Constitution of the ΤΣ Military Dental Club (Alpha Nu Chapter)

ARTICLE I
Purpose of the Organization

The ΤΣ Military Dental Club (Alpha Nu Chapter) seeks to promote oral health and education in the Kirksville/Saint Louis communities, to welcome new military-sponsored students into the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health, bring together veteran students (military-sponsored or not), and any other interested Dental Student who has interest in serving in the armed services to participate in fund raising and service initiatives for Kirksville/Saint Louis area homeless veterans. In addition, promote and educate students on opportunities to serve (guard, reserve, active duty, public service corps) in the armed services during and/or after graduation from Dental School.

ARTICLE II
Meetings

Section A. A general meeting is valid if at least one-half of the executive officers are present.

Section B. Procedure.

1. The Roll Call: the secretary calls the role for the executive board.
2. President’s Agenda: after roll call, the president conducts the meeting according to the official agenda established by the executive board. The agenda includes reports from all executive board members.
3. Open Forum: after the agenda, the meeting is opened to new proposals and ideas. The floor remains open to all members so that anyone can bring new issues to the organization for discussion.

ARTICLE III
Membership and Voting

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Section A. 1. Eligibility – full time students at the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health (Kirksville or Saint Louis Campus) that fall into the categories below are eligible for membership regardless of age, sex, race, handicap, or religion

   a. Military-sponsored students
   b. Veterans (of any branch/component of the armed services) or public service corps
   c. Students interested in serving in the armed services/public service corps during and/or after graduation from Dental School

2. Definition of a Member
a. Must be a full-time student at the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health (Kirkville or Saint Louis Campus) that is a Military-sponsored student, Veterans (of any branch/component of the armed services) or public service corps, or interested in serving in the armed services/public service corps during and/or after graduation from Dental School.

b. Must be on the T∑ Military Dental Club (Alpha Nu Chapter) membership roster managed by the president.

**Section B.**

1. All members have one vote on a given issue (officers are not given extra weight for their vote).

2. Procedure

   a. Voting is carried out either by open hand or by closed ballot. A decision is reached by the majority vote on a particular issue or issues being raised at the meeting.

   b. In the case of any election or vote that results in a tie, the executive board members vote.

   c. Tie votes in elections are settled by the executive board members (excluding candidates running for the position in question).

**ARTICLE IV**

**Officers and Qualifications**

**Section A.** The Executive branch consists of eight officers.

1. President
   - Is ultimately responsible for the actions of the organization.
   - Oversees all aspects of the activities, events, and contacts that occur during his or her term in office.
   - Sets the meeting agenda.
   - Manages the membership roster
   - Must be a full time military-sponsored student

2. Vice-President
   - Works closely with the president to accomplish the tasks designated by the president.
   - Has the power to speak for the president with consent in the president's absence.
   - Assumes all presidential responsibilities if the president cannot fulfill his/her duties and/or must step down.
   - Is responsible for all room, technical, and facility reservations.

3. Secretary/Treasurer
• Is in charge of all aspects of financial management. The treasurer should organize fund-raisers and execute plans approved by the executive and general branches.
• Keeps records of where said funds are raised and spent as well as ensures that the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health and A.T. Still University guidelines are always followed.
• Is responsible for keeping records of all general and executive meetings, including taking roll to document attendance at all meetings.
• Sends out all written and e-mail correspondence to the membership and general correspondence to non-members.

4. Publicity Manager
• Is responsible for creating flyers, posters, and handouts for meetings, social events, and club activities.
• Is also responsible for publicity and creating press releases in a timely fashion.
• Is responsible for creating and updating the club webpage.

