

University of Notre Dame Gender Studies Honor Society: Triota Bylaws

Article I

Name of Organization

1. The Gender Studies Honor Society, Iota Iota Iota (hereby referred to as Triota) is named for the ancient goddesses Inanna, Ishtar, and Isis.

Article II

Purpose of Organization

1. Triota shall be a non-secret, egalitarian society of undergraduate students dedicated to excellence in scholarship and service pertaining to Gender issues.
2. It shall be the purpose of this organization to provide an environment of academic excellence, promote interest and awareness of gender issues, assist and advise the Program Coordinator and the Director of Gender Studies, and generally represent the Gender Studies program.

Article III

Membership

1. All students who have been approved for membership by the Executive Board and who have fulfilled any financial obligation to the organization shall be accorded the status of lifetime member.
 - a. Any dues and/or fees shall be determined and administered by the Treasurer under direction from the full Executive Board.
 - b. Membership privileges shall be suspended for any members with outstanding financial obligations to the organization and shall be reinstated immediately upon fulfillment of those obligations.
2. All active members shall maintain all membership privileges for the duration of their enrollment at the University of Notre Dame.
 - a. Members who are inactive within the organization for a full semester shall retain membership, but will lose membership privileges until activity is resumed.
 - b. Members who are on long-term leave from the University (i.e., studying abroad) shall retain all privileges pending active communication with the organization.
 - c. Reinstatement of membership privileges shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article IV

Officers of the Organization

1. Officers shall be elected from the general membership of the organization. Only members with active privileges, including those on long-term leave from the University, may run for office.
2. The elected officers of the organization shall be as follows:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary

- d. Treasurer
3. President and Vice President shall be chosen jointly (they will run for office as a team). Secretary and Treasurer shall be decided independently of all other officers.
4. The official Transfer of Powers from the officers to the officers-elect shall occur at a ceremony held during the month of February following the election.
5. The term of office shall be from the date of the Transfer of Powers ceremony until the ceremony the following year.
6. Prior to the inaugural Spring 2008 elections for Triota, the first officers were nominated and established by and from the students who were chosen by Gender Studies faculty and staff to serve as founding members of the group. This original Granting of Powers occurred on March 1, 2007.

Article V

Duties of the Officers

1. Officers shall perform their duties as defined in the Constitution. Additional duties may be delegated as necessary for the benefit of the organization.
2. If any officer can not or will not fulfill the duties of their position, they can be removed by a majority vote of the general membership and the approval of the remaining executive board.

Article VI

Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall be the leadership of the organization, consisting of the four elected officers.
2. The goals of the Executive Board shall be to manage the organization, plan events and programming, and generally assist and advise the Program in Gender Studies.
3. The Executive Board must approve all activities of the organization.

Article VII

Meetings

1. Meetings shall be primarily for the organization, discussion, and development of Triota business and affairs. Meetings shall be open to any interested parties and will be publicized by the Program Coordinator.
2. Meetings will be held on alternating Fridays, in compliment to other events (i.e., Gender Studies Open House) held by the Gender Studies Program, unless otherwise specified.
 - a. Attendance is required for members of the Executive Board.
 - i. Following the annual Transfer of Powers ceremony and until Spring Break, outgoing officers are required to attend all meetings.
 - b. Non-Board members are encouraged, but not required, to attend all meetings. However, excessive inactivity may result in revocation of membership privileges.
 - c. The Program Coordinator and the Director of Gender Studies shall have standing invitation to all meetings.

3. All Meetings shall be held in the Program in Gender Studies office, unless otherwise specified.

Article VIII

Voting

1. All members, Board or non-board, shall have an equal vote in all matters decided by majority.
2. All active members who are present or ensured their choice in absentee prior to the ballot shall have a vote.
3. Voting privileges may be revoked due to excessive inactivity in the organization.

Article IX

Amendments

1. A majority of the Executive Board must approve of a proposed amendment before it may be submitted to the organization for vote.
2. Accepted amendments shall become active immediately upon passing the vote, subject to the procedure outlined above.
3. The Constitution and the Bylaws shall both be amendable.

Article X

Authority of Constitution

1. The Triota Constitution shall be the ruling authority on all matters pertaining to the organization.
2. The Triota Constitution became effective on April 18, 2007 upon approval and signature of the first Executive Board of the University of Notre Dame Gender Studies Honor Society.