

# **Constitution of Shorter University Panhellenic Association**

## ARTICLE I. NAME

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

## ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity 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/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 Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.

## Article III. Membership

There shall be three classes of membership: Regular, Provisional and Associate.

1. The REGULAR membership of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at Shorter University.
2. The PROVISIONAL membership of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies and pledged chapters of Shorter University.
3. The ASSOCIATE membership of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of local sororities or interest groups or national or regional non-National Panhellenic Conference member groups that have met the requirements for membership in the Shorter University Panhellenic Association.
  - a. The minimum membership size requirements of the prospective Associate member group, with a stated requirement that women in the prospective Associate member group must not be members of any other group currently in the Panhellenic Association

- b. The group applying for associate member status must be in existence for at least 5 years before applying for Associate member status.
- c. The internal governance policies the applying group must have before being granted Associate member status, with a stated requirement that the applying group's policies and practices with respect to risk management (including policies on alcohol, social functions and hazing) comply with the requirements of the University Panhellenic Association's and host institution's policies and with applicable laws
- d. The vote necessary for the University Panhellenic to approve applications for Associate member status by a simple majority.
- e. The process by which application for Associate membership will be received and considered will consist of completing an application and presenting it to the University Panhellenic

4. Privileges and responsibilities Associate members will have once admitted to the University Panhellenic Association, taking into account each of the following:

- a. The level and type of participation required and/or permitted in University Panhellenic Association affairs, with a stated requirement that all Associate members must abide by all NPC UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and be subject to the Shorter University Panhellenic Association Constitution and Bylaws, recruitment rules and risk management policies
- b. Have voice and vote in Panhellenic meetings, with no vote allowed on extension matters.
- c. Be allowed to serve on committees and/or serve as officers of the University Panhellenic.
- d. Pay full dues
- e. Be allowed or required to participate in any or all Panhellenic and Greek programming such as Greek Week, honoraries, awards, programs, etc.
- f. Be subject to judiciary proceedings.
- g. Be allowed or required to participate in organized recruitment.
- h. The Associate membership in a University Panhellenic Association cannot and does not confer or imply any guarantee that an Associate member will be permitted to affiliate with an NPC group, such authorization being conveyed only on a separate extension vote of the Regular members of the University Panhellenic when campus members warrant a vote to open for extension

#### Article IV. Officers

1. The officers of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall be President, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Judicial, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The officers shall be member organizations holding Regular/Associate membership in the Shorter University Panhellenic Association.
3. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin the spring semester of each academic year.
4. An officer failing to perform her duties as outlined will receive a warning and be subject to a performance review with Greek Advisor. If a second warning is given, upon the recommendation of the Greek Advisor and the Shorter University Executive Board of Panhellenic, the officer will be removed from her position. If less than half of her term remains, the Executive Board shall appoint her replacement. If more than half of her term remains and there is a host chapter for this position the chapter shall provide the replacement.
5. If an officer is unable to complete her term, her successor shall be designated by election or as provided in article VI, Section III.

#### Article V. Meetings

1. Regular. The Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall hold at least one regular meeting bi-monthly during the fall and spring semesters with sub committee meetings as deemed necessary.
2. Special. A special meeting of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the hand-written request of any Regular or Associate member fraternity at Shorter University.
3. The delegate from each regular, provisional, or associate member fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association.

#### Article VI. The Panhellenic Council

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

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Shorter University 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

- a. The Shorter University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate delegate from each Regular, Provisional, and Associate member group at Shorter University as identified in Article III.

- b. The Shorter University Alumnae Advisory Council shall be composed of one alumna advisor from each Regular, Provisional, and Associate member group at Shorter University as identified in Article III.
2. **SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ADVISORS.** Delegates and Alumnae advisors to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing no later than the start of the spring semester.
3. **DELEGATE VACANCIES.** When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify Panhellenic Council Recording Secretary of her name, address, and telephone number. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, a member of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate in all cases, except that of President. The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of President.
4. **OFFICERS.** The officers of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall serve as the officers of its Panhellenic 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 Shorter University Panhellenic Association.
5. **MEETINGS.** Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each University term or semester.

**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 the Panhellenic Council.

**QUORUM.** Two-Thirds of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. **VOTING.**
  - a. The voting body of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
  - b. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each fraternity holding Regular/Associate membership. If a delegate is absent, another designated member shall cast the vote of her fraternity.
  - c. Two-thirds of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish membership recruitment rules, to determine Quota and to establish total chapter size. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.

7. VOICE. The delegate for each member of the Council has a voice and vote. The alternate delegates and members of the Advisory Council for each member of the Council have voice but no vote.

#### ARTICLE VII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by the Shorter University administration.
2. The Panhellenic Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Shorter University Panhellenic Association and its Council.

#### ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The Panhellenic Council Executive Board shall appoint standing committees to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Council and Association.

#### ARTICLE IX. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES

1. All members of the Shorter University Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by National Panhellenic Conference in the UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS.
2. All Shorter University Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by National Panhellenic Conference.

#### ARTICLE X. VIOLATIONS

Violations of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS, any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, of membership recruitment rules, of rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment, shall be adjudicated through the NPC Judicial Procedure as presented in the NPC Manual of Information.

#### ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

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

#### Article VIII. Standing Committees

The Panhellenic Council Executive Board shall appoint standing committees to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Council and Association to serve during the tenure and office of the board which appoints them.

#### Article XI. Amendments

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

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