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## **Tau Beta Pi Appoints Vanguard as Investment Advisor**

Knoxville, TN — Tau Beta Pi Association, the Engineering Honor Society, selected Vanguard as the new Investment Manager/Advisor to work with its Trust Advisory Committee (TAC) in managing and directing the investments of the Tau Beta Pi Trust Fund.

The Association established a Fellowship Fund Trustee in 1930 to oversee its investments in the Fellowship program and its Life Subscription Fund. This was replaced in 1964 by a corporate trustee and a three-member TAC to oversee its investments. Initial investments were in bonds, but were expanded to include mutual funds in 1991. The TAC was increased to five members in 2019.

Prior to the change to Vanguard, PNC Bank served as trustee with investments in Harbor Capital Funds, Dodge & Cox, Dimensional, and PIMCO. The Association had a productive relationship with PNC Bank dating back to 1991, but the Executive Council (Tau Beta Pi's board of directors) and TAC wanted to consider what options were available since the Association had not recently explored the investment advisor area. Based on recommendations from the 2019 Financial Review Committee, the Executive Council directed the Council Finance Committee to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Investment Advisor.

The TAC selected 12 companies to consider in the RFP process: Goldman Sachs, Harbor, J.P Morgan, Vanguard, Northern Trust, Russell Investments, UBS, Graystone Consulting, PNC, Stifel, Fidelity, and ACG. Six were selected for final interviews.

Vanguard was chosen as the Investment Advisor and the transition was completed on July 31. They will maintain the 90/10 Equity/Fixed Income allocation. The value of the trust was \$41.6 million on July 31, 2021. Members of the Trust Advisory Committee include James W. Johnson Jr., NC A '77, Chair; Harry W. Lange, MI Z '75; Yung B. Lim, NJ D '87; David A. Liu, PA D '93; and Brent S. Beardsley, TX D '93.

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