

# Constitution of Allegheny College Panhellenic Association

## Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Allegheny College 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 college administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
- 4) Act in accordance with Nation 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 two classes of membership: Regular and Associate.

- 1) The REGULAR membership of Allegheny College Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at Allegheny College.
- 2) The ASSOCIATE membership of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters.

## Article IV. Officers

- 1) The officers of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association shall be President, Vice-President of Membership Development, Vice-President of Community Development, Vice-President of Public Relations, Vice-President of Rush Programming, Vice-President of Rush Administration, Vice-President of Finance and Vice-President of Administrative Duties.
- 2) The officers shall be delegates from fraternities holding regular membership in the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association. Delegates from fraternities holding associate membership shall not be eligible to hold office.
- 3) The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin no later than six weeks before the end of the school year.
- 4) Any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined shall resign and a successor be designated by election or as provided in Article VI, Section 3.

## Article V. Meetings

- 1) Regular. The Allegheny College Panhellenic Association shall hold at least two regular meetings each semester.
- 2) Special. A special meeting of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any regular or associate member fraternity at Allegheny College.
- 3) The delegate from each regular or associate member fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association.

## **Article VI. The Panhellenic Council**

The administrative body of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association shall be the Allegheny College Panhellenic Council.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Allegheny College 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. The Allegheny College Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one senior delegate and one junior delegate from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity chapter at Allegheny College and from such national Panhellenic Conference fraternity colonies or national sororities at Allegheny College as the council may approve for membership.
- 2) SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ADVISORS. Delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing no later than six weeks before the end of the school year. Whenever possible, the junior delegate of one year shall be the senior 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 with two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Vice-President of Administrative Duties of her name, address and telephone number. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the junior delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate in all cases, except that of President. The Vice-President of Membership Development shall fulfill the duties of President.
- 4) OFFICERS. The officers of the Allegheny College 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 Allegheny College Panhellenic Association.
- 5) MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each college 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. Three-quarters of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

- 6) VOTING.

- a. The voting body of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
  - b. The voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be the senior delegates of each fraternity holding regular membership. If a senior delegate is absent, its junior delegate shall cast the vote of her fraternity. If both senior delegate and junior delegate are absent, a member of the fraternity may cast the vote, providing her credentials have been presented in writing to the Council President prior to the meeting.
  - c. Three-fourths of the voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish rushing rules, to determine quota and to establish Total Chapter Size, to set the date for pledging and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.
- 7) VOICE. The junior delegates to Panhellenic Council shall have voice but no vote.

### **Article VII. Panhellenic Advisor**

- 1) The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by:
  - a. The college administration or
  - b. The Panhellenic Council and the Alumnae Advisory Council or
  - c. The Alumnae Advisory Council.
- 2) The advisor shall serve in advisory capacity to the Allegheny College Panhellenic Association and its Council.

### **Article VIII. Standing Committees**

Such Standing Committees and special officers as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Council shall be appointed by its Executive Board to serve during the tenure in office of the Board which appoints them.

### **Article IX. Unanimous Agreements and Policies**

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

### **Article X. Violations**

- 1) Violation of any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, of membership recruitment rules, of rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment, of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS shall be the occasion for penalties established by the Allegheny College Panhellenic Council in conformity with those recommended by National Panhellenic Conference (See College Panhellenic Association Judicial Procedures).
- 2) Any dispute growing out of the violation of Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration principles of the National Panhellenic Conference.

## **Article XI. Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by three-fourths vote of the voting members of the Allegheny College Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.