

**PANHELLENIC COUNCIL
CONSTITUTION
THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be The University of West Florida (UWF) Panhellenic Council, and shall be referred to as Panhellenic Council throughout the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Panhellenic Council shall be to develop and maintain Greek life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so to:

1. Consider the goals and ideas 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 UWF administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and policies.
5. Act in accordance with all rules established by the Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, right and privileges of its member fraternities.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two classes of membership in the Panhellenic Council: regular and associate.

1. The REGULAR membership of the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference.
2. The ASSOCIATE membership of the Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters.

ARTICLE IV – THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The administrative body of the Panhellenic Council shall consist of the Executive Board and chapter delegates as defined below.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of such named Panhellenic Council, and to compile rules governing said Panhellenic Council, including recruitment and pledging, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

1. Executive Board

- a. The Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council shall consist of the following offices: President, Vice President of Executive Affairs, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Recruitment, and Vice President of Membership.
 - b. The Executive Board shall be selected from chapters holding regular membership in the Panhellenic Council. Chapters holding associate membership status shall not be eligible to hold Executive Board offices.
 - c. The selected officers shall serve for a term of 1 calendar year. The term of office to begin the first week of classes in the spring semester.
2. Chapter Delegates
 - a. The Chapter delegates of the Panhellenic Council shall consist of one main delegate selected by their respective fraternity chapter and one new member delegate of that same fraternity chapter from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity chapter at the University of West Florida.
 - b. The selected delegates shall serve for a term of 1 calendar year. The term of office will begin the first week of classes in the spring semester.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION

1. All Panhellenic Council Executive Board members shall be elected by the Panhellenic Council (please see bylaws for procedure).
2. Executive Board members shall be elected from the following eligible women from fraternities holding regular membership in the Panhellenic Council.
 - a. Current/Former Panhellenic Council main delegates
 - b. Current/Former Recruitment Counselors (Beta Chis)
 - c. Current/Former Panhellenic Executive Board Members
 - d. Former National Panhellenic Conference chapter Presidents at UWF
3. Any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined in the Bylaws of the Panhellenic Council shall resign, or the Panhellenic Council may remove her from office by majority vote at any regular meeting.
4. The Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws of the Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

1. The Panhellenic Council shall hold regular weekly meetings. The time and place of the meeting shall be established at the beginning of each college term or semester.

2. A special meeting of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon written request of any regular or associate member chapter at The University of West Florida.
3. The delegates from each regular or associate member chapter shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Panhellenic Council.
4. Quorum shall be two-thirds of the voting membership of the Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE VII – VOTING

1. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the main delegates from each National Panhellenic Conference sorority holding regular membership in the Panhellenic Council.
2. If a delegate is absent, the vote of her sorority shall be cast by its new member delegate. If both the delegate and the new member delegate are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the sorority concerned, providing her credentials have been presented in writing to the Panhellenic Council prior to the meeting.
3. 2/3 vote of the delegates of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish rules. A majority vote shall be required to call all questions.
4. Mandatory Events
 - a. The Panhellenic Council shall give all delegates a one month notification of any mandatory event.
 - b. The chapter delegates must take the information back to their chapters and have a chapter vote on the event. Delegates must bring the chapter vote back to Panhellenic Council at the next meeting.
 - c. If the Panhellenic vote passes, each chapter must have 75% of their chapter present at the event.
 - d. If any chapter is not at 75% attendance, the chapter will be fined two dollars per sister/new member.
5. Voice
 - a. All delegates, alumnae advisors to the Panhellenic Council, Executive Officers and Panhellenic Council Advisors shall have voice.
 - b. New member delegates, alumnae advisors and Panhellenic Council advisors shall have voice, but not voting privileges.

ARTICLE VIII – PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be chosen by the University administration.
2. He/She shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE IX – STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The Panhellenic Council Executive Board shall appoint such standing committees and special officers, as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Council.
2. The membership of the standing committees shall be the Recruitment Counselors (Beta Chis).

ARTICLE X – VIOLATIONS

1. Violations of any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, Recruitment rules, or rules concerning matters other than recruitment, of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS (the Panhellenic Compact, Standards of the Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenics Agreements on Questionnaires and Constitutions, and the Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council) shall be the occasion for penalties established by the Panhellenic Council in conformity with those recommended by the National Panhellenic Conference (see College Panhellenics Agreement; Section 4 of the UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS).
2. Any dispute growing out of the violations of Panhellenic Council rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration principles of the National Panhellenic Conference (please see Judicial Procedures in the Bylaws).

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

The Panhellenic Council Constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing one week prior to voting.

ARTICLE XII – WARRANTIES

1. Lawful Operations
 - a. The Panhellenic Council shall abide by all applicable local and federal laws.
 - b. Non-discrimination

All Panhellenic Council rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference.

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