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# *Constitution of Morehead State University Panhellenic Council*

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Pending Student Life Committee Approval

## **Article I – NAME:**

The name of this organization shall be the Morehead State University (MSU) Panhellenic Council.

## **Article II – PURPOSE & AUTHORITY:**

The Morehead State Panhellenic Council shall be the governing body of the women's fraternities affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference at Morehead State University, as well as any sororities recognized by the MSU Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of this governing body to conduct business related to the overall welfare of the MSU Panhellenic Council including, but not limited to: annual review of the parameters as adopted in the recruitment rules for the automatic adjustment of total; determine dues; approve the annual budget; consider extension; set a calendar of events; determine programming; and establish recruitment rules and recruitment style. This organization shall follow all National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements and rules that do not conflict with Morehead State University policies.

## **Article III – OBJECTS:**

The object of the Panhellenic Council shall be to develop and maintain women's 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. To further intellectual accomplishments and sound scholarship.
3. Cooperate with member fraternities and the University administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with such rules established by the Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member women's fraternities.
5. To act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Unanimous Agreement, rules, policies, and best practices.

## **Article IV – MEMBERSHIP:**

Section 1: **Membership:** The regular membership of the Morehead State University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of a voting delegate and an alternate delegate from each woman's fraternity affiliated with NPC at Morehead State University, as well as any sororities recognized by the MSU Panhellenic Council. Each selected delegate shall have voice and one vote on all matters. These representatives shall be selected by their respective fraternities to serve for one calendar year beginning with the first Panhellenic Council meeting of the spring semester.

- Section 2: **Newly Establishing Chapter Membership:** Newly establishing chapters of women's fraternities affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference may send delegates to the Panhellenic Council. Until installed as a regular member newly establishing chapter members will pay no dues, have no vote and shall have voice. They will not have held an office in the rotation or election process.
- Section 3: **Advising:** A member of the Division of Student Life of Morehead State University shall be an advisor to this organization, as appointed by the Dean of Students or the Director of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development. The Panhellenic Advisor is ex-officio, non-voting member of both Panhellenic Council and the Executive Committee.

#### **Article V – OFFICERS AND DUTIES:**

- Section 1: **Elected Panhellenic Officers:** The Panhellenic Executive Committee will be comprised of office positions described in the bylaws.
- Section 2: **Executive Committee Composition:** The Executive Committee of the Morehead State University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of elected officers and collectively will be designated the "Executive Committee officers." The Panhellenic Advisor is also part of the Executive Committee as an ex officio, non-voting member.
- Section 3: **Term of Office:** The Executive Committee officers shall serve for a term of one calendar year. The term of office begin and end with the last Panhellenic Council meeting of the Fall semester.
- Section 4: **Vacancy:** 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 Council of her name and contact information. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while there is a delegate vacancy, the alternate delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegates in all cases.

In the instance of a vacancy in an elected officer position mid-term, each chapter eligible to fill that executive position must appoint a candidate to undergo an interview process with the current Panhellenic Executive Board. Of the appointed candidates, the current Executive Board will select a new officer based on majority vote.

## **Article VI – MEETINGS AND VOTING:**

- Section 1: **Quorum:** To conduct business a two-thirds majority of the women’s fraternities affiliated with the MSU Panhellenic Council and Executive Officers must be present at the meeting.
- Section 2: **Voting percentages:** Motions dealing with amendments to this Constitution and the removal of officers or members will require a two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership. Two-thirds of all the women’s fraternities affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference at Morehead State University, as well as any sororities recognized by MSU and the MSU Panhellenic Council must vote to adopt any change in recruitment rules. All other motions will require a simple majority vote of the quorum to pass.
- Section 3: **Frequency of meetings:** The Panhellenic Council shall meet at least once a month during the academic year. The time and place shall be as stated by the Council at the first meeting of each semester. The President or a majority of the chapter presidents may call a special meeting. Chapter presidents file their request for a special meeting with the Panhellenic Advisor. Verbal or e-mail notice of special meetings will go out to the delegates and Executive Council no less than 24 hours in advance, sent by the Panhellenic Advisor.
- Section 4: **Parliamentary authority:** The Constitution of this organization shall be the supreme authority in parliamentary procedure at all meetings. The Bylaws of this organization shall be the next highest authority. Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the procedure used to conduct meetings except where it conflicts with the Constitution or with the Bylaws.
- Section 5: **Missing meetings:** Penalties for absences will be established in the by-laws.
- Section 6: **Delegate responsibilities:** The delegates from each member woman’s fraternity or sorority shall be responsible for notifying her chapter of all matters discussed in regular and special meeting of the Morehead State University Panhellenic Council.

## **Article VII – REGULATIONS:**

- Section 1: **Violations:** If any fraternity violates any regulations of this Constitution, any of the Morehead State University Panhellenic’s recruitment rules, bylaws, or any of the binding Unanimous Agreements of NPC, it shall be subject to the penalties of the Morehead State University Panhellenic Judiciary Committee.
- Section 2: **Disputes:** Any dispute growing out of Panhellenic rules shall be adjusted through the Judiciary Committee of the Morehead State University Panhellenic Council as stated in the by-laws.

## **Article VIII - AGREEMENTS:**

Fundamental Panhellenic laws as embodied in the binding Unanimous Agreements of National Panhellenic Conference not in conflict with Morehead State University policies must be observed by the Morehead State University Panhellenic Council.

## **Article IX- AMENDMENTS:**

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting members of the Morehead State University Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendments has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting. All amendments shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on Student Life of Morehead State University.

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