

# **NEW GREEK COUNCIL**

Constitution and Bylaws of New Greek Council  
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University of Arkansas

Interfraternity, Panhellenic, National Pan-Hellenic Councils

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## **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the New Greek Council at the University of Arkansas, by the authority of the President of the University of Arkansas and subscribing to the regulations and policies of the University, do establish this constitution as a charter for the exercising of a responsible self-government. This council seeks to serve the best interest of the University, and to promote a spirit of good will among member fraternities and sororities.

## **ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose**

- Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be: New Greek Council of the University of Arkansas.
- Section 2.** The purpose of New Greek Council shall be:
- A. To foster loyalty to the ideas and beliefs of the Greek system.
  - B. To promote University interaction and unity among fraternities and sororities.
  - C. To develop leadership and guidance for the Greek community.
  - D. To act as a forum for discussion of issues, particularly those pertaining to new members.

## **ARTICLE II: Membership**

- Section 1. Members**
- A. The New Greek Council shall be composed of two representatives from the most recent pledge/associate class of each chapter member of the Interfraternity, United Greek, Panhellenic, and National Pan-Hellenic Councils.
  - B. Membership in the New Greek Council is at all times a privilege which may be withdrawn for a good cause by a three-fourths vote of the council's executive committee or upon advisement by Greek Life Staff..
  - C. A New Greek Council member is responsible for appointment of a proxy when he/she is not able to attend a meeting. Three proxies are the equivalent of one absence.
  - D. A New Greek Council member shall be put on probation when he/she accumulates three absences with notice given to that representative's chapter president. Probation shall be defined as forced replacement.

**Section 2. Executive Committee**

- A. The New Greek Council Executive Committee shall be President, Two Co-Vice-Presidents of Programming, TVice President of Public Relation, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Leadership, Vice President of Service, and Vice President of Administration and Finance. The New Greek Council shall be advised by a staff member of the Greek Life Office. Staff.

**ARTICLE III: Elections**

**Section 1. Members**

- A. All members of the Council shall be in good standing with their fraternity/sorority.
- B. All members must be duly enrolled full time students of the University of Arkansas having a cumulative grade point average no less than 2.25.
- C. Each chapter member of the Interfraternity, United Greek, Panhellenic, and National Pan-Hellenic Councils will be responsible for sending two delegates to the New Greek Councils
- D. Term of Membership will be two academic semesters (November to November)

**Section 2. Executive Committee**

- A. All officers of the Council shall be in good standing with their fraternity/sorority.
- B. All officers must be duly enrolled full time students of the University of Arkansas having a cumulative grade point average no less than 2.25.
- C. Applications for each of the nine executive officer positions shall be submitted to the current Executive Committee who will then vote on and choose the new Executive Committee pursuant to Clause D.
- D. Officers shall be selected by the Greek Life Staff and the current New Greek Council Executive Committee.
- E. Term of office will be one year for all executive positions.

**ARTICLE IV: Voting**

**Section 1. Vote**

- A. Each member sorority or fraternity is entitled to one vote to be cast by delegate or an approved representative of his/her fraternity or sorority.
- B. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to one vote to be cast by that Executive Committee member with the exception of President, who may only cast a vote in the event of a tie.

**Section 2. Majority**

- A. A majority vote shall be required to carry out all questions except as otherwise specified in these laws.

**ARTICLE V: Responsibilities**

**Section 1. Members**

- A. Members of the New Greek Council will be responsible for regular attendance at weekly meetings. This may include attendance of the elected member or selected proxy.
- B. Each member will serve on at least one project committee with attendance at least six monthly service projects.
- C. Each member will participate in activities that are put on by New Greek Council unless the absence has been approved prior to the event.

**Section 2. Executive Committee**

- A. **President:** the general duties and responsibilities of the President include, but are not limited to, the following:
- serving as a role model and mentor for others
  - maintaining lines of communication with the Office of Campus Activities to ensure New Greek Council's status as a Registered Student Organization (RSO)
  - attending and leading all NGC Executive Meetings
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  - attending NGC special projects
  - encouraging each office to take initiative in creating and implementing ideas
  - holding officers accountable for their goals and responsibilities
  - ensuring that all NGC delegates play an active role in the creation and implementation of programming
  - submitting a one-page summary at the end of office term
  - GLF-advisor to NGC to develop and implement programs
  - Coordinate NGC meetings and events
- B. **Vice Presidents of Programming:** responsibilities of the vice-presidents of programming include, but are not limited to, the following:
- serving as a role model and mentor for others
  - attending all NGC Executive Meetings
  - attending all NGC Meetings and special projects
  - working with officers and delegates to determine programming for the year (i.e. community service)
  - coordinating NGC-sponsored events during the Fall Semester and Greek Sing in the Spring Semester

- C. Vice President of Public Relations:** responsibilities of the Vice-President of Public Relations include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Serving as a role model and mentor for others
  - Attending all NGC Executive Meetings
  - Attending all NGC Meetings and Special Projects
  - Working closely with the VP Programming to publicize NGC events
  - Collaboration with Public Relations Officers from UGC, NPHC, IFC and Panhellenic
  - Submitting a one-page summary at the end of office term
- D. Vice President of Administration and Finance:** responsibilities of the VP of Administration and Finance include, but are not limited to:
- Serving as a role model and mentor for others
  - Attending all NGC Executive Meetings
  - Attending all NGC Meetings and special projects
  - Keeping the minutes of NGC meetings
  - Submitting a one-page summary at the end of office term
  - Working with Advisor to develop and submit and NGC budget to ASG for B-funds allocation
  - Paying all bills in a timely manner
  - Collecting semester/yearly fees from all sororities and fraternities
- E. Vice President of Service :** responsibilities of the VP of Service include, but are not limited to:
- serving as a role model and mentor for others
  - attending all NGC Executive Meetings
  - attending all NGC Meetings and special projects
  - work with advisors, delegates, and the executive board to coordinate a special project which benefits the Fayetteville community **once a month.**
- F. Vice President of Leadership**
- Serving as a role model and mentor for others
  - Attending all NGC Executive Meetings
  - Attending all NGC Meetings and special projects
  - Facilitate leadership development activities at NGC Meetings
  - Announce other leadership opportunities within the Greek Community and on campus
  - Provide weekly leadership tips/ inspiring quotes each week
- G. Vice President of Membership**
- Serving as a role model and mentor for others
  - Attending all NGC Executive Meetings
  - Attending all NGC Meetings and special projects
  - Keep the moral of membership high within NGC
  - Facilitate ice breakers/fun activity at NGC meetings
  - Develop a recruitment plan for the next term

- Assist the VP of Admin and Finance with communication to council members

### **ARTICLE VI: Meetings**

#### **Section 1. Weekly Meetings**

- A.** The New Greek Council shall hold weekly meetings during the academic semester. The members of the Executive Committee shall have the power to call extra meetings at such times as they become necessary.
- B.** The New Greek Council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. Unless otherwise stated in this constitution, a quorum shall consist of 51% of the members represented.

### **ARTICLE VII: Finances**

#### **Section 1. Funds**

- A.** Finances will be given a base budget determined by the Director of Greek Life.
- B.** At least once a year, the New Greek Council will hold a fundraiser to produce additional funds.
- C.** Each semester the Executive Committee, under the advisement of the GA of Greek Life, will apply for RSO funds through the ASG.

### **ARTICLE VIII: Special Projects**

#### **Section 1. Community Service**

- A.** Each New Greek Council Class will be required to complete a special project which benefits the Fayetteville community **once a month**.
- B.** This event will be coordinated by the Philanthropy Chair. The entire membership of New Greek Council will carry out the project.