President,  
Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity, 

Dear Mr. Patterson: 

In the fall of 1926, Phi Sigma Alpha was organized on the campus of the University of Southern California as a local honorary political science fraternity. The purpose of this organization, at the time of its inception, was two-fold: first, to stimulate greater interest and foster higher standards of scholarship in the field of political science; and second, to petition Pi Sigma Alpha, National Honorary Political Science Fraternity.

Our local organization is personally sponsored by the Political Science Department of the University, the charter members having been selected under their direct supervision. This election was made after careful examination of the records of all Political Science majors, those chosen standing highest in scholastic attainment. Keeping in mind the second provision of our purpose as designated above, membership has been confined to those students who could qualify in compliance with the By-laws of Pi Sigma Alpha. Our Constitution and By-laws have been modelled after those of Pi Sigma Alpha, in order more nearly to identify our forms and purposes with those of the fraternity we wish to petition. We enclose herewith a copy, together with appended list of members.

With deep appreciation of the honor we seek, and with firm intention to prove worthy of the honor should you see fit to confer it, we beg to submit this petition to Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity.

Respectfully,

Phi Sigma Alpha.

[Signatures]
April 27, 1927.

Mr. Henry C. Johnson
President, Lambda Chapter, Pi Sigma Alpha
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your suggestion that Professor Haines be commissioned to install your Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha has been acted upon favorably by the national officers, and I am writing Professor Haines today asking him to perform that service for us. I should think that he would be willing to install the chapter and that he would be able to do it without difficulty with the assistance of some members of the Epsilon Chapter of the Fraternity. I believe it will be in order for you to address Dr. Haines on the subject immediately upon receipt of this letter.

We are glad to welcome you into the Fraternity. We hope you will experience no difficulty in carrying through your installation program, and that we may have a notification of your completion of the formal ceremonies in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

National Secretary-Treasurer.
CONSTITUTION FOR HONORARY FRATERNITY IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS

Section I. This organization shall be known as Phi Sigma Alpha Fraternity.

Section 2. The object of this fraternity shall be to further the welfare of its individual members, to encourage the scientific and practical study of problems of government, to foster reforms in our governmental machinery, and to aid in the education of the electorate in problems of government.

ARTICLE II.

LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be the following officers: A President, one Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, elected in May of each year, who shall serve for one year or until their successors shall have qualified. Such officers shall perform all the duties usually performed by such officers in any well organized and regularly constituted organizations. In cases of doubt, Robert's Rules of Order shall be taken as mandatory.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Fraternity shall have active, alumni, inactive, and honorary members.

Section 2. (Active Members) The active membership of the Fraternity shall consist of all students of Political Science or Government, both under-graduates and graduates, who:

(a) Have completed at least two collegiate courses in Government or Political Science, and
(b) Have indicated their intention to major in such subject, and
(c) Have maintained a grade of at least B plus in all studies in the
field of Political Science or Government, and
(d) Have attained at least junior standing, and
(e) Have been duly elected to membership as provided in Article IX.

And such members of the faculty of the School of Political Science or Government of the institution who are regularly elected honorary members:

Any active member who is about to become an alumnus, and desires the privilege of continuing an active member may do so with the consent of three-fourths of the members present, in a regularly constituted meeting of the chapter to which he belongs, provided, all obligations imposed on active members by the Fraternity are promptly met.

Section 3. (Alumni members). Immediately upon graduation of active members, they shall become alumni members, unless such member chooses to remain active under the provisions of Section 2, Article III. Alumni members shall have all the privileges of active members except the right to vote and hold office.

Section 4. (Inactive members). Active members who sever their connection with their college before graduation, shall be classed as inactive members so long as they comply with all requirements laid down by the Fraternity.

Section 5. (Honorary members). The Fraternity may elect honorary members in the same way as active members are elected, provided, that no more than four honorary members may be elected in any one year. Such members must be persons of recognized ability in the field of Political Science or Government.
Honorary members may be made active members with the consent of three-fourths of the Fraternity.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Immediately before the annual meeting for the election of new members, the President, with the aid of the Secretary-Treasurer, shall make a list of all the students of the institution eligible for membership, and the name of each person on this list shall be separately submitted for membership. Any member of good standing, may, also, submit the name of any other person eligible for membership. No one shall, however, become a member of this Fraternity until it shall have expressed its confidence in his character and qualifications. A unanimous vote of all members is required to elect any proposed person to membership.

Section 2. A majority of the Active Members shall constitute a quorum which is necessary for the conduct of all business of the Fraternity.

Section 3. New members shall be balloted upon at a special meeting held in November of each year. Each active member shall be notified by the Secretary-Treasurer of the time and place of this meeting at least five days before said meeting is to be held.

ARTICLE V.

INITIATION

Section 1. Immediately after the election of new members, the President shall appoint such active members as he sees fit to notify, in person, the members-elect of their selection.

Section 2. There is to be an official ceremony of initiation; each candidate shall be initiated in accordance therewith.
Section 3. Each candidate shall be required to pay an initiation fee of such amount as may be later determined by the Fraternity.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES AND DUES

Each member of the Fraternity shall pay such dues as are necessary to meet the expenses of the Fraternity. Such dues to be assessed by the Fraternity. Any member failing to pay such dues shall forfeit his membership.

ARTICLE VII.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote provided the amendment has been openly submitted in writing at a previous meeting.
Faculty

Roy Trackman
John E. Woglom

Franklin C. Lowell
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