

## Rhodes College Panhellenic Constitution

### Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association

### Article II – Purpose

Section 1. To Maintain a high plane of sorority life such that the Greek experience is a positive force in the lives of women who choose it.

Section 2. To promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement.

Section 3. To cooperate with the College administration in the enforcement of college policies where applicable to the deemed members of this council, as well as the enforcement of specific recruitment and pledging regulations.

Section 4. To compile and enforce regulations governing sorority operations, activities, recruitment, pledging, and initiation at Rhodes College.

Section 5. To be a forum for discussion of questions of interest in the college and fraternity world by implementing informative and thoughtful programming on campus and throughout the year.

### Article III – Membership

Section 1. The regular or full membership of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference or National Panhellenic Council at Rhodes College.

- A. Full membership shall have representation, voice, and vote.
- B. Full members shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Panhellenic Council of Rhodes College.
- C. Admission to full membership shall be granted upon a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote in favor or petition by the voting members of Panhellenic Council.

Section 2. The associate membership of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference or National Panhellenic Council colonies or pledge chapters.

- A. A group given the status of an associate member shall have regular representation, voice, and voting privileges.
- B. Associate members shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Panhellenic Council of Rhodes College.

- C. Associate membership will be determined by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of the voting membership of the Panhellenic Council.

#### Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The Executive council will consist of the following officers of the Rhodes Panhellenic Association. They shall be the President, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Programming, Recording Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2. Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council shall have such powers and duties described in the Bylaws of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association.

Section 3. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term beginning one of two weeks after the last fraternity officer installation.

#### Article V – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall:

- A. Have the overall responsibility for the operation of the Panhellenic Council.
- B. Be an ex-officio member of the Panhellenic Council.
- C. Preside at regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council and call and preside at its special meetings.
- D. Call and preside at all meetings of the Panhellenic Executive Board.
- E. Call and preside at all meetings of the Panhellenic Judiciary Committee.
- F. Sign all Panhellenic Association contracts involving Rhodes Women's Panhellenic.
- G. Report as required to the National Panhellenic Conference Area Advisor.
- H. Maintain a complete and up-to-date procedure notebook.
- I. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.

Section 2. The Vice President of Recruitment shall:

- A. Direct all the Panhellenic Recruitment programs in cooperation with the member sororities.
- B. Be responsible for the updating and printing of the Recruitment Rules Handbook.
- C. Call and preside at all Recruitment Committee meetings.
- D. Coordinate the education of all involved in the Recruitment process as to the Recruitment rulings and procedures according to Panhellenic Council.
- E. Keep current statistics concerning the number of initiated members and new members of each Panhellenic Association member fraternity.
- F. Maintain a complete and up-to-date procedure notebook.
- G. Perform all other duties pertaining to this office.

Section 3. The Vice President of Programming shall:

- A. Be responsible for the coordination of thoughtful programming on Greek issues that would be of interest not only to the Greeks on campus, but also to Greeks and non-Greeks in the Memphis community.
- B. Be responsible for the Recruitment counselor program, including training.
- C. Maintain a complete and up-to-date procedure notebook.
- D. Perform all other duties relating to this office.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- A. Keep an up-to-date file role of the members of the Panhellenic Council and call it at all council meetings.
- B. Keep full minutes of all meetings of the Rhodes Panhellenic Council and a record of all action taken.
- C. Be responsible for the official correspondence of the Panhellenic Council unless otherwise provided.
- D. Sign Panhellenic Association contracts when authorized to do so.
- E. Maintain a complete and up-to-date procedure notebook.
- F. Keep accurate accounts of disbursements and monies received.
- G. Be responsible for all funds and money-making projects.
- H. Be responsible for collecting fines.
- I. Make a budget at the end of the year for the following year.
- J. Keep accurate accounts and an up-to-date file/record of Panhellenic financial position.
- K. Oversee allocation of Panhellenic funds.
- L. Perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

Article VI – The Panhellenic Council

The administrative body of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association shall be the Rhodes College Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association and to compile rules governing the Panhellenic Association, including rushing and pledging, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

Section 1. Membership. The Panhellenic Council shall be composed of three delegates from each regular member chapter on Rhodes campus (two serving as the junior and senior representatives, one as a member of the executive council; the president of each chapter is strongly encouraged to attend) and an administrative advisor to the Council.

Section 2. Selection of Delegates. Delegates to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year, the term beginning one or two weeks after the last fraternity office selection. Whenever possible, the junior representative of one year shall be the senior representative for the succeeding year. Each representative shall have participated in rush as an active member of her chapter for at least one year.

Section 3. Delegate vacancies. When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity concerned to select a representative within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Recording Secretary of the representative's name, address, and telephone number. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the junior representative of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate in all cases, save that of the President. The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the President.

Section 4. The officers of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association shall serve on the Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council and shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in Article V of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Constitution.

Section 5. Voting.

- A. The voting body of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
- B. A majority shall be necessary to make all rules and penalties regarding Recruitment, to admit new member groups, and to carry all other questions.
- C. The power of one vote shall be granted to each regular member of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association.
- D. In the event that a particular fraternity has no representative at a Panhellenic Council meeting, no vote can be taken.
- E. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 6. Voice. Representatives of associate member fraternities and all alumnae advisors shall have voice but no vote.

