

**BETA ALPHA PSI INTERNATIONAL HONOR ORGANIZATION
IOTA TAU CHAPTER 226
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Iota Tau Chapter 226 of Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) International Honor Organization at Kennesaw State University (KSU).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of Beta Alpha Psi Iota Tau is to engage with members, industry, and educational institutions associated with the Beta Alpha Psi Professions to:

Academic Excellence

Motivate, recognize, and celebrate academic excellence

Professional Development

Facilitate workplace readiness, employment, credentialing, mentoring, networking, and lifelong learning

Responsible Practices

Foster a commitment to ethics, service, belonging, and environmental, social, governance-responsible practices

Advocacy

Advocate for the benefits of education, practice, credentialing, and partnering associated with the Beta Alpha Psi Professions

Shaping

Support the shaping of the relevant and successful evolution of education, practice, and credentialing associated with the Beta Alpha Psi Professions.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. Kennesaw State University:

- i. In all correspondence and publications, the Beta Alpha Psi Iota Tau Chapter may refer to itself as an organization at Kennesaw State University, but not as part of Kennesaw State University itself.
- ii. Beta Alpha Psi Iota Tau Chapter agrees to abide by all pertinent Kennesaw State University policies and regulations, including the most current Student Codes of Conduct.
- iii. Beta Alpha Psi Iota Tau Chapter recognizes and understands that the University assumes no legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Section 2. Beta Alpha Psi:

- i. Beta Alpha Psi Iota Tau Chapter is a chapter of the National Honor Society, Beta Alpha Psi.
- ii. Beta Alpha Psi Iota Tau Chapter agrees to abide by all pertinent Beta Alpha Psi policies and regulations.
- iii. Beta Alpha Psi Iota Tau Chapter accepts full financial and production responsibility for all activities it sponsors.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Section 1. The membership of Beta Alpha Psi shall be limited to those persons of good moral character who have achieved scholastic and/or professional excellence in the fields related to accounting, finance, business technology, and analytics.

Section 2. The members of Beta Alpha Psi shall be those persons who have been initiated in accordance with the official membership ceremony, have paid the required fees, and are in good standing.

Section 3. Membership shall be open to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 4. Membership shall be evidenced by a certificate of membership, authenticated by official signatures and the seal of Beta Alpha Psi, that shall be issued to each Student, Faculty, and Honorary initiate upon payment of the candidate fee, as applicable.

Section 5. Membership shall consist of four categories: Student, Faculty, Alumni, and Honorary.

Section 6. Membership may be terminated by resignation or expulsion.

Section 7. Students who have not yet met the requirements for membership shall be designated as Prospective Candidates. If students do meet the requirements, they will not be allowed to participate as Prospective Candidates. These students are subject to certain requirements and limitations:

- i. Completion of the Prospective Candidate registration.
- ii. Payment of Prospective Candidate dues.
- iii. Adherence to the chapter dress code for all meetings which they attend.
- iv. Prospective Candidates will not be allowed to claim membership in the National Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society but will be able to claim participation with the Iota Tau Chapter.
- v. Prospective Candidates will not be given priority to participate in community service or professional development.

ARTICLE V - ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Degree seeking undergraduate and graduate students (e.g. MPA, MACC, MBA, MS, and PhD, etc.) and non-degree Post-Baccalaureate students at KSU shall be eligible for election and subject to the following criteria:

- Declared a concentration in accounting, finance, business technology, and analytics, or have stated an intention to declare a concentration to do so, and
- Be matriculated students at KSU, and

- Have completed at least one major course (accounting, finance, business technology and analytics or corresponding to major area) beyond the principles or introductory level. For transfer students, the qualifying course must be at a not-for-profit bachelor's or higher degree granting institution with a Business school that is accredited by AACSB, ACBSP, EPAS, EFMD or EQUIS;
- Achieved an institutional grade average of at least 3.3 (on a scale where A is equal to 4.0) in upper-level courses within the declared area of concentration, beyond the business core. For graduate students, this GPA should be measured after at least one semester or quarter of academic work, and
- Completed the minimum hours of professional development for the semester
- Completed the minimum hours of community service for the semester

Section 2. In order to fully benefit from Beta Alpha Psi activities, students seeking to be Beta Alpha Psi candidates must declare their candidacy when they have at least the equivalent of one academic year (two semesters) remaining prior to graduation. A student may remain a candidate for no more than one semester following completion of required major courses prior to induction as a full member; exceptions for special circumstances may be made only with approval of the chapter's faculty advisor.

Section 3. If a member or candidate is unable to gain the required professional development and/or community service hours by attending BAP-sponsored events, they are required to submit a request stating details of the replacement event. This should be submitted at least two days before the replacement event. A member of the Executive Committee or an Advisor must approve the event for credit. The student will also be required to submit a Non-BAP Hours Form within one week after completion of the event.

Section 4. Payment of membership dues and initiation fees are to be made before or on the announced date due. Refunds may be made before the due date, but no refunds will be issued after it passes unless at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Scholarship funds may be available.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be defined as appointed officers. The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Reporter and any other positions as deemed available. The term for all officers is one semester. All officers will adhere to a confidentiality agreement as to business being discussed in meetings.

