Bylaws of The University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association.

Article II. Object

The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain women’s fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in so doing to:

A. Consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life.
B. Promote superior scholarship and basic intellectual development.
C. Cooperate with member women’s fraternities and the university/college administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
D. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Unanimous Agreements, resolutions and policies.
E. Act in accordance with such rules established by the Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member women’s fraternities.

Article III. Membership

Section 1: Membership Classes

A. Active membership is open to all UNK students whom are an active member of a Panhellenic sorority recognized by UNK Student Government and Panhellenic Council in accordance with Student Senate and the UNK non-discriminatory clause.

B. Membership in the organization is open to any student who is an active member of an organization recognized by Panhellenic, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sexual orientation, or physical disability, who is currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

There shall be two classes of membership: regular and provisional.

A. Regular membership. The regular membership of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapters of NPC fraternities at the University of Nebraska—Kearney. Regular members of the College Panhellenic Council shall pay dues as determined by the College Panhellenic Council. Each regular member shall have voice and one vote on all matters.

B. Provisional membership. The provisional membership of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all colonies of NPC fraternities at University of Nebraska—Kearney. Provisional members shall pay no dues and 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.

Section 2: Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

A. **Duty of compliance.** All members, without regard to membership class, shall comply with all NPC Unanimous Agreements and be subject to these University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association bylaws, code of ethics and any additional rules this Panhellenic Association may adopt unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws. Any rules adopted by this Panhellenic Association in conflict with the NPC Unanimous Agreements shall be void.

**Article IV. The Executive Board**

Section 1: Composition
The officers of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be president, executive vice president, vice president of administration, vice president of membership, assistant vice president of membership, vice president of leadership, vice president of public relations, and vice president of social affairs.

Section 2: Eligibility
Eligibility to serve as an officer shall depend on the class of membership:

A. **Regular membership.** Members from women's fraternities holding regular membership in the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be eligible to serve as any officer.

B. **Provisional membership.** Members from women’s fraternities holding provisional membership in the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall not be eligible to serve as an officer.

Section 3: Selection of Officers
UNK Panhellenic Association Executive Officers must be elected by the end of the fall semester. Two weeks prior to the set election date an application for consideration must be submitted to Panhellenic. In this application, the applicant must rank the Executive Officer positions in order to preference and qualifications to serve in those offices. The Panhellenic President shall verify the applicant’s position ranking prior to the interview. The Panhellenic Council shall conduct candidate interviews. In the event that a Panhellenic Delegate is running for an office, a member in good standing will represent the chapter in her place for the duration of the elections. Once discussion is finished, the Panhellenic Delegates from each NPC fraternity and sorority group shall vote for one candidate per Executive Office using a closed ballot. In the event of a tie for an Executive Office position, the floor shall reopen for discussion until a majority vote is reached. If discussion continues for more than fifteen minutes with no majority reached, the President shall cast the deciding vote. Candidates will be considered only for the offices that were indicated in preference ranking.
Section 4: Office-Holding Limitations
All chapters must be represented on the executive board in some capacity during each term.

A. Requirements to apply for any officer position
   a. Must hold a 2.80 cumulative GPA
   b. Must be initiated and in good standing with their UNK recognized Panhellenic sorority
   c. Must be in good standing with FSL
   d. Cannot simultaneously hold a chapter Panhellenic Delegate position

B. Requirements to maintain an officer position
   a. All Panhellenic Officers must maintain a 2.80 cumulative GPA to maintain their position.
   b. In the event that an officer drops below a 2.80 cumulative GPA during the semester grade report, they will be removed from their position.
      i. It is the responsibility of the Panhellenic President to appoint a new officer, with the assistance of the Panhellenic Advisor. The proposed officer replacement will be subject to a majority approval from the council at the next regular meeting.