#### Article VII – Unanimous Agreements and Policies

Section 1. Fundamental Panhellenic laws as embodied in the Panhellenic Unanimous Agreements must be observed by the Rhodes Panhellenic Association.

Section 2. All the regulations and laws of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association must be in harmony with the Unanimous Agreements as outlined in the NPC Manual of Information.

Section 3. As an organization of Rhodes College, the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association shall be bound to uphold all college policy pertaining to its members.

#### Article VIII – Violations

Sections 1. If any fraternity violates any regulations of this constitution, any of the Rhodes Panhellenic rules of Rush, or the National Panhellenic Unanimous Agreements, or other policy of a duly recognized organization of the College, it shall be subject to the penalties of the Panhellenic Council as stated in the Bylaws of this constitution.

Section 2. Any violations of the above stated, shall be adjudicated by the judicial committee of the council who will also adjudicate.

## Article IX – Amendments

The constitution shall be amended by a majority vote of the Rhodes Panhellenic Council, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the member groups for prior approval.

The President of the college has the authority to amend this constitution. Also, administrative approval is required for any amendments to this constitution.

## Panhellenic Bylaws

### Article I – Finance

Section 1. Contracts. The signature of the President and the Treasurer shall be required to bind the Rhodes Panhellenic Association.

Section 2. Checks. All checks issues on behalf of the Rhodes Panhellenic Association shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President.

Section 3. Charges. All charges on behalf of the Rhodes Panhellenic Association shall be made by the Executive Board with the approval of the Treasurer or advisor. Phone calls pertaining to Panhellenic may be made by the Panhellenic President and will be paid for by Panhellenic. No other member's calls will be reimbursed unless authorized by the President.

Section 4. Fees and Fines.

- A. Each regular member fraternity shall be assessed per member annually for membership in the Rhodes Panhellenic Association, to be paid by a date specified by the Treasurer.
- B. During Recruitment there shall be a fine for bid lists turned in after the time designated by the Recruitment Committee.
- C. Fees and fines shall be decided by a majority vote of the Rhodes Panhellenic Association.
- D. All fees and fines shall be collected by the Treasurer of the Rhodes Panhellenic.

### Article II – Selection of Officers

Section 1. Each regular member fraternity shall select the following delegates to serve on the Council: an office for the Executive Board, a senior delegate, and a junior delegate.

Section 2. The offices of the Rhodes Panhellenic Association shall be held in rotation by each member fraternity in order of its establishment at Rhodes College. Each regular member fraternity shall in its turn, provide a President Elect to serve as the Vice President of Recruitment for the Panhellenic Association as that fraternity's Executive Officer. If the representative from

the sorority in order of rotation is not prepared to serve as Vice President of Recruitment, that sorority shall relinquish its place to the next sorority in order of rotation. The sorority so passed may resume its place the following year, and normal rotation shall be resumed.

The rotation system is:

President

Vice President of Recruitment

Vice President of Programming

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

Section 3. The junior and senior representatives shall be elected by their respective fraternities to serve for a term of one year beginning no later than two weeks after the last fraternity officer selection proves. All representatives shall have participated in Rush as an active member of their chapter for at least one year. The titles junior and senior do not refer to the class levels of the officers.

Section 4. Attendance to all regular meetings is required for all members of the Panhellenic Council. Excuses shall be turned in to the Recording Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Each sorority must have at least one member present to hold a meeting. Two unexcused absences from any member serving on the Panhellenic council shall result in a fine, which shall be determined by the Panhellenic Executive Board, for the member's respective house.

Section 5. The President of each NPS fraternity shall be encouraged to serve on the Panhellenic Council.

Section 6. No Panhellenic officer may hold the position of Recruitment Chairman in her fraternity.

#### Article III – The Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of the four (4) executive officers and the Panhellenic advisor. It shall:

Section 1. Appoint all Standing and Special Committees of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Council and their chairmen and, in making these appointments, recognize representation from all member fraternities.

Section 2. Administer routine business meetings of the Panhellenic Council when advisable and report all action taken by the Executive Board at the next regular meeting of the Panhellenic Council.

## Article IV – Standing Committees

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Council shall be: Judiciary and Rush.

Section 2. The Committee chairs shall be members of the Panhellenic Council. Committee members, however, may be chapter members as well as Panhellenic delegates.

Section 3. The Standing Committee shall serve for a term of one year. Such a term of office is to begin one or two weeks after the last fraternity selection.

Section 4. Immediately following the selection of officers for the ensuing year, the President Elect shall call a meeting of the Executive Board to care for the appointment of committee chairmen and members.

Section 5. Judiciary Committee:

- A. Membership. The Judiciary Committee shall be made up of the Executive Board and the President of each fraternity. The Panhellenic President presides with no vote except in cases with a tie.
- B. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Judiciary Committee to deal with violations of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Rhodes College Panhellenic Association.

Section 6. Recruitment Committee:

- A. Membership. The Recruitment Committee shall consist of the Vice President of Recruitment as chairman, along with each chapter's Recruitment Chairman.
- B. Duties. The Recruitment Committee shall coordinate formal and informal Recruitment activities.