



Constitution of the DePaul University National Panhellenic Association

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Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the DePaul University Panhellenic Association.

Article II. Object

The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity/sorority life and interfraternity/sorority relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so 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/sororities and the university administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with the National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements
5. Act in accordance with such rules established by Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities/sororities.
6. Serve the Community and University through leadership, service, and campus involvement.
7. Act as a support system and advocate of women's issues for women throughout the fraternity/sorority system, the university, and the community.

Article III. Membership

There shall be two classes of membership: Regular and Associate. Membership will be evaluated quarterly through registration with the Panhellenic Council according to fulfillment of the specified expectations below and in compliance with the remainder of the Constitution of the Panhellenic Council of DePaul University.

Section 1: Regular Membership

The REGULAR membership of the DePaul University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at DePaul University and all chapter members in good standing of other fraternities/sororities serving under DePaul University's Panhellenic Council. A Regular Member Chapter in good standing shall:

1. Pay all dues and fees owed to the Panhellenic Association required of regular membership.
2. All dues will be due the fifth week of every quarter with a \$10 fine for every (1) week it is late.
3. If a Regular Member Chapter is on bad financial standing they will lose their voting privileges until the debt is paid in full.
4. Abide by this Constitution and Bylaws and other governing documents of the Panhellenic Council.

5. Abide by all regulations adopted by the Panhellenic Council.
6. Cooperate in any proceedings of the Judicial Board with which it may be involved and abide by any ruling affecting it.
7. Maintain an updated list of officers, advisors, and members with the office of Student Affairs and the Panhellenic Council.
8. Maintain an updated list of active and new members' grade releases with the office of Student Affairs and the Panhellenic Council.
9. Abide by all University regulations and policies for registered student organizations.
10. Be present at all Panhellenic and President's Roundtable meetings.
11. Provide a candidate to fill an officer position on Panhellenic Council Executive Board.
12. Provide two members to serve on Judicial Board.
13. Provide one member to serve on Board of Directors.
14. Be entitled voice and vote on all NPC related issues.

Section 2: Associate Membership

The ASSOCIATE membership of the DePaul University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies of pledged chapters. An Associate Member Colony in good standing shall:

- A. Pay all dues and fees owed to the Panhellenic Association required of associate membership.
- B. All dues will be due the fifth week of every quarter with a \$10 fine for every (1) week it is late.
- C. Abide by this Constitution and Bylaws and other governing documents of the Panhellenic Council.
- D. Abide by all regulations adopted by the Panhellenic Council.
- E. Cooperate in any proceedings of the Judicial Board with which it may be involved and abide by any ruling affecting it.
- F. Maintain an updated list of officers, advisors, and members with the office of Student Affairs and the Panhellenic Council.
- G. Maintain an updated list of active and new members' grade releases with the office of Student Affairs.
- H. Abide by all University regulations and policies for registered student organizations.
- I. Be present at all Panhellenic and President's Roundtable meetings.
- J. Provide two members to serve on Judicial Board.
- K. Provide one member to serve on Board of Directors.
- L. Be entitled to voice, but not vote on all NPC related issues.

Section 3: Requesting/Maintaining Regular Membership

Member Chapters and colonies shall be granted REGULAR membership of DePaul University's Panhellenic Council in the best interest of all parties involved.

1. The chapter must request full membership, agree to all expectations, and fulfill responsibilities of regular members.
2. The request will be considered at the discretion of the DePaul University Panhellenic Council Executive Board in consultation with the Programming Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life (Advisor).

3. A majority vote by the general Panhellenic Council is required to grant chapters a full membership.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1: Positions

The DePaul University Panhellenic Association officers shall be President, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Recruitment, Director of Public Relations, and the Director of Communications.

Sections 2: Eligibility

The officers shall be delegates from DePaul University recognized fraternities/sororities holding regular membership in the DePaul University.

To be eligible to hold a Vice Presidential office a member must be in second year member standing.

Panhellenic Association Delegates from fraternities/sororities holding associate membership shall not be eligible to hold office.

Section 3: Filling Office

Each Member Chapter holding Regular membership must fill at least one office, the maximum being two offices from one chapter. The same chapter may not fill the positions of President and Vice President of Recruitment.

Section 4: VP Membership Recruitment

A Member Chapter holding regular membership and participating in formal recruitment must fill the position of Vice President of Recruitment.

Section 5: Term of Office

The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin no later than the end of the fall quarter.

Section 6: Attendance

Each officer shall be required to attend weekly general business meetings, executive board meetings, and Panhellenic-sponsored events and programs.

Section 7: Fulfilling Requirements

Any officer failing to perform her duties or fulfill requirements designated in Article 3 Section 1 of the Bylaws as outlined shall resign and a successor is designated by election or as provided in Article VI, Section 3.(4)

Article V. Meetings

Section 1: General

The DePaul University Panhellenic Association meetings shall be every week, and take place as agreed upon by Council Members.

