



2026-28 Election Forum Speeches

Council Trustee: Membership | **Natalie Cooper Grindle, Gamma Sigma-Houston**
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Thank you for the renewed opportunity to serve as Council Trustee: Membership. **I am honored by your confidence and grateful for the time to continue this work.**

Over the last two years, I have had the privilege of leading alongside an extraordinary team of membership volunteers and staff members. From reimagining volunteer support structures to building tools that enable smarter, more informed decisions, every accomplishment reflects the passion and commitment of those who serve beside me. Thank you.

Together, we challenged assumptions, embraced innovation, and built meaningful momentum for the future of our Fraternity.

Your expertise, partnership and dedication strengthen both our work and my leadership. I depend on you, learn from you and am inspired by your commitment at every step. I am proud of what we accomplish together... and I think 16% growth speaks for itself!

I also want to thank my fellow Council members and the Fraternity leadership team. Serving with leaders who care so deeply about Delta Gamma's future remains one of the greatest privileges of my membership journey.

Looking forward, I am energized by the opportunities ahead. **I will continue to lead with clarity, innovation and accountability. Our responsibility is not simply to manage today's challenges but to anticipate tomorrow's and position Delta Gamma to thrive.**

The membership landscape is changing. We must be agile enough to adapt while remaining steadfast in our purpose. We will deliver a scalable growth system, expand our use of data and analytics to better support chapters, and equip volunteers with the tools they need to succeed.

Most importantly, I remain committed to creating membership experiences rooted in belonging. **When women feel seen, valued and connected, growth follows naturally.**

Together, we will continue building a Delta Gamma that honors our history, embraces innovation and remains firmly dedicated to the women we serve.

Thank you for your trust. I am excited for the work ahead.