TAU LAMBDA RHO
CIVIL ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY

Constitution of
Tau Lambda Rho

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Object and Purpose of Tau Lambda Rho

Dedicated to the purpose of maintaining and promoting the status of civil engineering as an ideal profession, Tau Lambda Rho was organized to recognize the characteristics of the individual civil engineering student deemed to be fundamental to the successful pursuit of an engineering career, and to aid in the development of those characteristics in the civil engineering student. Engineering, the application of scientific principles to the practical needs of society, is assuming a constantly increasing responsibility for the physical well-being of all people, and thus calling for competence of the highest order. This responsibility can be discharged only by a professional group whose members are possessed of good basic technical ability, intelligence, moral integrity, and effective social poise in their relationship with the larger community of which they are part. To contribute to the improvement of the profession, Tau Lambda Rho fosters the development and exercise of sound traits of character and technical ability among civil engineers, and its members, by precept and example, toward an ever-higher standard of professional service.

The History of Tau Lambda Rho

In the summer of 2017, students and faculty established a Tau Lambda Rho chapter at Boise State University. The Tau Lambda Rho Honor Society has been established as the first step toward becoming a fully installed member chapter of Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering Honor Society.
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Preamble

We, the students, faculty, and alumni of the Department of Civil Engineering at Boise State University, believing that a mark of distinction should be placed on the students and professionals who have upheld the honor of the profession by high scholastic achievement, and believing that a society with the broad principles of scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability would be an incentive to greater achievements in the civil engineering profession, do adopt this constitution as a guiding instrument for this organization.

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Tau Lambda Rho.

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of Tau Lambda Rho shall be:

1. To contribute to the improvement of the civil engineering profession as an instrument for the betterment of society.

2. To recognize the fundamental characteristics of the successful civil engineer and to aid in the development of these characteristics.

3. To encourage, wherever possible, any movement which will advance the best interest of engineering education; to actively support, where necessary; and to institute procedures and practices for the improvement of the civil engineering department at Boise State University.

Article III. Organization and Membership

Section 3.01 Organization

Tau Lambda Rho shall consist of faculty advisory board members who will maintain appropriate documentation and materials to sustain the honor society’s framework and functionality. Tau Lambda Rho will also consist of student officers, who will maintain annual operations under the guidance of the faculty advisory board.
Section 3.02 Basis for Membership

The selection of members shall be based upon Scholarship, Character, Practicality, and Sociability - the four primary requirements of a successful engineer.

Nondiscrimination

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of Age, Race, Color, Religion, Sex, National Origin, Ancestry, Disability, Veteran Status, Sexual Orientation, Political Affiliation, and Genetic Information.

Section 3.03 Chapter Membership

Membership shall be chosen from among students duly registered in civil engineering, and students registered in directly associated civil engineering options. Membership shall be chosen from among students who have completed at least one-half of the work required for their bachelor's degree.

Junior status requires acceptance into upper division. Senior status requires being enrolled in or having taken CE 481.

Regular members elected as undergraduates shall have been chosen from among students who have:

a) Completed at least one-half of the work required for their bachelor's degree, and

b) Rank scholastically in the upper one-third of their class in their degree program.

Additional program-specific requirements for membership are provided in the Bylaws.

Chapters may also elect graduate student members and faculty members as further provided in the Bylaws.

Section 3.04 Chapter Honor Membership

Chapter Honor Membership shall be in recognition of outstanding professional accomplishment in the field of civil engineering.

Article IV. Government

Government of the Honor Society
a) Officers shall be elected from members of the Tau Lambda Rho chapter. The remaining officers shall be selected in accordance with the Bylaws.

b) Chapter officers shall have the power to conduct the business of Tau Lambda Rho and to interpret the Constitution and Bylaws.

c) The chapter officers may designate members to plan activities and events and make other recommendations to the chapter outside of normal operations.

d) The chapter shall have a Faculty Advisor, who shall be elected by the chapter. Faculty Advisors must be members of Tau Lambda Rho.

e) New initiates will be selected and elected by the chapter, subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of Tau Lambda Rho.

Article V. Meetings

a) Chapter meetings shall be held periodically for transacting Tau Lambda Rho business.

b) Active members may petition the chapter officers for a chapter meeting.

Article VI. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to the Student Involvement and Leadership Center.

Article VII. Methods of Amending

This Constitution may be amended by a three-quarters vote of the official officers and active members of the chapter present at a meeting.

Student Organization Adoption

Approved by the student organization on (date): August 16, 2017
Number of members voting in favor of this constitution: Four
Number of members voting against this constitution: Zero
Number of members abstaining from voting for this constitution: Zero
Total members voting: Four

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