



AGS Constitution

Article I – Name

Section 1:

This organization shall be known as the Gamma Chi of Alpha Gamma Sigma, The California Scholastic Honor Society.

Article II – Purpose of the Organization

Section 1:

The purpose of this organization is to foster, promote, maintain, and recognize scholarship; to recognize scholastic and academic achievement among Barstow College students; and to provide students with opportunities to serve the college and the community.

Section 2:

The classification of this organization shall be that of an Honor Society.

Article III – Membership

Section 1:

Initial Membership may be attained by completion of a minimum of twelve (12) semester units and a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

- A. Those holding initial membership have all the rights and privileges of active membership, provided that dues are paid.
- B. Initial Members shall have all rights, privileges, and duties connected with the Gamma Chi chapter and membership therein. These shall include the right to vote and hold elective offices.

Section 2:

Temporary Membership may be attained upon entering Barstow College, all Life Members of the California Scholarship Federation and those who graduated from the high school level with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 will be offered a temporary membership in AGS.

- A. Those holding temporary membership have, provided dues are paid, all the rights and privileges of an active member, except the rights of voting and of holding an elective office.

Section 3:

Continuing Membership may be attained by achieving not less than a 3.0 GPA in the previous semester in courses of recognized college standing.

- A. Those holding Continuing Membership shall have all rights and privileges of active membership provided that dues are paid. These rights shall include the right to vote and hold elective offices.

Section 4:

Active Membership may be attained by any continuing or initial member who contributes a minimum of twelve (12) service points per month to the Gamma Chi Chapter deriving from club activities and meetings to be considered active.

- A. An Active Member is any individual who has paid their dues, maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA, participates and contributes to the college, community, and directly to the organization through

fundraisers and meetings while a member of the AGS Gamma Chi Chapter. Active members encompass the right to vote and hold elective offices.

Section 5:

Permanent Membership may be attained by the completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a minimum of 30 units completed at Barstow Community College. Must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and have been an active member of AGS for 1 term or have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and have been an active member of AGS for 2 terms.

- A. Permanent Members have the added privilege of free dues as long as they maintain continued Gamma Chi membership while a student at Barstow College, and are eligible for scholarships as long as they maintain active membership status.

Section 6:

Voting members are initial, continuing, and active, provided dues are paid.

Section 7:

The amount for dues shall be determined at the last regular meeting of each semester by a majority vote of those voting members.

Section 8:

Graduating with Honors is designated for active and permanent members. Active members may wear the AGS Honors Stole. Permanent membership of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society will be

designated on their transcripts. Only Permanent Members may wear the gold and white intertwined cord in addition to the AGS Honors Stole.

Section 9:

The Official Certificate is only for permanent members that shall be entitled to receive the official certificates and seal of the organization.

Section 10:

The Official Pin is for any member with thirty (30) units or more and is entitled to wear the officially adopted silver pin of the organization. Any permanent member shall be entitled to wear the officially adopted gold pin of the organization.

Article IV – Elections

Section 1:

The Executive Board of the Gamma Chi Chapter shall consist of the elected and appointed officers. The elected officers of the Gamma Chi Chapter shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Historian, and the Inter Club Council (ICC) Representative.

Section 2:

The Executive Board of this organization shall have the power to interpret this constitution and bylaws; and to discuss issues and make decisions that will affect the membership. The Executive Board may also bring issues before the general membership for a vote.

Section 3:

The term of office for the elected and appointed officers shall be from the day elected to the final day of the School Year.

Section 4:

Elected Officers are subject to the following restrictions:

1. They shall not hold the same office more than twice.
2. They shall not serve in any more than two elective capacities (i.e. they cannot get elected to more than two positions while they are at Barstow College).
3. They shall not hold more than one elective office during any one semester.
4. They must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a continuing member. In the event that the GPA falls below 3.0 while serving their term as an officer they shall resign their position

Section 5:

In the event that a vacancy should occur with any elected position, a special election shall take place to fill that vacancy at the next general meeting. In the event that a special election must take place, a current officer is eligible to run for the vacant position as long as there are no other nominees. In this case, that officer may complete the full remaining months of the office they are in as well as hold two positions at the same time and serve more than two full terms in that particular office.

Section 6:

Elections shall be held in the last week of the semester. Eligible members of the previous Executive Board shall conduct all business of the organization until the new elections are held.

Section 7:

Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the votes cast except when a nominee is unopposed; in which case the election shall be by acclamation.

Section 8:

1. All officers are expected to cooperate in acting as the Executive Board for the Honor Society.
2. They are also expected to attend all meetings and to support all Honor Society activities.
3. Failure on the part of any officer to give adequate and consistent support to the Honor Society may result in the dismissal through the joint action of the Honor Society, the Executive Board, and Advisor(s).
4. 4. Any officer who misses more than three unexcused meetings may be subject to recall.

Section 9:

This organization must have at least one Faculty or Staff Advisor.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1:

Regular Meetings shall be held not less than twice a month during the fall and spring semesters. The members of the organization shall, at the last meeting of each semester, designate a definite day and time for next regular meeting during the following semester.

Section 2:

Chapter meetings will be conducted under modified parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order; in all cases in which said rules do not conflict with the constitution or bylaws.

Article VI – Service Points

Section 1:

Each active member must perform the minimum number of service points to be considered active. Service Points must be pre-approved by the Executive Board and the Advisor in special instances not listed in the By-laws. The minimum number of service points accepted per month is twelve (12) for active members.

Section 2:

Evaluation of service points are counted based on the participation standards as prescribed by the Executive Board, Advisor, and/or this Constitution and By-laws.

Article VII – Quorum

Section 1:

A quorum will consist of two-thirds (2/3rd) of the voting members.

Article VIII – Recall

Section 1:

To recall an officer a petition must be signed by one-third (1/3rd) of the voting members and must be submitted to the Advisor. At the following

regular meeting, any voting member may then move to recall the officer. At the next meeting the motion to recall can be approved by a two-thirds (2/3rd) vote from the eligible voting membership which shall constitute recall of the said officer.

Article IX – Amendments

Section 1:

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting by a motion to revise or amend from an active member and shall be ratified by a vote of the active membership in favor of the motion. The Executive Board is privileged to submit proposals directly to the membership for approval.

Section 2:

The Amendments shall then be submitted to the Associated Student Body (ASB) Advisor and council before being incorporated into the constitution.

Article X – Enacting Clause

Section 1:

The constitution shall become effective upon the approval from the ASB Advisor or the ASB Council.

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