

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY  
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL  
CONSTITUTION  
(Revised 2010)

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1:

The name of this organization shall be the Washburn University Panhellenic Council and shall hereafter be referred as such or as Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND DURATION

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of Panhellenic Council shall be:

- A. To maintain, on a high plane, women's fraternity and sorority life and inter-chapter relations within the University
- B. To further intellectual accomplishment and sound scholarship.
- C. To cooperate with the University administration in the maintenance of high moral and social standards.
- D. To be a forum for the discussion of questions of interest in the University and fraternity world.
- E. To compile guidelines governing recruitment, new member education, initiation, and active membership on the Washburn University campus.
- F. To oversee new groups establishing a local sorority, and any local sorority going national that is joining the National Panhellenic Council.
- G. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS (the Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenic Agreements on Questionnaires and Constitutions, and the Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council) and policies.
- H. Educate members on social issues such as alcohol, sexual harassment, abuse, self-defense, date rape, and eating disorders.
- I. To keep the best interests of all Greek women in mind when making decisions.

Section 2: Duration

The Panhellenic Council shall exist so long as there are women Greek organizations at Washburn University (the "University") or is shall be duly dissolved in accordance with the law.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership

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

## Section 2: Regular Membership

The regular membership of the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

## Section 3: Associate Membership

The associate membership of the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of such National Panhellenic Conference colonies, such local and/or national sororities at Washburn University as have been approved by its Panhellenic Council.

## ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

### Section 1:

- A. The Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all members of eligible fraternities and sororities while active members of their chapters.
- B. The administrative body of the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of delegates from each chapter of the National Panhellenic Conference fraternities and sororities represented on the campus, and from such other nationals and locals as the Panhellenic Council may see fit to admit membership.
- C. It is the privilege of the individual chapters to choose its own Panhellenic representative.
- D. These elected individuals shall be elected by their respective chapters to serve for one calendar year (installation to installation of Panhellenic Council).
- E. The Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, as appointed by the Vice President of Student Life, shall serve as the Panhellenic Advisor.

## ARTICLE V: POWERS

### Section 1: Regulation

The Panhellenic Council shall have the power to regulate all affairs pertaining to the chapters represented. The Panhellenic Council also reserves the right to establish guidelines as to the function and regulation of the Executive Board in order to govern conflicts brought to the attention of the Panhellenic Council insofar as these regulations do not conflict with rules laid down by the Board of Regents of Washburn University, the administration, the faculty, or the policy of any member fraternity.

### Section 2: Voting

- A. When a voting matter has been brought to Panhellenic Council, the Panhellenic Delegates serve as the vote representing their entire chapter. In case of a tie, the Panhellenic Council President will serve as an ex-officio member and will vote.

- B. If the Panhellenic Delegate is absent, the vote may be cast by their chapter's current elected President. If none of these are present, an active member of the chapter may cast the vote providing her credentials have been cleared with the Panhellenic Council President and the President of the respective chapter.
- C. The quorum shall consist of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members present.
- D. The power of one shall be granted to each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity chapter on campus. The power of one refers to the fact that all chapters are encouraged to come together and take a stance on certain issues as one united body of National Panhellenic Council.

## ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

### Section 1:

- A. The Executive Officers of the Panhellenic Council shall be President, Vice President of Public Relations, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director.
- B. The Executive Board shall be composed of the five officers under the advisement of the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life.
- C. The officers shall serve a term of one calendar year beginning with the start of the Spring academic semester.
- D. The officers of the Executive Board, excluding the Panhellenic President, will be Panhellenic Delegates on Panhellenic Council.
- E. The officers shall have achieved the previous semester, and maintain a minimum 2.50 grade point average.
- F. National Panhellenic conference reaffirms the principal of the rotation of Panhellenic officers. Once every four years, a collegiate chapter will hold two offices on the Panhellenic Council Executive Board.
- G. The officers will serve as recruitment counselors during formal recruitment of their elected calendar year.
- H. All officers are on rotation excluding President. In a case where no one applies, the President should be filled by a member from the same chapter as the current secretary.

## ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

### Section 1:

- A. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall take place at least twice a month with Executive meetings on the off weeks.
- B. The meeting time shall be determined by the Panhellenic Council and the Panhellenic Advisor.
- C. Special meetings shall be called by the Panhellenic President, a member of the Executive Board with permission of the Panhellenic President, and at the request of any fraternity chapter represented in the University campus.
- D. Each member of the Panhellenic Council is allotted a total of three absences per semester, including one (1) unexcused absence. Once the maximum number of absences is reached, the representative loses the Panhellenic position and the chapter must re-elect

someone before the next Panhellenic Council meeting. Any possible absences that are known at the prior meeting, the representative may request a schedule change. Events scheduled with the knowledge that a representative will be unable to attend will not count against that representative.

## ARTICLE VIII: VIOLATIONS

### Section 1:

- A. Violations of any regulation of this Constitution or its Bylaws, or recruitment rules, or rules concerning the matters other than recruitment, of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS shall be the occasion for the penalties established in conformity with those recommended by National Panhellenic Conference. (See Manual of Information-College Panhellenic Agreement).
- B. Any violation is to be reported in writing to the Panhellenic Council President, Vice President of Public Relations, or the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life within twenty-four (24) business day hours of the violation.
- C. The Constitution, Bylaws, and recruitment rules of the Panhellenic Council will not conflict with the respective constitutions of the national or local chapters on this University's campus.