

Agenda of Texas Christian University College Panhellenic  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Two-Thirds of a quorum must be present. The regular meeting will be called to order by Kathryn Miro at 5:00 pm in the Chambers. The roll will be called by Secretary Gabi Hendrix.

Recitation of the Panhellenic Creed:

1. Roll Call

ΑΧΩ - Υ	ΑΔΠ - Υ	ΑΟΠ - Υ	ΧΩ - Υ	ΔΔΔ - Υ	ΔΓ - Υ	ΓΦΒ - Υ
ΚΑΘ - Υ	ΚΚΓ - Υ	ΦΜ - Υ	ΠΒΦ - Υ	ΣΚ - Υ	ΖΤΑ - Υ	

2. The following guests will present:
3. Approval of the minutes
4. The Treasurer reports as follows:
  - a. TCU Panhellenic Association Balance as of **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020: \$114,054.71**
5. The following bills were approved for payment:
6. Officer Reports
  - a. **President – Kathryn Miro ([tcupanhellpres@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellpres@gmail.com))**
    - i. Happy Wednesday!
    - ii. Discussion day today so no ice-breaker
    - iii. Coffee & Conversations this Friday, April 17 @ 10am
      1. Zoom hang out for any and everyone
    - iv. 17 school days (including finals and study days) until summer
  - b. **Vice President of Management – Emma Joy ([tcupanhellvpm@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellvpm@gmail.com))**
    - i. We will continue with bylaw amendments this week. Please continue to work with your chapter and headquarters on these matters! And as always, please let me know if you need any help!
  - c. **Vice President of Recruitment Operations – Abby Vernacchia ([tcupanhellvpro@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellvpro@gmail.com))**
    - i. Happy Wednesday! I hope everyone had a great Easter and was still able to be with and see family, even if it was over Zoom ;)
  - d. **Vice President of Finance & Administration – Gabi Hendrix ([tcupanhellvpf@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellvpf@gmail.com))**
    - i. I have a meeting with your finance chairs tonight to discuss Financial Transparency since it is new to our campus.
    - ii. Have a great rest of your week!
  - e. **Vice President of Member Development – Paloma Lowell ([tcupanhellvpm@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellvpm@gmail.com))**
    - i. Happy Wednesday!
    - ii. No programming for the near future to allow for the PR shirts to have their time to shine :)
    - iii. Text or email if you need anything! Stay safe and healthy!
  - f. **Vice President of Public Relations – Madison Herzog ([tcupanhellvppr@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellvppr@gmail.com))**
    - i. Happy Wednesday!
    - ii. Please continue promoting the PR shirt to your chapters! I made some additional graphics for y'all to share on instagrams, facebook, etc!
      1. Here in the link just in case you don't already have it: <https://www.b-unlimited.com/products/tcu-panhellenic-sisterhood-tee>
  - g. **Vice President of Service and Philanthropy – Hannah Hays ([tcupanhellvpp@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellvpp@gmail.com))**
    - i. Hi:) Thank you all so much for everything you've been doing for the Trek! Several of you have submitted your finalists and we are so excited to continue with the selection process and get to know these amazing women:)
    - ii. Trek Back-up Plan
      1. We'll talk about this more during New Business
      2. Please think about the Pros/Cons of each time and email me any questions you have about them! Next week we will have Sue, our primary Trek contact, here to answer them.
      3. This is just a contingency plan if TCU and CoFS advise us that we can no longer go on the Trek in January 2021. This process does not mean we will be changing that timeline.
  - h. **Vice President of Recruitment Programming – Mackenzie Mountain ([tcupanhellvprp@gmail.com](mailto:tcupanhellvprp@gmail.com))**
    - i. No announcements this week!
  - i. **Advisors – Devin Wimberly ([d.wimberly@tcu.edu](mailto:d.wimberly@tcu.edu)) and Kara Rex ([k.rex@tcu.edu](mailto:k.rex@tcu.edu))**
    - i. No announcements this week!

