

Preamble

We the members of this organization do ordain this constitution and by-laws of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), of Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU), Springfield, Missouri, as our governing document; in accordance with the rules and regulations of Southwest Missouri State University, the laws of the state of Missouri, and the laws of the United States of America.

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Southwest Missouri State University (referred to as NPHC)

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of NPHC is to:

- A. Promote an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation between the historically African American fraternities and sororities.
- B. Facilitate cooperative activities and functions with all of greek councils on the campus of SMSU.
- C. To encourage positive relations with all other greek councils on the campus of SMSU.
- D. Disseminate information for a better understanding of Greek functions and purpose throughout the larger community of the university.
- E. Support and encourage high academic accomplishments.

Article III

Powers

- A. NPHC shall have the power to initiate and execute all rules and regulations necessary to allow function.
- B. NPHC shall have jurisdiction and enforcement power in all matters concerning any organization listed in Article IV, subpoint C
- C. NPHC shall have the power to make recommendations to respective organizations and departments such as, Student Life and Development, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Greek Standards Board, GAMMA, Interfraternity Council (IFC), and the Pan-Hellenic Association (PHA)
- D. NPHC yields all powers to the National entities of each specified organization in regards to internal matters of governance.

Article IV

Membership

- A. Humbly, NPHC adheres to the existing policies of the office of student activities/the Greek social chapter governance statement as Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU). It is the policy of SMSU and NPHC not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, or

- veteran status in employment or in any program or activity offered or sponsored by the University.
- B. In regards to membership, it is the policy of the National Pan-Hellenic Council to allow membership only to those organizations who are specified at the national level of NPHC.
 - C. On the campus of Southwest Missouri State University those organizations eligible for membership are as follows:
 - 1. *Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Theta Chapter*
 - 2. *Kappa Alpha Psi, Mu Epsilon Chapter*
 - 3. *Delta Sigma Theta, Rho Beta Chapter*
 - 4. *Phi Beta Sigma, Rho Chi Chapter*
 - 5. *Sigma Gamma Rho, Nu Epsilon Chapter*
 - 6. *Iota Phi Theta, Gamma Sigma Chapter*
 - D. Membership is dependent upon the following:
 - 1. Recognition and endorsement from the appropriate national organization.
 - 2. Satisfactory minimum amount of members as specified in the student activities/greek life manuals
 - 3. Fulfillment of financial requirements at the national and regional level of said organization
 - 4. Fulfillment of financial requirements at the local level, which are specified within this document
 - 5. Fulfillment of all duties required of said organization, which are specified throughout this document
 - E. Membership may be revoked and/or suspended at any point by the executive board of NPHC or any ranking university official with the appropriate authority (refer to articles IX-XII)
 - F. Membership is not a right.
 - G. Membership is a privilege.
 - H. Membership is a necessity for any and all organizations that may exist under the following names:
 - 1. *Alpha Phi Alpha*
 - 2. *Alpha Kappa Alpha*
 - 3. *Kappa Alpha Psi*
 - 4. *Omega Psi Phi*
 - 5. *Delta Sigma Theta*
 - 6. *Phi Beta Sigma*
 - 7. *Zeta Phi Beta*
 - 8. *Sigma Gamma Rho*
 - 9. *Iota Phi Theta*
 - I. When there are two or more organizations that function under the names that are listed in Article IV, subpoint H, points 1-9 then a NPHC chapter must be formed with those specified organizations as members
 - J. Any member organization found to be in violation of the National Constitution and By-Laws as well as the local chapter constitution and By-laws of the National Pan-Hellenic Council will be subject to suspension from the campus of Southwest Missouri State University for as long deemed appropriate and necessary by said

authority; at which point the national organizational body of said organization will be notified and encourage to take action.

Article V

Election of officers

A. Offices

1. The annual elected offices of NPHC shall be President, Vice-President, Treasure, Secretary, Historian, Public Relations
2. The term of all annual elected offices will be one full calendar year (January through December), unless specified by some high authority\

