally seeing Garret and my vision of district convention come to life. My favorite season quickly started which is Workshop Season, Lit Season. I got to travel to LSU with members from my chapter for the East Texas/Louisiana Area workshop. I got to combine two of my biggest passions which are TBS and Scouting to create a workshop on team building and I loved every minute of it! I also got to see sisters and brothers that I haven't had a chance to see in a while including one of my Kappa Kappa Psi littles. When

I left Baton Rouge, I was super excited about the next workshop. A couple of weeks after that is when I got a very disappointing call from Adrienne. That call absolutely broke my heart because it was the call that confirmed that this convention would be virtual and the rest of the workshops would be virtual as well. I held back the tears at the moment, but a few hours later I just broke down. I felt my heart get ripped out of my chest, but here we are now in a virtual convention that I think is going pretty well. I hope that each and every one of you got something out this convention and I strongly encourage you to go to district convention next year. Adventure is always out there, so explore the wonders of our district as well as the Sorority as a whole through all of the events like workshops, district convention, and national convention.

This officer report wouldn't be complete without some thank yous.

To Travis Howell,

Thank you for reaching out to me and talking to me when you first visited Eta Pi. Thank you for talking to me right after the visit and talked to me about potentially going out for a district position in the future. What you didn't know at the time, is that every now and then I would go through the district website and look through the officer information, but I kept telling myself that I don't have the potential yet to do that. So thank you for being that voice of confidence that I needed to hear to apply for the open position and to keep running after.

To Natalia,

Thank you for always being there for me both on and off council. Thank you for all of the encouraging messages and advice you have given me throughout this year. You are an amazing soul and I will always cherish our friendship!

To Tyler,

I now know how Natalia felt when I joined the council. Thank you for hitting the ground running the moment you joined the council. Honestly, when I found out that you were applying, I was instantly doing happy dances! You are an amazing soul and I can't wait to see what else you can accomplish!

To Wendy,

I remember when I first met you at an Arkansas area workshop! You had so many great ideas for TBS both on a chapter level and a district level. It has been an honor to see your vision come to life this year. I am so glad we got to be on council together. You have done some amazing things in this position and I am so happy to call you my sister.

To Hannah,

We are done man! I am so thankful for being on council with you these past two years. Thank you for the phone call and texts where we could just vent to each other. I can't wait for you to get in a classroom. Those kids are going to be so fortunate to have you as their teacher. I just know you are going to do some amazing things in the classroom and touch so many lives. I can't wait to be a District Has Been with you!

To the AMAZING Counselors,
MOMS! The ultimate power trio! Y'all are truly role models in my life. Thank you for all of the words of encouragement, advice, feedback, and so much more. Y'all have truly seen so many different sides of me and y'all accept each part of me. Thank you for always helping me see my true potential in every aspect of my life. I am truly going to miss seeing y'all faces so much! Expect me in the near future visiting after everything is better.

To the Eta Pi chapter,
Thank you for taking a chance on the girl in front ensemble that gets overly hyped for game days. Thank you to the sisters that traveled with me to district events especially when I rolled down my window to yell out "Get in the car loser we are going to a workshop" and keeping the hype for the whole day. Even though there has been a lot of ups and downs, I wouldn't trade my time in Eta Pi with anything else. I truly hope that the chapter keeps pushing to improve each year and I can't wait to see the chapter as an alumni member.

To all of the sisters in the Southwest,
Thank you for trusting me with this position. Thank you for letting me get to know each of your chapters.
Whether we have had an individual conversation or not, I love you, I care about you, and I want the best for you now and forever. While my journey as an active is coming to a close, I am committed to Tau Beta Sigma forever. I am always a message away, a phone call away, a letter away, and some other off the wall method for communication. Like I said when I first got on council, call me, beep me if you wanna reach me. If you are not connected with me, let me know! We can get connected! I enjoy talking to sisters and brothers. This district means the world to me and I know that I will always have a home in the Spicy Southwest. So, this is not a goodbye, but a see you later.

With Fortitude and Courage.
Respectfully submitted,

Ciara Gibbs
2019-2020 SWD President

Reports of the Southwest District Counselors

Report of the Southwest District Counselors
Ashlyn Simmons
April 18, 2020

To the Sisters of the Southwest District,

It seems like only yesterday we were concluding our 2019 district convention in Weatherford, Oklahoma. It was a fresh start to a new year, and my second year as one of your Southwest District Counselors. The highlight of this past year was watching sisters from across the district grow and settle into unique roles within the organization, and it is an absolute privilege to support each of you during your journeys in Tau Beta Sigma.

After SWD Convention in 2019, we hit the ground running and met in Rockwall, Texas, at Kathy's for our annual TBS Southwest District Council Summer Meeting. It was a weekend of bonding and business – setting our goals and intentions for the year while simultaneously consuming large quantities of ice cream. It was also a time to prepare for National Convention in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Around this time, we also had a third Counselor join the ranks in the Southwest! The duo became a trio, and it's been a pleasure to have Katie join the SWD Counselor team!

