

PSI BETA at LSC-North Harris

Constitution and CHAPTER BYLAWS

Article I Name

The official name of this student organization is Psi Beta at LSC-North Harris.

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, and
- 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 Lone Star College-North Harris are eligible for membership in Psi Beta at LSC-North Harris as provisional members or, if they meet the following requirements, as members of the Psi Beta National Honor Society Chapter at Lone Star College-North Harris, henceforth referred to as the Chapter:

- 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 no less than a "B" in all psychology courses.
- C. Have completed at least one introductory psychology course and 12 college-level, transferable hours
- D. Have high standards of personal behavior and integrity.
- E. Have attended at least one Psi Beta meeting.
- F. Have received a written invitation to membership from the Chapter.

Section 2 Members who qualify for the Chapter shall be registered at the national office annually and inducted in the fall and spring. This student organization may consist of up to three classes of members: active, inactive, and provisional 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 in school. Only active members may vote and hold office.
- B. Inactive members are students registered and inducted into Chapter 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. Provisional members are students who do not currently meet the requirements for membership in the Chapter. Provisional members cannot vote for officers or in Chapter-related elections.

Article IV Officers

- Section 1 The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Delegate shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Chapter membership present at the first business meeting in September. Only active members are eligible to serve as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Delegate.
- Section 2 The Provisional Member Liaison shall be elected by a majority vote of the provisional members present at that same meeting. Only provisional members are eligible to serve as Provisional Member Liaison.
- Section 3 Officers will be installed at the next meeting following elections.
- Section 4 The term of office shall be one year. Each outgoing officer shall mentor the incoming officer.
- Section 5 If an officer cannot fulfill the duties of office, the officer must resign. The Chapter will elect a new officer. In the case of resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall take over all duties of the President until an election can be held.
- Section 6 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(s) and other officers, vote in a tie, and represent the organization at Student Government Association meetings.
 - 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(s) relating to the Chapter, and maintain a list of all active members and committees in the notebook.
 - D. Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and dues, deposit the funds in the Chapter account, keep financial records, disperse funds as directed by the Faculty Advisor(s), and submit monthly and annual reports to the chapter.
 - E. 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.
 - F. Provisional Member Liaison shall represent the provisional members, maintain a list of all provisional members, and work with the Secretary to maintain attendance records at meetings and events.

Article V Meetings

- Section 1 The Chapter shall hold a regular meeting at least once per month.
- A. Active members can vote in Chapter officer and Chapter-related elections/ballots.
 - B. Provisional members can vote at all other times.
 - C. The majority vote of active members attending a meeting shall determine the Chapter vote for national elections/ballots.
 - D. The majority vote of all members attending a meeting shall determine the vote for non-Chapter elections/ballots with the exception of the election of the Provisional Member Liaison, for which the majority vote of all provisional members shall determine the vote.
- Section 2 The organization shall sponsor at least one campus-wide program per semester.

Article VI Executive Board

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

Article VII Finances

New Active Chapter members must pay to the Treasurer the once-in-a-lifetime, tax deductible, national membership fee of \$50 by the deadline, preceding the induction ceremony, determined by the Chapter. Inductees shall receive a membership certificate and card, plus a gold-plated or silver-plated Psi Beta pin, from the national office.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

The organization must adhere to all rules and regulations established by the national Psi Beta Charter, bylaws and policies, as well as Lone Star College and Student Life policies and procedures over and above the student organization bylaws. Business meetings shall be conducted by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Article IX Amendments

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority of the active and provisional members, following a second reading, so long as the changes are in compliance with the national Psi Beta Charter, Bylaws and policies and the policies and procedures of Lone Star College-North Harris. Amendments must be approved by the LSC-North Harris Office of Student Life.