Section B. Executive Board Eligibility

1. The 4 executive board members are elected by the general membership annually at the last meeting of the spring semester.
2. Any member is eligible to run for office; except the President must be a military-sponsored student

Section C. Nominations and Election of Officers

1. Students choosing to run for office must accept a nomination by a fellow member.
   a. Each candidate must be a member in good standing and is required to give some reasons as to why he/she would be suited for the office.
2. Election of officers is by majority vote of the general membership.
   a. Candidates running uncontested must receive two-thirds of the present voters.
   b. In the event that no candidate has a majority, the executive board members vote by simple majority, excluding any executive board members running for the position in question. The executive board’s selection must be ratified by a majority of members to validate the election.
3. In the event that an office is vacant, a new election is held for the post at the next meeting according to the above voting provisions.
4. All members are privileged in the discussion of candidates.
   a. Members engaging in hostile and/or venomously negative discussion are asked by the board to leave.
5. The candidates running are not to be present during deliberations and they also cannot vote for the position for which they are running.
6. The newly elected executive board members assume their power at the end of the spring semester, immediately after their election.

Section D. Executive Responsibility
1. The executive board collectively designates a time for a monthly executive meeting beginning with the first month of fall semester classes. This meeting should precede any general membership meetings by one week.
2. Attendance is mandatory for all executive board members at both executive board meetings and general meetings unless excused by the president.
3. More than two unexcused absences during a semester forces an automatic vote of no confidence.
4. Frequent delinquent tardiness qualifies as an absence.
5. All officers sign an oath to begin their term of office.
6. Current executive board members are required to give training to the new executive board.

Section E. Impeachments and Resignations

1. A vote of no confidence is held for any office who fails to responsibly hold his/her position as defined by Article IV, Section A. A warning of no confidence is given one official meeting’s notice before a vote by the executive board.
2. A call for a vote of no confidence can be given at any time by any member on the executive board.
3. One appeal is granted throughout the vote of no confidence and is reviewed by the executive board for the consideration of amnesty.
4. A vote of no confidence succeeds if a three-fourths majority vote is achieved by the executive board.
5. A vote of no confidence against the president must have a unanimous vote from the executive board excluding the president. The vice president assumes all rights and duties of the president upon successful impeachment.
a. An appeal for amnesty is processed by the whole executive board through a majority vote.
6. At an official meeting following an impeachment or resignation, the position is to be filled in accordance with the specifications under Article IV, Section C.

ARTICLE V
Amendments

Section A. Adoption and ramification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

ARTICLE VI
By-Laws

Section A. Provisions for adoption of by-laws are to be listed in this constitution.

ARTICLE VII
Hazing Policy

The harassment of one individual by another individual or group (sometimes called hazing) is not permitted. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical
or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

ARTICLE VIII
Discrimination Policy

The Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health and A.T. Still University does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, or religious, political, language, or ideological views or affiliation.

ARTICLE IX

- The T∑ Military Dental Club serves as a source of information for its membership to prepare them for their active duty commitment. This information includes but is not limited to: Military Family Life, Deployment, Military Pay and Benefits, Advanced Training Opportunities, Assignments, and Military Clinical Facilities.
- Guest speakers are invited to the general meetings to cover these subjects. Local medical recruiters are included among the guest lecturers. Veteran alumni, both active duty and retired, are also included.
- The club also supports dissemination of information concerning military sponsorship during dental school training to undergraduate pre-dental students. The medical recruiters are relied upon to facilitate such encounters.

ARTICLE X

- The T∑ Military Dental Club (Alpha Nu Chapter) supports the charitable cause of helping kirksville/Saint Louis-area homeless veterans. This is carried out in partnership with a Veterans Administration Homeless Veteran Representative.
- Fundraising efforts are carried out throughout the year and at both locations (Kirksville/Saint Louis). Efforts may include, but not limited an OKU annual banquet, a “Pass the Hat” campaign surrounding Veteran's Day, club-sponsored lunch fundraiser events, POW/MIA bracelets, Bag tags, RMO sales, etc.
- At least 70% of funds raised annually are donated to the homeless veterans through a VA Representative in the form of low denomination gift cards.
- The secretary/treasurer is responsible for keeping a record of all cash donations in addition to the VA forms required for each donor.
- All members are expected to participate in the homeless veteran fundraising activities which are organized by the executive board according to their responsibilities outlined in Article IV.