B. Elections

1. The election of all officers shall be by public nomination and role call vote. In the event of a position not being filled it will be the responsibility of the newly elected president to either assume the responsibilities or appoint a suitable member to fill the position. (NOTE: If the position of president is not filled or becomes vacant then it will be the responsibility of the elected vice-president to assume the responsibilities of the president)
2. Nomination of candidates shall take place 1 meeting prior to the election date
3. The nomination of all candidates for all positions will end before the elections begin
4. The order of succession shall coincide with that specified in the Robert's Rules of Order
5. RULE OF INFLUENCE
 - i. In the event that multiple vacancies (specifically the offices of president and vice-president) become available, in the middle of a term, then it will be the responsibility of the largest chapter, at the time of vacancy, to fulfill the minimum responsibilities of NPHC until the next election occurs
 - a. The president of said organization will schedule a mandatory emergency meeting for all members of NPHC organizations within 10 working days of the vacancies
 - b. At this meeting the situation will be explained and options discussed
 - c. The president of said organization will have the automatic option of assuming the office of president or facilitating a special election
 - d. If the president of said organizations assumes power they will be restricted to facilitating and executing the calendar policy, NPHC elections, collection of dues, assessment of fines, and the support/facilitation of any and all events that are required by the greek life office.
 - e. In the event of the previous (point 4) all NPHC calendar days will be immediately dropped and events cancelled

unless otherwise voted and passed by majority of member organizations

- f. In the event that the president of said organization does not seek office, the special election will take place at this meeting [the emergency meeting].
 - g. The rules for this election will follow the guidelines specified in this document for all elections
 - h. In the event that there are two organizations with the same number of members the organization with the highest GPA shall become said organization.
- ii. NOTE: a special election may only be held when BOTH the president and vice-president seats become vacant
 - iii. The Rule of Influence may only be invoked if BOTH the president and vice-president seats become vacant or if the election process is not completed by the annual deadline.
6. Quorum is not necessary for elections
 7. Majority vote of all present and absentee votes is necessary for all elected positions
 8. Elections and Induction of officers must be finalized by December 31st.
 9. If the election and induction is not completed by specified date the Rule of Influence will automatically be invoked.
 10. It will be the responsibility of the current president and vice-president to ensure that the election process is handled correctly

C. Voting

1. Only current member organizations will have the privilege of voting in any and all NPHC business
2. Each member organization is allotted a maximum of two votes in all business concerning NPHC
3. Member organization unable to attend NPHC meetings do NOT automatically lose their voting privileges
 - i. If one delegate is unable to attend a meeting, the president of that particular organization may submit a written request via present delegate at the beginning of the meeting requesting dual voting power (dual voting power provides one delegate with two votes)
 - a. Dual voting power may only be used four times within one full calendar year
 - b. Dual voting power may only be used in matters concerning elections and finance
 - c. Dual voting power MUST be honored when submitted within the guidelines of points 1&2
 - ii. If one delegate is unable to attend an election date, the delegate of that particular organization who will be absent may submit a written ballot to the NPHC advisor 24 hrs in advance of the meeting (NO EXCEPTIONS)
4. If acting as a delegate each candidate retains their voting privileges

D. Candidates

1. All candidates for annually elected positions must be associated with a member organization that is current, official, nationally recognized, and a registered SMSU organization.
 2. Candidates for all offices must have a 2.3 cumulative GPA at the time of running for office
 3. All officers elect must have a 2.3 semester GPA at the time of taking office
- E. The election process is exempt from all executive authority. It may only be modified by vote of the general assembly (NOTE: Quorum is necessary for modification of the election process)

Article VI

NPHC Officers and Duties

- A. The officers of NPHC shall be President, Vice-president, Treasure, Secretary, Public Relations chair and Advisor
- B. The officers of NPHC are restricted and bound by this document
- C. Other than the president, the officers of NPHC can not be held liable nor responsible for any duties other than those specified in this document
- D. The officers of NPHC are REQUIRED to attend and participate in ALL events sponsored or required of NPHC.
- E. All officers are required to adhere and perform any all duties as prescribed by any authoritative entity
- F. The officer duties of NPHC shall be the following:
 - a. **President**
 - i. Shall be responsible as the official representative of NPHC
 - ii. Shall preside over all meetings
 - iii. Shall formulate meeting agendas
 - iv. Shall be responsible for the scheduling of all reoccurring and special meetings
 - v. Shall have the power to call emergency meetings whenever he deems necessary (Note: member organizations must be notified 1 week in advance)
 - vi. Shall appoint all committees that are not otherwise provided by law within this or other superceding authorities or documents
 - vii. Shall oversee every officer on the executive board
 - viii. Shall ensure that the chapter and officers are performing all duties and task efficiently and in accordance to the rules and regulations of this document and all other superceding documents as well
 - ix. Shall enforce strict observance of the regulations contained within this document
 - x. Shall have name on all accounts and approve all monies used for council business
 - xi. Shall maintain a current and file of the NPHC constitution and by-laws
 - xii. Shall cast the deciding vote in the event of ANY tie
 - xiii. Shall be bonded in amounts sufficient to cover funds handled

