

Constitution Of The Greek Board of Directors

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PREAMBLE

We the members of the Greek Board of Directors do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization will be the Greek Board of Directors at Louisiana State University and A & M College at Baton Rouge henceforth referred to as the Greek Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The Greek Board of Directors is established for the expressed purpose of ensuring the welfare and continued growth and development of the Greek community and to promote Greek activities for the benefit and enhancement of the Greek community at Louisiana State University.

The Greek Board of Directors unifies Greek organizations through programs and to serve as an advisory council to Greek Life in a visionary role to move the Greek community forward.

ARTICLE III. BASIC POLICIES

The following are basic policies of this organization:

Section 1. The organization shall be non-commercial.

Section 2. The name of the organization or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern.

Section 3. The organization shall cooperate with Louisiana State University to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with administration of the University.

Section 4. The organization may cooperate with other organizations and agencies, but persons representing the organization in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the organization.

Section 5. The organization agrees to abide by all University policies and local, state and federal laws.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Board will be comprised of a President, Vice-President of Administration, Greek Ambassadors Director, Fundraising Director, Public Relations Director, Songfest Director, and Greek Week Director, and no more than five Assistant Directors, and liaisons for each council

A. Liaisons from The Interfraternity, Panhellenic and National Pan-Hellenic Councils shall attend all business meetings of the Board of Directors. The president, or his or her designee, shall serve as the council's liaison. The president's designee must be a member of the executive board of the council.

Section 2. Any individual who subscribes to the purpose and basic policies of the organization may become a member of this organization, subject only to compliance with the provisions of the constitution. No student who meets the criteria for membership can be denied membership on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran's status, or sexual orientation.

A. Directors and Assistant Directors will be selected during the spring term. Fall membership selection may occur at the discretion of the Board.

B. The selection process will be as follows:

1. Applications will be distributed to Greek letter organizations within the three councils of IFC, PHC, and NPHC.
2. Eligible students may submit a completed application to Greek Life in a reasonable time frame.
3. Interviews will be given at the discretion of the board. Applicants must receive 2/3 approval of the board to receive an interview.
4. Interviews with no less than three voting members of the current Board will take place the following week after the application deadline designated by the Board.

5. Potential members will be approved by the university advisor and by a two-thirds vote of the current Board present and voting at the first meeting following the completion of the interviews.
6. New members will be notified within the week of selection.
7. If an applicant is not selected or chooses not to accept the position, the board can re-open the application process.

Section 3. Active membership is restricted to LSU students.

- A. Membership is limited to those who are selected according to Article IV. Section I. or Article V. Sections 1. and 2.
- B. To be eligible to be elected to, appointed to, or be a committee director, or a committee member a student must:
 1. Be enrolled as an undergraduate student at LSU, as defined by the University.
 2. Have a 2.5 semester and cumulative GPA in the semester preceding the semester of membership.
 3. Be an active member in good standing with their respective Greek organization within the three councils of IFC, PHC, and NPHC.
 4. Not be on University disciplinary probation with restrictions or deferred suspension.
- C. To remain in good standing with the Board, a member must attend all Board as well as weekly respective committee meetings. Three unexcused absences during one year or term of office will result in immediate dismissal from the Board. If a council liaison has three unexcused absences during one term of office, the President and/or university advisor will notify the president of the council that a new liaison must be chosen.
 1. Emergency meetings of Greek Board of Directors may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by the President upon written request of any member of the Greek Board of Directors.
 2. Excuses must be submitted to the President prior to the meeting or event being missed.
 3. Excused absences are subject to the discretion of the President and the University Advisor. Excuses include but are not limited to required academic engagements, illness or family emergency.

Section 4. Only selected members to the Greek Board of Directors according to Article IV. Section 1. or Article V. Sections 1. and 2. and in good standing shall be eligible to participate in business meetings unless otherwise invited and authorized by the President.

ARTICLE V.
PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Any current Board member interested in the position of President will submit an application to the outgoing President and University Advisor. The outgoing President and University Advisor will consult with the current Board members who are not applying and propose a President candidate to be approved by a two-thirds majority of the current board members who are not applying and present and voting.

Section 2. The newly appointed President, the out-going President and the University Advisor, shall determine the Vice-President of Administration and will consult with the current Board members who are not applying and propose a Vice-President of Administration candidate to be approved by a two-thirds majority of the current board members who are not applying and present and voting. While it is strongly recommended that the incoming Vice-President of Administration have prior experience serving on the board, it will not be requirement for eligibility.

A. The Vice-President of Administration Selection will take place at the same time as the rest of the board selections other than the President.

B. If a candidate wishes to apply for Vice-President of Administration as well as another board position, the candidate must interview separately for the Vice-President of Administration position and another board position following the processes stated previously.

Section 3. President and Vice-President of Administration membership selections shall take place by May 1.

Section 4. All Directors shall serve a term of one year or until the next spring selection of members. Member's terms begin within two weeks of spring selection or at the beginning of the term at the discretion of the current Board members.

Section 5. Current members of the Board seeking re-appointment to the Board of Directors must follow the same membership selection procedure as stated in Article IV. Section 2.

