

# CONSTITUTION OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

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## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association.

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so:

**Section 1.** Consider the goals and ideals of member groups continually applicable to campus and personal life.

**Section 2.** Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement.

**Section 3.** Foster positive relationships between the Greek community, The Ohio State University Administration, and surrounding community.

**Section 4.** Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements and policies.

**Section 5.** Act in accordance with such rules established by the Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

## ARTICLE III. MISSION STATEMENT

We, the women of The Ohio State University's Panhellenic community, strive to uphold the values set forth by founders of each individual chapter and of the National Panhellenic Community.

With the bonds of sisterhood, we vow to support one another through attendance and participation at philanthropy events, service opportunities, and community events.

As Panhellenic women, it is our job to promote our ethical ideals and values, strong belief in scholarship, and actively lead in the community.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. As stated in the National Panhellenic Conference Manual of Information, women's fraternities have the right to confine their membership to women, and their right to exist as single-sex organizations shall not be abrogated by any governmental agency or action (in accordance with the provisions of Title IX).

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

**Section 1.** The regular membership of The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of the National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at The Ohio State University and have received official recognition as a regular member chapter by The Ohio State University and a three-fourths affirmative vote by the Panhellenic Council.

**Section 2.** The associate membership of The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of the National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters at The Ohio State University and local women's fraternities that are applying for regular membership into The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association and seeking recognition as a regular member chapter by The Ohio State University and have received official recognition as an associate member chapter by The Ohio State University and a two-thirds affirmative vote by the Panhellenic Council.

1. Associate member chapters shall not pay the recruitment fee.
2. Associate member chapters shall not participate in Formal Recruitment.

## **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

The Executive Board officers of the Panhellenic Association shall be President, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Vice President of Community Development, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, Vice President of Member Development, Vice President of Public Relations, **Vice President of Recruitment and Retention**, and the Vice President of Scholarship.

### **Section 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The Board of Directors officers of the Panhellenic Association shall be Director of External Communications, Director of Internal Communications, Director of Philanthropy, Director of Service, Director of Risk Management, Director of Technology,

Director of New Member Education, **Director(s) of Recruitment Guides**, Director(s) of Recruitment Logistics, Director of Recruitment Marketing, and the Director of Recruitment Technology.

**Section 3.** The officers shall serve for a term of one year. The term of office is to begin in January and end January of the following calendar year.

**Section 4.** Any officer may be removed from her office for any of the following reasons:

1. Non-performance of duties, including but not limited to, excessive unexcused absences from executive or regular meetings during her term.
2. No longer meeting the eligibility requirements of the Panhellenic Association.
3. Conduct unbecoming of an officer of the Panhellenic Association.
4. Failing to maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher during her term.
5. Failing to maintain classification as a full-time student at The Ohio State University.
6. Failing to abide by The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct.

**Section 5.** Any member of the Panhellenic Association may initiate removal procedures.

1. The President shall inform the officer in question of the proceedings.
2. Written notice to impeach an officer must be presented to the President and Panhellenic Advisor.
3. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the Executive Board is needed to remove the officer from her position.
4. An officer may resign from her position after submitting a letter of resignation to the President and Panhellenic Advisor.

## **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. REGULAR.**

The Panhellenic Council shall hold at least one regular meeting weekly at a time and location specified by the President.

### **Section 2. EXECUTIVE.**

The Executive Board shall hold at least one executive meeting weekly prior to each regular meeting at a time and location specified by the President.

### **Section 3. SPECIAL.**

A special meeting of the Panhellenic Council may be called at any time by the President, Panhellenic Advisor, or at the request of twenty-five percent of regular and associate member chapters.

**Section 4.** The delegate from each regular or associate member chapter shall be responsible for notifying her chapter of all business of regular and special meetings of the Panhellenic Council.

## **ARTICLE VII. PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

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

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

### **Section 1. MEMBERSHIP.**

The Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate from each regular and associate member chapter.

### **Section 2. SELECTION OF DELEGATES.**

Delegates to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective chapters. Officers of the Panhellenic Association may not simultaneously serve as delegates for their chapters.

### **Section 3. DELEGATE REMOVAL:**

A delegate may be removed from her office for any of the following reasons:

1. Non-performance of duties, including but not limited to, excessive unexcused absences from regular meetings during her term.
2. No longer meeting the eligibility requirements of the Panhellenic Association.
3. Conduct unbecoming of a delegate of the Panhellenic Association.
4. Failing to maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher during her term.
5. Failing to maintain classification as a full-time student at The Ohio State University.

6. Failing to abide by The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct.

#### **Section 4.REMOVAL PROCEDURES:**

Any member of the Panhellenic Association may initiate removal procedures.

1. The President shall inform the delegate in question of the proceedings.
2. Written notice to impeach a delegate must be presented to the President and Panhellenic Advisor.
3. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the Executive Board is needed to remove the delegate from her position.
4. A delegate may resign from her position after submitting a letter of resignation to the President and Panhellenic Advisor.

#### **Section 5. DELEGATE VACANCIES.**

When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the chapter concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Director of Internal Communications of her name and contact information.

#### **Section 6. OFFICERS.**

The Executive Board and Board of Directors shall serve as the officers of the Panhellenic Council. These officers shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws of The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association.

#### **Section 7. QUORUM.**

Two-thirds of regular and associate member chapters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### **Section 8. VOTING.**

1. The voting body of Panhellenic Association shall be the Panhellenic Council.
2. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of regular and associate member chapters.
3. Two-thirds of voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to add an associate member chapter and to carry all other questions.
4. Three-fourths of voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to add a regular member chapter.

## **ARTICLE VIII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR**

**Section 1.** The Panhellenic Advisor shall be chosen by The Ohio State University Administration.

**Section 2.** The Panhellenic Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Panhellenic Association Executive Board, Board of Directors, Judicial Board, and Council and all regular and associate member chapters.

## **ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

## **ARTICLE IX. COUNCIL PHILANTHROPY**

The philanthropy of the Panhellenic Association shall be the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation.

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

### **Section 1. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS.**

All members of the Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by the National Panhellenic Conference in the Unanimous Agreements.

### **Section 2. RULES AND POLICIES.**

All rules and policies of the Panhellenic Association shall be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference.

**Section 3.** It is recognized that this Constitution cannot address, in specific fashion, all possible situations to occur. When this Constitution, its related Bylaws, or Risk Management Policy are not specific on a particular point, the chapters and their members are expected to conduct their events and themselves in the spirit of social responsibility expressed in this policy.

## **ARTICLE XI. VIOLATIONS**

**Section 1.** Violation of any regulations of this Constitution, its related Bylaws, Recruitment Rules, National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements and policies, or of rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment shall be the occasion for penalties established by the Panhellenic Association Judicial Board in conformity with those recommended by the National Panhellenic Conference (See National Panhellenic Conference Manual of Information).

**Section 2.** Any dispute arising out of the violation of Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration principles of the National Panhellenic Conference.

**Section 3.** All disputes shall be resolved using the judicial procedure established in the Panhellenic Association Judicial Board Constitution and the Joint Council Judicial Board Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to the President, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, and Panhellenic Advisor at the preceding regular meeting.