

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Greek Council  
Constitution**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the member organizations of the Greek Council of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, in order to develop greater understanding among the Greek-letter Organizations, to seek solutions to our common problems, to assist each other and the University in attaining their educational and cultural goals, do hereby constitute an organization subject to the following provisions.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Greek Council of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE**

- A. To serve as a governing body over an all-Greek activity, to ensure that school policy and a general Greek standard is upheld.
  - 1. Activities that result in undue physical stress or any subtle or covert technique that will impair, make captive or destroy an individual's freedom of thought will not be tolerated.
  - 2. This organization will adhere to all policies and regulations of UL Lafayette and the Board of Trustees of State Colleges and Universities.
  - 3. All fundraising activities shall be carried out in accordance with the rules and policies of the office of Student Affairs and the UL Lafayette Union.
- B. To discuss, adopt, and carry out procedures necessary for the general welfare of the overall Greek system. To instill the principles of brotherhood and sisterhood among the membership of the Greek Council. To have the power to assist member organizations with social or political activities within the campus setting.
- C. To work in equal cooperation with the organizations of the National Interfraternity

Conference (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the National Panhellenic Conference.

- D. To serve as a vehicle of communication among member organizations, the University and surrounding community.
- E. To function as a supportive body for the member organizations.
- F. To serve in a public relations capacity to further the Greek system within the University and community setting.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

#### Section 1. Member Organizations

- A. Membership in the Greek Council consists of the organizations represented on three campus councils, IFC, NPHC, and PC.
  - 1. Membership will not be denied to any member of IFC, NPHC, or PC.

#### Section 2. Each member organization is required one representative. The selection process is at the discretion of the chapter.

- A. The President of the Greek Council must be notified in writing by the chapter President of the name(s) of each chapter representative.
- B. Each member organization is allowed one vote.

#### Section 3. Duties:

- A. To vote in all elections
- B. To vote on any motion or issue brought before the Greek Council.
- C. To bring to the immediate attention of their fraternity/sorority any matter which pertains to the Greek Council.
- D. To always act in a way that benefits the entire Greek system.
- E. To serve on at least one committee.

### **ARTICLE IV**

## **EXTERNAL POLICIES**

- Section 1. This organizations, as well as the member councils, and each chapter is required to adhere to the following mandates of the University, which were drafted and agreed upon, before the existence of the Greek Council.
- A. Greek Alcohol Policy
  - B. Relationship Statement
  - C. Greek Judicial Board
  - D. UL Lafayette Anti-hazing Policy

## **ARTICLE V GOVERNMENT**

- Section 1. The Greek Council will meet at least twice a month. A copy of the approved minutes will be on file in the Greek Affairs office.
- Section 2. Attendance of 1 delegate per chapter is mandatory.
- A. An organization with unexcused absences will be fined for missed meetings--\$25.
  - B. A delegate with three or more absences in a given semester will be removed from his/her position and must be replaced
- Section 3. Robert's Rules of Order newly revised will be the governing procedure for the Greek Council.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- Section 2. Responsibilities
- A. To make recommendations on all matters submitted to it by any member organizations.
  - B. To maintain daily works of the Greek Council.
  - C. To be the official representative of the Greek Council.

Section 3. At no time shall any Executive Board Member serve as the President of his/her chapter, or be President of IFC, PC, or NPHC.

## **ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DUTIES**

### Section 1. Qualifications

- A. All officers must be in good standing with their respective chapters and the University.
- B. All officers must have been on the IFC, NPHC, or PC, for at least one year, or been approved by the current Greek Council.
- C. All officers must maintain at least a 2.2 G.P.A., semester and cumulative.
- D. All officers must be full time students at the time of registration.

### Section 2. The Duties

#### A. President

- 1. To preside at all meetings of the Greek Council
- 2. To interpret and enforce the Constitution, By-laws, and other rules and regulations of the Greek Council.
- 3. To call special meetings/retreats of the Greek Council or its Executive Board when needed.
- 4. To fulfill any duties usually associated with this office not specifically mentioned in this Constitution.

#### B. Vice-President

- 1. To preside in the absence of the President and fulfill the responsibilities thereby associated.
- 2. To assist all committees and keep the President informed of their progress or lack of performance.
- 3. To serve as head of Committee Chairpersons.
- 4. To call special meetings/retreats of the Greek Council or its Executive Board when needed.
- 5. To fulfill any duties usually associated with this office, not specifically mentioned in this Constitution.