7. Discussion

- a. Alpha Delta Pi motions to open the floor for discussion.
- b. Phi Mu seconds.
- c. Abby Vernacchia: Does anyone have questions about discussing this suspension to this bylaw. Any concerns? Comments? Things you would like to address with me?
- d. Alpha Omicron Pi: Are there going to be any limitations to the walk throughs or could the recruitment chairs and their committees go there whenever they want?
- e. Abby Vernacchia: There will still be limitations. So essentially it would still have to be a scheduled walk through with a member of Panhellenic exec or someone in the FSL office. As of right now it would stay at the two hours during regular business hours however if it was suspended there's an option to think about possibly allowing a few more hours – so a four-hour time block during one day versus just two hours. Ideally it would still be a scheduled walk through with someone present from Panhellenic exec or the FSL office – most likely Panhellenic exec – and then a two-hour block but there is definitely room to open that up to a four hour block but it would be a one four hour block. It wouldn't be broken up over multiple days, just like a chunk of four hours that y'all can be in your houses. Does that answer your question?
- f. Alpha Omicron Pi: Yes.
- g. Kappa Alpha Theta: Does that mean that we are voting on whether it is going to be two hours or four hours or are we voting on if the walk through can happen not on the day?
- h. Abby Vernacchia: Neither really. We're just voting to suspend this bylaw meaning that it is kind of up to the discretion of Panhellenic exec and what TCU is allowing with the CDC guidelines given COVID would allow for this summer. If we're able to come back this summer then it would be a last minute ordeal where I'm going to talk to the recruitment chairs and have them sign up for these time chunks so they can have that time in their chapter rooms. But if we're not there this summer then obviously no walk throughs or anything could occur. It's really just giving us flexibility to work with chapters to allow them to be in the chapter facilities if that's even allowed considering what TCU is going to allow and also given the time before recruitment. So, say we're allowed on campus two days before work week, it may not be feasible to get all thirteen chapters in the span of two days. It's giving us flexibility to make last minute calls when it comes to scheduling these particular walk throughs.
- i. Kappa Alpha Theta: Got it. Thank you.
- j. Emma Joy: Just going off of what Abby said, we're proposing to suspend it so that we can be more flexible with what's changing with the CDC and TCU and making sure that we're not tied to this bylaw that has such laid out rules for it. It gives Abby the ability to set the rules at her own time with the recommendations from the CDC and TCU.
- k. Abby Vernacchia: Again, a lot of the recruitment chairs have asked if there was a possibility to get more time in their houses, so I'm just trying to help them with that and help your chapters but it is going to be, what I'm predicting right now, an up in the air occurrence because there is so much unknown right now with the summer. So, what EJ said, just giving us the flexibility to work with your recruitment teams and be like "Alright we have three weeks. Can we do this? Is this feasible? Etc."
- l. Alpha Omicron Pi: Can multiple people come through the walk through to help or would it just be the recruitment chair?
- m. Abby Vernacchia: It's the recruitment chair, recruitment advisor, and any of the recruitment team. So those would still be the people permitted.
- n. Kara Rex: And I think again, in that situation it will definitely depend on CDC guidelines in terms of social distancing. If we have to keep it at a very minimal like one to one interaction, I think this allows the flexibility for Abby to set that guideline depending on what rules there are on social distancing at the time.
- o. Devin Wimberly: There are other bylaws in play that talk about not being able to do recruitment business and work over the summer and that should be generated towards work week or the spring semester. We're not suspending those bylaws so really this would be a limited number of people that are being given the exception to work on stuff over the summer, like the recruitment chair of course. So, it wouldn't be like the recruitment chair and her committee of fifteen people – it would be limited. Of course, because of what Kara has said first and foremost, but also because of some other bylaws that are at play that really limit the amount of work that is supposed to be done over the summer.
- p. Abby Vernacchia: Any other questions? I want to do a thumb check to see how y'all are feeling because I know this is something your recruitment chairs were really asking me about so I want to make sure that this is something that they are understanding and kind of happy about as far as us being flexible with them. Can we do a thumb check for how we are kind of feeling? Awesome. Well thanks everybody. If there's no other questions, feel free to text me or email me. I'm around and can answer any questions.
- q. Kathryn Miro: Awesome thanks Abby. So we're going to keep the floor open because we have another point of discussion and we don't have to close it and reopen it. We're just going to keep the floor open to move onto our next point of discussion which is Alpha Omicron Pi's exemption to the bylaws and I wanted to update you all that after some thought and discussion, we as Panhellenic Executive Council have decided to grant Alpha Omicron Pi exemptions to Article III, Section 6. Points B and C of the Standing Rules and Procedures. However, we have granted the exemptions under the pretense that alumni will be distinguished by nametags. So, we hope this exemption will help Alpha Omicron Pi have a more equal recruiting process compared to other chapters and we are happy to answer any questions regarding on how

we made our decisions on those points during this discussion. However, the point that y'all will be voting on is Point D and so if you have more questions on that then now is the time to do so. So, are there any questions or thoughts or comments?

