

## CHARTER FOR PI SIGMA ALPHA, GAMMA SIGMA CHAPTER

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national Political Science honorary organization. The Gamma Sigma Chapter at The University of the South was initially founded in 1958 and after a period of inactivity was reactivated in March 1992.

**Membership** consists of students who meet the national and local Chapter eligibility criteria of scholastic achievement in political science and in their total academic work and who are elected by the Chapter. Political Science faculty may be elected to membership. A few Honorary members may be elected.

**The Purpose** is to recognize academic achievement as well as to function, in cooperation with the political science department, in the promotion of worthwhile extracurricular activities related to public affairs.

**Projects** may include bringing to campus outstanding speakers on topics related to political science, sponsoring debates on issues of public policy, and arranging panels on topics related to political science. A major activity is sponsoring addresses by nationally- or state- recognized speakers. Speakers will be chosen for their relevance to the general campus population as well as to political science majors. Projects are chosen by the student members and approved by the chapter adviser.

**Officers** consist of a President; a Vice-President (President-Elect); Secretary- Treasurer; and a Secretary-Treasurer-Elect.

Election of officers takes place in the Easter Semester after the initiation of new members. A majority vote of student members is required for election. The new slate of officers assume their positions immediately following the- election.

The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for maintaining a record of activities and of financial transactions. These include minutes of meetings and receipts for expenditures and income from dues and other sources. The Secretary- Treasurer in the Easter Semester prepares an annual report of expenditures, projected expenditures and activities.

During all vacation periods the officer responsible for financial matters is the Secretary-Treasurer.

The faculty advisor is designated by the Political Science Department. The current faculty advisor is Joan Ward.

**Meetings** are held monthly, or as called by the President.

**Voting** is by simple majority.

**Funding** is partially through dues of members. Fund-raising projects may be undertaken to support chapter projects.

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**Amendment** to the charter can be made by agreement of a majority of the Political Science faculty and a simple majority of student members of the Chapter.

**This Charter** shall take effect when approved by a majority of the current student members and of the Political Science Department faculty, acting separately.

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