- xiv. Shall chair and organize leadership retreats sponsored by NPHC
- xv. Shall maintain a 2.3 semester GPA while in office
- xvi. Shall maintain a 2.3 cumulative GPA while in office
- xvii. Shall remain current and financial with member organization

b. Vice-President

- i. Shall assume the role of the president in their absence
- ii. Shall oversee all committees of NPHC
- iii. Shall act as an ex-officio member to all NPHC committees
- iv. Shall co-chair and organize leadership conferences and retreats sponsored by NPHC
- v. Shall collect all reports from representatives and the advisor
- vi. Shall act as the liaison between the IFC and PHA councils
- vii. Shall assist in maintaining order during meetings
- viii. Shall ensure that only NPHC member organizations, advisors, and approved guest are present during all meetings
- ix. Shall guide NPHC in correct parliamentary procedures
- x. Shall know and adhere to all NPHC and relevant guidelines, constitution, and by laws.
- xi. Shall along with the secretary and treasure track all NPHC policy violations
- xii. Shall revise the constitution annually
- xiii. Shall notify the president of any personal inabilities to fulfill duties
- xiv. Shall have name on all accounts
- xv. Shall be bonded in amounts sufficient to cover funds handled
- xvi. Shall maintain a 2.3 semester GPA while in office
- xvii. Shall maintain a 2.3 cumulative GPA while in office
- xviii. Shall remain current and financial with member organization

c. Treasure

- i. Shall serve as primary custodian of all financial accounts controlled by NPHC
- ii. Shall produce annual budget
- iii. Shall produce bi-weekly financial reports
- iv. Shall produce annual financial summary
- v. Shall inform member organizations of NPHC of financial obligations
- vi. Shall collect dues and other monies from member organizations
- vii. Shall make Bi-weekly deposits of all NPHC monies collected
- viii. Shall maintain an accurate and current record of all accounts payable and receivable by NPHC
- ix. Shall be responsible for all inventory of NPHC
- x. Shall along with the vice-president and secretary track all NPHC policy violations
- xi. Shall advise the executive board in regards to financial standing and recommended possible spending expenditures
- xii. Shall notify the president of any personal inabilities to fulfill duties
- xiii. Shall have name on all accounts

- xiv. Shall be bonded in amounts sufficient to cover funds handled
- xv. Shall sign on all financial transactions originating from or directed towards the NPHC account
- xvi. Shall maintain a 2.3 semester GPA while in office
- xvii. Shall maintain a 2.3 cumulative GPA while in office
- xviii. Shall remain current and financial with member organization

d. Secretary

- i. Shall maintain an accurate and complete record of the proceedings of all NPHC meetings
- ii. Shall be responsible for organizing an effective means of communication throughout the general assembly
- iii. Shall be responsible for all mail generated by or directed towards NPHC
- iv. Shall forward any and all correspondence of meetings to any member organization, advisor, or authoritative entity upon request
- v. Shall maintain a historical file of previous minutes of previous meetings
- vi. Shall track attendance
- vii. Shall along with the vice-president and treasure track all NPHC policy violations
- viii. Shall collect and file all written request such as:
 - 1. Request for dual voting power
 - 2. Request for absentee ballots
 - 3. Request for calendar days
 - 4. Request for investigation
 - 5. Request of excused absence
 - 6. Request of dues extension
- ix. Shall notify board, advisors, and member organizations of all special meetings and proceedings of NPHC
- x. Shall reply to all correspondence directed to NPHC
- xi. Shall reserve all rooms for NPHC business and emergency meetings
- xii. Shall notify the president of any personal inabilities to fulfill duties
- xiii. Shall have name on all accounts
- xiv. Shall be bonded in amounts sufficient to cover funds handled
- xv. Shall maintain a 2.3 semester GPA while in office
- xvi. Shall maintain a 2.3 cumulative GPA while in office
- xvii. Shall remain current and financial with member organization

e. Public Relations Chair

- i. Shall coordinate all publications that carry the name of NPHC
- ii. Shall serve as a liaison to cross council committees (i.e. greek week, Homecoming, GAMMA, relay for life, habitat for humanity etc)
- iii. Shall be responsible for publicity and coordination of all council events.