- r. Delta Gamma: When it says another chapter does that mean another chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi from another campus or another chapter at TCU?
  - s. Alpha Omicron Pi: It's another Alpha Omicron Pi chapter.
  - t. Delta Gamma: Okay that makes sense.
  - u. Chi Omega: I think I know the answer but I'm just making sure – this is just an exemption for Alpha Omicron Pi, correct?
  - v. Kathryn Miro: Correct.
  - w. Chi Omega: Thank you.
  - x. Kathryn Miro: When you guys took this back to your chapters, did they understand the exemptions? Did they understand? Okay good. I'm getting some good head nods and thumbs up. Great.
  - y. Phi Mu: You mentioned how with the alumni they would be distinguished by nametags, would the people coming from active chapters outside of TCU also be distinguished by nametags or would they be all included?
  - z. Alpha Omicron Pi: My recruitment chair for Alpha Omicron Pi said we can distinguish them by nametags if that's what we want.
  - aa. Phi Mu: That's the only question they had.
  - bb. Kappa Alpha Theta: So, there's alum and actives participating from other chapters? Not just TCU alum?
  - cc. Alpha Omicron Pi: The alum would just be from TCU's chapter, but the actives would be from other Alpha Omicron Pi chapters from other colleges.
  - dd. Kathryn Miro: Are there any other points of discussion? Any other points of clarity that y'all may need?
  - ee. Paloma Lowell: I have more of a talking point. Lindsey, do you want to talk about if you and your recruitment chair have come to any sort of strategy or communication plan that you guys kind of want to go through? We kind of talked about that with your recruitment chair on Monday so she probably knows what I'm talking about.
  - ff. Emma Joy: So, in terms of communicating with other chapters and with the new members and kind of how we would spread the news?
  - gg. Alpha Omicron Pi: Yes, one second. I'm waiting for her to tell me. She hasn't decided yet, but we can announce it once we figure it out but she's working on it currently.
  - hh. Paloma Lowell: Okay cool. Thanks.
  - ii. Kappa Alpha Theta: Is the bylaw just being suspended or is a new one being written that says Alpha Omicron Pi?
  - jj. Emma Joy: We're not technically voting on an amendment to the bylaws. As part of the bylaw, as you can see on my screen, it says that they have to have permission from the Panhellenic council. We're formatting the process though it was a bylaw amendment just to give you guys the two weeks of communication with your chapter. However, we're not voting on changing the bylaw or suspending it but we're voting on giving them that permission.
  - kk. Kathryn Miro: So, in relation to Chi Omega's question, it's an exemption specifically for Alpha Omicron Pi. Their name won't be written into the bylaws anywhere because it is just an exemption. Great questions. Great thoughts. I don't want to wrap it up prematurely so I'm going to give you guys a few more seconds if you need to text anyone in your chapter any final questions or thoughts. Keep doing you. If there are no other points of conversation, can I just get a quick little thumbs up. I don't want to cut anyone off. Awesome. Thanks ladies. Is there a motion to close the floor for discussion?
  - ll. Kappa Kappa Gamma motions to close the floor.
  - mm. Chi Omega seconds.
- 8. Reports of Standing Committees
  - 9. Reports of Special Committees
  - 10. Unfinished Business
    - a. Voting: Section 2. Contracts Bylaw Amendment Proposal

Standing Rules and Procedures: Article IX. Finances, Section 2. Contracts	Vote
ΑΧΩ	Y
ΑΔΠ	Y
ΑΟΠ	Y
ΧΩ	Y
ΔΔΔ	Y
ΔΓ	Y
ΓΦΒ	Y
ΚΑΘ	Y
ΚΚΓ	Y
ΦΜ	Y
ΠΒΦ	Y
ΣΚ	Y
ΖΤΑ	Y

