

# **National Pan-Hellenic Council**

## **Of**

### **Northern Illinois University**

#### **Bylaws**

#### **PREAMBLE**

We, the representatives of the historically established community service fraternities and sororities, similar in structure and background with both graduate and undergraduate chapters, recognizing the need for coordination and cooperation in activities of intercollegiate Greek letter fraternities and sororities, and recognizing that there are certain areas of actions and programming that can best be realized by formal organization, do hereby establish such an organization and bind ourselves to abide by the provisions of the following Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **Mission**

The primary mission of the NPHC will be to enhance and support the academic pursuits of its individual members and the individual chapters; to facilitate the attainment of mutual respect among member organizations; to enhance the standing retention of minorities at Northern Illinois University; to uphold the founding principles of the member organizations by displaying a strong commitment to character, civic involvement, and service to the community.

#### **ARTICLE I- NAME**

- Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Northern Illinois University, hereafter referred to as "NPHC."
- Section 2.** The organization shall be a registered student organization of the University

#### **ARTICLE II- PURPOSE**

- Section 1.** The purpose of NPHC shall be to foster cooperative actions between its members in matters of mutual concern.
- Section 2.** To maintain to the highest degree fraternity, sorority, and interfraternal relationships.
- Section 3.** To serve as the standard setting and governing body of the affiliate organizations in the area of membership intake

- Section 4.** To encourage local chapters to participate in programs designed to meet the needs of their respective communities.
- Section 5.** To recommend to member organizations appropriate legislation and to act as an informational body for member organizations on matter if interest to the college fraternity and sorority.
- Section 6.** To serve member organizations by stimulating scholarship, providing leadership development, creating positive social outlets, encouraging community service to NIU and its immediate area, and inspiring chapters to fulfill their founding principles.
- Section 7.** To create and maintain a respectable public image with Northern Illinois University, and enhance any and all relationships between IFC, CPC, MGC, and Northern Illinois University.

### **ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1.** Regular Membership: Regular membership of the NPHC shall be composed of all Divine Nine chapters in good standing with NPHC.
- Section 2.** Associate Membership: Associate membership of the NPHC shall be composed of non-voting Divine Nine chapters who are at any stage of their probationary period.

### **ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS**

- Section 1.** The officers of the NPHC shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Parliamentarian.
- Section 2.** The officers shall be delegates from fraternities and sororities holding regular membership in the NPHC. Delegates from chapters holding associate membership shall not be eligible to hold office.
- Section 3.** Current officers shall carry out their term until the last meeting of the spring semester. Officer Transitions will occur within two week of the end of the spring semester.
- Section 4.** The officers must have a minimum 2.3 semester and cumulative GPA while in office.
- Section 5.** Officer candidates must have been active in their chapters for at least one academic year.

**Section 6.** Officers shall attend all meetings, programs, projects, or events necessary to the conduct of NPHC business, and the general well-being of the NPHC body.

**Section 7.** Any officer failing to perform his/her duties as outlined shall be asked to resign from this position. In the case of an officer resignation, the council will elect a successor following stated election procedures.

#### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Regular: The NPHC shall hold at least one regular bi- weekly meeting. The meeting time and place to be established at the beginning of the semester.

**Section 2.** Special: A special meeting of the NPHC may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called upon written request of any regular or associate member of fraternity or sorority at Northern Illinois University.

**Section 3.** The Delegates from each regular member, fraternity or sorority of the NPHC shall be responsible for notifying his/her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the NPHC.

**Section 4.** The administrative body of the NPHC shall be the Executive Board of the NPHC. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to administer all business related to the overall welfare of NPHC and to compile rules governing the NPHC, including membership recruitment and minimum membership standards.

**Section 5.** NPHC meetings shall be composed of two delegates from each chapter within the NPHC. Up to two non-voting members may attend meetings in addition to the two official delegates.

**Section 6.** Selection of Delegates- Delegates shall be selected by their respective chapters to serve for a term of one-year.

**Section 7.** Delegate Vacancies- When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the chapter concerned to select a replacement and to notify the Secretary of the replacement's name, address, e-mail, and telephone number. When a meeting of the NPHC occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, an alternate delegate of the chapter concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate. If a chapter can not fulfill the requirements of having two delegates the whole semester, they must provide class schedules and work schedules of all chapter members by the second mass meeting of the semester for proof of absence. In the case that any one member schedule change weekly they must submit a work schedule 24 hours before mass.

**Section 8.** Officers- The officers of the NPHC shall serve as the officers of the Executive Board and shall have such responsibilities and duties as are described in the By-laws of the NPHC.

**Section 9.** Voting- The voting members if the NPHC shall be the delegates of each chapter holding Regular membership. If a delegate is absent, its alternate will cast the vote of his/her chapter. Two-thirds of the voting members of the NPHC will be required to establish quorum for the transaction of business.

#### **ARTICLE VI- VIOLATIONS**

**Section 1.** The NPHC Judicial Board, overseen by the Judicial Chair has been designed by Northern Illinois University as the board with the original jurisdiction to hear and render decisions in all disciplinary cases involving group activities of both Regular and Associate members of NPHC.

**Section 2.** The Judicial Board shall be composed of one chief Justice and seven undergraduate justices. The Judicial Chair will represent the Executive Board as one of the five undergraduate justices, in an ex-officio (non-voting) role.

#### **ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of the voting members of the NPHC. Notice of the proposed amendment must be given in writing to the parliamentarian, two (2) weeks before the deciding vote on the amendment is held.