

Beta Chi Chapter Scholarship Policy

1.0 Purpose

Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order recognizes scholastics to be the primary reason for an active member or a member waiting initiation to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College. Therefore, Beta Chi Chapter has adopted a scholastic policy to assist members in excelling in their education and in being a well-rounded Gentleman at West Virginia Wesleyan College and later on in life.

Academic excellence enriches the lives of all members of the chapter, promotes the chapter's image on campus and the community, strengthens the overall Greek system, stimulates interest and approval of parents and alumni, attracts the most outstanding men during rush, and ensures that the chapter will continue to grow through the continued initiation of its new members awaiting initiation. Academic success benefits everyone.

2.0 Scope

The scholastic policy consists of several guidelines that each member will have to abide by. These guidelines are not there to hurt any member, but to better the member and the chapter as a whole. The guidelines are also there to help him remained focused on his primary reason for being at West Virginia Wesleyan College, the attainment of knowledge.

3.0 Scholarship Committee

3.1 Scholarship Committee Chairman

Each governing term, the elected number III will be the scholarship committee chairman. If the III is not able to fulfill his duties, the Number I shall designate a new Chairman. It is the Chairman's responsibility to ensure the following guidelines are held true and followed precisely.

3.2 Scholarship Committee Members

The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee will select the remaining members of the Committee. The Committee will be composed of three other members, as well as the Faculty Advisor, who will serve as counsel. The purpose of the committee will be to monitor grades and ensure that every brother who needs help receives tutoring either by a Professor or by a member of the Chapter.

4.0 Study Requirements and Recommendations

4.0.1 Members in Good Standing

Members in good standing status is achieved by maintaining a cumulative grade point average about a 3.0 or having at least a 3.0 GPA in the previous semester. Members in good standing should seek to help brothers struggling with academics, while continuing to maintain their own academic success.

4.1 Active Member Requirements

Active members are required to have at least 2.75 semester GPA. Any active member not meeting this standard will be dealt with in accordance with Section 6.1

4.1.1 Active Members not in Good Standing

All active members receiving a GPA of less than a 2.5 the previous semester will be required to adhere to the following requirements until good standing is achieved:

Mandatory Study Hall –3 nights of study hall out of 4 each week is mandatory. This will be supervised by the Scholarship Committee.

Grade Checks - Grade checks will be issued as necessary and shall be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman.

4.2 Members Awaiting Initiation Requirements

All members awaiting initiation will be required to adhere to the following requirements:

Mandatory Study Hall – 3 nights of study hall per week is mandatory.

Grade Checks – Grades checks will be given every other week and will be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman.

4.2 Officers

Officers are required by Beta Chi Chapter bylaws to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.

5.0 The Documentation

The Scholarship Chairman is responsible for the upkeep and control of the academic documentation.

5.1 Study Hours

Study Hall is every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9-11 pm. Must fill out study hall sheet and have the chairman or the brother on duty to initial. The sheets must be turned in to the Scholarship Chairman by 12:00am on Sunday if not turned in, there will be a fine. The time designated for study hours may be used to do homework, study for exams and tests, and work on group projects. Any other tasks will need approval from the Scholarship Chairman in order to be counted towards the required number of mandatory study hours.

5.2 Grade Checks

The Scholarship Chairman will administer the grade checks, which will consist of Class Name, Current Grade in class, Professor's Signature, Date and Comments from the Professors (Refer to Grade Check Form).

6.0 Penalties and Rewards

6.1 Penalties

Penalties and sanctions shall be designated by the Scholarship Chairman; with approval from the Number One. Actions may include but are not limited to:

- Social Probation
- Fines
- Required academic counseling
- Mandatory study hall
- Consultation w/ professors and faculty advisor
- Regulation of social and rush events

These above penalties are only suggestions, and the Scholarship Chairman will deal with each brother on an individual basis to ensure the best effect. However, penalties should be used without reserve when the case admits it.

6.2 Incentives and Motivation

At the end of each semester, there will be an award for the top 5 GPA's and Most Improved GPA for the chapter that will be decided by the Scholarship Committee and the Number I.

Academic Football League – This program is designed to help brothers hold each other accountable for their grades. Just like a real football team when a fellow teammate when a fellow teammate is not pulling his weight it is the other members of the team's responsibility to get that teammate back on track. No one

wants to let down the rest of the team so this naturally makes everyone want to perform better. As brothers it is our responsibility to help a brother in need even though this is usually not thought of in the sense of academics.

Formation of AFL Teams –

- The Scholarship Chairman will select the Scholarship committee. The committee will be the captains of the teams. The team captain with the lowest GPA, will start the draft.
- No Trading is allowed.

Responsibilities of Team Captains

- The scholarship chairman will require that you communicate with your players once a week to obtain information to be discussed in scholarship committee meetings.
- Step one – obtain a class schedule and number of credit hours from each of your players and turn it in to the scholarship chairman.
- Step two – about three weeks into the semester, get your player's goals for an attainable GPA this semester and a class breakdown of what grade they feel they can achieve.
- Once tests begin, meet with your players weekly. Ask what tests they had the previous week. If possible, look at the test if they did poorly ask the reason for the low grade.
- Turn in "A" and "B" papers and tests to the scholarship chairman by Sunday night at 9:00 pm.
- Attend weekly scholarship committee and announce the progress of your players. For those doing poorly in their classes, appropriate action will be decided.

AFL Season –

- Week one of the AFL will begin when the first round of test have started.
- Scoring will be as follows:
 - An "A" on a test or paper will result in a touchdown, 7 points.
 - A "B" on a test or paper will result in a field goal, 3 points.
 - The scholarship committee will decide any borderline calls.
- Team scores will be posted in the house on the AFL poster. Team scores will also be announced each week at chapter meetings.
- The total amount of points accumulated at end of semester will be divided by the total amount of tests turned in as it will even the playing field for Brothers who don't have as many tests as another.

Rewards and Incentives –

- Each player will be contribute \$2.00 at the beginning of the semester. The top team that score the most points will be rewarded with a cash prize.

- Top scoring teams will be announced each week. Team scores will be posted weekly.

7.0 Test Files and List of Professors

All brothers should contribute to the continued updating of the Test File by adding old exams, notes, books, etc. They should also make lists of professors and their teaching habits, to be made available to younger brothers.

8.0 Conclusion

This scholarship is meant to establish the Scholarship Committee, give them purpose and guidance, and provide ideas for improved scholarship through policies, resources, and incentives. The Scholarship Committee should implement this unique program and deal with each troubled brother individually. It is important to remain positive and realize that it is our duty as brothers to aid each other in our academic endeavors.