



## Meeting Minutes of the Beta-Eta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Board of Advisors

**Date and Time:** October 14, 2018, 10:00 A.M. CST

**Location:** #3 Fraternity Drive, Rolla, MO 65401 and remotely via Zoom Video Conferencing

**Purpose:** Conduct the necessary business of Missouri School of Mines Teke, Inc. to enable the Beta-Eta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity to contribute to the advancement of the Missouri University of Science and Technology and society through the personal growth of our members and service to others.

*The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Chairman Steve Bahr.*

### 1. Attendance Report

Member	Role	Present	Absent
Steve Bahr	Chairman	X	
Ryan Rzdca	Vice Chairman		X
Joshua Nixon	Secretary	X	
Jeff Steinhart	Treasurer	X	
John Eash	Rush Advisor		X
Dave Bernhard	House Management Advisor	X	
Darryl Brinkmann	Chapter Advisor	X	
Mark Fitch	Faculty Advisor	X	
Drew Hall	Alumni Association President	X	
Colton Gholson	Chapter Prytanis	X	
Preston Walden	Chapter Crysophylos	X	
Mike McEvelly	Member-at-Large	X	



Mark Downer	Member-at-Large	X	
Rob Starrett	Member-at-Large		X
Curt Costello	Member-at-Large	X	
Ryan Elam	Member-at-Large	X	
Will Ruzicka	Member-at-Large	X	
Ivan Matthews	Member-at-Large	X	
Michael Taylor	Member-at-Large	X	

*A quorum of members was determined as present, and the meeting could conduct business.*

## **2. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

*Motion by Mark Fitch to accept the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Mike McEvilly. Passed unanimously.*

## **3. Executive Report**

### **i. Grades Update**

- The active chapter is looking substantially better this semester compared to last semester.
- Midterm grades come out on October 22nd.
- The Hypophetes has been meeting personally with 3 freshmen who are struggling to meet initiation grade requirements.
- The initiation grades requirement is a 2.6, and those 3 freshmen look like they won't meet it.
- TKE was slightly below the Greek GPA average last semester but still within the pack of the other fraternities.
- Noah Williams noted that other fraternities use inconsiderate means to artificially raise their reported GPAs and that the chapter's academic ranking among fraternities may be skewed.
- Darryl Brinkmann noted that many academic improvements have been made this semester.

### **ii. Budget Update**

- Collections have been better compared to last semester.
- The Crysophylos is tracking the income and expenses of previous semesters and



breaking down costs for trending purposes.

- Paying the mortgage for the semester seems like it won't be a problem at all.
- Mark Fitch noted that new fees from the University are being discussed as possibly impacting the Greek community.

### iii. Rush Update

- Out of the initial freshman class, 19 freshmen are still pledging. 3 look like they won't make initiation grade requirements.
- The Rush Chairman was changed to a year long office.
- The Rush Chairman is currently talking to 5 potential candidates for spring rush.

## 4. Housing Report

- Dave Bernhard offered to sit down with the House Manager to help write shutdown and alarm procedures.
- Most of the punch list from EM Harris is completed
- The sink in the kitchen near the dishwashing was noted as leaking
- Dave Bernhard noted that communication could be improved between actives and the BOA with maintenance issues. Also the actives could improve with responding to emails.
- There seems to be a problem with the walk-in freezer door.
- Drainage between the Kappa Sig and TKE lot should be addressed soon. Darryl Brinkmann noted that some progress has been made, and that it should ultimately get resolved.
- Colton Gholson noted that issues with Kappa Sig, such as bottles being thrown towards the TKE property, has ceased since initially approaching them with the issue last semester.
- There are discussions for some type of barrier/separation being installed between TKE and Kappa Sig's property.
- Curt Costello suggested power washing and sealing the deck before the winter. It should be addressed before temperatures drop too much more.
- The patio ceiling is still leaking in a few spots. Some additional sealant could be applied to stop the minor leaks still occurring.
- There's another leak in the basement wall that needs to be investigated further.
- There's a condensing furnace in the attic that may be a long-term issue. There will be an independent assessment scheduled to decide further action since there's a disagreement between the architect and White Mechanical.
- Overall, Dave Bernhard noted the house looked well for Homecoming and definitely better than during the summer.
- Outside planting and topsoil application is ongoing.
- Plans are ongoing to renovate the study room with white boards and other materials.



