

Kappa Omicron Nu Resolution

A Matter of Ethics

Background

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) is spearheading this national ethics project in an effort to unite member societies to further one of our most important common goals: To lend support and encouragement to promising young adults as they strive to meet their full potential as future leaders in their respective fields. Resources can be found at www.achsnatl.org/ethics/index.asp.

Relationship to Kappa Omicron Nu Mission

The Kappa Omicron Nu mission—empowered leaders through scholarship, research, and leadership development—assumes ethical leadership. Although sound scholarship and character are criteria for membership, the Society must ensure that chapters reinforce them through practices and programming.

Position Statement

The **A Matter of Ethics** initiative states: “Leadership potential is found not on the surface of a person, where the worthy goals of achievement and knowledge shine brightly for all to see. Instead, a person's full potential can only be reached by building upon the core of one's character, by encouraging honesty, trustworthiness, integrity... ethics.” Program objectives include the following:

1. Commit to a leadership role in increasing campus and community awareness of ethical standards.
2. Engage in a dialogue between student groups regarding ethical issues.
3. Promote, encourage, and strengthen commitment to ethical behaviors at all levels of the campus community.
4. Serve as role models of ethical behavior.
5. Pursue the art and practice of making ethical decisions, and provide learning opportunities for ethical leadership among peers.
6. Learn, share, and follow ACHS guidelines for resolving ethical dilemmas.
7. Increase knowledge of and appreciation for professional codes of ethics within your discipline.

Proposed Action

Therefore, be it resolved that KON chapters

- Collaborate with unit administrators and faculty and/or with other honor societies on campus to determine ways to promote ethics during 2005-06 and 2006-07;
- Develop an action plan to promote ethics;
- Institute activities to promote ethics, evaluate them, and revise to enhance their effectiveness; and
- Publicize accomplishments and recognize participants.

Financial Impact

Because ethics programming is no different than other programming, chapter funds budgeted for programming can provide needed funds. Brochures and posters are available from ACHS at no cost. Expenses can be shared if collaborative efforts are undertaken.

Time Frame

Chapters are encouraged to develop a plan for two academic years and to implement the plan.