This past year's National Leadership Conference and National Convention was truly one for the books not only because it was the Kappa Kappa Psi Centennial, but it was also my first National Convention as a Counselor. The highlight of the entire week was spending time with my fellow Counselors and the SWD Council. The week was full of laughs, tears, and memories I'll never forget.

Taking what we learned from National Convention, our SWD Vice Presidents of Membership were hard at work planning our first ever, virtual Chapter Leadership Conference Day. Little did we know that the knowledge of how to host a virtual event would become so invaluable later in the year. Thank you to all of our presenters for CLC! It was an event that set the stage and foundation for the rest of the year.

Beginning in early August, myself, Kathy, and Katie were hard at work approving Membership Education Processes, documents, and events for chapters all across the district. As tedious of a process as this may be, I loved reading about the fun events and projects each chapter hosts as part of their education process. It is inspiring how each

chapter can work toward a common, national goal while still maintaining their unique chapter identity. While approving MEPs, your Counselors were also hard at work supporting all chapters in reaching the national paperwork deadlines for the Fall Semester.

In October of this year, I had the joy and privilege of visiting the Iota chapter at Baylor University for their official chapter visit of the biennium. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your meetings, and I appreciate each members' willingness to listen and grow in Tau Beta Sigma. I'm just down I-35 from you all, so don't be a stranger! Sic 'em Bears!

Time stands still for no one, and 2020 was here before we knew it. Over MLK Weekend, we joined the SWD Kappa Kappa Psi District Council in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While we may not see the fruits of their labor at a convention in Albuquerque, trust me when I say the District Councils and the Gamma Iota chapter had some incredible plans and goals for convention this year. It is truly heartbreaking that these plans had to change, and I'm blown away by the Council and host chapter's strength to accept and adapt to necessary change. It is also a huge loss that we are not all partaking in the delicious food scene in Albuquerque – I know I'm already planning a return trip just for the food and hiking opportunities!

In February, I visited the Beta Gamma chapter at the University of Texas at Austin for their official chapter visit for the biennium. Thank you to each member of Beta Gamma for inviting me to your campus and giving me a window into life as a sister of your chapter. I loved working with each of you, and I hope to see you all again soon!

Before the pandemic fully hit the United States, I was able to attend the East Texas/Louisiana Area Workshop at Louisiana State University. Thank you to the Beta Gamma chapter for hosting us for a Saturday of workshops and memories.

Then, "everything changed when the coronavirus attacked" (cue Avatar the Last Airbender music). As universities moved online for the health of students everywhere, we had to change our approach to district events. Area workshops moved to Google Meets, and for the first time in TBS history, our District Convention is being held over Zoom. Thank you to ALL of our area workshop presenters and district convention support team. These events would not have happened without your commitment and willingness to adapt to this new platform.

And here we are today – meeting via Zoom from the comfort and safety of our homes. While we may not know when the world will return to normal, or even what our new

normal will be, we can take courage knowing that we are not alone even in these times of isolation. As we sing in our Affirmation Song, “When darkness falls, and all is night/ I’ll trust my heart, and find the light.” We can be the light and the hope for one another in this time. Trust the sisterhood and reach out for support when you need it. We are in this together.

I would like to end my report with some words of appreciation and admiration....

To the Southwest District Council.... I have spoken with each of you individually throughout your time in office, and I hope you all know by now how incredibly proud I am of you. I cannot say this enough – I am constantly impressed by your professionalism and poise despite hardships and challenges. Your abilities to adapt and overcome obstacles is unparalleled. We know that this year is not exactly how we anticipated it to be, and yet you’ve made it special and memorable all the same. Thank you for all of your hard work this past year. We would not be here today without each of you.

To Kathy and Katie... Having the privilege to serve alongside the two of you has been a dream. Thank you both for another year of friendship and memories, and here’s to many more!

To the National Council of TBS... Thank you for always being there for your National Leadership team and for the students. No one envies the positions you were placed in this year with the COVID-19 situation. Thank you for always putting the health and safety of the students and membership above all else.

To the entire Southwest District, I look forward to working alongside this next group of sisters as we continue improving and building upon the hard work that has been done this year. Thank you, all, for listening.

Much Love in the Bond,

Ashlyn Simmons
Southwest District Counselor
Tau Beta Sigma, Life Member #3350 – Psi

April 18, 2020

Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

It's hard to believe I am already finishing up my first year as one of the Counselors for this amazing district. This year has reenergized my love of this organization in seeing all of the hard work and service that our chapters are putting in.

My year started a little later than the rest of the council as I was finishing my term as the Chair of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council and couldn't start my Counselor duties until after National Convention. I had the opportunity to meet the District Council members during National Convention and I was incredibly excited to hit the ground running.

