Oklahoma State University

Panhellenic Association

Constitution

Updated April 30, 2024

ARTICLE I. THE WOMEN’S PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

The name of this organization shall be the Oklahoma State University Women's Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and member group relations at a high level of accomplishment.

1. To further refine intellectual accomplishment and sound scholarship.
2. To cooperate in partnership with university administration and member groups toward achieving high fraternal ideals, in all areas.
3. To formulate programming for the growth and development of our member groups.
4. To act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference policies and Unanimous Agreements.
5. To establish and maintain all policies which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member groups.
6. To enhance mutual respect, assistance, and cooperation among member groups.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

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

1. REGULAR membership. The regular membership of the Oklahoma State University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapters of NPC fraternities at Oklahoma State University. Each regular member shall have voice and one vote on all matters.
2. PROVISIONAL membership. The provisional membership of the Oklahoma State University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all colonies of NPC fraternities at Oklahoma State University. Provisional members shall have voice but no vote on all matters. A provisional member shall automatically become a regular member upon being installed as a chapter of an NPC fraternity.
3. ASSOCIATE membership. Local sororities or national or regional non-NPC member groups may apply for associate membership of the Oklahoma State University Panhellenic Association. The membership eligibility requirements and the process for submitting an application and approval of the application shall be determined by the Panhellenic Council. An associate member shall have voice and one vote on all matters except extension-related matters and, if they are not participating in the formal recruitment process, they shall not have a vote on recruitment rules and establishment or modification of Panhellenic total. An associate member may be expelled for cause by a majority vote of the Panhellenic Council. An associate member shall not be entitled to vote on the question of its expulsion.

ARTICLE IV. THE WOMEN’S PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The administrative body of the Oklahoma State University Women's Panhellenic Association shall be the Oklahoma State University Women's Panhellenic Council. The Panhellenic Council shall administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Panhellenic Association and compile governing policies, including recruitment and new member programs, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member groups.

1. MEMBERSHIP. The Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one senior delegate and one junior delegate from each chapter at OSU with regular, provisional, or associate membership in the Panhellenic Association.
2. SELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP. Delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective member groups to serve for a term of one year.
3. DELEGATE VACANCIES. When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the member group concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Women's Panhellenic Council Vice President of Administration of her name and contact information. If a meeting of the Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the junior delegate of the member group concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate. Failure to replace a delegate within two weeks will result in loss of vote, until such a replacement has been made.
4. OFFICERS. The Panhellenic Executive Council shall be President, Vice President Judicial Affairs, Vice President Public Relations, Vice President Programming, Vice President Administration, and Vice President Finance with powers and duties as prescribed in the bylaws of the Panhellenic Constitution. The Recruitment Chair Coordinator, Recruitment Counselor Coordinator and Continuous Open Bidding Coordinator shall serve as members of the Panhellenic Executive Council with a voice, but no vote on official Council decisions.
5. MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday, excluding Pre-Finals Week and Finals Week. The location of these meetings shall be determined by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs at the beginning of each semester and will be publicly available to all member groups and interested parties.

SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary or shall be called by her upon written request of more than one Panhellenic delegate.

QUORUM. Two-thirds of the member groups shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business

ATTENDANCE. If a member group is not represented by voting delegates at three-fourths of the Panhellenic Council meetings within a semester, a fine will be assessed. Unique circumstances will be reviewed by the Judicial Board.

1. VOTING.
2. The Panhellenic Association’s voting body is the Panhellenic Council.
3. The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each member group holding regular membership. If a delegate and junior delegate are absent, a member of the fraternity may cast the vote providing she notifies the President before the meeting.
4. A three-fourths majority of the present and voting regular members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to accept associate or provisional membership and shall be required in matters involving extension.
5. A three-fourths majority of the present and voting regular members shall be required to establish recruitment policies and to approve the method for determining quota.
6. A majority vote shall be required to approve all other matters that come before the Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Such standing committees and special officers may be necessary to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Association. Each committee’s chairwoman shall be appointed by the Panhellenic Executive Council to serve a term as outlined by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VI. AGREEMENTS, POLICIES

1. All members of the Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by NPC in the Unanimous Agreements (the Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenic Agreements, Agreements on Questionnaires and Constitutions and the jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council).
2. All Panhellenic Association policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by NPC.

ARTICLE VII. JUDICIAL POWER

The Panhellenic Judicial Board shall have the authority to hear and decide certain cases involving member groups arising from the possible breach or violation(s) of the provisions of this constitution, its bylaws, the rules and regulations adopted by the Council, the NPC Unanimous Agreements, Oklahoma State University *Student Rights and Responsibilities Governing Student Behavior*; and the policies, rules and regulations of Oklahoma State University. The Office of Student Conduct Education and Administration will hear *only* the cases where the suspension or expulsion of an organization’s recognition is a possibility.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the present and voting members of Panhellenic Association provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.