

Arkansas Chapter of FarmHouse International Fraternity
Chapter By-Laws

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Article 1. Meetings and Attendance

- Section 1. The time and place of meetings shall be decided upon by the active Members of the chapter and will be in the chapter house unless otherwise stated.
- Section 2. The Chapter President shall have the power to call a special meeting at any time.
- Section 3. A regularly called house meeting shall not last over two hours unless extended by a vote of the members present.

Article 2. Fines

- Section 1. The Chapter President and Director of House Operations shall have the power to levy fines ranging from one to fifty dollars on members and pledges as a disciplinary action, subject to approval of active members.
- Section 2. It shall be the duty of every active, pledge, and alumni living in the house to attend and remain until the completion of every house meeting, and upon three unexcused absences per semester that person(s) will be subject to automatic dismissal from living in the house providing a 2/3 vote of the active membership unless he is excused by the Executive Committee. Failure to attend will result in a five dollar fine; being late a one dollar fine. A person will be counted late if he arrives after his name is called during roll-call.
- Section 3. A twenty-five dollar fine will be assessed from all members missing formal initiation unless excused by the Executive Committee prior to initiation.
- Section 4. Any member or pledge failing to attend a FarmHouse function shall be given a twenty-five dollar fine unless previously excused by the Executive Committee. House functions require attendance by every active member and pledge living in the house. Membership functions require attendance by every active and pledge living outside the house. Both types of functions must be stated as a function at the house meeting previous to the activity and be passed by a majority vote.
- Section 5. A fine may be remitted by a 2/3 vote of the active members present, if a reasonable excuse is offered.
- Section 6. All fines shall be entered on the Vice President - Finance's record book

after being notified by the Executive Committee.

Article 3. Committees

- Section 1. Standing Committees shall be as follows: Executive, Financial, and other so designated.
- Section 2. The officers of the Chapter shall be:
1. Chapter President
 2. Vice President - Finance
 3. Vice President - Recruitment
 4. Director of New Member Education
 5. Director of Alumni Relations
 6. Director of Administration
 7. Director of House Operations
 8. Director of Risk Management
 9. Director of Scholarship
 10. Social & Brotherhood Chair
 11. Community Service & Philanthropy Chair
 12. Kitchen Manager
 13. Total Member Educator
 14. Chaplain
 15. Athletic/Intramurals Chair
 16. Historian
 17. Song Leader
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, who will serve as the chairman, the Vice President - Finance, Vice President - Recruitment, Director of New Member Education, Director of Alumni Relations, Director of Administration, Director of House Operations, Director of Risk Management, and Director of Scholarship. The Executive Committee shall be charged with guaranteeing the proper execution of the House policy. Weekly meeting agendas will be prepared by the Executive Committee. Their resignation shall be presented at the first regular meeting following their withdrawal from the house.
- Section 4. The Chapter President may appoint any committee deemed necessary for the smooth functioning of the chapter.
- Section 5. The Finance Committee shall consist of four members; the Vice President - Finance, Director of House Operations, a Faculty Advisor, and a chairman selected at large from the chapter membership. The chairman shall be an upperclassman who does not hold an executive office. The committee may call before it any member who is delinquent in payment of bills. A late fee of 10% will be added to the delinquent bill. Delinquency is designated as seven days past payment date. The committee is empowered with the authority to request the signing of notes at the legal

interest rate if the bill will not be liquidated at the end of the semester of term. The committee shall have the responsibility of preparing budgets for each term. The semester's budget should be presented to the membership by the second house meeting of the term.

Article 4. Fees and Membership Dues

- Section 1. Each candidate for chapter, associate, or affiliate membership shall, before he is initiated, pay his international initiation fee to the Executive Director, through the local chapter Vice President - Finance.
- Section 2. Each active member shall at the beginning of each semester pay to the Executive Director, through the local chapter Vice President - Finance, membership dues as set by the local chapter such dues and assessments as shall be levied by action of the chapter.
- Section 3. Members living out of the chapter house shall pay the chapter dues and assessments as shall be levied by the active members of the chapter.