- i. President - The President shall be responsible for leading all organization meetings, monitoring the performance of all other officers, and serving as the chief executive.
- ii. Vice President - The Vice President will assume all the responsibilities of the President in the case of their absence and will assist the President in the performance of their duties.
- iii. Treasurer - The Treasurer will be responsible for all financial activity of the organization including collection of dues, maintaining an accurate balance of the organization's finances, and serving as a fiduciary for the organization.

- iv. Reporter - The Reporter is responsible for maintaining records of chapter activities and meetings. They will also manage all tasks in the Reporting intranet.

Section 2. The Faculty Advisor shall:

- i. Be appointed by the Director of the School of Accountancy
- ii. Shall serve an indefinite term
- iii. Counsel and assist the officers and various committees
- iv. Verify the appropriate reports to the National Office
- v. Assure the continuity of the Chapter, and act as a liaison with the accounting faculty and the advisory board
- vi. Not concurrently serve on the National Council
- vii. Be an ex-officio member of all committees

Section 3. The Faculty Advisor shall have the power to declare any office vacant on account of graduation, withdrawal, continued absence, or inability or incapacity of any officer to administer properly the duties of the office and shall have the power to elect new officers to fill such vacancies.

Section 4. Officers continually failing to fulfill their duties and requirements shall be subject to removal from office. This includes, but is not limited to, absence from professional meetings, absence from Executive Committee meetings, not completing tasks in a timely fashion, etc. Candidates who have met the requirements for membership must be present for the membership ceremony. All members are also required to be present. A membership ceremony in absentia will be granted only under extreme circumstances and the membership ceremony in absentia must be approved by the Executive Committee. The official membership ceremony shall be used.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Section 1. To be a member in good standing, during the current semester a member must have:

- i. Completed the required hours of professional development and community service as listed for the semester.
- ii. Paid his/her current dues.
- iii. Maintained an institutional GPA of a 3.3 or greater and maintained a major GPA of 3.0 or greater in his/her major in the prior semester. Students initiated prior to Spring 2026 will be grandfathered in at an institutional GPA of 3.0.

Section 2. A member in good standing qualifies to receive a BAP graduation cord at the membership ceremony preceding the member's graduation.

Section 3. A member may be moved to "Alumni" after their two full semesters in good standing, and they will still receive a BAP graduation cord in their graduating year.

ARTICLE VIII - PROBATION

Section 1. Any member not in good standing shall be placed on probation if (1) their institutional GPA or their major GPA falls below the set standards listed in this Constitution, (2) if they fail to pay required dues or any other payments, (3) if they fail to complete their hour requirements, or (4)

if they do not complete two full semesters in good standing. A member in bad standing will not receive a BAP graduation cord.

Section 2. A member on probation will be allowed one semester to meet the requirements required of all Beta Alpha Psi Members, plus two extra hours of both Professional Development and Community Service. When these requirements have been met, the member will be required to submit a request to the Faculty Advisor, granting the advisor permission to review their academic record for compliance and apply for reinstatement. Members who are not in good standing shall be taken off probation by the end of the next semester when their participation in Beta Alpha Psi activities merits member in good standing decided by the majority of the Executive Committee and approved by the Faculty Advisor.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

Section 1. Professional development meetings shall be held at least five times during each semester of the school year, unless otherwise approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. Notice must be given one week prior to a scheduled meeting for members to attend. Chapter emergency meetings may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee providing that the Faculty Advisor does not disapprove of such action.

Section 2. Community service events shall be held at least three times during each semester of the school year, unless otherwise approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. Community service opportunities will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Candidates, returning candidates, and members will be required to sign up for community service opportunities in advance. Students are expected to notify an officer or the Faculty Advisor in writing, at least 48 hours before a community service engagement begins, if they can no longer fulfill their commitments. Students who fail to properly notify an officer or the Faculty Advisor in accordance with the process will be determined to be a no call, no show.

Section 3. Students determined to be no call, no show for an event that they have committed to will have the following penalties:

- i. Candidate
 - a. First Offence - Student will be warned and required to make up the engagement with an event equal to or greater than the duration. The hours count against the student.
 - b. Second Offence - Student forfeits candidacy. You may not come back as a returning candidate.
- ii. Member
 - a. First Offence - Students will be warned and required to make up the engagement with an event equal to or greater than the duration. The hours count against the student.
 - b. Second Offence - Student is no longer in good standing and no action can be taken to reverse this once it has been declared.

Section 4. Executive Committee meetings with the Faculty Advisor shall be held at least two times a semester and additional times as needed. All official Executive Committee meetings will have an advisor present.

Section 5. Candidates who have met the requirement for membership must be present at the membership ceremony. Members are also required to be at this meeting. A membership ceremony in absentia must be approved by the Executive Committee. The official membership ceremony will be used.

ARTICLE XI – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended, or suspended, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, providing the proposed amendment is published one week prior to its voting date.

ARTICLE XIII - NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Section 1. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students as stated in the Kennesaw State University Non-Discrimination Statement. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color or national origin in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”