

Tau Gamma Phi Global Constitution Questions and Answers

1) What is the purpose of the TGP Global Constitution?

The purposes of the TGP Global Constitution, which are outlined in the Preamble, are to unite all Triskelions worldwide under a unified leadership, ensure and enforce compliance with the Tenets and Code of Conduct, eliminate fragmentation, enhance the image and welfare of the Brotherhood, ensure compliance with the laws of various countries where we have councils, and establish a Global Board to lead our Brotherhood around the world.

2) Is it the aim of the TGP Global Constitution to erase Tau Gamma Phi and replace it with TGP Global?

NO. The Tau Gamma Phi Brotherhood will never disappear. The only thing that changes is the structure of the Brotherhood to accommodate our growth. We started at UP as a college fraternity. We never imagined we would grow like this and have members in every corner of the world. Just a few years later, we were in many colleges in Metro Manila, leading to the establishment of the Metro Manila Regional Council. After a few more years, we spread to various parts of the Philippines, prompting the establishment of various councils in several regions, which led to the creation of the NEC and TGCC. When Triskelions went abroad, we established national councils in different countries. And now that we are worldwide, it is only right to establish a worldwide, international, or global council.

3) Will the TGP Global Constitution change the Name and Seal of Tau Gamma Phi?

NO. The name and seal of Tau Gamma Phi will not change and will never disappear. We see many seals from various councils from barangay to national councils. TGP Global will also have its own seal.

4) Does the TGP Global Constitution supersede our Tenets and Code of Conduct?

NO. The TGP Global Constitution does not supersede or replace the Tenets & Code of Conduct; rather it is an extension that agrees with the Tenets & Code of Conduct.

5) Is the aim of the TGP Global Constitution to establish a networking business?

NO. Even if you scrutinize the TGP Global Constitution, there is no provision promoting any business.

6) Is the aim of the TGP Global Constitution to turn TGP Global or Tau Gamma Phi into a political party?

NO. TGP Global is the global structure of Tau Gamma Phi, which is a brotherhood. It will never become a political party.

7) Will the TGP Global Constitution abolish existing councils?

NO. The TGP Global Constitution, which has undergone rigorous examination by our Founding Fathers, will be submitted for ratification by the existing national, regional, provincial, and city councils. They themselves will also elect their representative to the TGP Global Board.

8) How do city/municipal councils fit under the current provincial council?

The Constitution no longer defines the city/municipal level, but it does not prohibit or abolish them either. It leaves it to the provincial council or to the upcoming Local Council Code to define their roles.

9) Will councils be replaced by Areas and Clusters?

NO. The definition of “Area” and “Cluster” is only to create a common designation for councils at the same level. “Area” refers to chartered cities, provinces & countries. “Cluster” refers to current Regions and groups of countries. These definitions are necessary because the Regional Council today is actually composed of several geographic/political regions. For example, there are several regions in the Visayas, but in the brotherhood, there is only one Regional Council for the entire Visayas. In the US, all councils there are currently considered Regional Councils.

10) Will the TGP Global Board interfere with the constitutions and by-laws of existing councils?

NO. The constitutions, bylaws, and rules of each council will remain intact. The TGP Global Board does not intend to interfere in the local governance of councils.

11) Are the officers of TGP Global only appointed by the Founding Fathers?

NO. The members of the TGP Global Board will be elected by our elected officers. The only appointed members will be the Transitory Global Board, which will serve temporarily until May 2020, to organize the establishment and registration of TGP Global.

12) Must all councils that are members of TGP Global comply with the Constitution?

YES. Like all organizations, members must follow its rules to ensure the smooth operation of the Brotherhood. This is no different from chapters that must comply with the rules of their respective regional, provincial, or national councils.

13) What is the organizational structure of TGP Global?

It starts with Chapters composed of active Triskelion members. The Chapters form Areas. The Areas form Clusters. The Clusters will elect members of the TGP Global Board.

14) What will happen to the school chapters?

Just like the current setup, school chapters will remain. They will be under their Area Council, along with community chapters in the area.

15) How will the setup of chapter officers work under TGP Global?

The officers will be as they were when we were still school based. There will be a Grand Triskelion (GT), Master Keeper of the Chest (MKC), and Master Keeper of the Scrolls (MKS). There will also be an Auditor to oversee expenses, an Election Commissioner to manage elections, and a Judge to handle cases.

16) How will the officers of the TGP Global Board be elected?

- Chapter members will vote for members of the Chapter Grand Council
- Chapter Grand Councils will vote for their Chapter GTs
- Chapter GTs will vote for members of their Area Grand Council
- Area Grand Council will vote for their Area GT
- Area GTs will vote for members of their Cluster Grand Council
- Cluster Grand Council will vote for Cluster GT
- Since there are 12 Clusters, there will also be 12 Cluster GTs.
- Each Cluster will submit three selected Triskelions from their number to represent them on the TGP Global Board, Global Electoral Commission, and Global Judicial Chamber.

17) Who are the 15 members of the TGP Global Board?

The members of the TGP Global Board are all 15 -- 12 will come from the 12 Clusters and the 3 will be designates.

18) Who are the 12 Clusters that will be members of the TGP Global Board?

(1 -- NCR North) (1 -- NCR South) (1 -- Regions 1, 2 & CAR) (1 -- Region 3) (1 -- Region 4) (1 -- Region 5) (1 -- Region 6 & NIR) (1 -- Regions 7 & 8) (1 -- Regions 10, 11, 12 & 13) (1 -- Region 9 & BARMM) (1 -- Middle East, Asia, and Australia) (1 -- US, Canada, Europe, and the Caribbean)

19) Who are the 3 designates that will be members of the TGP Global Board?