- iv. Shall be responsible for assisting in any business on behalf of NPHC when dealing with IFC or PHA.
- v. Shall take roll at all NPHC events.
- vi. Shall assist in notification of event location, time, and date changes
- vii. Shall coordinate and chair community service projects for the council.
- viii. Shall serve as the immediate assistant to the treasure as needed
- ix. Shall notify the president of any personal inabilities to fulfill duties
- x. Shall have name on all accounts
- xi. Shall be bonded in amounts sufficient to cover funds handled
- xii. Shall maintain a 2.3 semester GPA while in office.
- xiii. Shall maintain a 2.3 cumulative GPA while in office.
- xiv. Shall remain current and financial with member organization.
- xv. Shall collect, compile, and preserve historical and biographical data for NPHC.
- xvi. Shall submit such copies of data when requested of him by any member organization at the expense of the requesting member organization.
- xvii. Shall maintain a list of events and extraordinary achievements of NPHC and member organizations.
- xviii. Shall prepare and maintain an ongoing history of NPHC and the events involving its member organizations.
- xix. Shall be responsible for the audio, video, and photographic documentation of NPHC events.

f. Advisor

- i. Shall be a staff member of the Office of student activities or appointed by the Dean of Students.
- ii. Shall have FULL power and authority over NPHC and its member organizations as so far allotted within the guidelines established in the agreement with each member organization's national headquarters and the NPHC constitution.
- iii. Shall have the power to suspend any and all member organizations as allowed in accordance with the rules and regulations of this and other binding documents
- iv. Shall carry the responsibility of ensuring that all guidelines are followed and executed as prescribed by this document, superceding documents, and decisions passed by the member organizations of NPHC
- v. Shall have name on all financial accounts
- vi. Shall be bonded in amounts sufficient to cover funds handled
- vii. Shall perform other duties necessary for the efficient and successful execution of all NPHC policies
- viii. Shall attend all NPHC meetings (working within the constraints of scheduling conflicts)

Article VII
Resignation of officers

- A. An officer must submit a written statement explaining their resignation and upon demand turnover all files, documents, materials and necessary information in regards to NPHC.
- B. If a resignation should occur the President may appoint another member of the General Assembly to assume the previous office held
- C. Once an officer has resigned they become in-eligible to run for NPHC office again

Article VIII
Impeachment of officers

- A. All impeachment proposals should be formally documented and presented to the NPHC advisor in confidence
- B. The formal statement of complaint must be filed by a voting delegate of NPHC.
- C. The document is to include
 - a. Specific violation of the NPHC constitution or other superceding documents
 - b. A formal statement of complaint
 - c. A co-signer who is a voting delegate from a different member organization
 - d. The NPHC advisor is to notify the NPHC president, chapter presidents, campus and chapter advisors, as well as voting delegates of the formal complaint
 - e. The NPHC advisor is to notify the NPHC executive board member, in question, of the complaint
 - f. A meeting of all NPHC chapter organizations is to be arranged before any other business is conducted
 - g. At this meeting the plaintiff is allowed to state their case as well as the defendant(s).
 - h. This meeting is presided by the vice-president unless involved in which case the president would preside.
 - i. If both are involved the NPHC advisor presides over the meeting
 - j. After a maximum of two hours has passed a vote of organizations is taken to decide the validity of the complaint.
 - k. EACH ORGANIZATION IS GIVEN 1 VOTE
 - l. Majority is need for impeachment
 - m. There is no tie breaker
 - n. If an officer(s) is impeached the same system is used as in the case of a resignation or removal of office.

Article IX
Meetings, Attendance, Voting, and participation requirements of member organizations

- A. Attendance of meetings
- a. Attendance at bi-weekly meetings during the time that NPHC is in active session is mandatory for ALL member organizations
 - b. Each member organization is required to send a minimum of one voting delegate and a maximum of two voting delegates
 - i. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a fine
 - ii. Executive board members can not serve as voting delegates unless the member organization is comprised of 4 or less individuals
 - c. The number of members from each organization allowed to attend is unlimited
 - i. Bi-weekly meetings times will be decided upon by the newly elected executive board and will be reaffirmed each semester
 1. The bi-weekly meetings will be scheduled with the intent to involve all member organizations
 2. The executive bi-weekly meetings will be held opposite of general assembly meetings during the same time slot
 - ii. In the case of a Monday-Friday meeting: If a member organization delegate is unable to attend a meeting or will be late due to schedule conflicts an excuse form must be filed with the office of student activities by 5:00pm the last business day
 - iii. In the event of an emergency: An excuse form must be filed within 48 hours of the meeting date.

** THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS PERTAINS TO TARDINESS ONLY **

 1. If sporadic, a new form must be completed for every occurrence
 2. If permanent one form that indicates the ongoing conflict will suffice
 - iv. Failure to complete this form will result in a fine
 - v. An absence is incurred after officer reports have been given and approved
 - vi. Special meetings may be convened based on activities and events that are either sponsored by or affect NPHC
 - vii. The president must notify the members of special meetings one week in advance
- B. Attendance of events

- a. NPHC sponsored events (including meetings) will be scheduled no later than 1 month prior to the date of the event
 - i. With the exception of special meetings
 - ii. With the exception of judicial hearings
- b. NPHC executive board members are required to be present at each NPHC function and meeting unless excused by the chapter advisor
 - i. Failure to comply will result in a fine
 - ii. The fine will be assessed on the board members organization
- c. NPHC member organizations must send at least 2 members or 25% representation for the chapters to each NPHC sponsored or recognized event.
 - i. Failure to comply will result in a fine
 - ii. The fine will be assessed on the member organization per member that does not comply
 - iii. Absence at the event will be assessed (per member not present) if the correct number of representatives are not present within 20 minutes of the event start time
 - iv. Member organizations who are unable to meet this requirement must submit a written statement two weeks prior to the event
 - v. One representative must be at each NPHC function (NO EXCEPTIONS)

C. Voting

- a. Only current, financial member organizations of NPHC are allowed to vote in any business involving the entire council
- b. Each member organization receives a maximum of two votes
- c. Quorum is not necessary for any function except
 - i. Amendments to the constitution
 - ii. Conduction of business during emergency meetings initiated by the authority provided by the Rule of Influence
 - iii. Modifications to the elections process
- d. ALL voting is done by roll call
- e. The system of majority rule is used in every decision with the exception of
 - i. Amendments to the constitution
 - ii. Modifications to the Election process

Article X

Financial and Administrative Obligations

A. DUES

- a. Dues for member organizations are due 4 weeks after the first NPHC meeting
 - i. The dues are to be collected at the next meeting when the four week deadline has occurred
 - ii. Dues can be paid early
 - iii. Fines are assessed on weekly basis for non-compliance
 - iv. Fines are assessed at the end of every meeting (executive and/or general assembly)

- b. Each newly elected executed board decides the annual dues amount. However, dues paid by each organization can not be below the equivalent of \$25 dollars per member listed on each member organization's roster
 - c. Dues are mandatory for member organizations
 - d. Dues may be paid by either cash, money order/cashier check, or organizational check (no personal checks are accepted)
 - e. Dues are assessed for the months of August through May
 - f. Payment arrangements may be arranged
 - i. Payments must equal
 - ii. Payments must be due every month
 - iii. Payments must be paid to the treasure
 - iv. Payment arrangements must be made before dues are due
 - g. Failure to comply will result in a fine
- B. FINES

- a. Fine will be assessed for the following:
 - i. Absence from NPHC meetings
 - ii. Absence from NPHC events
 - iii. Failure to pay or arrange payments of NPHC dues
 - iv. Failure to submit required documents when requested
 - v. Insufficient funds to cover a check written to NPHC or SMSU
- b. Fines will compound
- c. Fines are NOT categorized (i.e. fines for absences will compound with fines for calendar policy violations)
- d. Fines & balances will carry over indefinitely
- e. Fines are due immediately when they are assessed
- f. Fine schedule resets in January
- g. Fines will be assessed by the NPHC President, confirmed by the NPHC vice-president and NPHC advisor, collected by the NPHC treasure, and documented by the NPHC secretary
- h. When an organization is assessed a fine, the NPHC executive board notifies the campus advisor.
- i. The Fine schedule is as follows
 - i. Unexcused absences (in matter of occurrence)
 - 1. Warning
 - 2. \$5.00
 - 3. \$10.00
 - 4. \$15.00
 - 5. EVERY TIME HEREAFTER \$20.00
 - ii. Failure to pay dues & Submit required documents (assessed in matter of weeks)
 - 1. 10.00
 - 2. EVERY WEEK HEREAFTER \$20.00
 - iii. Insufficient funded check
 - 1. \$50
 - 2. \$50 as well as check privileges revoked for 2 years

