

**THE CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**THE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION AT**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (September, 2021)**

**ARTICLE I: Composition**

A. Name

- a. The name of this organization shall be The Panhellenic Association.

B. Purpose

- a. The object of this Panhellenic Association shall be to develop, maintain, and promote sorority life and interfraternal relations and values in addition to achieving the following:
  - i. Consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life.
  - ii. Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement.
  - iii. Cooperate with member sororities and the University of Michigan administration in concern for the maintenance of high social and moral standards
  - iv. Act in accordance with all rules established by the Panhellenic Council that do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member sororities
  - v. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements.

C. Membership

- a. There Shall be four classification of chapter membership
  - i. Regular membership: regular membership shall be composed of all chapters of NPC fraternities at the University of Michigan
  - ii. Provisional membership: provisional membership shall be composed of all colonies of NPC fraternities at the University of Michigan
  - iii. Associate membership: associate membership is composed of non-NPC national sororities (See bylaws for requirements and privilege)
  - iv. Provisional Associate: provisional associate membership is composed of

non-NPC national sororities and must precede Associate membership

- b. All classes of membership must be recognized as Voluntary Student Organizations by the University of Michigan.
- c. Membership is granted as specified in Extension procedures outlined in Article XIV of the Bylaws.
- d. Individual membership descriptions, qualifications, and processes within a chapter vary.

#### D. Officers

- a. There shall be a President and such other officers as the Council shall create and list within the Bylaws. These officers will then comprise the Panhellenic Executive Board.
  - i. The officers shall be President, Executive Vice President, Judicial Vice President, Vice President Social Responsibility, Vice President Recruitment - Internal, Vice President Recruitment - External, Vice President Internal Affairs, Vice President Finance, Vice President Programming, Vice President Public Relations, Vice President of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.
- b. The Officers Shall Be Initiated Panhellenic women of membership chapters In Good Standing. Additionally, these women must meet the academic and behavioral qualifications and expectations of their respective chapters to apply for an officer position.
- c. Officers shall be elected annually during the Fall semester and shall take office on the first Monday of December. However, the outgoing officers carry out position responsibilities through the conclusion of Primary Recruitment.
- d. Officers shall serve a term of one year beginning at the first Panhellenic meeting in January following Primary Recruitment. The time between elections and this meeting will be a transition period where new officers work closely with present officers and attend the Executive Board's meetings.
- e. Officers can be removed by the Council via a process outlined in the bylaws.
- f. The Officers of the Executive Board shall meet weekly prior to meetings of the Panhellenic Council at a time agreed upon by all Executive Board members at the beginning of each semester.
- g. The executive board is charged with coordinating and administering the affairs of the Association.

- i. In certain circumstances, the Executive Board may act on behalf of the Council subject to such decisions being made by a 3/4ths majority vote of the Executive Board
    - ii. All officers listed in the bylaws -- and unless otherwise specified -- shall have a vote on the executive board.
  - h. Council can, at its discretion, task the executive board with additional responsibilities and powers.
- E. Panhellenic Advisor
  - a. The advisor to the Panhellenic Association shall be appointed by the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life and shall be a full-time employee therein.
  - b. The advisor may appoint or designate additional members of staff or other individuals to advise the Panhellenic Association.
  - c. The advisor shall serve as the liaison with the NPC, the University, and the Panhellenic Association.
  - d. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

## **ARTICLE II: Governance**

- A. Panhellenic Council
  - a. The governing body of the University of Michigan Women's Panhellenic Association shall be The University of Michigan Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to conduct all business related to the overall welfare of the University of Michigan's Panhellenic Association. This will include the recruiting, new member education, and all other functions which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member sororities.
    - i. The Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one representative from each Panhellenic Association member sorority.
    - ii. Representatives to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective sorority chapters to serve for a term of one year.
    - iii. If a representative relinquishes or is removed from her position, it shall be the responsibility of the respective sorority to select a replacement within one week of the vacancy. It is the responsibility of the sorority to inform the Panhellenic VPIA of the new replacement.
    - iv. If a representative cannot attend a meeting of the Panhellenic Council, an alternate delegate should be present from the respective sorority.
    - v. The officers of The University of Michigan's Panhellenic Association shall serve as the officers of the Panhellenic Council. These

Executive Board officers shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed by the bylaws of the University of Michigan's Panhellenic Association.

b. Meetings

- i. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held weekly at a time and place established at the beginning of each college semester in the Fall and Winter. These meetings shall be open or closed as determined by the Panhellenic Executive Board and shall be led by the Panhellenic President. Attendees at closed meetings will be determined by the Panhellenic Executive Board.
- ii. If the President is absent, unable to serve, or being considered for removal of office, the Executive Vice President will preside.
- iii. A quorum of two-thirds of the member sororities must be present at a Panhellenic Council meeting before any business may be transacted.
- iv. Special meetings of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President. She must provide any member representative or Executive Board officer with three days notice. The special meeting may be closed at the discretion of the presiding officer. The Executive Board reserves the right to decide attendance for closed special meetings.

c. Voice

- i. All sorority members, including the Executive Board and the Advisor to the Panhellenic Association have a voice at Panhellenic meetings.
- ii. In the case of special meetings, the Executive Board shall decide who will have a voice.

B. Committees

- a. Certain committees and special officers may be necessary to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Association. The council and Panhellenic Officers shall have the power to create committees and require that they be charged and comply with requirements in the bylaws.

C. Voting

- a. The voting body of the University of Michigan's Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council excluding the Executive Board officers.
- b. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the representatives of Regular and Associate member chapters. One vote shall be granted to each chapter
- c. A two-thirds majority of the Regular members shall be required to establish Recruitment Rules including total for chapter size

- d. A three-fourths majority of the Regular membership shall be required to open for extension (see Bylaws Article XIV).
- e. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions

### **ARTICLE III: Policies and Expectations**

#### **A. Agreements, Rules, Policies**

- a. All members of The University of Michigan Women's Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with University of Michigan Fraternity & Sorority Community policies, this Constitution, Panhellenic Association Bylaws, National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements, and all other policies and rules of the Panhellenic Association.
- b. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of the Panhellenic Association.

#### **B. Violations**

- a. Alleged violations of this Constitution, the Bylaws, recruitment rules, or the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Unanimous Agreements shall be adjudicated by the Panhellenic membership of Greek Activities Review Panel (GARP), following the judicial procedures in the NPC Manual of Information. All other violations of the documents mentioned in Article VIII, shall be adjudicated by the Greek Activities Review Panel as outlined in the GARP Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE IV: Amendment**

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of Regular and Associate member chapters of The University of Michigan Panhellenic Council except when it relates to Recruitment or Extension, and then only Regular member chapters shall vote. Notice of proposed amendments must be given in writing at the preceding regular meeting. Upon passage, a constitutional amendment will be effective immediately.