Article 5. Big Brother System

- Section 1. The Big Brother system shall be utilized in the pledge program.
- Section 2. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to insure that the system works effectively.

Article 6. Miscellaneous

- Section 1. Any member who has below a 2.3 GPA for one semester shall be placed on social probation for the following semester with a review board held at eight weeks by the Executive Committee. A mandatory five hour study hall is required of all members, with a ten hour study hall required of all pledges and members with a past semester's GPA of less than a 2.3. There shall be a sign in when they begin and end their study session. The log should be checked and if a person is short on hours he will be reprimanded at the next chapter meeting.
- Section 2. All members and pledges are expected to reside at the chapter house unless after having presented their case to a meeting of the Executive Committee and one faculty advisor, they are excused by the committee.
- Section 3. The master copy of the By-Laws shall be posted in a conspicuous place available to the members and pledges.
- Section 5. The house rules may be suspended by a 2/3 votes of the active members present at any regular meeting. The By-Laws may not be suspended. They can only be amended or dropped.

Section 6. The Chapter President, Vice President - Finance, Vice President - Recruitment, Director of New Member Education, Director of Alumni Relations, Director of Administration, Director of House Operations shall reside at the chapter house. Their resignation shall be presented at the first regular meeting following their withdrawal from the house.

Section 7. Parking lot assignment, parking spots, shall be assigned through preferred preference as order followed in Attachment 1.

Article 7. Colors and Flowers

Section 1. The colors of FarmHouse Fraternity shall be: Green, signifying spring, Gold, signifying autumn; and White, signifying winter.

Section 2. The official flower shall be Red and White Roses in equal amounts.

Article 8. Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of 2/3 votes of the active members present, providing the proposed amendment has been read at the preceding regular chapter meeting.

Attachment 1. Parking Lot Assignments

Parking lot assignments, parking spots, shall be assigned through preferred preference as follows in descending order:

1.) House Parent:

- 1 First preference is allotted to the House Parent.

2.) In House:

1 Members:

- First preference is allotted to the active members with the most seniority (seniority is according to semesters of membership)
- If conflict should arise do to the fact that two or more members have lived in the house for the same number of semesters, there are a shortage of parking spots, or members prefer the same parking spot, preference will be allotted to the member with the highest cumulative GPA and henceforth by descending GPA

2 Alumni:

- Preference parking spots are given to alumni with the most seniority (oldest is according to semester of membership of FarmHouse Fraternity)

3 Pledges/Potential New Members:

- Preference parking spots are given to the pledge with the most seniority (seniority is according to the date of bid card signature to signify pledging FarmHouse Fraternity)

3.) Out-of-House:

1 Members:

- First preference is allotted to the active members with the most seniority (seniority is according to semesters of membership)
- If conflict should arise do to the fact that two or more members share seniority for the same number of semesters, there are a shortage of parking spots, or members prefer the same parking spot, preference will be allotted to the member with the highest cumulative GPA and henceforth by descending GPA

2 Pledges/Potential New Members:

- Preference parking spots are given to the pledge with the most seniority (seniority is according to the date of bid card signature to signify pledging FarmHouse Fraternity)

3 Alumni:

- Preference parking spots are given to the University enrolled alumni with the most seniority (seniority is according to semesters of membership)

Any changes and/or swapping of parking spots after assignments have been made will be allowed only at the agreement of both parties.

Attachment 2. FarmHouse Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm Amendment (DATFA)

I. Title

This amendment will be known as the Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Amendment, or DATFA.

