

**TALLAHASSEE STATE COLLEGE
PSI BETA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
CHAPTER BYLAWS
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Article I. Name

The official name of this honor society in psychology, recognized by the Student Government Association, is the **Tallahassee State College Psi Beta Chapter**.

Article II. Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

- A. To serve as a means of national recognition of the student's early interest in and dedication to the field of psychology and to scholastic achievement.
- B. To provide opportunities to become acquainted with and involved with the larger field of psychology.
- C. To provide a forum for developing one's perspective about psychology and for building a sense of community and identity with others in the field.
- D. To enhance leadership skills and encourage research.
- E. To provide greater opportunity for student/faculty interaction outside the classroom.
- F. To benefit the campus and community through programs and services.

Article III. Members

Section 1. All full-time and part-time students enrolled at Tallahassee State College are eligible for membership in the Tallahassee State College Psi Beta Chapter provided that they meet the following requirements:

- A. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25, including all transfer credits by the date of induction.
- B. Have earned a "B" or higher in a college psychology course.
- C. Have completed at least one introductory psychology course and 12 semester hours total of college credit.
- D. High standards of personal behavior and integrity.
- E. Have attended at least one Psi Beta chapter meeting.
- F. Have received a written invitation to membership from the chapter.

Section 2. New members shall be registered at the national office annually and inducted in the fall and spring. The chapter may consist of up to five classes of members: active, inactive, faculty, honorary, and alumni members.

- A. Active members are students who have been registered and inducted into membership, have maintained eligibility requirements, have attended at least one Psi Beta meeting per semester, and are still enrolled at the college. Only active members may vote, hold office, and participate in Psi Beta's national competitions.

- B. Inactive members are students registered and inducted into membership, who have not maintained their GPA eligibility for Psi Beta. Inactive members cannot hold office or vote until they are in compliance with Psi Beta membership and chapter requirements.
- C. Alumni members are invited to all regular chapter meetings, programs and activities. They may not vote unless enrolled at the college and reactivated as a chapter member.
- D. Faculty members may register and be inducted the same as student members, but faculty members may not vote or hold office.
- E. Honorary members are nominated by the chapter and approved by the Psi Beta National Council. Honorary members are individuals who make unusually notable contributions to the chapter. They can be recognized during a special part of a chapter induction ceremony. There is no induction fee for honorary members and they do not become official members of Psi Beta.

Article IV. Officers

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the first chapter business meeting in March and installed in the spring induction ceremony. Only active members are eligible to serve. The term of office shall be one year. Each outgoing officer shall mentor the incoming officer. If an officer cannot fulfill the duties of office, the officer must resign.

The chapter will elect a new officer, except in the case of the president who will be replaced by the vice-president. All officers shall perform duties common to the role of the office.

- A. President shall plan agendas, preside at all meetings, appoint committees, communicate regularly with the faculty advisor and other officers, and vote in a tie.
- B. Vice-President shall take over all duties of the president during the president's absence and serve as Program Chair for the chapter.
- C. Secretary shall keep minutes and agendas of all business meetings in a notebook, handle all correspondence approved by the faculty advisor relating to the chapter, and maintain a list of all active members and committees in the notebook.
- D. The Chapter Delegate shall get the consensus or vote of chapter members at a regular chapter meeting on survey issues or ballots provided to the delegate by the National Council and shall submit the results, as directed.

Article V. Meetings

- A. The chapter shall hold a regular meeting at least once per month.
 - 1. Active members can vote.
 - 2. The majority vote of active members attending a meeting shall determine the chapter vote for national elections/ballots.
- B. The chapter shall sponsor at least one campus-wide program including tabling events per semester.
- C. The chapter shall sponsor at least one field trip for chapter (and psychology club) members per semester.
- D. The officers shall participate in at least one leadership training workshop following their installation and preceding the first chapter meeting of the school year.

Article VI. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and faculty advisor(s).

Article VII. Finances

- A. New members must pay a once-in-a-lifetime, tax-deductible, current national membership fee by the deadline, preceding the induction ceremony. The date of each induction is determined by the chapter.
- B. Inductees shall receive a membership certificate. The Psi Beta National Office will send membership certificates directly and only to the chapter's primary advisor. At an induction ceremony, the primary advisor has the responsibility to distribute the certificates to the student members, including students who are unable to attend the induction ceremony.
- C. The chapter shall submit a budget request to the student government annually.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

All rules and regulations established by the national Psi Beta Charter, Bylaws and policies, and Tallahassee State College's policies and procedures (including any Student Government Bylaws or Academic Affairs policies) must be adhered to over and above the local chapter Bylaws. Business meetings shall be conducted by following *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest edition.

Article IX. Amendments

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority of the active members, following a second reading, so long as the changes are in compliance with the national Psi Beta Charter, Bylaws and policies, and the institution's policies and procedures.