

# **THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

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\*Note that the Panhellenic Association refers to the entire Panhellenic community at the University of Arkansas, while the Panhellenic Council refers to the Panhellenic Executive Board, delegates, and junior delegates.

## **PREAMBLE:**

We, as Undergraduate Members of women's fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character, inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Panhellenic Association of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Panhellenic Council shall be to:

1. Consider and attempt to achieve the goals and ideals of chapters as continually applicable to campus and personal life.
2. Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement.
3. Cooperate with member sororities and 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 Association as do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

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

1. The regular membership of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at the University of Arkansas.

- a. All chapters must be a University of Arkansas registered student organization to hold Regular membership within the Panhellenic Association.
2. The associate membership of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies or affiliated chapters.

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Executive Board shall be President, Vice President, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Diversity Initiatives and Outreach, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, Vice President of Scholarship and Educational Programs, Vice President of Public Relations, and Director of Recruitment Counselors. These officers will not count as one of the chapter delegates.
2. The officers shall hold regular membership in the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association. Members of fraternities holding associate membership shall not be eligible to hold office.
3. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin no later than the end of December.
4. Any officer failing to perform her duties or violates university code of conduct, state or federal laws, Panhellenic Recruitment Rules including Gamma Chi guidelines and/or expectations, the Panhellenic Association bylaws, as outlined shall be subject to removal, and a successor can be designated by the process outlines in Article VI, Section 3.

#### **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

1. Regular meetings of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Council shall be held once a week, unless otherwise communicated in advance.
2. Special meetings of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any regular or associate member fraternity at the University of Arkansas.
3. The delegate from each regular or associate member fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Council.
4. Three quarters of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### **ARTICLE VI. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

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

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

1. MEMBERSHIP - The University of Arkansas Panhellenic Council shall consist of a junior and senior delegate from each National Panhellenic Sorority represented on the University of Arkansas campus.
2. SELECTION OF DELEGATES - Delegates to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective sorority chapters to serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin no later than January, if possible, based on sorority chapter national's timeline for slating. Preferably, Junior Delegates will assume the position of senior delegate the following year.
3. DELEGATE AND OFFICER VACANCIES - When a delegate vacancy occurs it shall be the responsibility of the sorority concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Vice President of Administration of her name, email address, and telephone number.
  - a. Any vacancy in an Executive Office can be filled by an elected Panhellenic Council Representative with a three-quarter majority vote of the Panhellenic Council. Unless a situation warrants itself, the position can remain vacant in consultation with the Panhellenic Advisor & Director of Greek Life. The only exception is for the office of President, which shall be filled by the Vice President. The vacancy in the Office of Vice President shall then be filled by the method prescribed above.
4. OFFICERS - The executive officers of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Council shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association.
5. VOTING- The voting body of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
  - a. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the senior delegates of each sorority holding regular membership. If either or both of the delegates are absent, the votes may be cast by a proxy member.
  - b. A three-quarter majority of voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish recruitment rules, establish total chapter size, open for extension, and determine the calendar dates for recruitment and new member education. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.
6. VOICE - The alternate delegates shall have voice but no vote, except in the absence of the senior delegate.
  - a. The Panhellenic Council Executive Board will have voice but no vote.

## **ARTICLE VII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR**

1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by the Office of Greek Life administration and serve in an advisory capacity to the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association and its Council.
2. The Council President reserves the right to serve as NPC representative on the search committee and other member organizations may also aid during the selection process.
3. The primary advisor shall be a full-time, twelve month paid staff member who shall serve as the Director of Greek Life or/and as the Assistant Director for Greek Life at the University of Arkansas

4. The primary advisor shall abide by all university rules and regulations as set forth in the student handbook, the Office of Greek Life, local and state laws/ordinances, as well as, be knowledgeable of NPC rules and guidelines regarding its member organizations on all levels (as outlined in the national NPC Advisor's Handbook).
5. Additional responsibilities of the primary advisor and/or secondary advisor may include but not be limited to serving as a counselor and mediator in council discussions and/or debates, assist as overseers in council projects, events, and activities.
6. The Primary Council Advisor will assure that the council is in compliance with the national and regional ordinances, and with the local council's guidelines.
7. Additional advisors may be asked to assist the Primary Council Advisor at his/her discretion. Additional advisors may include Greek Life Staff interns and/or other university paid staff personnel.
8. All monetary transactions, publications/marketing efforts, written documentations, mass email mailings, or any other forms of communications should be cleared through the Primary Advisor for the purpose of liability issues and/or to avoid unwarranted situations which may affect the entire association or the University of Arkansas Greek Community.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Panhellenic Council Executive Board shall appoint standing committees to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Council and Association if deemed necessary.

#### **ARTICLE IX. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES**

1. All members of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by NPC in the Unanimous Agreements found in the Manual of Information (The Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenic's Agreements, Agreement on Questionnaires and Constitutions and The Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council).
2. All University of Arkansas Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by National Panhellenic Conference.

#### **ARTICLE X. VIOLATIONS**

Violations of any regulations of this constitution or its related bylaws, of recruitment rules, of rules concerning matters other than recruitment, of the NPC Unanimous Agreements (the Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenic Agreements, Agreement on Questionnaires and Constitutions and The Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council) shall be the occasion for penalties established by the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Council and Judicial Board in conformity with those recommended by National Panhellenic Conference. Any issue of individual or organizational conduct that is in violation of the University of Arkansas Student Code of Conduct will be adjudicated as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

## ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

1. All amendments to this constitution must be proposed by one of the following methods:
  - a. Proposals by the President
  - b. Proposals by the representatives or officers
  - c. Proposals by special appointed constitution committee
2. Proposals should be made as follows:
  - a. Proposals may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the voting members of the University of Arkansas Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the Council at least one week prior to a Council vote on such an amendment.
  - b. Proposals must be typed, double-spaced, dated and signed
  - c. Proposal(s) that are approved take effect upon approval unless otherwise suggested by persons proposing.
  - d. Upon adoption, amendments shall be inserted in this constitution in which place they change, and the portions amended shall be deleted. The amendments that are added shall be placed in additional sections in the articles to which they pertain.