

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION UNIVERSITY PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Union University Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations with excellence and in so doing to:

1. Consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life.
2. Promote superior scholarship as fundamental to intellectual achievement.
3. Cooperate with member fraternities and the university administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements and policies.
5. Act in accordance with such rules established by Panhellenic Council as do not violate with sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two classes of membership: Regular and Associate.

1. Regular membership of the Union University Panhellenic Association shall include all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at Union University.
2. Associate membership of the Union University Panhellenic Association shall include all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Union University Panhellenic Association shall be:
 - a. President
 - b. Executive Vice-president
 - c. Secretary-Treasurer
 - d. Vice-president for Standards and Programming
 - e. Vice-president for Membership Recruitment
 - f. Vice-president for Public Relations

2. The officers shall be representatives from organizations holding regular membership in the Union University Panhellenic Association. Members from fraternities holding associate membership within the Panhellenic Association shall not be eligible to hold office.
3. The officers shall serve for a one-year terms, each beginning on the first day of every calendar year.
4. The President, Executive Vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer shall comprise the Panhellenic Association's Executive Board.
5. Any officer who fails to or is unable to perform her duties as outlined shall resign and a successor shall be designated by her respective fraternity.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings: the Panhellenic Association should hold at least one regular meeting annually.
2. Special meetings: the Panhellenic Association President may call for a special meeting of all regular and associate member fraternities when necessary. She shall submit her request for such a meeting in writing and distribute timely information to all regular and associate member fraternities at Union University.
3. The officers from each regular or associate member fraternity shall be responsible for notifying their chapters' members of all regular and special meetings of the Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE VI: THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The administrative body of the Union University Panhellenic Association shall be the Union University Panhellenic Council.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Union University Panhellenic Association and to compile rules governing the Panhellenic Association, including recruiting and pledging, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.

1. The Union University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of two officers and one delegate from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity chapter at Union University and from such National Panhellenic Conference fraternity colonies or national sororities at Union University as the council may approve for membership.
2. Officers and delegates to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a one-year term, each beginning on the first day of every calendar year.

3. When an officer vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity whose officer has vacated to select a replacement within one month and to provide the Panhellenic Secretary and Advisor with all appropriate contact information. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while an officer vacancy exists, the delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the officer in all cases, except that of the President. The Executive Vice-president shall fulfill the duties of the President if she vacates until a replacement is selected.
4. The officers of the Panhellenic Association shall serve as the officers of the Panhellenic Council and shall have such powers and duties as prescribed in the Bylaws of the Union University Panhellenic Association.
5. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each college term or semester. Special meetings may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any member delegate of the Panhellenic Council.
6. A quorum shall consist of at least two representatives from each fraternity with regular membership. Quorum must be met prior to any official Council activity.
7. The voting body of the Union University Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
 - a. The voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be the officers and delegates of each fraternity holding regular membership. In the event of an officer's or delegate's absence, member fraternities may send temporary substitutes to vote in an absent member's stead.
 - b. Two-thirds of the voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish recruitment rules, to establish Chapter Total and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions unless otherwise noted in the Panhellenic Constitution or Bylaws.
8. In the event of an emergency or issue that must be resolved immediately, the Executive Board may enact policy or adjudicate situations on behalf of the Panhellenic Council. In order to hold an emergency Executive Board session, all officers on the Executive Board as well as the Panhellenic Advisor must unanimously agree such a session is necessary. All voting rules remain in effect for Executive Board sessions.

ARTICLE VII: PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by Union University's administration. The advisor shall serve in advisory capacity to the Union University Panhellenic Association and its Council. He or she will not have voting privileges on the Panhellenic Council but shall have the same ability to speak at meetings as collegiate officers or delegates.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Standing committees and special officers deemed necessary to carry out the work of the Union University Panhellenic Council shall be appointed by its Executive Board to serve during the term of the Board which appoints them.

ARTICLE IX: UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES

1. All members of the Union University Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with Panhellenic policies established by the National Panhellenic Council (NPC) in its Unanimous Agreements, acts, resolutions and other legislation, so long as these agreements, acts and resolutions do not violate Union University's standards for conduct and fundamental institutional precepts.
2. All Union University Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall not contradict or circumvent those currently established by the NPC, so long as NPC agreements, acts and resolutions do not violate Union University's standards for conduct and fundamental institutional precepts.

ARTICLE X: VIOLATIONS

Violation of any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, Recruitment rules, rules governing matters other than Recruitment, or NPC Unanimous Agreements shall merit penalties established and adjudicated by the Union University Panhellenic Council with conformity recommended by National Panhellenic Conference as outlined in the College Panhellenic Agreement.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by majority vote of the Union University Panhellenic Council, provided sufficient notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted during preceding regular Panhellenic Council meeting(s). The Constitution may only be amended by a full meeting of the Panhellenic Council and not by the Executive Board.

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