Once Convention was over, we started work for the 2019-2020 school year. Spoiler alert- this was NOT the year I expected it to be when we began last fall. I had the opportunity to work with roughly one-third of the district on their Membership Education Plans and helped to set them up for success during their membership processes for this year. I was so impressed by the variety of activities that our chapters are doing to engage potential members and new members alike. In addition to MEPs, we worked with Chapters on preparing and submitting their Fall Activity Reports. We ALMOST had 100% on time, so I'm CONFIDENT we can reach perfection for the Chapter Summary Report in May. Shameless plug...

Our next big project was the Winter Council Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I met up with Ashlyn before sunrise and we hopped on a plane in Austin and headed to the "Land of Enchantment!" Our layover in DFW was exciting because we met up with Kathy and Ciara for our second flight. We were met with cold weather and the threat of snow in New Mexico, and this Texas girl was PUMPED. We spent the weekend planning out what we thought would be SWD Convention 2020. The council worked hard to put all of the details in place to make sure our sisters and brothers would have an awesome time during convention. Between business meetings, I was catching Pokemon (both through Pokemon Go and people watching at ComicCon next door) and enjoying the Albuquerque food scene. Side note: if you are ever in Albuquerque, you have to check out Slow Roasted Bacadillos! So good! We then went our separate ways and were excited about visiting again this weekend.

From January on was truly a whirlwind. The Council began having weekly meetings and the Counselors continued working on Spring MEPs. We were then into Workshop season and full on convention prep. Unfortunately, things came to a slow motion halt, as we watched events one by one get canceled and transition to virtual. I would like to give a huge shout out to Hannah Wilson and Hannah Cheeseman, our TBS and KKPsi VPMs, for quickly adjusting our in-person Area workshops to two virtual workshops that were awesome! Once we received the final word that our convention would be virtual, Ciara and the Counselors began working on translating our in-person plans to virtual ones. If there was any doubt, please know that Ciara has been an AMAZING leader for this district during this uncertain situation. I cannot commend

her enough for her perseverance, professionalism, and poise during this all. Congratulations for finishing this year strong, Ciara!

And now for some thank yous...

To the National Council, thank you for affording me this opportunity to work with the students of the Southwest District. I feel so blessed to be able to continue my own Tau Beta Sigma journey while guiding our Active members in theirs.

To the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Council and Governors, thank you for the collaboration this past year. Also, thank you for making me an honorary member of the district! I know we didn't spend much time together in person, but we will always have Albuquerque!

To the Southwest District Council, thank you for welcoming me with open arms and grace as I learned the ropes of this new gig. Also, thank you for extending honorary membership in the district to me. I have been so impressed with the work that you all have done and the professionalism you have shown. I know that wherever you go from here, you will be beyond successful and each of you will shine!

To Kathy, I am so glad that we are working together again. We picked up right where we left off from the SWDAA days and I love seeing you work with our chapters. Thank you for the support you have always given me both personally and in TBS!

To Ashlyn, my fellow Austin-ite and The Office fan. Thank you for your friendship and guidance as I adjusted to my new role. I have loved getting to know you better and I'm so glad that you understand my sitcom-esque humor. You'll always have the whitest sneakers in my book!

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Dukes Rixon
Southwest District Counselor
Life Member, Theta Theta

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

It is hard to believe another year has come to an end. There was so much excitement as we left district convention last year with the anticipation that we would be heading out west for the next district convention in Albuquerque. The new council prepared for the upcoming year by holding a summer meeting once again at Casa de la Webster. Much fun was had by all, as we bonded, set goals, and prepared for the upcoming National Convention in Stillwater, OK. We had an exciting year ahead. Before I knew it, July had come upon us, and I was traveling with Ashlyn to NLC and National Convention 2019. The Nation Convention was a special event, as many major changes occurred at the business meeting, as well as the Centennial Celebration of Kappa Kappa Psi. As we left NatCon19, Ashlyn and I were excited to welcome Katie Rixon to our Counselor Crew.

After NatCon19, the joint district councils began looking at when to schedule the 2019 CLC. They determined it was best to step outside the box and deconstructed the CLC and do multiple on line meetings to allow the most participation. Having attended multiple of the sessions, it was great to see the participation by so many of the chapters during the sessions. It was wonderful to see the District Officers share and mentor our chapters with the knowledge obtained during NLC and sharing the changes that occurred at NatCon19.

As the summer came to a close it was time to ramp up the new band season, and with that it was time to complete the chapter personnel report and submit MEP's. With the passage of the new national curriculum, Overture, at NatCon19, there were many questions regarding what the new requirements for the MEP were and how to implement. Ashlyn, Katie, and I worked through the fall and even into the spring with chapters on understanding how to meld the chapter's previous MEP with Overture to obtain an approved. During the fall semester the District Officers worked on with the chapters to complete the fall paperwork and with planning for the spring activities.

We started the spring off with both councils, all Governors and Counselors meeting up in Albuquerque. We met up with the host chapters and went over expectations, toured the facilities and worked on finalizing convention preparations. We left Albuquerque ready to hit the spring semester running!

