



**Constitution of the Beta Beta Chapter of
The Phi Lambda Upsilon (PLU) Honorary Chemical Society
Texas A&M University**
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Article I. Name

Section I.

The name of this organization shall be **PHI LAMBDA UPSILON**, Honorary Chemical Society. The Chapter at Texas A&M University shall be known as the **BETA BETA CHAPTER OF PHI LAMBDA UPSILON**.

Article II. Objective

Section I.

The objective of this Society shall be the promotion of high scholarship and original investigation in all branches of pure and applied chemistry.

Article III. Membership

Section I.

The membership of the chapter shall consist of graduate students duly elected and undergraduate students of junior and senior rank. All members should be elected from the departments of chemistry, chemical engineering, and biochemistry.

Section II.

Invited and active members must have a minimum grade point ratio (GPR) of 3.50. The graduate students must have completed three (3) semesters of graduate work. Undergraduate students must have completed at least sixty (60) semester hours of college work including twenty (20) semester hours in chemistry courses.

Section III.

Invited and active members must be in good standing with the university.

Section IV.

Invited members are subject to pay a one-time initiation fee.

Article IV. Organization

Section I: Structure

The structure of this organization shall consist of four (4) Elected Officers, one (1) Chapter Advisor and the general membership.

Section II: Elected Officers

The Elected Officers of the Society shall be the Chapter President, Chapter Vice-President, Chapter Secretary, and Chapter Treasurer.

Section III: Elections and Appointments

- i) Elected Officers, whenever possible, shall be elected at the end of the Spring semester to serve for one (1) year.
- ii) Elected Officers have full decision making power over the day-to-day business of the organization.
- iii) A majority vote of the active chapter membership shall be sufficient to elect any Elected Officer.
- iv) Elected Officers shall be graduate students maintaining the requirements of active membership as prescribed in

- Bylaws Chapter 2 - 2.2.1 during the term of office.
- v) Any member can reach out to any elected officer or faculty advisor with their concerns. If the elected officers are unable to provide satisfactory action or mediate the concerns, they can forward the case to the judiciary committee and they will follow these steps to ensure resolution of the concerns:
 - a) Any Elected Officer having been found guilty by a committee of his/her peers of having lied, cheated, or stolen shall be expelled from this organization and barred from future membership. The Elected Officer will be informed, in writing two (2) weeks before the meeting of the Judiciary-Awards Committee and will be allowed to present a defense. A majority vote of the committee will be sufficient to remove the accused.
 - b) Any Elected Officer found to be in dereliction of his/her duty can, on the recommendation of the other Elected Officers, be removed by a 2/3-majority vote of the general membership. The accused Elected Officer will be allowed to explain his/her actions before the general membership votes.

Section IV: Committees.

There shall be four (4) standing committees within the organization. These shall be the Executive Committee, the Judiciary-Awards Committee, the Volunteer Committee, and the Philanthropy Committee.

Article V. Finances

Section I.

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Student Organization Finance Center and/or the Fiscal Office. All funds must be deposited within 24 hours after collection. The Chapter Advisor must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

Article VI. Meetings

Section I.

All official business will be transacted at Executive Committee meetings and general membership meetings.

Section II.

Meetings will be held as determined by the Elected Officers, with at least one meeting of the general membership per academic year.

Article VII. Chapter Awards

Section I.

A portion of the annual budget shall be allocated to providing awards and reimbursements for active members.

Section II.

The awards and reimbursements administered by this organization shall be the Travel Awards, the Sharon Dabney Memorial Scholarship (with funding from the Department of Chemistry permanent endowment), the ACS dues reimbursement and the dissertation processing fee reimbursement.

Article VIII. Constitution and Bylaws

Section I.

The constitution is described as the document governing this local chapter as a reflection of the National Organization's guidelines.

Section II.

The Constitution and Bylaws shall be reviewed annually by the Elected Officers and any amendments shall be presented and ratified at a general meeting of the membership. Constitutional amendments must pass with a two-third ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the voting membership. A representative of the Department of Student Activities shall also review the Constitution and Bylaws annually.