1 -- Service Sector and Alumni Organizations (TAO/Trileg/TOL/TOM.TAUST/etc)

1 -- Mother Chapter (University of the Philippines)

1 -- appointed by the Founding Fathers

20) Why are there only 2 TGP Global Board members from outside the Philippines?

The majority of Triskelions are in the Philippines, hence the majority of their representatives on the Board.

21) Why does UP have one seat on the TGP Global Board when there's already a seat allocated for the Founding Fathers?

The designated seat for the Founding Fathers is not exclusive to UP Triskelions - representatives can come from any chapter. UP has a designated seat because it is responsible for preserving the complete history, Tenets & Code of Conduct of the brotherhood and ensuring proper understanding and compliance. Given the importance of these functions, it is only appropriate for the custodian to always have a seat on the TGP Global Board.

22) How long is the term for TGP Global Board members?

The first 12 elected Board members will have staggered terms. Six of them will have a 4-year term, and six will have a 2-year term. In the subsequent elections, all elected members will have 4-year terms. The staggering of terms is done to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities from one term to the next. This is similar to what happens in our Senate. The 3 designates have no fixed term and can be replaced at any time by those who appointed them. In English, "they serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority."

23) Who are the officers of the TGP Global Board?

The TGP Global Board will elect a Chairman and the Global GT, who will lead the established Executive Committee. Other officers include the Global Master Keeper of the Chest (MKC), Global Master Keeper of the Scrolls (MKS), Global Auditor, Chief Election Commissioner, and Chief Judge.

24) Who may become a member of Tau Gamma Phi according to the TGP Global Constitution?

The requirements to be recognized as a member of Tau Gamma Phi:

- A true Triskelion. No colorum (not legitimate member) is allowed.
- 18 years old and above.
- Good moral character, mentally and physically fit.
- Not a member of another fraternity whose aims contradict those of Tau Gamma Phi.
- As a neophyte, to have a sponsor who is a Triskelion.
- Belief in the Tenets and Code of Conduct.
- Must undergo the membership process.

25) How is the membership processed?

Each Triskelion can apply as an active member in a school-based or community chapter recognized by TGP Global. Each chapter, area, and cluster will have a Membership Committee led by the Master Keeper of the Scrolls. Colorum members will not be tolerated.

26) Who can become a Global Board Member?

- Triskelions in good standing for 5 years or more.
- Aged 30 years and above.
- Certified active member of a recognized Tau Gamma Phi chapter. Inactive or newly inducted members are not eligible.
- Must pass a drug test.
- Must have “unquestioned loyalty” to Tau Gamma Phi.
- Not a member of any organization whose teachings and goals contradict the Tenets and Code of Conduct, and where you must renounce your membership in Tau Gamma Phi to be a member of theirs.
- Must not have been convicted of crimes involving moral turpitude.

27) When will the first election of TGP Global officers take place?

On the second Monday of May 2022.

28) Why in 2022?

Because the organization and registration of TGP Global must first be organized.

29) While there are no elected officers yet, who will manage TGP Global?

There will be a TRANSITORY GLOBAL BOARD.

30) Who will comprise the Transitory Global Board?

The 3 Founding Fathers will appoint them in accordance with the qualifications stated in the Constitution.

31) Until when will the term of the Transitory Global Board last?

Their term will end when the regular Board Members elected in May 2022 take their oath.

32) Why won't the Transitory Global Board be elected?

First, it is very difficult and costly to call an election as it involves voting from all over the world. Second, the role of the Transitory Global Board is solely organizational. Third, the regular election of the Global Board will be in 2022. If there is still an election for the Transitory Global Board, they might not even fulfill their tasks by 2022.

33) Why are the members of the Advisory Board permanent and not elected?

The members of the Advisory Board are Triskelions selected by the Founding Fathers due to their proven wisdom, leadership, and commitment to the brotherhood, not just because of popularity. Their vision for the brotherhood is long-term, hence their council should have continuity.

34) Will there be a conflict in governance between the Advisory Board and the Global Board?

NO. The Advisory Board only provides wisdom and advice to the Global Board. The decision-making in the governance of the brotherhood lies with the Global Board.

35) Who will approve and ratify the Constitution?

The Constitution was approved by the Founding Fathers and submitted for ratification by the Triskelions currently serving as regional, provincial, and city council leaders.

36) Is the TGP Global Task Force's circulation among the FFs proof that the Constitution of the chapter or council they convened has been ratified?

NO. Due to the current pandemic lockdowns, the planned Regional Summits & National Assembly could not take place. What we can only conduct are virtual and physical council meetings where leaders of councils with voting rights on ratification are gathered to clarify and answer questions about the Constitution. If the council leader who attends the meeting has a mandate from their council to vote based on this decision, their vote will be counted. If there is no mandate or authority from their council, their signature on the ratification document is considered a personal decision only and not a vote.

37) What if someone wants to make changes to the Constitution?

Any part of the Constitution can be amended or revised. During the rounds of the Founding Fathers, many of the mentioned possible changes do not require amendments; these can be made through By-Laws and Implementing Rules.

38) Once the single structure of TGP is established globally, what other programs will be implemented aside from those mentioned in the Preamble?

The most important additional programs include the establishment of a Triskelion Leadership Institute that will provide training in leadership and management to future leaders of the brotherhood, and the establishment of a global fraternity headquarters.