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- ii. Approval by the President and Vice President of Finance and Administration shall be required for any contract. Unless deemed unnecessary, contracts shall be submitted through TCU Fraternity and Sorority Life using the university's official contracting system to enter into agreements on behalf of the Texas Christian University Panhellenic Association. When unnecessary, dual signatures of the President and Vice President of Finance and Administration shall be required to bind the Texas Christian University Panhellenic Association.

b. Discussion: Section 11. A: Bylaw Suspension - Chapter Facility Summer Walk-Throughs

c. Alpha Omicron Pi

- i. Exec Update: Article III Recruitment Rules, Section 6. B: Bylaw Suspension
- ii. Exec Update: Article III Recruitment Rules, Section 6. C: Bylaw Suspension
- iii. Discussion: Article III Recruitment Rules, Section 6. D: Bylaw Suspension

#### 11. New Business

a. Trek Contingency Plan

#### 12. Resources:

a. <https://www.npcwomen.org/coronavirus-resources/>

#### 13. Announcements

a. The following chapter announcements were made:

- i. ΑΧΩ – Hi ladies! Hope you're all doing well. This past week we really enjoyed reviewing our trek applications and are so excited for our finalists and the next phase of the selection process. We are also excited to begin our process of selecting our new fashion show committee for our big philanthropy event in the spring. Hope everyone has a great week!!
- ii. ΑΔΠ – Happy Wednesday everyone! Not much new is going around here, but we are excited for all of our women that are applying for the trek!
- iii. ΑΟΠ – Happy Wednesday everyone! We are so excited to be moving into Phase 2 of our Trek application process this week. We are also very proud of our sister, Amber Morgan, who was selected as a Clark scholarship finalist for her academic excellence and community involvement here at TCU.
- iv. ΧΩ – Hey happy Wednesday everyone!! Our wish week for Make-a-Wish was supposed to be this week so we are bummed we can't do our regular events, like Frats at Bat but we are still excited to support Make-a-Wish any way we can. This Saturday, MAW is hosting a virtual event called "Walk for Wishes" and we will all take a walk outside to honor the kids waiting for their wishes! I hope y'all have a great week!!
- v. ΔΔΔ – Hi everyone, I hope y'all had a Happy Easter! Not a lot of new stuff going on in tridelt, but we are super excited to be finalizing Trek interviews and are thinking of fun ways to stay connected!
- vi. ΔΓ –
- vii. ΓΦΒ –
- viii. ΚΑΘ –
- i. ΚΚΓ – Hi everyone! I hope y'all are hanging in there while in quarantine. We have enjoyed reading the trek applications and talking to our applicants over zoom, it's going to be tough for us to narrow it down. Stay safe and healthy :)

- ii. ΦΜ – Hi guys! We're just hanging in, still doing virtual hang outs and thinking of different challenges to do to keep our members engaged! We're so excited to start our Round 2 process for the TREK interview process! Hope you guys have a great week!
  - iii. ΠΒΦ – Hi guys, I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy! This week Pi Phi had a zoom call to catch up and hangout with everyone, and we are really excited about getting more submissions for our lip sync for literacy event! Hope you guys have a great rest of your week!
  - iv. ΣΚ –
  - ix. ZTA – Hey everybody! We're excited this week to continue going through applications and selecting our finalists for the Trek!! We're enjoying seeing what our sisters are up to during quarantine, through zoom calls and instagram posts!! Hope everyone has a good rest of the week!
- b. The following Panhellenic announcements were made:
  - c. The following are important Panhellenic dates:
  - d. The following are important Panhellenic Philanthropy dates:
  - e. The following are important MGC, NPHC, IGC, and IFC dates:
14. Panhellenic Exec Office Hours (on Zoom!):
- a. Kat Miro: Monday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - b. Emma Joy: Thursday 4:00 – 6:00 pm
  - c. Abby Vernacchia: Friday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - d. Gabi Hendrix: Monday 9:00 – 11:00 am
  - e. Paloma Lowell: Tuesday 2:30 – 4:30 pm
  - f. Madison Herzog: Wednesday 2:30 – 4:30 pm
  - g. Mackenzie Mountain: Friday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - h. Hannah Hays: Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
15. Adjournment
- a. Chi Omega motions to adjourn the meeting.
  - b. Pi Beta Phi seconds the motion.
  - c. The meeting is adjourned at 5:45 pm.