With our convention be later in April, our workshop season started a little later in the season. We started off with the East Texas/Louisiana Area Workshop on February 29. I was not able to attend that workshop, but I was able to make the long trek out to Las Cruces, NM the following weekend. Around this time there was more national discussion about this thing call Coronavirus (Covid-19). Who knew that the following week the entire Nation would shut down, and everything considered "normal" would change, but that is exactly what happened? Little did anyone know that the West TX/NM workshop would be the last in person event for the Southwest District, and the start of several online meetings to determine how, during a pandemic, life was going to be laid out for the next few months. With in another week, it seemed that most schools were making the decision to shift in person classes to online classes and were shutting the campuses and sending students home.

As the world was being instructed to shelter in place, the National Leadership of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi began making tough decisions on how to proceed with the district conventions and how to proceed with the membership classes that were in progress. It was a tough decision, however in the best interest of the Sisters and Brothers, it was determined that all in-person conventions would be canceled. Thus, began a new journey for everyone with a short timeline to create a virtual convention and determine the best method to ensure an outstanding experience for all actives. While everyone was disappointed by the news that the in-person convention was cancelled, all the district officers stepped up to the plate and went full force on organizing a virtual convention. While stressful, the officers presented themselves with poise and grace in this unanticipated challenge they faced.

I'd like to thank the National Council for the opportunity to be able to continue to serve our organization in the capacity of District Counselor. I know this has been a challenging semester and appreciate the guidance that has been given to overcome the obstacles we had to face. I know that the decisions made were some of the most difficult to make, but were made with the best interest of our Sisters and Brothers safety as the utmost importance in mind.

To Katie and Ashlyn, I don't even know where to begin.... Katie, you stepped on board without a hitch. The old adage is so true...Great things come in small packages!! You sit back and watch, absorb, and then will ask a question that brings a whole new light on situations. Ashlyn, wow I blinked and we have been doing this gig for two years now! Where did the time go??? I am so lucky to be able to see your growth over the years. Your enthusiasm is so infectious to those around you. You always keep everyone's well being at the center of each decision. You make sure to check in on everyone and make sure their mental well being is being addressed. I could not have asked for two better partners and confidants to face and overcome all the challenges that District Counselors face.

To the District Officers. Ciara, Hannah, Wendy, and Tyler....what a year it has been. The district has been fortunate to have each of you as their leaders. I am always amazed to watch each of you perform your duties with such passion. You each worked hard with the chapters to ensure they were aware of due dates, requirements, and activities that were happening with our organizations. You all stepped up to the plate, and forged the path for having virtual district events. I am so proud of each of you and to have been a part of your TBS journey. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for each of you!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Webster
SWD Counselor
Life Member #2161

Report of the Membership Committee

2020 Southwest District

Committee Chair:

Orion Miller-Maxey, Gamma Nu

Committee Members:

Shahni Young, Zeta Mu

Isabel Perregrino, Eta Pi

Courtne Smith, Eta Nu

Madelynne West, Gamma Omicron

Haley McKinney, Iota Beta

Daniel Steubing, Delta Upsilon

Meredith De Leon, Alpha Upsilon

Jocelyn Campos, Iota Tau

Advisors:

Hannah Wilson, Gamma Tau

Erika Pope, National Vice President for Colonization & Membership, Theta Theta

The 2020 Membership Committee was charged with the following:

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

Discussion:

The committee reviewed and discussed the report from the 2019 Membership committee. We also reviewed the charges for the 2019-2020 district Vice President of Membership and we as a committee agreed that she successfully completed the charges given to her. We also evaluated the implementation of Overture in the Southwest District. Overture was received well by most chapters and ultimately helped them teach the new members more effectively and even educate older members in a new way to give them new and updated information they may not have gotten the first time they went through their process. We went through some pros and cons and gave Erika some suggestions for Overture. **Overall we agreed that we liked having the National Curriculum. If any chapters have questions or need clarification about Overture they can email overture@tbsigma.org.** We also discussed the Membership Education Fact Form and its role in ultimately replacing the way you submit your MEP. The committee agreed that it streamlines the process of getting the MEP to the District Counselors and the National Council.

We as a committee also discussed the module layout given to the VPMs for Overture. We concluded that the modules themselves are set up in a very organized way, but we would like to see some sort of separate guide given specifically for the Membership Candidates.

The committee also discussed the future of area districting and if six workshops are necessary or if fewer can be utilized. **We discussed the benefits and drawbacks of having in person/virtual workshops and came to the conclusion that because of the coronavirus causing all workshops to be moved online that we would charge the 2020-2021 district council** with exploring the option of having more virtual workshops and less in person workshops to put more emphasis on encouraging chapters to save up for and to attend district convention so they get the same networking opportunities they would at an in person workshop.

