

Sigma Tau Delta

University of Dubuque

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ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be Sigma Tau Delta at the University of Dubuque.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage worth-while reading, to stimulate creative writing and the mastery of expression in English composition, and to promote a feeling of fellowship among those specializing in the study of English language and literature.

ARTICLE III

Section One

A candidate for membership shall have a minimum of four college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English of English 101 and 102. The candidate shall have a minimum of a 3.0 in the English courses, and shall have completed at least four semesters of college course work.

Section Two

There shall be two categories of chapter membership: active and associate. The chapter shall be responsible for assigning its members to the appropriate categories.

A. Active membership shall be limited to currently enrolled students, graduate or undergraduate, who have the requisite academic background (Article III, Section I) and who are majoring or minoring, or the equivalent, in English, and faculty sponsor(s) of the chapter who shall be full-time faculty members in the sponsoring institution. Active members may vote and hold office and may contribute to The Rectangle.

B. Associate membership shall be open to currently enrolled students, who have the requisite academic background (Article III, Section I) but who are not majoring or minoring in English, non-sponsoring faculty members with a degree in English, and alumni who have the requisite background (Article III, Section I). Associate members may vote, but not hold local or national office and may contribute to The Rectangle.

Section Three

Except for charter members, chapter members shall be elected by three-fourths vote of the chapter membership participating in the election.

ARTICLE IV

The officers of Sigma Tau Delta shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers will be elected from among the active members. The duties of these officers will be the usual duties of such officers. Officers who, in the opinion of the membership, are unwilling or unable to perform their duties will be subject to removal from office by a two-thirds vote of the membership. However, a vote for removal must be announced at the preceding meeting. Vacancies created by resignation or removal will be filled by special elections held as soon as such a vacancy exists.

ARTICLE V

Election of officers for the following year shall be held at the regular December meeting of each year. Only active members are eligible for office. Nominations are received from the floor and the candidate receiving a simple plurality of the attending members is considered the winner.

ARTICLE VI

Sigma Tau Delta shall have regularly scheduled meeting at least once a month. Other regularly scheduled meetings may be determined by the will of the membership. Special meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the officers and/or advisor. Business shall be conducted by a majority vote of the attending members.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees shall be selected either by the president or by the membership when it is deemed appropriate or needful, particularly for special projects undertaken by the organization.

ARTICLE IX

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the amendment has been proposed at the previous regular meeting.