

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association Constitution

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association. It shall be referred to as Panhellenic within the Greek Council Constitution.

Article II. Object

The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and inter-fraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment 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 basic 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 National Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.
- (6) Prohibit any activities that result in undue physical stress or any subtle or covert technique that will impair, make captive, or destroy an individual's freedom of thought.
- (7) Adhere to all policies and regulations of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the Board of Trustees of State Colleges and Universities.
- (8) Act in accordance with the rules and policies of the Office of Student Affairs and UL Lafayette Student Union.
- (9) Activities that result in undue physical stress or any subtle or covert technique that will impair, make captive, or destroy an individual's freedom of thought will not be tolerated.

- (10) This organization will adhere to all policies and regulations of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the University of Louisiana System.
- (11) All fundraising activities shall be carried out in accordance with the rules and policies of the Office of Student Affairs and the UL Lafayette Union.

Article III. Membership

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

- (1)
 - a) The REGULAR membership of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
 - b) Any sorority chapter that drops below a membership of ten initiated members will be required to meet with the Executive Council of the Panhellenic Association and the Office of Greek Affairs in order to discuss the future of the chapter.
- (2) The ASSOCIATE membership of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters, such local and/or national sororities at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as have been approved by its Panhellenic Association.
- (3) Membership shall not be denied on the basis of race, color, religion national origin, age, or disability. The women's fraternities of NPC have the right to confine their membership to woman, and their right to exist as single-sex organizations shall not be abrogated by any government agency or action. (In accordance with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.)

Article IV. External Policies

- (1) This organization, as well as the member council, and each chapter is required to adhere to the following mandates of the university, which were drafted and agreed upon, before the existence of the Panhellenic Association.
 - A. Greek Alcohol Policy
 - B. Relationship Statement
 - C. Greek Judicial Board
 - D. UL-Lafayette Anti-Hazing Policy

Article V. Officers

- (1) The officers of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall be President, Vice-President Membership Recruitment, Vice-President Judiciary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
- (2) The officers shall be delegates from fraternities holding regular membership in the University of Louisiana at Louisiana Panhellenic Association. Delegates from 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 two weeks before the end of the Fall semester.
- (4) All members (officers and delegates) shall have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 as well as 2.5 from the previous semester.
- (5) Any officer failing to perform duties as outlined shall resign and a successor will be designated by election or as provided in Article VII, Section 3.

Article VI. Meetings

- (1) **REGULAR-** The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall hold at least one meeting weekly during regular semesters. Weekly meetings will be held at a time and place established at the beginning of the college term.
- (2) **SPECIAL-** A special meeting of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association 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 Louisiana at Lafayette.
- (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 Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association.
- (4) **QUORUM-** Two-thirds (three-quarters) of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VII. The Panhellenic Council

The administrative body of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall be The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Council.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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.

(1) MEMBERSHIP

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall be composed of a first delegate, and second delegate, and one alumna advisor from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity chapter at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and from such National Panhellenic Conference fraternity colonies, local or national sororities at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as the association may approve for membership in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association.

(2) SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ADVISORS

Delegates and alumnae advisors to Panhellenic Association shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing no later than two weeks before the end of the Fall semester. Whenever possible, the alternate delegate of one year shall be the delegate for the succeeding year.

(3) DELEGATE VACANCIES

When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity concerned to select a replacement within one week and to notify the Panhellenic Association Recording Secretary of her name, address, and telephone number. When a meeting of Panhellenic Association occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the second delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the first delegate in all cases, except that of the President. The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of President.

(4) OFFICERS

The officers of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall serve as the officers of its Panhellenic Executive Council. These officers shall serve as the Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council and shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association.

(5) MEETINGS

Regular weekly meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each college term or semester.

(6) VOTING

(a) The voting body of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.

(b) The Voting Members of Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of

each fraternity holding regular membership. If the first delegate is absent, the vote of her fraternity shall be cast by the second delegate. If both delegates are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the fraternity, providing her credentials have been presented in writing to the Council President prior to the meeting.

- (c) A Two-thirds, (three-fourths) of the voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish recruitment rules, to determine quota and to establish Total Chapter Size, to set the date for pledging and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.