Charges for the 2021 Membership Committee:

- Review the 2020 Membership Committee Report
- Review the charges for the 2019-2020 Vice President of Membership and evaluate the effectiveness of their implementation
- Review the progress of Overture and its implementation in the Southwest District

- Discuss ways to advertise and reach out to brothers and sisters about workshops

Charges for the 2020-2021 Vice President of Membership:

- Continue to 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 2020-2021 academic year, emphasize your role, responsibilities, availability, and ways you can serve as a support for those officers.
- Inform the new chapter VPMs about the importance of reading the introduction portion of Overture so they can better understand the options for module setup and process timeline
- Remind the chapter VPMs to use the most updated version of Overture when teaching the Membership Candidates.

Charges for the 2020-2021 District Council:

- We charge the Southwest District counselors with working with the Southwest District governors to consider reducing the number of in person workshops and increasing the number of virtual workshops

Special Thanks to our committee members:

Shahni Young, Zeta Mu

Isabel Perregrino, Eta Pi

Courtnie Smith, Eta Nu

Madelynne West, Gamma Omicron

Haley McKinney, Iota Beta

Daniel Steubing, Delta Upsilon

Meredith De Leon, Alpha Upsilon

Jocelyn Campos, Iota Tau

A big thank you to our advisors Hannah Wilson and Erika Pope!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Orion Miller-Maxey, Gamma Nu

Chair of the 2020 Membership Committee

Report of the Programs Committee

2020 Southwest District

Committee Chair:

Aaliyah Carter, Delta

Committee Members:

Brandan Frazier, Beta Nu

Destinee Leger, Eta Pi

Enya Woghiren, Delta Pi

Genesis Weitman, Delta Phi

Jasmin Limqueco, Beta Zeta

Joe Gonzalez, Eta Epsilon

Lily Garcia, Delta Tau

Mikelle Wood, Beta Gamma

Advisors:

Wendy Stewart, Psi

Siobhan Wilkes, Beta Zeta

The 2020 Membership Committee was charged with the following:

1. Report the charges/report of the 2019 Programs Committee.
2. Help the VPSP with photo challenge winners. (Monthly, Joint etc.)
3. Help VPSP with new Photo/Video Challenge ideas
4. 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)

Discussion of Charge 1:

We reviewed the charges of the 2019 committee.

Discussion of Charge 2:

We reviewed and decided winners and honorary mentions for the Photo challenges for this scholastic year. The winners and honorees are as follows:

August: Summer Days

Winner: Beta Nu

Honorable Mentions: Theta Theta, Psi, and Eta Nu

September: Back to Sisterhood

Winner: Beta Zeta

Honorable Mentions: Beta Nu, Xi, and Gamma Xi

October: Fall into Service

Winner: Gamma Xi

Honorable Mentions: Delta Phi, Beta, and Beta Nu

November: Giving Thanks

Winner: Xi

Honorable Mentions: Delta and Alpha Upsilon

December: Home for the Holidays

Winner: Theta Theta

Honorable Mentions: Xi and Delta

January: Working Together

Winner: Xi

Honorable Mentions: Eta Nu

February: Love in the Bond

Winner: Beta Zeta

Honorable Mentions: Eta Nu

March: March Forth and Celebrate

Winner: Gamma Xi

Discussion of Charge 3:

The Programs Committee discussed ways to increase knowledge and participation in the photo challenges. The committee suggested using Instagram hashtags as an alternate way of submitting photos. The committee also discussed creating suggestions of posting 3+10 photos

per month and adding a short description of them in either the hashtag or Google Drive submission. Finally, the committee discussed how to include service more into the themes.

Discussion of Charge 4:

The programs committee discussed all of the Focus on Five programs and their general success during this scholastic year. The committee agreed that although successful, chapters should think of ways to complete the Focus on Five requirements that are out-of-the-box in order to promote chapter engagement and keep the Southwest District “spicy”. For example, a chapter can obtain the White Stripe by playing to senior citizens in a park instead of the traditional nursing home setting. The committee also discussed ways that both the VPSP and individual chapters could promote the Focus on Five programs.

Charges for the 2021 Programs Committee:

- Review the charges from 2020
- Review and discuss national programs and Focus on Five
- Encourage chapters to continue submitting to District and National awards even when it isn’t required

Charges for the 2020-2021 Vice President of Special Project:

- Increase communication of the different programs on the website and across multiple social medias
- Include instructions on the district website for how to access the different resources pertaining to the Focus on Five program
- Create photo submissions through hashtags on Instagram
 - Create an incentive by featuring the chapters who submit first
 - Create suggestions of submitting around 3-10 photos per month and including short descriptions with each description

Charges for the 2020-2021 District Council:

- Continue to create out-of-the-box ideas that will keep the Southwest District “spicy”

