

## **Resolution GCC23-9 Policy on the issue of Gender Identity**

### **WHEREAS**

Sigma Phi Epsilon is and has been a men's organization, shall remain a men's organization; and

### **WHEREAS**

Sigma Phi Epsilon policy allows transgender men to become members of the fraternity, granted they meet all other criteria for membership into Sigma Phi Epsilon; and

### **WHEREAS**

Members who join Sigma Phi Epsilon as a member of the male gender and later come out as transgender or adopt any gender identity other than male may still desire to remain as full members of Sigma Phi Epsilon; and

### **WHEREAS**

Persons who become members of Sigma Phi Epsilon as men, who formed proper fraternal relationships with their brothers, and who have participated in, developed from, and grown with our rituals, traditions, and values, and as such have found their true selves, should not be punished for their growth by expulsion from their brotherhood and community; therefore be it

### **RESOLVED**

Sigma Phi Epsilon reaffirms that it is and remains a men's organization; and be it

### **RESOLVED**

That prospective members must identify as male to earn membership of the fraternity; and be it

### **RESOLVED**

That should any member of Sigma Phi Epsilon come out as transgender or adopt any gender identity other than male, they may be allowed to retain their membership in the fraternity if they so choose, despite the fact that they no longer identify as male, if and only if they transition after becoming a full member; and be it

### **RESOLVED**

That should any such member desire to leave the fraternity because of their new gender identity, they may be offered alumnus status; and be it

### **FURTHER RESOLVED**

That such transgender members and alumni of the fraternity be treated with the full rights, responsibilities and respect befallen unto any other brother.

Committee:	Resolutions Red Committee
Committee Recommends:	No Action
Grand Chapter Action:	Defeat

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