

CONSTITUTION
CORNELL UNIVERSITY PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION
Cornell University – Ithaca, New York

PREAMBLE

We, the undergraduate members of the Cornell University Panhellenic Association, subscribing to the policies and regulations of the University, do establish this Constitution to govern the affairs of the Association.

ARTICLE I: Name

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

ARTICLE II: Objectives

The objectives of the Cornell University Panhellenic Association shall be:

- (1) To maintain high standards of interfraternity relations at Cornell University;
- (2) To cooperate with member fraternities and the University Administration in order to establish and maintain high moral and social standards;
- (3) To encourage high standards of scholarship and intellectual achievement;
- (4) To act as a forum for discussion of issues applicable to the University and the fraternity system;
- (5) To enact and enforce policies and procedures that govern recruitment, new member education, initiation, and other programs and issues applicable to the system;
- (6) To encourage participation in University programs of common interest and benefit to the University community;
- (7) To act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements and policies;
- (8) To enforce rules established by the Cornell University Panhellenic Council without violating the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.

ARTICLE III: Membership

There shall be two classes of membership in the Cornell University Panhellenic Association – regular and associate:

- (1) The regular membership shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing with the National Panhellenic Conference fraternities;
- (2) The associate membership shall be composed of all members in good standing with National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters.
- (3) The regular member organizations of the Cornell University Panhellenic Association and their establishment dates at Cornell University are:

Kappa Alpha Theta	1881
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1883
Delta Gamma	1885
Alpha Phi	1889
Alpha Omicron Pi	1908
Delta Delta Delta	1913
Kappa Delta	1917
Sigma Delta Tau	1917
Pi Beta Phi	1919
Alpha Epsilon Phi	1920
Alpha Chi Omega	1983
Alpha Xi Delta	2004

ARTICLE IV: The Panhellenic Council

The legislative body of the Cornell University Panhellenic Association shall be the Cornell University Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to make rules governing the Panhellenic Association – including, but not limited to, recruitment and new member education policies and procedures – which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

- (1) **MEMBERSHIP:** The Cornell University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate delegate from each regular and associate member organization.
- (2) **SELECTION OF DELEGATES:** Delegates and alternate delegates to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing no later than the first full week of February. Whenever possible, the alternate delegate of one year shall be the delegate for the succeeding year.
- (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 the Panhellenic Association Vice President of Communication of the new delegate's name and contact information. If a meeting of the Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate

in all cases.

(4) OFFICERS: The President of the Panhellenic Association shall serve as the President of the Panhellenic Council. The Panhellenic Association Vice President of Communication shall serve as the Secretary of the Panhellenic Council. The Panhellenic Association Vice President of Judicial Affairs and Standards shall serve as the Parliamentarian of the Panhellenic Council.

(5) MEETINGS:

(a) Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held weekly during the regular session of the University.

(b) Special meetings of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President of the Panhellenic Association when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any regular or associate member fraternity of the Panhellenic Association.

(c) The delegate from each fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Panhellenic Council

(d) Two-thirds of the delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(6) VOTING:

(a) The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be delegates of each fraternity holding regular membership. If a delegate is absent, the vote of her fraternity shall be cast by its alternate. If both delegate and alternate are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the fraternity, provided that her credentials have been presented in writing to the Council President prior to the meeting.

(b) A two-thirds majority of voting members present will be required for passage of questions pertaining to recruitment rules, quota, total chapter size, the addition of a new chapter, and the amendment of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Panhellenic Association. The passage of all other questions requires a simple majority of voting members present. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

(c) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of all meetings.

(7) VOICE: The delegates and alternate delegates of associate member fraternities, the alternate delegates of regular member fraternities, and alumnae advisors to the Panhellenic Council shall have voice but no vote.

- (8) All rules and policies adopted by the Cornell University Panhellenic Council shall accord with those established by National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements and policies.

ARTICLE V: The Executive Board

The executive body of the Cornell University Panhellenic Association shall be the Executive Board. The Board is responsible for administering all business pertaining to the Association.

- (1) The officers of the Panhellenic Association will compose the Board. The officers are the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Judicial Affairs and Standards, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Recruitment, Publicity, and Extension; Vice President of Formal Membership Recruitment, Vice President of University and Community Relations, and Vice President of Finance
- (2) Requirements
- (a) The officers shall be fully matriculated undergraduate students in good standing.
- (b) The officers shall be initiated members of fraternities holding regular membership in the Cornell University Panhellenic Association. Members of fraternities holding associate membership shall not be eligible to hold office.
- (3) Duties
- (a) The officers shall serve for a term of one year. The term of office is to begin no later than the first full week of February.
- (b) The Executive Board shall propose policies that seem necessary for the Cornell University Panhellenic Association. The Board shall also implement and enforce all policies and procedures adopted by the Cornell University Panhellenic Council as well as all National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements and policies.
- (c) Additional duties of the Board and individual officers shall be set forth in the Cornell University Panhellenic Association By-Laws.
- (4) Vacancies on the Executive Board
- (a) A special election **may** be held to fill any vacancy on the Executive Board. **The Executive Board reserves the right to appoint a permanent**

replacement or to leave the position vacant.

- (b) The special election shall be held at the first regular Panhellenic Association meeting after the announcement of the vacancy. This announcement will be given at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Panhellenic Council
- (c) Under special circumstances, such as an officer's leave of absence, the President shall appoint a temporary replacement for the duration of that officer's absence.

ARTICLE VI: Panhellenic Advisor

- (1) The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by the University Administration.
- (2) The Panhellenic Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Cornell University Panhellenic Association.
- (3) The Panhellenic Advisor shall act as the Panhellenic liaison to the University Administration and the Ithaca community.

ARTICLE VII: Standing Committees

Standing committees and special officers deemed necessary to execute the work of the Cornell University Panhellenic Council shall be appointed by the Executive Board to serve during the tenure of the Board that appoints them.

ARTICLE VIII: Unanimous Agreements and Policies

All members of the Cornell University Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by the National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements and policies.

ARTICLE IX: Amendments

- (1) A proposed amendment to the Constitution must be presented, in writing, at the regular meeting of the Panhellenic Council one week prior to the regular meeting designated for the vote on the amendment.
- (2) The Constitution may be amended with a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.
- (3) All amendments must accord to University regulations and policies and shall be filed immediately with the Panhellenic Advisor.