Special Thanks

This was my first time being a committee chair, and this being TBS's first virtual District Convention made me more nervous than ever. Thankfully I had Wendy Stewart and Siobhan Wilkes as my advisors. I couldn't have done it without their advice. I would also like to thank my committee for their amazing ideas and collaboration. Finally, I would like to thank the Delta chapter for giving me the courage to be a leader.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaliyah Carter, Delta

Chair of the 2020 Programs Committee

Report of the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee

2020 Southwest District

Committee Chair:

Lainé Rogers, Delta Sigma

Committee Members:

Madison Aquino, Alpha

Lauren Allen, Beta

Christian Thomas, Beta Omicron

Alexis Ankney, Gamma Omicron

Rachel Wasson, Epsilon Beta

Matthew Glover, Theta Theta

Advisors:

Tyler Hern, Beta Nu-2019-2020 SWD Sec/Treas

Sarah Bogue, Psi-National Chapter Visitation Assistant

Leslie Gartin, Zeta Nu-TBS National Vice President for Communication & Recognition

The 2020 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee was charged with the following:

1. Redistribute funds to reflect a non-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 2019 Southwest District Constitution and check for inconsistencies that don't require a joint discussion.

Finances:

The Jurisdiction and Finance Committee reviewed the budgets from 2019 (a national convention year) and 2018 (a non-national convention year), as well as reviewing the money

actually spent during these budget years, to come up with the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

District officer expenses have remained the same with each officer being allocated \$500. The Honorary Membership Fee, District awards, and miscellaneous budget items have remained the same at \$250, \$200, and \$200 respectively.

The budget for Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration was changed from \$500 to \$750 to reflect the milestone of 75 Years of Service and possible increase for travel assistance for the next convention. Chapters can apply to put these funds towards assistance for district convention travel and delegate registration.

Since this is a non-convention year two scholarships, The Scholarship of Excellence and Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship are offered at \$425 each, reflecting the amounts from the 2018-2019 budget. The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship will highlight sisters and brothers of Tau Beta Sigma who demonstrate innovative and exemplary service to their band program, chapter, or district. The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship is only to be presented every Biennial, on non- National Convention years. In years with a National Convention, its funds will be allocated to helping with chapter travel assistance.

The proposed budget for the 2020-2021 term is as follows:

Proposed Budget (2020-21):

District Officer Travel Expenses	
President	\$500.00
Vice President of Membership	\$500.00
Vice President of Special Projects	\$500.00
Secretary-Treasurer	\$500.00
District Convention Expenses	
Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration	\$750.00
Honorary Membership Fee	\$250.00
District Awards	\$200.00

Scholarship of Excellence	\$425.00
Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship	\$425.00
Workshop/District Travel Assistance	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Total	\$4750.00

Proposed Changes to the Southwest District Constitution:

CURRENT: N/A

PROPOSED: Add 7.11 to read:

7.11 The Southwest District shall publish a website to serve as a central hub for information for members of the District. The website shall be a joint endeavor with Kappa Kappa Psi and shall be hosted through services provided by National Headquarters. Content shall be determined by the District Councils with advice from the Tau Beta Sigma Counselor(s) and the Kappa Kappa Psi Governor(s). Suggestions for content may be made to the District Councils by any member of the District.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This is in the Kappa Kappa Psi Constitution and is a joint endeavor that we already do, so adding this will help defeat any inconsistency within the two constitutions and have the same joint bylaws in both.

CURRENT: N/A

PROPOSED: Add 7.12 to read

7.12 The Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma shall maintain social media accounts for the purposes of social interaction and information distribution to the members of the District. Accounts shall be controlled by the District Council. All social media accounts must be authorized by the District Counselor(s).

CHANGES/RATIONALE: A similar bylaw is located in the Kappa Kappa Psi Constitution so adding this will help with consistency between the two. This is

also something that our District does that is not outlined in our Constitution so it may be good to have a bylaw that acknowledges it for clarity.

2. Sections Being Edited for Clarity/Mistakes

CURRENT: 2.03 Candidates for district office will be required to present the following: (See Section 3.09.) 1. A professional resume 2. A Tau Beta Sigma resume stating their history in the organization 3. A letter of intent 4. Letters of recommendation from: a. The candidate's chapter b. The chapter sponsor(s) c. A professor of the candidate's major 5. A platform stating ideas and objectives for the intended office 6. Candidates for District Office will be required to provide proper documentation of her/his current cumulative GPA for review to the Nominations Committee. Documentation will be submitted as a separate document.

PROPOSED: 2.03 Candidates for district office will be required to present the following: (See Section 3.08.) 1. A professional resume 2. A Tau Beta Sigma resume stating their history in the organization 3. A letter of intent 4. Letters of recommendation from: a. The candidate's chapter b. The chapter sponsor(s) c. A professor of the candidate's major 5. A platform stating ideas and objectives for the intended office 6. Candidates for District Office will be required to provide proper documentation of her/his current cumulative GPA for review to the Nominations Committee. Documentation will be submitted as a separate document.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This section it first references talks about the programs committee, while the section that is needing to be referenced is the one that discusses the nominations committee which is 3.08.

