

**Chapter Bylaws
Kappa Delta Gamma Chapter
Kappa Omicron Nu**

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Kappa Delta Gamma Chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu, hereinafter referred to as the Kappa Delta Gamma Chapter and the National Society.

ARTICLE II - MISSION AND PURPOSE

Kappa Omicron Nu is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and encouraging excellence in scholarship, research, and leadership in the human sciences. The mission is empowered leaders who use an integrative approach to enhance quality of living. To accomplish this mission, Kappa Delta Gamma Chapter shall

- promote scholarship and encourage intellectual development,
- promote research and foster the spirit of inquiry,
- confer distinction for high achievement,
- promote leadership development,
- stimulate student and faculty dialogue,
- enrich the intellectual environment of higher education institutions,
- encourage high standards of practice and ethical behavior, and
- promote attitudes of professional responsibility for the public good.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1. Active Members. Collegiate and professional members whose financial obligations to the Chapter and to the National Society are paid and current are active members, with all privileges of active membership, including the right to vote, hold office, serve on committees, and be elected a delegate to Conclave.

- A. Collegiate members shall be students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs at the time of initiation.
1. Undergraduate students shall be enrolled in The University of Akron, have declared a major in Family and Consumer Sciences or in Human Services including related areas as defined by the national organization, have completed 45 semester hours or equivalent, have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, and rank in the top 25% of their class. Transfer students shall have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours at The University of Akron.
 2. Graduate Students shall be enrolled in a graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences, or the College of Health Professions, or a related area as defined by the national organization, have completed 12 semester hours of graduate work or equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- B. Professional Members. Alumni of collegiate chapters shall be professional members. Others meeting the following criteria may be elected to professional membership: (a) earned one or more degrees in the human sciences (or alternate unit title) with a 3.2 grade point average as undergraduates or 3.5 as graduate students and not have been previously initiated into Kappa Omicron Nu or its predecessor societies, or (b) have earned one or more degrees qualifying them to work in the field with a 3.2 grade point average as undergraduates or 3.5 as graduate students and have made a distinctive contribution to the profession.
- C. Membership in the Chapter is open to qualified candidates including persons with disability, without regard to age, color, gender, national origin, race, religion, and/or sexual orientation

Section 6. Upon initiation, a member shall pay an initiation fee and national dues as established by the National Society, and local dues as established by the Chapter. Undergraduate collegiate members shall not be required to pay further national dues until after the baccalaureate degree is granted.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1.

A. The officers of this Chapter shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor.

B. Powers and duties of the officers shall be:

- a) President – Duties include, but are not limited to leading meetings, corresponding with National Office, completing KON National forms each year, taking a leadership role in planning and carrying out the initiation ceremony each year, and forwarding relevant information to members.
- b) Vice-President- Duties include but are not limited to, assisting the president in his/her leadership role, leading meetings in President’s absence, reserving room/facilities for meetings, community service and professional development, and community service activities.
- c) Secretary – Duties include, but are not limited to, recording minutes, sending minutes to all members, publicizing meetings, professional development, and community service activities.
- d) Treasurer – Duties include, but are not limited to, attending an annual Step-by-Step seminar or its available equivalent, filling out the EAF/Contingency forms in a timely manner, attending funding hearings, attending mandatory EAF meetings, and depositing/making requisitions for available monies. The Treasurer is also responsible for submitting financial forms to KON National Office each year.

C. Election of Officers:

- a) To qualify, one must be an active member in good standing at the University of Akron.
- b) Nominations of officers can take place via e-mail or regular meetings.
- c) The prescribed election process to be used will be voting for each office following nominations.
- d) The candidate receiving a majority affirmative vote will be declared winner and will take office on June 1st.

- e) Terms of office shall be from June 1st to May 31st.
 - B. Should vacancies occur before completion of a term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by soliciting nominations via e-mail or special meeting. A vote will follow. The candidate receiving a majority affirmative vote will be declared the winner and will serve for the duration of the term.
 - C. Impeachment charges can be brought against any officer for the following reason: failure to perform in a reasonable manner, promote our purpose, or complete duties.
 - D. Impeachment proceedings may be enacted upon a majority vote of active members.
 - E. If impeachment procedures are voted to occur, the following procedure will be followed: the officer will be notified in writing of the charges, a meeting will be held where all persons may respond, another meeting will be held where all active members will vote, requiring a 75% affirmative vote to impeach the accused officer, and the new position will be filled within two weeks by nominations from the floor, requiring a majority vote to be declared winner.

Article V – Organization Structure

- A. Executive committee consists of all officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Executive committee duties shall be to determine a regular meeting time/location, and follow through with members’ and National chapter’s wishes.
- C. Other committees and duties include:
 - a. Fundraising Committee – plan fundraisers for KON to provide scholarships and finance the annual initiation ceremony
 - b. Webmaster – creates and maintains a creative webpage for KON
- D. Committee Clause: Committees can be created or removed as needed per term.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The Executive committee and Chapter Advisory Council shall determine the number of regular meetings to be held during the year, and shall distribute a schedule of these meetings to each active member.

Section 2. Special meetings can be called by the President or the Executive Committee and shall be called upon the written request of the majority of active members of the Chapter. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, and business shall be limited to that which is stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days’ notice shall be given.

Section 3. Quorum. Those active members present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. The Chapter Advisory Council shall consist of three or more professional members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the faculty of School of Family and Consumer Sciences or the College of Health Professions.

Section 2. The Chapter Advisory Council shall assist the Chapter in fulfilling its Mission and Purposes and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws and the Constitution and rulings of the National Society.

Article VIII – Finance

- A. Dues for membership to KON shall be determined by the National Office and declared at the first Fall meeting.
- B. Sources of funding, other than University of Akron funding, will include: a portion of membership dues and fundraising activities.
- C. KON will manage its own finances, but in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the University of Akron.

Article IX – Affiliation

KON at the University of Akron represents the Kappa Gamma Delta Chapter of the National Society.

Article X – Amendments

The procedure for amendments to the Constitution will be as follows: all amendment proposals must be in writing, a discussion meeting will be held, and then another meeting will be held in which a majority vote of members in attendance is necessary to make an amendment.

Article XI – Non-Discriminatory Clause

KON shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, handicap, veteran status, or sexual orientation in its selection of members or in its programs.

Article XII – Student Development Clause

KON shall maintain a current registration form including a list of officers and their addresses, faculty advisor contact information and signature, and the most recently amended Constitution of the Office of Student Development.