

# **Bylaws of Boston University Panhellenic Association Panhellenic Council**



## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

1. The name of this organization shall be the Boston University Panhellenic Association. The Panhellenic Association and Council may be referred as "Panhel".
2. For the purposes of the Constitution of the Boston University Panhellenic Association, a fraternity shall be defined as any sorority or women's fraternity.
3. The name Panhellenic Council is defined at the administrative body of the Panhellenic Association (as defined in Article VI).

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECT**

The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in so doing 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 the maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements and policies as well as in accordance with the rules and regulations of Boston University.
5. 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 two classes of membership: Regular and Associate

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

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the Boston University Panhellenic Association shall be President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Philanthropic Programming, Vice President of Finance, Vice-President of Chapter and Leadership Development, and Vice President of Communications.

#### **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

1. The Boston University Panhellenic Association shall hold at least one regular meeting monthly ["Regular"].
2. A special meeting of the Boston 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 Boston University ["Special"].
3. The Panhellenic Council shall meet with the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at least once an academic semester ["Joint"].
4. The delegate from each regular or associate member fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular, special and joint meetings of the Boston University Panhellenic Council.

#### **ARTICLE VI. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

The administrative body of the Boston University Panhellenic Association shall be the Boston University Panhellenic Council.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Boston University Panhellenic Association and to compile rules governing the Panhellenic Association, including membership recruitment and the new member period, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

1. MEMBERSHIP. The Boston University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate delegate from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity chapter at Boston University and from such National Panhellenic Conference fraternity colonies or national sororities at Boston University as the council may approve for membership.
2. SELECTION OF FRATERNITY DELEGATES. Delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year. Whenever possible, the alternate delegate of one year shall be the delegate for the succeeding year.
3. FRATERNITY DELEGATE VACANCIES. When a fraternity delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Recording Secretary of her name, email 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 in all cases.

4. OFFICERS. The officers of the Boston 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 powers and duties as are prescribed by the Bylaws of the Boston 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 or semester.
  - (a) SPECIAL MEETINGS of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called upon by her upon the written request of any member delegate of 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 Boston University Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
  - (b) The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be delegates of each fraternity holding regular membership and associate membership on certain voting issues. 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, preferably the fraternity President or a fraternity Vice-President.
  - (c) Two-thirds of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council fraternities shall be required to establish or alter membership recruitment rules and to allow chapter colonizations. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.
7. VOICE. The alternate fraternity delegates to Panhellenic Council and alumni advisors shall have voice but no vote.

#### **ARTICLE VII. PANAHELLENIC ADVISOR**

1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by: (a) The Administration
2. The advisor shall serve in advisory capacity to the Boston 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 Boston 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 Boston 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) and in accordance with the rules and regulations of Boston University.
2. The rules set forth by the National Panhellenic Conferences shall serve as a guideline for the Boston University Panhellenic Association rules, regulations, and policies so as they do not conflict with the rules and regulations of Boston University.

## **ARTICLE X. VIOLATIONS**

1. Violation of any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, of membership recruitment rules, or rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment, of the National Panhellenic Conference 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) shall be the occasion for penalties established by the Boston University Panhellenic Council.
2. Any dispute growing out of the violation of Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration conducted by the Judiciary Committee of the Boston University Panhellenic Council.

## **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting fraternity delegates of Boston University Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.