CURRENT: 2.08 The District Vice-President of Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing special projects as determined by the District Council. She/He will maintain a scrapbook of documented activities of the District to be presented at the District and National Convention. She/He will be responsible for the publicity of all Area Workshops. She/He shall organize and

execute at least one District service project by the close of convention week-end. She/He will oversee and execute programs for the Joint Action Committee with their Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart. She/He should assist the District President and the District Counselor(s) in any way possible.

PROPOSED: 2.08 The District Vice-President of Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing special projects as determined by the District Council. She/He will maintain a scrapbook of documented activities of the District to be presented at the District and National Convention. She/He will be responsible for the publicity of all Area Workshops. She/He shall organize and execute at least one District service project by the close of convention week-end. She/He will oversee and execute programs for the Joint Action Committee with their Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart. She/He should assist the District President and the District Counselor(s) in any way possible. She/He will advise on the committee on programs during District Convention.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: Every District officer advises a committee during the District Convention. Each other officer has their committee listed in their duties so it makes sense to list the District VPSP's as well.

CURRENT: 4.01 Each active chapter in the District shall be represented at District Convention by an Official Delegate. Refer to Section 5.6 of the National Constitution for more information about regulations regarding convention delegates.

PROPOSED: 4.01 Each active chapter in the District shall be represented at District Convention by an Official Delegate. Refer to Section 5.7 of the National Constitution for more information about regulations regarding convention delegates.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This change is due to the section being referenced is not the correct section for District Delegates. This section of the National Constitution is 5.7 and not 5.6 which discusses District Meetings.

CURRENT: 8.03 A copy of all reports and the handwritten minutes for the District Convention will be given to each District Officer by the close of the final separate session

PROPOSED: 8.03 A copy of all reports and the minutes for the District Convention will be given to each District Officer by the close of the final separate session

CHANGES/RATIONALE: For the most part, everything is done virtually now, and handwritten minutes for the entire Convention has not happened in a little while. This should be redacted to reflect the option to either write the minutes by hand or type them.

CURRENT: N/A

PROPOSED: add this bylaw

9.04.1 The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship will only be presented at District Conventions that fall during Non-National Convention budget years.

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This is how we present this scholarship now, however our constitution does not reflect that. With this added section we can specify how this scholarship works.

CURRENT: 3.05.1 All bid packets must be submitted no later than 6 weeks prior to the District Convention at which those chapters will be presenting. The Convention Site bid packets must include:

PROPOSED: 3.05.1 All bid packets must be submitted by the start of the Opening Joint Session of the District Convention. The Convention Site bid packets must include:

CHANGES/RATIONALE: We do not follow the 6 weeks prior to District Convention rule and it is not consistent with Kappa Kappa Psi Constitution. Changing this will improve consistency and clarity.

CURRENT: N/A

PROPOSED: Change all the “She/He” pronouns to “They/Their” pronouns throughout the Constitution

CHANGES/RATIONALE: This is to be more inclusive within our District.

Charges for the 2021 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee:

- Redistribute funds to reflect a 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.
- Evaluate \$250 increase to Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration to see if increase remains appropriate for next year.
- Review Kappa Kappa Psi’s 2020 Southwest District Constitution and check for inconsistencies that don’t require a joint discussion.

Charges for the 2020-2021 District Secretary/Treasurer:

- Review district spending and compile a table including past budget, amount spent, and proposed new budget per budget line item. Also please include the current bank account balance.

	2020-2021 Budget	Amount Spent	Proposed 2021-2022 Budget
Budget Line Item	500	5.99	500
etc			

Charges for the 2020-2021 District Council:

- Update District Constitution to reflect the approved amendments.

Charges for the 2021 Joint Action Committee:

- If this committee meets, discuss any constitutional amendments that might affect the organization jointly.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank all the members of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee for all their hard work and persistence to get everything done. I would also like to thank these members for their flexibility in this unprecedented situation. Thank you for all your great input for budget revisions and constitutional changes.

Next, I would sincerely like to thank the committee advisors: National VPCR Leslie Gartin, CVA Sarah Bogue, and SWD Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Hern. I truly could not have worked through this so smoothly without the help and continued encouragement of all of you. Thank you for answering all my questions, helping with directing the conversations, and all the time and effort you put in to help the committee accomplish its goals.

Lastly, I would like to thank my chapter. Thank you to Delta Sigma at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Thank you for letting me represent you all at the 2020 convention. And thank you for always putting your unwavering trust and support in me from the very beginning. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting every sister that has passed through our chapter, I would not be the person I am today without y'all.

