

**THE CONSTITUTION
OF
THE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION
At
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
(October 19th, 2017)**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Panhellenic Association

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The object of this Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain sorority life and interfraternal relations at a high level of accomplishment and in so doing achieve the following.

- A. Consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life.
- B. Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement.
- C. Cooperate with member sororities and the University of Michigan administration in concern for the maintenance of high social and moral standards.
- D. Act in accordance with all rules established by the Panhellenic Council that do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member sororities.
- E. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. There shall be four classifications of membership
 1. Regular membership: regular membership shall be composed of all chapters of NPC fraternities at the University of Michigan
 2. Provisional membership: provisional membership shall be composed of all colonies of NPC fraternities at the University of Michigan
 3. Associate membership: associate membership is composed of non-NPC national sororities (See bylaws for requirements and privileges)
 4. 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 the Extension procedures outlined in Article XIV of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

- A. The officers shall be President, Executive Vice President, Judicial Vice President, Vice President Social Responsibility, Vice President Recruitment - Internal, Vice

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- B. The officers shall be initiated members in good standing.
 - C. Officers shall serve a term of one year beginning at the first Panhellenic meeting in January. 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.
 - D. Officers may be removed from office through the process outlined in the Panhellenic Association's Bylaws.

ARTICLE V: THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

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.

- A. The Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one representative from each Panhellenic Association member sorority.
- B. Representatives to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective sorority chapters to serve for a term of one year.
- C. 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.
- D. If a representative cannot attend a meeting of the Panhellenic Council, an alternate delegate should be present from the respective sorority.
- E. 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.
- F. Meetings
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. If the President is absent, unable to serve, or being considered for removal of office, the Executive Vice President will preside.

4. A quorum of two-thirds of the member sororities must be present at a Panhellenic Council meeting before any business may be transacted.
5. 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.

G. Voting

1. The voting body of the University of Michigan's Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
2. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the representatives of Regular and Associate Members. One vote shall be granted to each chapter
3. A two-thirds majority of the Regular members shall be required to establish Recruitment Rules including total for chapter size
4. A three-fourths majority of the Regular membership shall be required to open for extension (see Bylaws Article XIV).
5. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions

H. Voice

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

ARTICLE VI: THE PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

The advisor to the Panhellenic Association shall be appointed by the Director of Greek Life. She/he shall report to the Alumnae Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Certain committees and special officers may be necessary to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Association. These shall be elected or appointed by its Executive Board and approved by the Panhellenic Council to serve during the tenure of office of the Board which appoints them.

ARTICLE VIII: AGREEMENTS, RULES, POLICIES

- A. All members of The University of Michigan Women's Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with University of Michigan Greek Community policies, this Constitution, Panhellenic Association Bylaws, National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements, and all other policies and rules of the Panhellenic Association.
- B. The Panhellenic Association is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

- C. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of the Panhellenic Association.
- D. The Panhellenic Association is a Sponsored Student Organization (SSO) at the University of Michigan. It is supported and sponsored by the Office of Greek Life.

ARTICLE IX: VIOLATIONS

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 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 X: ENACTMENT

- A. This constitution must be ratified every year by a three-fourths majority vote of Regular and Associate members of the Panhellenic Council, regardless of changes.
- B. 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.