

**COLORADO COLLEGE  
FEMINIST & GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM  
DELTA MU CHAPTER OF IOTA, IOTA, IOTA  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

Name of Organization

Section I: The name of the organization shall be the Iota, Iota, Iota Women's Studies Honor Society—Delta Mu Chapter.

**ARTICLE II**

Purpose of Organization

Section I: The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage and support scholarship and excellence in feminist and gender studies at Colorado College.

**ARTICLE III**

Qualifications for Membership

Section I: Membership shall be open to students having at least 4 units of Feminist & Gender Studies courses with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Section II: All who meet approved criteria are invited to become members of this academic society without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, religion, differing abilities, class, sexual orientation, or any other such social, cultural, and political markers.

Section III: Officers shall be elected from the general membership. No one officer shall serve more than 2 years and not more than one year in any given office.

**ARTICLE IV**

Officers of the Organization

Section I: The elected officers of this organization shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, and Administrator.

Section II: The term of office shall be for the academic year.

Section III: Elections shall be held during Block 7 prior to the end of the academic year.

Section IV: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over meetings of the organization.

Section V: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to serve in the capacity of President during an absence of the President.

Section VI: It shall be the duty of the Administrator to administer the financial affairs of the organization, present the status of finances at organization meetings for approval and inclusion in the minutes of the organization, keep the minutes of the organization's meetings, present the same for approval and inclusion in the minutes of the organization, and be responsible for the correspondence, both incoming and outgoing, of the organization.

Section VII: The Executive Board of the organization shall consist of the elected officers—who constitute the Executive Committee—and the Faculty Advisor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to pass any business, which refers to the Executive Board by a simple majority vote.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Council**

Section I: The governing body of this society shall be known as Council.

Section II: Council shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, and Administrator.

Section III: Council meetings shall be open to all voting members of this society who shall be permitted to speak on any topic properly under discussion, but only members of council will have a vote.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Standing committees**

Section I: This society shall have three standing committees as follows:

- a. Executive Committee
- b. Planning Committee
- c. Nominating Committee

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Meetings**

Section I: Meetings will be held once each block in the Interdisciplinary Studies (ID) House unless otherwise specified.

Section II: Special meetings shall be called by email by the Administrator at least one week prior to the special meeting.

Section III: The annual members meeting shall be similarly called by the Administrator.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Quorum**

Section I: A simple majority of the elected officials and members in attendance may transact business legally and shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Amendments

Section I: Amendments must be presented to the Executive Board for approval before they may be submitted to the organization for vote. Amendments must pertain to the purpose of the honor society.

Section II: Provisions for Notice shall be given to the membership at the first meeting of the organization at which a quorum is present following the approval of the amendment by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Enacting Clause

Section I: This Constitution shall become effective upon approval of the Feminist & Gender Studies Program of Colorado College, the Colorado College Student Government Associate, and the Iota, Iota, Iota Alpha Chapter.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### Definition of Name

Section I: The Feminist & Gender Studies Studies Honor Society—Iota, Iota, Iota—is named for the ancient goddesses Inanna, Ishtar, and Isis.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### Description and Purpose

Section I: This organization shall be a non-secret, egalitarian national society of scholars dedicated to the ideals of excellence in feminist and gender studies and scholarship.

Section II: It shall be the purpose of this society to promote an interest in feminist and gender studies, research in social problems affecting all women, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the condition of all people.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### Membership

Section I: Those persons who have been approved for membership by a chartered chapter of this society and who have paid the initiation fee for membership shall be accorded the status of life member.

Section II: Undergraduate members who maintain active status within the chapter shall be granted the status of voting member.

Section III: This chapter will not require any membership dues. All chapter-related expenses must be approved by the Faculty Advisor in consultation with the Director of Feminist & Gender Studies. Expenses exceeding \$500 may also require approval from Feminist & Gender Studies core faculty. All approved expenses will subsequently be covered by Feminist & Gender Studies.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### Officers

Section I: Officers of this society shall be three in number and shall be elected by voting members by electronic ballot. The officers of this society shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, and Administrator.

Section II: Candidates for these offices shall be named by the nominating committee.