C. FINANCIAL STATUS

- a. Good Financial status is defined as one of the following
 - i. NO Balance owed to NPHC
 - ii. Payment plan arranged and operating on time
 - b. Fines or a balance with NPHC of \$100 or more
 - i. The chapter and campus advisors are both notified
 - c. Fines or a balance with NPHC of \$200 or more
 - i. The chapter and campus advisors are both notified
 - ii. Regional director/president is contacted
 - iii. All voting privileges are revoked
 - d. Fines or a balance with NPHC of \$300 or more
 - i. AUTOMATIC Suspension of chapter events (No Exceptions)
 - 1. Two months: Chapter is ordered to end all activity on campus until the full balance is paid
 - e. A member organization will be ineligible for payment arrangements after 1 month has passed. (1 month from initial fine)
- D. ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS
- a. Member organization must complete and meet all administrative documentation requirements to NPHC, greek life, and individual national organizations
 - b. Lack of administrative documentation will result in a fine as well as immediate cease and desist of all chapter events for each organization until all forms are completed.
 - c. Striving for Excellence awards and attendance at Presidents retreat is mandatory
 - i. NO EXCEPTIONS
 - ii. Failure to comply results in a loss of the next applicable calendar policy week

Article XI

Special Powers and Regulations

- A. This document is the governing document for NPHC
- B. All appeals concerning decisions of NPHC will be handled through the Office of Student Life and Development
- C. NPHC shall follow all rules set forth by the university and if any organization fails to adhere to these rules, the greek standards board will be the primary disciplinary entity
- D. NPHC relinquishes the right to the greek standards board, to settle disciplinary problems except in the areas of:
 - a. NPHC membership Intake
 - b. Internal governance problems of NPHC
- E. Any violation of university policy by a chapter can result in action by NPHC
- F. NPHC reserves the right to support or disagree with any university action in regards to a member organization
- G. It will be the responsibility of the President of NPHC to inform individuals and/or respective organizations of possible disciplinary action at least two weeks in advance.

- H. NPHC council may by 2/3 vote, with each chapter receiving one vote, (excluding the chapter in question) make a recommendation to the Student Life Office urging the chapter in question to be expelled or suspended.
- I. Any officer of an organization that has been expelled or suspended must and will be removed from office
- J. NPHC reserves the right to mandate that all new initiates of member organizations must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- K. NPHC will not be responsible for establishing a timetable for membership intake for each individual organization nor will they determine the length of any new member intake program.

Article XII Jurisdiction

- A. Judiciary Board
 - a. The NPHC judiciary board is composed of members of the constituent organizations with a member of the executive board serving as Chief Justice. The six member board, including the Chief Justice, composed of members of each organization excluding the organizations involved in the dispute
 - b. This judiciary Board shall have the jurisdiction over the violations of all rules, regulations and by-laws of the NPHC constitution and shall have the power to assess disciplinary action for violations.
 - c. This board shall have jurisdiction over the matters of discipline as of conduct between
 - i. Member organizations and the community
 - ii. Member organizations and the University
 - iii. Member organizations and other Member organizations
 - d. This board shall have jurisdiction and investigatory powers over the action of all NPHC member organizations and membership intake, which will reflect on the entire greek system.
 - e. The responsibility of the board shall be to recommend to the Student Life and Development Office or Greek Standards Board, a fair and just solution to issues referred to it.
 - f. All information and evidenced discovered and discussed will be covered under all prevailing laws of confidentiality.

Article XIII Amendments

- A. All amendments to the NPHC constitution must be formally presented to the vice-president
- B. The vice-president reviews the amendments and presents them before the general assembly
- C. After a detailed discussion and all questions have been asked of the authors the amendment is put to a vote at the next meeting

- D. A Special quorum of 75% of member organizations is needed before voting takes place
- E. The amendment will automatically die after it has not been voted on for one month after the initial debate and discussion
- F. 2/3 is needed of the special quorum is needed for the amendment to pass.
- G. Only current financial member organization delegates are allowed to vote
- H. If the amendment fails there is no further discussion on the amendment
- I. If the amendment passes the vice-president has 2 weeks to adjust the constitution accordingly and present revised copies to all interested parties
- J. The vice-president is responsible for delivering new copies (hard copy or electronic) to each chapter president, chapter and campus advisor, NPHC advisor, NPHC executive board member, and the office of student activities.

Article XIV

Ratification

- A. The NPHC constitution and all amendments will become valid once approved by the general assembly
- B. All members and officers must adhere to the constitution immediately after passing
- C. This constitution is considered ratified once a majority vote of approval is taken among current financial member organizations

Article XV

Empowerment

This constitution of NPHC will take affect immediately after ratification