

Panhellenic Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the University of Puget Sound Panhellenic Council (also referred to as Panhellenic).

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

1. To maintain on a high plane sorority life and relations among sorority, the university campus, and the community.
2. To further fine intellectual accomplishment and sound scholarship.
3. To cooperate with the university administration in the maintenance of high moral and social standards.
4. To compile and enforce rules and recommendations on this campus in accordance with NPC policy and the University of Puget Sound Panhellenic Council's Code of Ethics.
5. To plan and implement programs, activities, and projects in conjunction with IFC or other campus organizations.
6. To act as a governing body for all recognized sororities.

ARTICLE III. THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

The scope of authority for Panhellenic Council shall be legislative, administrative, advisory, and judicial. By virtue of authority vested in it by this constitution, the council shall have power to regulate all matters of inter fraternity interest, except those that are institutional policy.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

1. The UPS Panhellenic Council shall be composed of ~~all~~ *only* active members of eligible fraternities.
2. The UPS Panhellenic Council shall be composed of no less than two members from each chapter of the National Panhellenic's Women's Fraternities: the chapter President and an elected delegate
3. The Panhellenic Delegate shall be elected by her respective chapter. The Panhellenic Executive member shall be elected by a slating committee as described in Article V, Section
4. Applications for the Executive Positions, excluding the Director of Membership Recruitment, shall be distributed to each chapter in early November, and shall be due three weeks from the time of distribution.
5. In order to encourage equal representation, a chapter shall be guaranteed at least one placement on the Executive Council if three applications are submitted from the chapter. Chapters with fewer members than 50% of total will be guaranteed a placement if two applications are submitted.
6. Delegates and Representative shall attend each meeting of the Council. Alumnae advisor and any member of the ~~Council~~ *chapters* have a standing invitation to all meetings.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. The Executive Members shall serve as elected officers of the Panhellenic Council.
2. The officers of the Executive Council shall be: President, Vice-President, Director of Finance/Scholarship/Alumni Relations, Director of Programming, Director of Public

Relations, Director of Membership Recruitment, Assistant Director of Membership Recruitment

3. The officers of Panhellenic Executive Council shall be elected by a designated slating committee composed of General Council members. The election process will begin in November and voted on in December.
4. The officers shall serve as the Executive Committee of the Panhellenic Council and shall have such duties as prescribed in the By-laws of the UPS Panhellenic Council.
5. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin no later than the second week in February, preferably at the first meeting following all group elections of officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

1. Regular meeting of Panhellenic Executive and General Council shall take place weekly at a time designated by the Council.
2. Attendance at regular meetings is mandatory for all Executive Officers and Delegates. If one is unable to attend a meeting, it is her responsibility to notify the President. Should a council member miss more than two unexcused meetings per semester her status on the Council will be reviewed by the Judiciary Committee and respective Chapter President.
3. Special meetings may be called at the request of the President of any chapter represented in the UPS Panhellenic Council or by the President of the Council.
4. If decisions are made that concern every chapter, every chapter must have a representative present. Otherwise decisions should be postponed until every chapter can be represented.
5. When any decisions are made concerning Recruitment, at least one other Executive member should sit in on meetings. This will help cut down on confusion and miscommunication while also keeping Executive Council informed about such matters.
6. There must be a two-thirds quorum present at every meeting to vote and transact business.
7. Meetings shall be conducted in an orderly fashion, as determined by the President.
8. Regular Panhellenic Executive Council and Panhellenic/IFC joint executive meetings shall take place at least once per semester and as needed as designated by the respective councils.
9. A President Council meeting (consisting of all chapter presidents) shall take place at least once a semester and as requested by chapter Presidents. The Panhellenic President will arrange these meetings.

ARTICLE VII. VOTING

1. A two-thirds vote shall be necessary to carry all Panhellenic matters.
2. The power to one vote shall be granted to each NPC chapter on campus and to such other chapters, which the Panhellenic Council has admitted to full membership. The President or Panhellenic Delegate from each chapter shall cast the vote.
3. In case of a tie vote, the President of the Council shall cast the deciding vote.
4. If a Panhellenic Delegate and President are absent, any authorized member of the fraternity may cast the vote.
5. Any member of the Panhellenic Executive Council or any Alumnae Advisor shall have a voice but no vote.

ARTICLE VIII. VIOLATIONS

1. Violation 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, shall be the occasion for penalties established by the UPS Panhellenic Council in conformity with those recommended by NPC.
2. Any dispute growing out of the violation of Panhellenic Council rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration principles of the NPC.

ARTICLE IV. AMENDMENTS

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