C. Requirements for specific positions
   a. President
      i. Must have previously held a Panhellenic Officer, Chapter President, or Chapter Panhellenic Delegate position for a full term
   b. Vice-President of Internal Recruitment
      i. Must have served as a Recruitment Counselor (Pi Chi) during a past recruitment

Section 5: Term
The officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are selected. The term of office will begin at the start of the Spring academic term

Section 6: Removal
Any officer may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the Panhellenic Council.

Section 7: Vacancies
Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner of selection as provided in Section 3 of this article.

Section 8: Duties
The Executive Board shall administer routine business between meetings of the Panhellenic Council and such other business as has been approved for action by Panhellenic Council vote. At the next regular meeting of the Panhellenic Council through the secretary, the Executive Board shall also report all action it has taken and record the action in the minutes of that meeting.

A. The president shall:
   • Preside at all meetings of the Panhellenic Council.
- Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all Panhellenic Association committees with voice, but no vote.
- Communicate regularly with the Panhellenic advisor.
- Serve on the Recruitment Team, disaffiliating during the length of sorority recruitment in case judicial action is necessary.
- Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this association.
- Ensure that the NPC annual report is completed.
- Communicate regularly with the NPC area advisor.
- Maintain current copies of the following: University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association bylaws and standing rules; the Panhellenic Association budget; contracts executed on behalf of the Panhellenic Association; correspondence and materials received from the NPC area advisor; all College Panhellenic reports to NPC; and other pertinent materials.
- Hold overall responsibility for the operation of the Panhellenic Council.
- Not simultaneously serve as President of her chapter.
- Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, The Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
- Perform all other duties as assigned.

B. The Executive Vice President shall:
- Perform the duties of the president in her absence.
- Shall be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this association.
- Serve as Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee.
- Train the voting members of the Judiciary Committee on the necessary policies and procedures.
- Revise the University of Nebraska Kearney Panhellenic Council Bylaws annually.
- Plan and execute a risk management educational workshop each semester, in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council Vice President.
- Not simultaneously serve as President of her chapter.
- Disaffiliate during formal recruitment.
- Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, the Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
- Perform all other duties as assigned.

C. The Vice President of Administration shall:
- Keep an up-to-date roll of the members of Panhellenic Council.
- Record minutes of all meetings of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Council and the Executive Board.
• Maintain a complete and up-to-date file that includes the minutes of all meetings from the data of organization, current correspondence, and copies of all contracts made by the Panhellenic Council.
• Make minutes available to all Panhellenic Association member fraternities and sororities.
• Send meeting minutes to the NPC area advisor.
• Shall be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this association
• Be responsible for the supervision of the finances of the University of Nebraska Kearney Panhellenic Association.
• Maintain an up to date budget for the council.
• Receive all payments due to the Panhellenic Association, collect all dues and give receipts.
• Pay promptly the annual PC dues and all bills of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association.
• Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, the Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
• Perform all other duties as assigned.

D. The Vice President of External Recruitment shall:
• Be responsible for all information sent to potential members.
• Revise and carry out the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association’s Recruitment Rules for each, formal and informal, recruitment.
• Coordinate and oversee all recruitment team and recruitment counselor efforts.
• Disaffiliate during the length of sorority recruitment.
• Facilitate a roundtable with the recruitment chairperson of each chapter.
• Annually assess recruitment by surveying potential new members and chapter recruitment chairs and present the results to Panhellenic Council.
• Coordinate an all-sorority workshop with the recruitment team.
• Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, the Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
• Perform all other duties as assigned.

E. The Assistant Vice President of Internal Recruitment shall:
• Assist in carrying out the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association’s Recruitment Rules for each Formal and Informal Recruitment.
• Serve as head recruitment counselor during formal recruitment and be responsible for all recruitment counselor education.
• Disaffiliate during the length of sorority recruitment.
• Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, the Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
• Perform all other duties as assigned.
F. The Vice President of Scholarship
   • Facilitate scholarship roundtables as needed in order to review individual programs as well as look ahead to the upcoming semester with the Scholarship Chairperson of each chapter.
   • Monitor the academic standing of the Panhellenic Community.
   • Assure that the all sorority average is well above the all-women’s average on the campus.
   • Serve as a liaison to the Academic Center.
   • Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, the Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
   • Perform all other duties as assigned.