Section III: Officers of this society shall be qualified for their positions by being voting members at the time of their candidacy for office and during their term of office.

Section IV: In the event that the President is unable to serve a full term of office, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of President for the unexpired portion. In the event that the Vice-President or Administrator is still unable to serve a full term of office, the President shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired portion.

Section V: The duties of the officers of this society shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall act as Chair of Council at all meetings and perform all functions as Executive Officer of this society consistent with the policies of council. The President shall have sole power to appoint members of special purpose committees not otherwise specified in the constitution. It shall be the responsibility/duty of the president to communicate with heads of committees who will present reports to the president.
- b. The Vice-President shall chair the planning committee. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to receive auditor's reports and ensure their review by the planning committee. The Vice-President shall also assume the chair of council in the absence of the President and shall fill the unexpired term of the President when that office is vacant, upon confirmation by council.
- c. The Administrator shall be archivist and fiscal officer for the society, performing such duties as council may assign, including:

- i. Provide certificates of life membership to new initiates and maintain records of voting members by chapter affiliation for purpose of voting in the affairs of this organization.
- ii. Prepare, mail, and receive secret ballots for the conduct of business of this society consistent with the policies of council.
- iii. Record the minutes of meetings of council.
- iv. Provide council with a brief written annual summary report of activity during the preceding year and for proposals for the ensuing year.
- v. Receive, disburse, and otherwise properly manage and record all financial transactions for this society consistent with policies of council.
- vi. Provide complete records of the financial status of this organization.

Section VI: Additional officers desired by council shall be appointed by action of council.

Section VII: Removal of Officers:

- a. An officer may be removed from the office only for cause by a two-thirds vote of members of council present and voting either in person or by proxy at an annual meeting where charges are studied by council.
- b. Cause for removal from office shall consist of such matters as misuse of office or persistent failure to perform duties of office.

## **ARTICLE V**

### Council

Section I: Official actions and policies of this society shall be set by a plurality of members voting when a quorum is present at annual meetings or at specially called meetings, except for proposed constitutional amendments, which will require a two-thirds vote consistent with Article VIII.

Section II: Council shall receive reports of the nominating committee, review qualifications of nominees, approve the slate or return it to the nominating committee, and set dates by which the Secretary must mail and receive ballots. Council shall review recommendations of the nominating committee and rank order of nominees.

Section III: Council shall receive reports and proposed budgets from the planning committee, review the desirability of such recommendations, and vote their approval or rejection for implementation.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Standing Committees

Section I: This society shall have three standing committees, as follows:

- a. Executive Committee: This committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Administrator. The President shall chair the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the

society between meetings of council; such actions must be ratified by a plurality of council at its next meeting in order to remain in force beyond that time. The Faculty Advisor must be notified of all meetings, and may also attend.

- b. Planning Committee: This committee shall consist of the Vice-President, who shall chair the committee, and three voting members appointed by the President. The function of this committee shall be to provide long range planning for the society and to make recommendations to council. Proposed plans shall be accompanied by a sufficiently detailed budgetary analysis to permit critical evaluation of feasibility, costs, and benefits. The Faculty Advisor must be notified of all meetings, and may also attend.
- c. Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint three voting members, exclusive of current officers, to constitute the nominating committee. These three members shall select one among themselves to chair the committee. From the list of members as defined in Article III, Section II shall be nominated at least two candidates for each of the offices. The chair of the nominating committee shall ascertain the willingness of nominees to stand for election or to serve if elected. The Faculty Advisor must be notified of all meetings, and may also attend.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Meetings

- Section I: The annual members meeting will include discussion of inherent contradictions of elitism in honor societies vs inclusionary principles and values consistent with feminist/social justice ideologies.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Amendments

- Section I: Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by members of council or the Executive Committee. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to council for study.
- Section II: Proposed amendments to this Constitution will be studied by council, and, if approved by a quorum (simple majority) vote of council, shall be submitted by electronic ballot to chapter representatives for ratification on or before a date set by council.
- Section III: Ratification of amendments to this Constitution shall require a three-fourths vote of chapter representatives casting ballots.