(7) **VOICE**

The second delegates and members alumnae advisors to Panhellenic Council shall have voice but no vote.

(8) **ABSENCES**

Each delegate member will be allowed one absence during a term year (January to January). Following the second absence a fine of \$15 will be assessed. Upon the third absence she will be asked to resign from her position and pay a fine of \$30. Excusable absences must be submitted to the Panhellenic Advisor or the Panhellenic President prior to the meeting. This will be effective for all Weekly Meetings and mandatory events, which will include tables, Greek seekers, philanthropy service projects, and all events sponsored by the various committees in which the member has obliged to.

Article VIII. Panhellenic Advisor

- (1) The Panhellenic Advisor shall be chosen by the administration.
- (2) The Advisor shall serve in advisory capacity to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association and its Council.
- (3) In addition to another approved signature, she/he must countersign all checks issued by the Council.

Article IX. Standing Committees

Such Standing Committees and special officers as may be necessary to carry out the work of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Council and Association shall be appointed by its Executive Board to serve during the tenure in office of the Board which appoints them.

Article X. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and Policies

- (1) All members of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by National Panhellenic Conference in the UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS which are mandatory regulations voted upon by all 26 national organizations.
- (2) All University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference. Our local regulations should be in agreement with national policies. Recommendations by the national office can be voted upon by the local Panhellenic, however, a strong emphasis is placed upon following these national recommendations.

Article XI. Violations

- (1) Violation of any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, of membership recruitment rules, of rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS shall be the occasion for penalties established by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association in conformity with those recommended by National Panhellenic Conference (see College Panhellenic Association Judicial Procedures).
- (2) Any dispute growing out of the violation of Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration principles of the National Panhellenic Conference Judiciary Procedures. Consequences should be of a positive nature.

Article XII. Junior Panhellenic Council

- (1) PURPOSES - The purpose of the Junior Panhellenic Council shall be:
 - (a) To educate pledges in Panhellenic of its purposes and goals.
 - (b) To promote Panhellenic spirit and inter-sorority relations.
 - (c) To encourage service and participation in campus activities.
 - (d) To evaluate past membership recruitment and promote future membership recruitment.
 - (e) To develop leadership skills.
- (2) MEMBERSHIP - all new members of all fraternities represented on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association shall be members of the Junior Panhellenic Association. Each new member class will have two selected delegates to Junior Panhellenic Association. Each fraternity will have one vote.

- (3) **FORMATION** - The First Vice-President shall organize a Junior Panhellenic Council each fall semester. She shall serve as an advisor chairperson and a liaison to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Council. She shall be responsible for notifying all new officers of their duties and for calling the first Junior Panhellenic Council meeting by the third week of classes.
- (4) **OFFICERS** - The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. These officers shall be chosen by election.
- (5) **MEETINGS** - The Junior Panhellenic Council shall meet at least every two weeks, regularly, at a time and place to be determined by the Council at its first meeting.
- (6) **GOVERNANCE** - The Junior Panhellenic Association shall be governed by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Constitution, By-Laws, and all other rules that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association follows.
- (7) **STANDING COMMITTEES** - Standing committees shall consist of any committee deemed necessary by the President and the Advisor. They should include: Service (3), Social (2), Public Relations (2).
- (8) **DUES** - Each fraternity represented on the Junior Panhellenic Council shall pay to the Junior Panhellenic Association annual dues of \$20.00 within two weeks after the formation of Junior Panhellenic Council.
- (9) **PROJECTS** - Annual projects shall be any of the following:
 - (a) **Scholarship Award** - given to the new member class with the highest GPA for the fall semester.
 - (b) **Philanthropic Project Award** - to be decided upon by the Junior Panhellenic Council.
 - (c) **Educational Programs** - Panhellenic oriented programs given to all new member classes, basic Panhellenic workshops, or inter-sorority activities.
 - (d) **Projects** will also be planned in conjunction with the National Panhellenic Council.

Article XIII. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Panhellenic Association, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting. Any major

amendments shall be submitted to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Organizations Committee for final approval.

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