II. Drugs

- A. The possession, use, sale, or distribution of a controlled substance as defined by local, state, or federal law is **strictly prohibited** in the Chapter house, on Chapter property, or at any event that could be construed as a FarmHouse event.
- B. Any member partaking in above mentioned activity(s) is subject to **Termination** of his membership by a 2/3 majority vote of the chapter pending a hearing conducted by the Executive Board at which 2/3 of the Executive Board vote to terminate the member.

III. Alcohol

- A. The possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcohol in the Chapter House or on Chapter property unless in personal vehicle and out of sight is **strictly prohibited**.
- B. The possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcohol at any event that could be construed as a FarmHouse event is strictly prohibited except when previously voted on and passed by a **3/4 majority vote** of the chapter as a BYOB function.
- C. Any member partaking in above mentioned activity(s) except in cases of BYOB functions as stated is subject to any and all of the following penalties:
 - i). A \$25 fine for the first offense
 - ii). Eviction from the Chapter house and/or Termination of membership for a second offense.

IV. Tobacco

- A. Smoking in the Chapter house or in front of the Chapter house is **strictly prohibited**.
- B. Any member partaking in above mentioned activity(s) is subject to a fine no less than \$1 and no greater than \$5 for each offense.

V. Firearms

- A. The possession, use, sale, or distribution of any firearm(s) in the Chapter house or on Chapter property unless in personal vehicle is **strictly prohibited**.
- B. Any member partaking in above mentioned activity(s) is subject to the following penalties:
 - i). A \$25 fine for the first offense
 - ii). A \$50 fine for the second offense
 - iii). Eviction from the Chapter house and/or Termination.

VI. Fines, Eviction, and Termination of Membership

- A. Any member accused of above mentioned activity(s) has the right to a hearing conducted by the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board may recommend to the chapter any of the penalties listed under the corresponding section in this amendment by a 2/3 majority vote.
- C. If the accused member is an officer on the Executive Board, the member may not vote on any motion concerning the offense.
- D. The member has the right to waive his right to a hearing and may do so in writing or in person at the meeting of the Executive Board.
- E. The Chapter may impose the penalty recommended by the Executive Board or may impose other penalties as outlined in this amendment by a 2/3 majority vote.

VII. Establishment of Supremacy and Other Purposes

- A. Any Chapter house rule or Chapter Bylaw in conflict with this amendment is hereby repealed.
- B. All sections, subsections, and subsets of this amendment are considered to be separable, such that in the case that one of the above is found to be unlawful, the remaining sections, subsections, and subsets shall still be in effect.

Attachment 3: Fine Procedures and Supremacy

I. Procedure for Imposing Fines and Other Penalties

- A. Any member accused of violating any house rule(s) or Chapter Bylaw(s) has the right to a hearing conducted by the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board may recommend to the chapter any penalty(s) listed under the corresponding section of the house rules or Chapter Bylaws by a 2/3 majority vote.
- C. If no penalty is listed, it shall be left to the discretion of the Executive Board as to what penalty(s) should be recommended to the Chapter for approval.
- D. If the accused member is an officer on the Executive Board, the member may not vote on any motion concerning the offense.
- E. The member may waive his right to a hearing either in writing or in person at the meeting of the Executive Board.
- F. By waiving his right to a hearing or failing to appear for two consecutive hearings, the member forfeits his right to appeal, and the penalty shall be at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.
- G. The recommended penalty(s) should be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled chapter meeting, at which time the member may appeal the penalty(s).
- H. The Chapter may impose the penalty recommended by the Executive Board or may impose other penalties as outlined in the corresponding section(s) of the house rules or Chapter Bylaws by a 2/3 majority vote.

II. Establishment of Supremacy and Other Purposes

- A. Any house rule or Chapter Bylaw in conflict with this amendment, including Section VI of Chapter Bylaws Amendment I, otherwise known as the DATFA Amendment, is hereby repealed.
- B. All sections, subsections, and subsets of this amendment are considered to be separable, such that in the case that one of the above is found to be unlawful, the remaining sections, subsections, and subsets shall still be in effect.