Section 2: Special

A special meeting of the DePaul University 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 DePaul University.

Section 3: Notification

The delegate and/or alternate delegate from each regular or associate member fraternity/sorority shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the DePaul University Panhellenic Association.

Article VI. The Panhellenic Council

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

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

Section 1: Membership

The DePaul University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate, one alternate delegate and one advisor from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity/sorority chapter at DePaul University and from such National Panhellenic Conference fraternity/sorority colonies, national sororities, or local sororities at DePaul University as the council may approve for membership.

Section 2: Election of Delegates and Advisors

Delegates, alternate delegates, and advisors to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity/sorority chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing no later than the end of the fall quarter.

Section 3: Delegate Responsibilities

The Panhellenic Delegate from each Member Chapter holding membership shall:

1. Act as the liaison for their chapter concerning all Panhellenic matters, representing the general consensus of their chapter.
2. Consult chapters on New Business proposed in Panhellenic meetings, obtaining a majority vote of their member chapter on pertinent decisions.
3. Extend vote if Regular members or voice if Associate members during Panhellenic meetings and inform her chapter of the results of her vote.
4. Report pertinent information to officers and chapter members and inform them of upcoming events, programs, and workshops.
5. Check mailbox frequently during the week, distributing Panhellenic Correspondence to the appropriate officers in their Member Chapters.
6. Keep a Panhellenic notebook of agendas, minutes, constitution, by-laws and important documentation.
7. Attend one training session.

Section 4: Executive or Delegate Vacancies

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

Section 5: Officers

The officers of the DePaul University Panhellenic Association 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 DePaul University Panhellenic Association.

Section 6: Meetings

General meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each university quarter.

1. SPECIAL MEETINGS of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any member delegate of Panhellenic Council.

2. QUORUM. Two-thirds of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 7: Voting

The voting body of the DePaul University Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.

1. The voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each fraternity/sorority holding regular membership. If a delegate is absent, its alternate shall cast the vote of her fraternity/sorority.

2. An official Delegate or Alternate Delegate as elected by the chapter must be present for the fraternity/sorority holding regular membership to have a vote in Panhellenic business. The President of a Member Chapter must send written notice in advance authorizing another member to serve as the Delegate in the case that neither the official Delegate nor alternate delegate can attend the meeting.

3. Two-thirds of the voting members of Panhellenic council shall be required to establish recruitment rules, to establish Total Chapter Size, and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.

Section 8: Voice

The associate members, alternate delegates (unless serving as delegates), and advisors to Panhellenic Council shall have voice but no vote.

Article VII. Panhellenic Advisor

Section 1: Administration

The Panhellenic advisor shall be appointed by the Administration of DePaul University.

Section 2: Capacity

The advisor shall serve in advisory capacity to the DePaul University Panhellenic Association and its Council by aiding in communication with administration, acting as a resource, and guiding in making informed decisions.

Section 3: Ex-Officio

The Programming Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life (Advisor) of the Panhellenic Council of DePaul University shall serve as the ex-officio of the Judicial Board of the Panhellenic Council.

Article VIII. Standing Committees

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

Section 1: Delegates

Delegates from each member chapter must sit on at least one standing committee for the Panhellenic Council.

Section 2: Chapter Chairs

Chairs of Member Chapters must sit on their corresponding Panhellenic Committees, agreeing to attend round-table discussions at least once a semester and attending committee meetings as ordered by the Committee Director. Chapters containing less than 15 active members, excluding those members considered of special status, and/or

chapters containing 75 percent or more of commuter members, shall be encouraged to attend such round-table discussions and shall not be penalized for failure to attend.

Section 3: Contact Person

If the chapter does not designate a chair, a contact person must be established to take care of business regarding the respective committee.

Article IX. Unanimous Agreements and Policies

Section 1: Unanimous Agreements

All members of the DePaul University Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by National Panhellenic Conference in the UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS (The Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenics' Agreements, Agreement on Questionnaires and Constitutions, and The Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council.)

Section 2: Rules and Policies

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

Article X. Violations

Section 1

Violation of any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, of recruitment rules, or rules concerning matters other than recruitment, of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS (The Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenics Agreements, Agreement on Questionnaires and Constitutions, and The Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council.), or of DePaul University shall be the occasion for penalties established by the DePaul University Panhellenic Council in conformity with those recommended by National Panhellenic Conference (See College Panhellenics Agreements.)

Section 2

Violation of any such regulations shall be handled by the Judicial Board of DePaul University's Panhellenic Council in accordance with the University's Code of Conduct, the Council's Judicial Policy, and the National Panhellenic Conference Judicial Policies and Agreements.

Article XI. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members of DePaul University Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.