## 5. Alumni Association Report

- The Alumni Workday on 10/6/18 was cancelled due to minimal alumni interest and weather issues with the topsoil. The new pledge class and actives will help with building the raised plant beds in front of the HVAC equipment near the front of the house as well as adding new topsoil and plants.
- Homecoming suggested donations were \$15 for alumni and \$10 for guests (included stew dinner, cornhole tournament, and live band).
- Annual alumni dues were collected at Homecoming (\$50 for regular dues, \$25 for new alumni, and \$11.07 for 1107 Club members).
- Greg Hicks was thanked for taking the lead on the raised beds.
- Joshua Nixon was thanked for consolidating the email distribution lists.
- An alumni meeting will be held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- Over the past few years and alumni possibly wanting to take a step back. The poor weather was also noted as a possible factor.

## 6. Secretary Report

- Roles and responsibilities were made clear among officers for sending email reminders, creating agenda, and setting up Zoom video conferencing.
- Joshua Nixon prepared the draft of the new BOA Bylaws that will be voted on in New Business.
- Joshua Nixon still needs information, a headshot, and/or feedback from the following members for the BOA bios on the website: Steve Bahr, Ryan Rzacca, Preston Walden, Curt Costello, Will Ruzicka, and Ivan Matthews.
- If you have BOA or housing documents worth preserving, please forward those to Joshua Nixon so that he can add them to our files and onto the website.
- Let Joshua Nixon know if you have any suggestions or feedback for improving the website. Joshua Nixon has confirmed with Mike McEvilly that we will maintain control of the website after our contract with Pennington expires.
- Email distribution lists have all been consolidated from the lists managed by Ray Buehler and Pennington onto the Google listserv. Discussions for the roles and responsibilities among managing that list are ongoing.
- The active chapter Grammateus and Joshua Nixon have been working with Member Planet to set up a more streamlined process for maintaining the database of alumni information. Contact Joshua Nixon if you would like more information on the efforts.
- It was noted that a calendar invite could be sent out for future meetings.

## 7. Old Business

*No Old Business was discussed.*



## 8. New Business

### i. New BOA Bylaws

- The draft of the new BOA Bylaws was emailed to all members on 9/10/18 for review.

*Motion by Dave Bernhard to approve the new BOA Bylaws. Seconded by Colton Gholson. Passed unanimously.*

### ii. Adding Member At-Large

- It was noted that Rob Starrett was not officially added as a BOA Member-at-Large at the last BOA meeting.

*Motion by Ryan Elam to add Rob Starrett as a Member-at-Large. Seconded by Michael Taylor. Passed unanimously.*

### iii. New Alcohol Policy

- The active chapter is aware of the coming policy announced by the Grand Council. There will be changes to hosting parties.
- Colton Gholson noted that he will notify all the Greek chapter presidents of the change.
- IFC is also considering applying the hard alcohol ban to all of the Greek community.

### iv. Pet Policy

- The active chapter is against the 1 pet policy and have allowed another dog to live in the house.
- It has been discussed to add to the room deposit for members having a dog.
- It was noted that the 2 dogs don't roam freely and are always under watch.
- Darryl Brinkmann volunteered to investigate the insurance costs of owning a pet.
- An email vote will commence later once the house rule amendment is crafted and insurance information is gathered.

### v. Schedule for Next Meeting

- A date of December 2nd at 10 A.M. by video conference was decided as the best option.

*Motion by Steve Bahr to hold the next BOA meeting on 12/2/18 at 10:00 A.M. CST. Seconded by Dave Bernhard. Passed unanimously.*

## 9. Remarks for the Good of the Board

*No remarks for the Good of the Board were made.*



*The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 P.M. by Chairman Steve Bahr.*

*Minutes were respectfully submitted by Secretary Joshua Nixon.*