C. Treasurer

1. To keep an accurate record of all financial transactions of the Greek Council
2. To deposit and withdraw funds, and disburse checks for the Greek Council, to be co-signed by the Greek Advisor.
3. To serve as a nonvoting member of any activity where Greek Council assets will be disbursed or acquired.
4. To fulfill any duties usually associated with this office, not specifically mentioned in this Constitution.
5. To bill fines from any mandatory events within two weeks after the event.

D. Secretary

1. To keep a permanent record of all minutes and committee reports for the Greek Council.
2. To keep an accurate and complete alphabetical roster for representatives eligible to vote.
3. To keep an accurate record of member attendance at Greek Council meetings.
4. To distribute mail to member organizations and to maintain correspondence.
5. To fulfill any duties usually associated with this office, not specifically mentioned in this Constitution.

**ARTICLE VIII  
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1. The offices of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer will be elected on a rotational basis. This is to ensure that groups belonging to either IFC, NPHC, and PC, will always be represented on the Executive Board.

A. No council member shall hold more than one office at a time.

1. The offices of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be held in rotation by the three member organizations in the following order: NPHC, IFC, and PC.

B. The offices of Secretary and Parliamentarian can be held by anyone involved in Greek Council.

Section 2. Each member council, IFC, NPHC, and NPC are responsible for electing a representative to fill their position on the Greek Council Executive Board. The representatives should be elected by the first week in April.

Section 3. Those officer elected shall take office during the Greek Awards Banquet. The terms will span one calendar year.

### **ARTICLE IX ADVISOR**

Section 1. The Advisor shall be the designated by the Department of Student Affairs.

Section 2. The Advisor shall co-sign all council checks.

### **ARTICLE X FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Section 1. The dues for membership in the Greek Council shall be \$50.00 per academic semester (fall & spring) per chapter.

Section 2. Special fees for necessary activities, not fully funded by the yearly budget can be assessed to the chapters.

A. Any special assessments (not including mandatory events) must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Greek Council.

### **ARTICLE XI EXAMINATION CLAUSE**

Financial records of the Greek Council are subject to examination at any time by the President of any chapter that is active with the Greek Council. The financial records shall remain in the possession of the Advisor.

### **ARTICLE XII IMPEACHMENT PROCESS**

Section 1. To impeach an officer:

A. Any organization may petition forth impeachment of an elected officer. The organization must give written grounds for impeachment, and provide with written petition and evidence to the Greek Council at a regularly scheduled meeting.

B. After the petition and evidence have been presented, the duties and the powers of the officer in question will be frozen. In the case of the Treasurer being impeached, he/she can no longer have possession of the books at any given time. In all other cases, the Executive Board dictates the assumption of that officer's power and duties (e.g. Vice-President assumes the Presidency).

C. At the meeting following the presentation of the impeachment petition, both sides shall

present their respective cases. A ballot vote shall follow the question period. The defendant shall leave the room, and the organization the defendant belongs to may not vote on behalf of the defendant.

- D. A 3/4 majority of representatives in good standing shall decide the fate of the officer.
- E. If the President and Secretary are not defendants, then they will count the results along with their designated representatives from the petitioning groups. If the defendant is the President or Secretary, the officers who are not defendants shall count the votes.
- F. If the petition for impeachment fails, the matter will be permanently dropped. If the petition for impeachment gathers the necessary support, elections shall be held in accordance with election procedures.

### **ARTICLE XIII COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The committees of the Greek Council shall be the Greek Relations committee, Greek Week Committee, Fund-Raising, Community Service, and Greek Guide.

A. Greek Relations

- 1. To plan an All-Greek sponsored event annually (i.e. Greek Bash) prior to an athletic event.

B. Greek Week

- 1. To plan Greek Appreciation Day annually during the spring semester.
- 2. To organize all Greek Week Activities.
- 3. To encourage all chapters to participate in all Greek Week activities.
- 4. To prepare all Greek Weeks' awards for the Awards ceremony.

C. Fund-Raising

- 1. To organize an All-Greek fundraiser per semester.

D. Community Service

- 1. To organize an All-Greek community service project per semester.

E. Greek Guide

- 1. To collect all data from chapters for the guide.
- 2. To set a fall/spring deadline with the necessary consequences for failing to meet

- deadlines.
3. To place a Greek Guide policy in writing with the annual updates; failing to meet third deadline will result in a chapter not being included in the guide.

#### **ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS**

Any member of the Greek Council may sponsor an amendment. The amendment must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of members present.

Any major amendments must be approved by the University Student Organization Committee.

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