

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be The University of Texas Arlington Panhellenic Council, and shall be referred to as Panhellenic Council throughout the Constitution and Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE II – OBJECT**

The object of this Panhellenic Council shall be to develop and maintain Greek life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so to:

1. Consider the goals and ideas of member groups as continually applicable to campus life.
2. Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement.
3. Cooperate with member fraternities and the University administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standard.
4. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference rules and policies.
5. Act in accordance with all rules established by the Panhellenic Council as do not violate the sovereignty, right and privileges of member fraternities.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be two classes of membership: regular and associate.

1. The REGULAR membership of the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference.
2. The ASSOCIATE membership of the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all chapter members if good standing of such National Panhellenic Conference colonies, such local and/or national sororities at The University of Texas at Arlington as have been approved by its Panhellenic Council.

## **ARTICLE IV – THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

The administrative body of the Panhellenic Council shall consist of the Executive Board and chapter delegates as defined below.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of such named Panhellenic Council, as well as the rights and privileges of the member fraternities.

1. The Panhellenic Council shall be composed of 1 Senior delegate, 1 Junior delegate, and 1 Alternate delegate from each regular chapter.
2. When a delegate vacancy occurs it shall be the responsibility of the chapter concerned to select a replacement within 2 weeks, and to notify the Panhellenic Council Secretary of her name, address, and telephone number. When a meeting of the Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the sorority must provide a temporary delegate until a permanent delegate is selected.
3. Your respective chapter must notify the Panhellenic Council of any changes to its Executive Boards within 2 weeks of receiving the offices.
4. The Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws of the Panhellenic Council.
5. Voting:

- a. Quorum: two thirds of the chapters shall constitute a quorum.
- b. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall consist of a Senior, Junior and Alternate delegate selected from each chapter that holds regular chapter membership. If both the Senior and Junior delegate are absent, their alternate delegate shall cast the vote of the chapter. If all three delegates are absent, the President of the chapter may cast the vote. One vote is allowed per chapter.
- c. A two-thirds majority of the voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be required to accept associate members.
- d. A simple majority vote shall be required to establish recruitment rules, chapter total, to set the date for recruitment, and all other questions and business.
- e. It will be the final decision of the Greek advisor and Panhellenic President as to when the issue will be voted on.

#### 6. VOICE

- a. All delegates, alumnae advisors to the Panhellenic Council, and the Executive Officers shall have voice.

### ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council shall consist of the following offices: President, Vice President of Standards, Vice President of Administration, Recruitment Coordinator and Recruitment Counselor Coordinator, Activities Coordinator, Panhellenic Development Coordinator, and Marketing Coordinator.
2. The Executive Board shall be selected from chapters holding regular membership in the Panhellenic Council. Chapters holding associate membership status shall not be eligible to hold Executive Board offices.
3. The selected officers shall serve for a term of 1 calendar year.

### ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

1. The Panhellenic Council shall hold bi-weekly meetings starting at the beginning of each semester and ending after the installation of officers.
2. A special meeting of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon written request of any regular or associate member chapter at The University of Texas Arlington.
3. The delegates from each regular or associate member chapter shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Panhellenic Council.

### ARTICLE VII – PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be chosen by the University administration.
2. He/She shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Panhellenic Council.

### ARTICLE VIII – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Such special committees and special officers, as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Council, shall be appointed by the Executive Board to serve during the tenure in office of the Executive Board which appoints them.

### ARTICLE IX – AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES

1. All members of the Panhellenic Council shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic Rules established by the National Panhellenic Conference in the Unanimous Agreements (The Panhellenic Agreements, Agreements of Questionnaires and Constitutions, and the Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council including all verbal and written agreements.)
2. All Panhellenic Council rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference.
3. The Panhellenic Council supports the University Alcohol Policy, Greek Life Alcohol Policy, All Councils Risk Management Policies, and individual fraternity/sorority risk management policies, and will do their best to uphold the regulations in such policies. Starting no later than January 1, 2001, members will not co-sponsor a function at any fraternity house if that function is not substance-free. Chapters will also enforce the following: National Panhellenic Council member groups may only sponsor or co-sponsor a function with alcohol if that function occurs in a state licensed third-party vendor location or in an unlicensed location if the chapter, with the assistance of the Council, enforces the following measures: a hired state licensed bartender, wristbands for those 21 years of age and over, BYOB, and inclusion of alternative beverage(s). All Panhellenic Council members will fully support the fraternities that have chosen to go substance-free, and will encourage other fraternities to follow suit.
4. In coordination with the objectives of the Panhellenic Council to promote Greek Unity, all member sororities of the Panhellenic Council shall have a non-alcohol social gathering of some kind each semester. The Panhellenic President will pair each sorority chapter with another chapter by random selection at the beginning of each semester.

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