Talons Out and Respectfully Submitted,

Lainé Rogers, Delta Sigma

Chair of the 2020 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee

Report of the Nominations Committee

2020 Southwest District

Committee Chair:

Breanna Amszi, Alpha Omicron

Committee Members:

- **Zeta Phi- Trevor Mills**
- **Gamma Xi- Emelie Fincher**
- **Xi- Natalie Samuels**
- **Psi-Lauren Muraito**
- **Beta Delta- Anne Marie Hatton**
- **Gamma Phi- Betty Buller**
- **Tau- Paola Salcedo**

Advisors:

Adrienne Rall, Theta Mu

The 2020 Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the 2019 Nominations Committee Report.
2. Collect all materials from all candidates running for District Council.
3. Schedule interviews with each District Council Candidate
4. Review the materials of each candidate. , and verify that each candidate packet contains required items, in accordance with the District Constitution
5. Create individual questions personalized to each candidate's platform.
6. Interview each qualified candidate by asking personalized questions about the office of which they are running
7. Discuss who the committee feels is best qualified for each office. Submit a slate in your preliminary report.
8. Review the District Officer Election guide.

Discussion:

2020 Nominations Committee reviewed the 2019 Nominations Committee report. We were able to collect all of the materials from each candidate running for District Council and verified that each candidate's packet contained the required items, in accordance with the District Constitution. Interviews were conducted and recorded via Zoom where individualized questions were presented to the candidate. These recordings were then shown to the Nominations Committee so they could discuss which candidates were qualified for each office. After discussions, the Nominations Committee agreed on the persons to be slated for the 2020 Southwest District Council.

Charges for the 2021 Nominations Committee:

- Review the 2020 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.

Special Thanks

I want to say thank you to the nominations committee for making my first time as a committee chair amazing! You guys really brought a lot of amazing discussion during our meetings and also kept it very professional. I want to also thank my advisor Adrienne Rall for guiding me through this process. Thank you for always answering my questions and giving me the information that I needed! I also want to thank our District President Ciara Gibbs, She has been such a big help for me during this process. And lastly I want to thank all the other delegates for representing and offering your time, even in difficult circumstances. Each and everyone of you have shown a lot of dedications and thank you for representing the Spicy Southwest and Tau Beta Sigma. MLITB

Respectfully Submitted,

**Breanna Amszi, Alpha Omicron
Chair of the 2020 Nominations Committee**

Report of the Credentials Committee

2020 Southwest District

Committee Chair:

Ciara Gibbs, Eta Pi

Advisors:

Natalia Lambert, Alpha Omicron

The 2020 Credentials Committee was charged with the following:

1. Calculate the Chapter Distance Award (number of members in attendance times the miles traveled)
2. Have as many of the calculations done before convention begins and put them in a spreadsheet.
3. Have the numbers of people in each chapter before convention begins to ensure quick calculations.
4. Find out which dignitaries will be attending convention and all positions they have held
5. Complete report as early as possible during/before convention.
6. Bring materials for the Distance Award to convention .

Discussion:

- Creating a list of all Dignitaries who attended the virtual convention for Tau Beta Sigma.
- Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - Adrienne Rall- Tau Beta Sigma National President Vice President
 - Erika Pope - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
 - Siobhan Wilkes- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President of Special Projects
 - Leslie Gartin - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
- Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
 - Carolyn McCambridge - Chair of the Board of Trustees
- Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council

- Chris Foster- Chairperson
- Marissa Archuleta- Programs Director
- Thea Murphy- Membership Director
- Jessica Smith- Communications Director
- Tyra Yaire- Finance Director
- Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership
 - Sarah Bogue- Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Kat Howell - Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Christopher Lukasik - Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Sami Kinnison - Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Katie Langley- Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Heather McGowen- Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Brianna Mitchell- Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Chelsea Rasing- Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Ted McCadden - Northeast District Counselor
 - Allison Leemann - Northeast District Counselor/IT Help
- Southwest District Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - Sami Kinnison- Chairperson
 - Mikaela Rhodes- Membership Director
 - Connor Terry- Communications Director
 - Nicole Benedict- Programs Director
 - Samantha Brandeberry- Finance Chair
- Past Southwest District Officers
 - Natalia Lambert - President, Sec/Treas
 - Kat Howell - President
 - Hannah Wells - VPSP
 - Sami Kinnison - President, VPSP
 - Kathy Webster- Treasurer and President
 - Ashlyn Simmons- VPM
 - Heather McGowen- President
 - Chris Foster - President
 - Erika Pope - Counselor, VPM
- Southwest District Council
 - Ciara Gibbs - SWD President
 - Hannah Wilson- SWD VPM
 - Wendy Stewart - SWD VPSP
 - Tyler Hern- SWD Secretary/Treasurer
 - Katie Rixon - SWD Counselor
 - Ashlyn Simmons - SWD Counselor
 - Kathy Webster - SWD Counselor

Charges for the 2020-2021 District President/Credentials Committee:

- Calculate the Chapter Distance Award (number of members in attendance times the miles traveled)
- 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.

Special Thanks

Thank you to Natalia, the District Counselors and National Leadership for helping me as well as attending this event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ciara Gibbs, Eta Pi

Chair of the 2020 Credential Committee