

# Constitution of the Holleian Society

As Amended through November 21, 1968

Preamble: To the end of recognizing superior achievement in liberal arts and obtaining a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, we the members of Phi Beta Kappa, with the authority of the faculty and the approval of the President of Transylvania College, do hereby, on October 4, 1960, form an honorary society.

I. The name of this society shall be the Holleian Society.

## II. Organization

- A. Electors -- Those members of the faculty and staff who belong to Phi Beta Kappa, to be permanent electors; two electors-at-large, appointed from the faculty by the Dean, to serve overlapping terms of two years; and those students elected to membership who are still actively associated with Transylvania.
- B. Membership -- All electors as defined in II A and all elected students.
- C. Officers -- There shall be a chairman and a secretary, each office to rotate alphabetically among the permanent faculty and staff members and to change annually each fall. The incoming president for the next year shall serve as secretary for the current year.

## III. Selection of Candidates

- A. Time -- Students deemed eligible shall be considered for election early in the Fall and in the Spring Quarters.
- B. Eligibility -- As defined in bylaws.
- C. Election -- Election shall be by secret ballot. The candidate shall fall of election if one-fourth or more of the electors vote against his election. The total number of students elected from any graduating class is not to exceed ten percent.
- D. Notification -- Each member-elect shall be officially notified in writing with a request for a written acceptance. Public announcements shall be made of the elections.
- E. Initiation -- Each member-elect shall sign the membership book and be presented with a certificate attesting to his initiation.

IV. Amendment Procedures -- A two-thirds vote of the electors is required to amend the constitution and a simple majority to amend the bylaws.

Bylaws  
As amended through November 21, 1968

A. Eligibility

1. Those who have completed 9 quarters (with a minimum of 6 quarters in residence at Transylvania), with 120 quarter hours of liberal arts courses, and with a standing of 3.80 for those same liberal arts courses. This number of students is not to exceed five percent of the estimated number to be graduated by September of the following year.

For the purpose of qualifying students for election to membership in the Holleian Society, all courses listed in the college catalogue shall be considered "liberal arts" with the exception of courses in Education and Physical Education.

2. Those who have completed 11 quarters (with a minimum of 6 quarters in residence at Transylvania), with 135 quarter hours of liberal arts courses, and with an academic standing of 3.60 therein.
3. Those who have completed 12 quarters (with a minimum of 6 quarters in residence at Transylvania), with 140 quarter hours of liberal arts courses, and with an academic standing of 3.60 therein.
4. In addition, at least two faculty members of different departments, where possible not electors, who have had the candidates in classes, shall be invited by the electors to appear at the election meeting to evaluate the candidate.
5. Transfer students must have a 3.60 standing in liberal arts courses taken at Transylvania as well as a 3.60 standing in all liberal arts courses taken.

*Betsy Ashmum*

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## III. Selection of Candidates

- A. Time - Students deemed eligible shall be considered for election early in the May Term.
- B. Eligibility - As defined in by-laws.
- C. Election - Election shall be by secret ballot. A candidate shall be elected if three-quarters of the electors vote for her/his election. The total number of students elected from any graduating class is not to exceed approximately ten per cent.
- D. Notification - Each member-elect shall be officially notified in writing with a request for a written acceptance. Public announcements shall be made of the elections.
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IV. Amendment Procedures - A two-thirds vote of the electors is required to amend the constitution and a simple majority to amend the by-laws.

BY-LAWS

As Amended Through May, 1979

1. A student shall be a candidate for election to the Society if he/she
  - a. expects to graduate, or has graduated, within the academic year (September thru August) in which the election date falls;
  - b. has completed 26 course units of letter graded liberal arts courses, in residence or by transfer, with a minimum of 12 course units in residence; and
  - c. has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.60 in these courses. A transfer student must, in addition, have a GPA of at least 3.60 in courses taken at Transylvania.
2. The requirements of section 1-b above may, at the discretion of the electors, be waived in the case of students who do not qualify under that section by reason of having received advanced standing credit. Such students must, however, have completed at least 26 course units of letter-graded liberal arts courses.
3. All courses carrying credit toward the B.A. degree at Transylvania shall be considered liberal arts courses, except those listed under Education, Physical Education, Business Administration, and Hotel and Restaurant Management.
4. Election of qualified candidates is not automatic (Constitution, Article III-C). However, in the absence of reliable adverse reports on their academic integrity, students eligible under these by-laws will normally be elected up to the maximum number specified in the Constitution, Article III-C. When the number of eligible candidates exceeds this maximum, the electors may, at their discretion, solicit further information on individual candidates, if necessary postponing election until a further meeting. In the election process:
  - a. The exact maximum number of students to be elected will be determined.
  - b. Each elector will list a number of his or her choices, not to exceed an agreed-upon proportion of this quota. Those students who qualify under Article III-C will be declared elected.
  - c. Each elector will similarly list her or his choices for the remaining places. Those who qualify under Article III-C will be declared elected.
  - d. Additional ballots will be cast as necessary, until either remaining places are filled, or until it becomes clear that no remaining candidates have, under Article III-C, sufficient electoral support.

