



Proposed Amendment

Motion: Motion to amend Article IX, Section 1, B. Dues Adjustment to change dues increase limit based on the Consumer Price Index-Urban to a maximum percentage.

Rationale: The Consumer Price Index-Urban, based on the rate of inflation, has limited Alpha Sigma Tau's ability to set the organization up for financial success by restricting our ability to raise dues at a rate necessary to maintain service levels and operations. The CPI-Urban is generally a 3-4% increase, which equates to \$2.50 - \$4.00 increase annually. This minimal increase does not allow us to keep pace with the needs of the organization, and the variance in the rate from year to year prohibits effective financial planning and budgeting.

This amendment is only applicable to the Collegiate Dues rate; other fees and assessments fall under the purview of the current bylaw and would continue to be excluded under the proposed bylaw. The Collegiate Dues rate for the 2025-2026 academic year was \$86 per semester.

Establishing a maximum percentage increase of 10% allows the opportunity for an annual increase equivalent to \$10.00 - \$11.00. This provides more flexibility and predictability in managing financial resources of the organization. The Council did explore larger increases but felt that the proposed 10% met the middle of the range desired. It is also important to note that the proposed percentage is a maximum, not a requirement, and therefore the increase in any given year may also be less than the maximum.

Below is a sample of what a member could see if the 10% was maximized each year over 4 years of membership.

2025-2026 rate: \$86	10% increase / year
2026-2027	\$94.60
2027-2028	\$104.06
2028-2029	\$114.47
2029-2030	\$125.91
Max change over next 4 years	\$31.31

Now Reads:	Changes:	If adopted, will read:
<p>B. Dues Adjustment. Dues may be adjusted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustments that are less than or equal to the rate of inflation, as measured by the change in the Consumer Price Index–Urban released by the U.S. Department of Commerce between January of the year in which the last dues increase occurred and January of the year in which the adjustment is proposed, shall require a two-thirds vote of the National Council. Adjustments that are greater than the rate of inflation, as defined in paragraph 1 of this section, shall require a two-thirds vote of the convention. Proposed dues adjustments requiring approval of the convention shall be noticed to the membership five months prior to the start of Convention. 	<p>B. Dues Adjustment. Dues may be adjusted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustments that are less than or equal to the rate of inflation, as measured by the change in the Consumer Price Index–Urban released by the U.S. Department of Commerce between January of the year in which the last dues increase occurred and January of the year in which the adjustment is proposed, to 10% on an annual basis shall require a two-thirds vote of the National Council. Adjustments that are greater than 10% the rate of inflation, as defined in paragraph 1 of this section shall require a two-thirds vote of the convention. Proposed dues adjustments requiring approval of the convention shall be noticed to the membership five months prior to the start of Convention. 	<p>B. Dues Adjustment. Dues may be adjusted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustments that are less than or equal to 10% on an annual basis shall require a two-thirds vote of the National Council. Adjustments that are greater than 10% shall require a two-thirds vote of the convention. Proposed dues adjustments requiring approval of the convention shall be noticed to the membership five months prior to the start of Convention.

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