ARTICLE VI. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the committee; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the constitution; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committee, in order that projects be promoted.

Section 2. Vice-President of Administration shall take minutes during every meeting of the Greek Board of Directors, compile a roster and contact list every semester, and be responsible for the budget.

- Section 3. Songfest Director, Greek Week Director, Fundraising Director, Greek Ambassadors Director, and Public Relations Director:
- A. Shall coordinate or assist in all activities and events of the sub-committee in order for the committee's objectives to be met.
 - B. Will serve as the liaison from the individual committees to the Board and preside over all meetings of their respective committee.
- Section 4. Assistant Directors shall be voting members of the Board and may be called upon for special assignments.
- Section 5. All Board members are expected to attend Songfest, Fundraising events and volunteer at least ten hours during Greek Week.
- Section 6. The Director of Greek Life shall serve as the University Advisor. In the case of an absence, the Director of Greek Life may appoint a designee to serve as University Advisor to the Board. The University Advisor shall serve as a resource and support mechanism for the officers and members of the organization. The University Advisor should attend regular and executive board meetings and other events as necessary.

ARTICLE VII. VACANCIES AND REMOVAL

- Section 1. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled if deemed necessary by a majority vote of the remaining present and voting Board members.
- A. In order to be selected, a candidate must:
 1. Complete an application for membership applicable to the most recent membership selection. Applications will be available to all members of the Greek community. The only exceptions are President and Vice-President of Administration vacancies, which have to be filled from within the current board.
 2. Interview with no less than three voting members of the Board of Directors.
 3. Be approved by two-thirds vote of the current Board of Directors present and voting at the first meeting following the potential member's interview.
 - B. Vacancies of sub-committees may be filled by individuals nominated by the Committee chairman subject to approval by two-thirds of the Board of Directors present and voting.
- Section 2. In the event that a board member fails to sufficiently carry out the duties and responsibilities of his/her position (including but not limited to attendance at GBOD meetings), his/her status as a member of the board is subject to review by the board.
- A. The procedure will be as follows:

1. Any member of the board can request a membership review in writing to the President and/or the University Advisor.
2. The member in question will have a chance to speak to the rest of the board, and then a vote will be taken. A three-fourths vote, present and voting, will be needed to remove a director.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at 4:30 on Thursdays. In order to conduct business, a quorum must be present. A quorum consist of 10 of the 15 voting members.

ARTICLE IX. VOTING

Voting will be limited to those who hold the titles of President, Vice-President of Administration, Songfest Director, Fundraising Director, Public Relations Director, Greek Ambassadors Director, Greek Week Director, Assistant Director, and Liaison.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

Section 1. A committee will be created as deemed necessary by a two-thirds vote of the Board present and voting. Such committees shall be created by the Board of Directors as necessary to promote the objects and interests of the organization. Committee Directors will be elected or appointed at following the selection of fall new members according to Article V. Section 1.

- A. The selection process for committee members will be as follows:
1. Applications will be distributed to Greek letter organizations within the three councils of IFC, PHC, and NPHC.
 2. Eligible students may submit a completed application to Greek Life in a reasonable time frame.
 3. Interviews will be given at the discretion of the board. Applicants must receive 2/3 approval of the board to receive an interview.
 4. Interviews with no less than three voting members of the current Board including the Director of the committee being selected will take place the following week after the application deadline designated by the Board.
 5. Potential members will be approved by the university advisor and by two-thirds vote of the current Board present and voting at the first meeting following the completion of the interviews.
 6. New members will be notified within the week of selection.

7. If an applicant is not selected or chooses not to accept the position, the board can re-open the application process.
- B. To be eligible for committee membership, a student must follow these guidelines:
1. Be enrolled as an undergraduate student at LSU, as defined by the University.
 2. Have a 2.5 semester and cumulative GPA in the semester preceding the semester of membership.
 3. Be an active member in good standing with their respective Greek organization within the three councils of IFC, PHC, and NPHC.
 4. Not be on University disciplinary probation with restrictions or deferred suspension.
- C. To remain in good standing with the Board, a committee member must attend all regularly scheduled respective committee meetings, and any mandatory events or meetings required by the committee's respective director or assistant director. This includes 5 hours of service during Greek Week as well as any task or duty outlined in committee responsibilities. Three unexcused absences during one year or term of office will result in immediate dismissal from the Greek Board of Directors.
1. Excuses must be submitted to the Director and Assistant Director prior to the meeting or event being missed.
 2. Excused absences are subject to the discretion of the Director, Assistant Director and the University Advisor. Excuses include but are not limited to required academic engagements, illness or family emergency.

Section 2. The President of the Greek Board of Directors will be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

Section 3. The Committee Directors are responsible for communication of all activities to the Board. Significant changes in committee policies are subject to the approval of the Board.

Section 4. Any committee member of the Greek Board of Directors in violation of the organization's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

- A. A member of the Board must move for removal of the member in question and be seconded by another member.
- B. A two-thirds vote of all current Board members is necessary for removal.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution of the Greek Board of Directors will be approved by a vote of three-fourths of all current members in good standing present and voting.

Section 2. Amendments are subject to the approval of the Director of Greek Life or his or her designee.