Constitution

Iota Iota: National Honor Society for Women's and Gender Studies <u>Epsilon Kappa Chapter</u> Purdue University

ARTICLE I

Name of Organization

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Purdue University Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Honor Society, Iota, Iota, Iota, Epsilon Kappa Chapter.

ARTICLE II

Purpose of Organization

Section 1: The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage and support scholarship and excellence in women's, gender and sexuality studies as well as foster community among organizations with shared objectives at Purdue University in addition to the greater feminist community.

ARTICLE III

Qualifications for Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to contract majors or minors in women's, gender and sexuality studies or any student at Purdue University having a strong interest in women's, gender and sexuality studies and having achieved second semester standing with at least 6 hours of women's, gender and sexuality studies courses or any relevant equivalent courses related to women in disciples such as Political Science, Sociology, Philosophy or any other social science with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Section 2: All who meet approved academic criteria are invited to become members of this Women's Studies academic society without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, religion, differing abilities, economic class, or sexual/gender identities.

Section 3: Officers shall be elected from the general membership. No one officer shall serve more than 3 years and not more than one year in any given office unless there are no qualified candidates who choose to run for election.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Organization

Section 1: The elected officers of this organization shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Community Outreach Coordinator.

Section 2: The term of office shall be for the academic year, and students should run with the intention to and should be able to serve for the entire academic year.

Section 3: Elections shall be held during the spring semester prior to the end of the academic year.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over meetings of the organization.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to serve in the capacity of President during an absence of the President.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to administer the financial affairs of the organization and to present the status of finances at organization meetings for approval and inclusion in the minutes of the organization.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of the organization's meetings and to present the same for approval and inclusion in the minutes of the organization. The Secretary shall also be responsible for the management of social media.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the Community Outreach Coordinator to correspond both incoming and outgoing information with other organizations. The Community Outreach Coordinator shall be responsible for collaborating events with these organizations.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of all officers to represent the organization and its members in a respectful, inclusive, and considerate manner.

ARTICLE V

Council

Section 1: The governing body of this society shall be known as council.

Section 2: Council shall be composed of positions as follows: 1) President; 2) Vice-President; 3) Secretary; 4) Treasurer; and 5) Community Outreach Coordinator

Section 3: Meetings of council 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

Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be held once each month at Beering Hall unless otherwise specified.

Section 2: Special meetings shall be called by email by the Secretary of the organization at least one week prior to the special meeting.

Section 3: The national lota, lota, lota business meeting shall be conducted annually at the National Women's Studies Association conference.

Section 4: A motion may be proposed by any member of the organization. A vote will be held and a simple majority will win.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

Section 1: A simple majority of the elected officials and members in attendance may transact business legally and shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1: 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 2: Provisions and amendment changes may be proposed by all organization members, including other chapters, and must first be approved by the Executive Committee, and then approved by the Faculty Advisor before changes can be ratified.

ARTICLE IX

Enacting Clause

Section 1: This Constitution shall become effective upon approval of Director of Student Involvement of the Student Activities and Organizations Office of Purdue University.