



PANHellenic ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION
of the
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY PANHellenic ASSOCIATION
(Revised Spring 2011)

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the San Diego State University Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of this Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so 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 university administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Promote activities and communication to project a positive fraternity image.
5. Foster a campus climate that promotes the ideals of human dignity, civility, and mutual respect with an understanding and appreciation of the wealth of diversity within the university community.
6. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and policies.
7. Act in accordance with such rules established by Panhellenic Council as do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership: Regular, Associate, and Affiliate.

1. The REGULAR membership of the San Diego State University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at Sand Diego State University.
2. The ASSOCIATE membership of the San Diego State University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters. Associate member colonies or pledged chapters shall have full

membership rights and responsibilities to the Panhellenic Association with the exception of holding an office on the Panhellenic Executive Board and voting on extension matters.

3. Any Greek-letter organization that has obtained on-campus status as a female social sorority but is not a member of the Panhellenic Association shall be considered a Panhellenic Association AFFILIATE.
 - a. Instances in which the Panhellenic Affiliate status may apply includes, but is not limited to, a sorority which does not receive an invitation to colonize from Panhellenic but forms on the campus without benefit of an invitation and obtains on-campus status as a social sorority.
 - b. Before a group may be granted affiliate membership to the Panhellenic Association they shall have met the following conditions:
 1. Attained a membership of at least ten active members,
 2. Elected, by democratic procedures, chapter officers,
 3. Submitted a roster of all chapter members,
 4. Submitted copies of all Constitution and By-laws that govern their organization,
 5. Submitted name and address of the Chapter Advisor,
 6. Met all San Diego State University requirements for on-campus status.
4. A Panhellenic affiliate has all of the following responsibilities:
 1. Pay full Panhellenic dues. If their dues are not paid on time their membership will be terminated,
 2. Attend all Panhellenic Council meetings,
 3. Attend all New Member Series, including but not limited to, the Greek Leadership Summit, Unity Night, and the Spring EXCEL conference at UCSD,
 4. Attend the TEAM SDSU President's retreat,
 5. Submit monthly progress reports until associate membership is obtained,
 6. Maintain a membership of at least eight active members,
 7. Comply with all Panhellenic Association policies, University policies, and "Greek Guidelines,"
 8. Maintain a semester group mean grade point average that is equal to or above the All Women's Average. If the mean grade point average falls below the All Women's, the chapter will have one semester to raise it.
5. A Panhellenic affiliate is entitled to one non-voting seat on the Panhellenic Council and to participate, without a vote, in all committees and discussions which directly affect the San Diego State University "Greek Guidelines," governing all Greek-letter residential organizations.
6. A Panhellenic affiliate is required to adhere to all provisions of the San Diego State University "Greek Guidelines" and is subject to hearing and sanctions as stipulated in the Panhellenic Judicial Procedures.
7. A Panhellenic affiliate is not entitled to any of the privileges of Panhellenic membership as outlined in these Panhellenic Association Constitution and Bylaws. A Panhellenic affiliate may not participate in any program or event which is planned or sponsored by the Panhellenic, including but not limited to formal and informal recruitment, social activities, community service projects, philanthropies, Greek Week, Greek Homecoming events, Sorority Presidents Association, officer roundtables, etc; however, the Panhellenic Council by two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership, may invite a Panhellenic affiliate to participate in such activities.

An affiliate member of Panhellenic may become a full voting member in the following manner: After a three year period, beginning from the time the affiliate fraternity has gained its affiliate status from the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life, upon which a the affiliate chapter may ask for a vote of the Panhellenic chapter to move to Associate membership. If two-thirds or more of the entire voting

membership of the Panhellenic Council vote in the affirmative, then the affiliate chapter will move to Associate membership. The Affiliate member may contact NPC groups not currently on the SDSU campus for the purpose of affiliation with such groups. The Affiliate group may only request one vote on Associate member status per semester.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of the San Diego University Panhellenic Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scholarship Director, Risk Management Director, Sports Director, Activities Director, Public Relations Director, Recruitment Director, Assistant Recruitment Director, and A. S. Liaison.
2. The officers shall be members from fraternities holding regular membership in the San Diego State Panhellenic Association. Members 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 college year.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

1. Regular. The San Diego State University Panhellenic Association shall hold at least one regular meeting annually.
2. Special. A special meeting of the San Diego State University 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 San Diego State University.
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 San Diego State University Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE VI. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The administrative body for the San Diego State University Panhellenic Association shall be the San Diego State University Panhellenic Council.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the San Diego State University Panhellenic Association and to compile rules governing the Panhellenic Association, including rushing and pledging, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.

1. MEMBERSHIP. The San Diego State University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate delegate from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity chapter at San Diego State University and from such National Panhellenic Conference fraternity colonies, or national sororities at San Diego State University as the council may approve for membership in the San Diego State University Panhellenic Association.
2. SELECTION OF DELEGATES. Delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year.
3. DELEGATE VACANCIES. When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity concerned to select a replacement within one week and to notify the Panhellenic Council Secretary of her name, address and telephone number. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate.
4. OFFICERS. The officers of the San Diego State University 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 San Diego State University 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.
 - a. 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 to the Panhellenic Council.
 - b. QUORUM. Two-thirds of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
6. VOTING.
 - a. The voting body of the San Diego State University Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
 - b. The voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each fraternity holding regular membership. If a delegate is absent, the vote of her fraternity shall be cast by its alternate. If both delegate and alternate are absent the vote may be cast by a member of the fraternity, upon approval by Council President prior to the meeting.
 - c. Two-thirds 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.
 - d. During academic recess or under extenuating circumstances voting may be conducting electronically (with a weeks notice).
7. VOICE. The alternate delegates to Panhellenic Council shall have voice but not vote.
8. ATTENDANCE.
 - a. The member chapters shall assure attendance by a delegate, alternate or required number of participants at all meetings, special meetings and activities sponsored or co-sponsored by the Panhellenic Association.
 - b. If a member chapter is not represented at two meetings during a semester, judiciary procedures will follow.
 - c. Judiciary procedures may follow if a member chapter fails to participate actively without good reason and advance notice.

ARTICLE VII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

1. The San Diego State University Panhellenic Advisor shall be selected by *and* shall report to the Greek Life Coordinator. The Panhellenic Council shall have representation on the selection committee.
2. The Panhellenic Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the San Diego State University 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 San Diego State University 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 San Diego State University Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by National Panhellenic Conference in the UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS (The Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenics Agreements, Agreement on Questionnaires and Constitutions, and The Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council).

2. All San Diego State University 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 rushing rules, of rules concerning matters other than rushing, of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS (The Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College and The Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council) shall be the occasion for penalties established by the San Diego State University Panhellenic Council in conformity with those recommended by National Panhellenic Conference.
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 two-thirds vote of the voting members of San Diego State University Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposal amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.

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