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## III. Election of Candidates

- A. Time - The eligibility of students for membership in the Society shall be determined early in the May Term.
- B. Eligibility - As defined in By-Laws.
- C. Election - Students who are eligible for membership in the Society, according to the By-Laws, shall be automatically elected to membership.
- D. Notification - Each member-elect shall be officially notified in writing with a request for a written acceptance. Public announcements shall be made of the elections.
- E. Initiation - Each member-elect shall sign the membership book and be presented with a certificate attesting to his initiation.

IV. Amendment Procedures - A two-thirds vote of the electors is required to amend the constitution and a simple majority to amend the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS OF THE HOLLEIAN SOCIETY

As Amended March 1987

1. A student shall be eligible for membership in the Society if he/she
  - a. expects to graduate, or has graduated, within the academic year (September through August) in which the election date falls;
  - b. has completed at least 28 course units of letter graded liberal arts courses, in residence or by transfer, with a minimum of 16 course units in residence;
  - c. has completed at least 4 full course units of letter graded liberal arts courses at the Junior/Senior level (courses numbered at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level) outside the Area of his/her major beyond those that fulfill the student's university Freshman/Sophomore level distribution requirement. In cases of double majors in different Areas, courses in one of the majors may count toward the 4 courses required outside the major;
  - d. has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.60 in liberal arts courses;
  - e. has not been, in response to a petition by two or more members, denied admission by a majority vote of the electors.
2. The total number of students elected from any graduating class shall not exceed approximately 10 per cent.
3. All courses carrying credit toward the B.A. degree at Transylvania shall be considered liberal arts courses, except those listed under Education, Physical Education, Business Administration, and Hotel and Restaurant Management.
4. For purposes of section 1-c above, Areas shall be defined as follows:
  - Area A: Art, Drama, English, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Philosophy, Religion, and Speech.
  - Area B: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.
  - Area C: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Physics.

BY-LAWS OF THE HOLLEIAN SOCIETY

As Amended April, 1984

1. A student shall be eligible for membership in the Society if he/she
  - a. expects to graduate, or has graduated, within the academic year (September through August) in which the election date falls;
  - b. has completed at least 28 course units of letter graded liberal arts courses, in residence or by transfer, with a minimum of 16 course units in residence;
  - c. has completed at least 4 course units of letter graded liberal arts courses at the Junior/Senior level (courses) numbered at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level) outside the Area of his/her major beyond those that fulfill the student's university Freshman/Sophomore level distribution requirement;
  - d. has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.60 in liberal arts courses;
  - e. has not been, in response to a petition by two or more members, denied admission by a majority vote of the electors.
2. The total number of students elected from any graduating class shall not exceed approximately 10 per cent.
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4. For purposes of section 1-c above, Areas shall be defined as follows:
  - Area A: Art, Drama, Music, English, Modern Foreign Languages, Philosophy, and Religion.
  - Area B: Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology, and Sociology.

Area C: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics,  
and Physics.



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  - a. expects to graduate, or has graduated, within the academic year (September through August) in which the election date falls;
  - b. has completed at least 28 course units of letter graded liberal arts courses, in residence or by transfer, with a minimum of 16 course units in residence;
  - c. has completed at least 4 full course units of letter graded liberal arts courses at the Junior/Senior level (courses numbered at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level) outside the Area of his/her major beyond those that fulfill the student's university Freshman/Sophomore level distribution requirement. In cases of double majors in different Areas, courses in one of the majors may count toward the 4 courses required outside the major;
  - d. has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.60 in liberal arts courses;
  - e. has not been, in response to a petition by two or more members, denied admission by a majority vote of the electors.
2. The total number of students elected from any graduating class shall not exceed approximately 10 per cent.
3. All courses carrying credit toward the B.A. degree at Transylvania shall be considered liberal arts courses, except those listed under Education, Physical Education, Business Administration, and Hotel and Restaurant Management.
4. For purposes of section 1-c above, Areas shall be defined as follows:
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  - Area C: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Physics.

BY-LAWS OF THE HOLLEIAN SOCIETY

A one-year resolution as amended October 1990

1. A student shall be eligible for membership in the Society if he/she
  - a. expects to graduate, or has graduated, within the academic year (September through August) in which the election date falls;
  - b. has completed at least 29 course units of letter graded liberal arts courses, in residence or by transfer, with a minimum of 16 course units in residence;
  - c. has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.60 in liberal arts courses, counted with appropriate multiplicity, i.e. not just the replacement grade;
  - d. has not been, in response to a petition by two or more members, denied admission by a majority vote of the electors;
2. The total number of students elected from any graduating class shall not exceed approximately 10 per cent.
3. All courses carrying credit toward the B.A. degree at Transylvania shall be considered liberal arts courses, except those listed under Education, Physical Education, Business Administration, Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Accounting.