

The University of Southern Indiana Panhellenic Council Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the University of Southern Indiana Panhellenic Council.

Article II: Mission Statement

The women of the Panhellenic Council of the University of Southern Indiana strive to uphold the ideals of women today in Greek societies with the genuine commitment to our college and community. By encouraging the highest excellence in academics, community involvement, leadership, and standards we take the utmost pride in the betterment of others as well as ourselves. The women of Panhellenic will devote time and efforts toward the development of every chapter.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A.) To maintain, on a high plane, sorority life and intergreek relationships.
- B.) To further fine intellectual accomplishment and sound scholarship.
- C.) To serve and cooperate with the university administration and outside community in the maintenance of high social standards.
- D.) To compile and enforce rules governing membership recruitment, bidding, and new membership in accordance with the Unanimous Agreements of the National Panhellenic Conference.
- E.) To act in accordance with the National Panhellenic Conference rules and policies.
- F.) To provide and act as the representative central government of separate women's social sororities.
- G.) To promote service and philanthropic activities among its members.

Article IV: Membership

- A.) The University of Southern Indiana Panhellenic Council shall be composed of two classes of membership: regular and associate.
 - 1.) Regular membership for the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of National Panhellenic Conference sororities in good standing with the University of Southern Indiana.
 - 2.) Associate membership for the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of National Panhellenic Conference sorority colonies such as local and or national sororities, at the University of Southern Indiana, that have been approved by the

Panhellenic Council. Any sorority of the University of Southern Indiana, which has been chartered or colonized, is required to be a member of the Panhellenic Council.

- 3.) These members are composed of women in good standing with their sorority as dictated by the National Panhellenic Conference.

Article V: Executive Board Officers

- A.) The Executive Board officers of the Panhellenic Council in order of succession shall be: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Finance and Records, Vice President of Education and Risk Management, and Vice President of Public Relations.
- B.) These Executive Board officers, as well as committee chairwomen, shall enforce National Panhellenic Conference rules and regulations, and will take under advisement the recommendations of the findings of the Judiciary Board.
- C.) The Executive Board officers shall serve a term of one year and agree to this by signing an officer contract.
 - 1.) Elections of these officers shall be completed by the first week in December.
 - 2.) The officer instillation shall be held one week before finals in December.
 - 3.) Their term of office shall begin the second week of January with the first meeting being held the first full week of school.
- D.) An Executive Board officer may not hold the office of either voting or non-voting delegate.
- E.) No chapter president or chapter executive board members may serve as an Executive Board officer.
- F.) The Executive Board officers shall be women from sororities holding regular membership in the Panhellenic Council. Women from sororities holding associate membership will not be eligible.
- G.) Any Executive Board officer failing to perform her duties as outlined in the Panhellenic Council ByLaws, will be asked to resign or will be impeached.

Article VI: Meetings

- A.) There shall be weekly meetings of the Panhellenic Council
- B.) Emergency meetings may be called at the request of any voting delegate of a sorority chapter represented in the Panhellenic Council.
 - 1.) Attendance is required for these meetings
- C.) No action can be taken by the Panhellenic Council in violation of the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Unanimous Agreements, or developed injunctions with these documents.
 - 1.) All rules established by the University of Southern Indiana shall be followed.

Article VIII: Quorum

- A.) Quorum of the Panhellenic Council must be present for all business to occur
- B.) Quorum will be 2/3 of the voting delegates present

Article IX: Attendance

- A.) Each sorority must be represented by a voting and non-voting delegate at every meeting. Failure to attend will result in a \$50 fine for each absent delegate.
 - 1.) The non-voting delegate will stand in for the voting delegate in her absence.
 - 2.) It is the voting delegates responsibility to inform the non-voting delegate of any information needed to vote for her chapter.
- B.) Chapters can send a “proxy” delegate for either the voting or non-voting absentee delegate.
 - 1.) The President of the Panhellenic Council must be notified of the change 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- C.) The Panhellenic Council President may excuse a member chapters’ delegates from an organizational meeting upon request, 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Article X: Voting

- A.) The voting body of the Panhellenic Council shall be the voting delegates represented from each chapter.
- B.) Associate members must have two delegates present at each meeting.
- C.) The Panhellenic Council shall be made up of one voting delegate and one non-voting delegate chosen by their respective chapters for a term of one year.
- D.) A two-thirds vote shall be necessary for a motion to pass or fail.
- E.) If the voting delegate is absent, the non-voting delegate may represent that sorority’s vote.
 - 1.) If both delegates are absent replacement delegates should be sent
 - 2.) 24 hours notice has to be given, prior to the Panhellenic weekly meeting, to the Panhellenic Council President to okay this replacement
- F.) The designated delegate of each member sorority shall be granted the power of one vote.
- G.) Everyone in Panhellenic will be allowed to voice their opinions, but only the delegates vote.
 - 1.) On matters that deal with the Panhellenic Council and do not concern the chapters, all of Panhellenic will have a vote.
- E.) The Executive Board officers decisions shall be considered a decision by the Panhellenic Council.

Article XI: Agreements

- A.) Fundamental Panhellenic laws as embodied in the Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, and Unanimous Agreements must be observed by the Panhellenic Council.
- B.) All policies, regulations, and rules of the Panhellenic Council must be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference.

Article XII: Violations

- A.) A violation of any rules and regulations of the Panhellenic Council Constitution, Bylaws, Recruitment Guidelines, Social Policy, all policies of the University of Southern Indiana, and the National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements shall be handled according to the College Panhellenic Council Agreements as listed on pages 26-31 in the 13th edition of the National Panhellenic Conference manual of information.

Article XIII: Amendments

- A.) This Constitution may be amended by three-fourths of the voting delegates of the University of Southern Indiana Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing and discussed in new business at the preceding regular meeting.

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