G. The Vice President of Public Relations
   • Maintain positive relations with the media and community by publicizing all Panhellenic events and accomplishments.
   • Facilitate a roundtable with the respective officer from each chapter to discuss composition of information for publication as needed.
   • Coordinate updates for the Panhellenic Council website.
   • Maintain and utilize the Panhellenic Council’s social media accounts
   • Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, the Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
   • Perform all other duties as assigned.

H. The Vice President of Programming and Social Affairs
   • Organize a minimum of one educational and one social activity for the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association per semester.
   • Work in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council Social and Programming Director and Vice President of Programming from Multicultural Greek Council to organize all joint Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council activities.
   • Facilitate a programming roundtable with the corresponding representatives from each chapter as needed to look ahead for the upcoming semester.
   • Be the Co-Chairperson of Greek Week in conjunction with the Social Director of the Interfraternity Council and Vice President of Programming for Multicultural Greek Council.
   • Execute the Annual Fraternity and Sorority Life Symposium.
   • Present and maintain a positive representation of the Panhellenic Council to her respective chapter, the Greek Community, and the University by being a supporter of the Greek community and its ideals.
   • Perform all other duties as assigned.

I. The Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Service
   • Facilitate a roundtable with the Philanthropy and Community Service Chairs of each chapter, as needed.
   • Organize a minimum of two philanthropies per year.
• Bring additional philanthropic service opportunities to the attention of the Panhellenic Association and encourage participation from individual chapters in each other’s philanthropic events.
• Other duties as assigned.

Section 9: Regular Meetings
Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each academic term.

Section 10: Special Meetings
Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the president when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of three members of the Executive Board.

Section 11: Quorum
A majority of Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article V. The Panhellenic Council

Section 1: Authority
The governing body of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be the Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to conduct all business related to the overall welfare of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association including, but not limited to: annually review and adjust total as needed; determine dues; approve the annual budget; consider extension; set a calendar of events; determine programming; and establish recruitment rules and recruitment style. The Panhellenic Council shall also have the authority to adopt rules governing the Panhellenic Association that do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member women’s fraternities.

Section 2: Composition and Privileges
The University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate and one assistant delegate from each regular provisional member group at University of Nebraska—Kearney as identified in Article III. The delegates shall be the voting members of the Panhellenic Council except as otherwise provided in Article III of these bylaws. The assistant delegates shall have voice but no vote. The assistant delegate shall act and vote in the place of the delegate when the delegate is absent. If both delegate and alternate are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the fraternity, providing her credentials have been presented to the association president.

Section 3: Selection of Delegates and Alternates
Delegates and alternates to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective women’s fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing at the beginning of the spring academic term.
Section 4: Delegate Vacancies
When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity affected to select a replacement within two (2) weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Association secretary of her name, address and telephone number.

Section 5: Regular Meetings
Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each academic term.

Section 6: Absences
Should any delegate of the Panhellenic Council accrue two or more unexcused absences at regular meetings the Chapter President shall be notified. An excused absence will be declared at the discretion of the President or Vice President of Administration. An excused absence is granted when there is a death in the family of that member, an emergency in the family, or the member is sick. The absent member must contact the President or Vice President of Administration prior to the upcoming meeting as to their absence.

Section 7: Special Meetings
Special meetings of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of no fewer than one fourth of the member women’s fraternities of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association. Notice of each special meeting of the Panhellenic Council shall be sent to each member of the Panhellenic Council at least 24 hours prior to convening the meeting; however, such notice may be waived, and attendance at such meeting shall constitute waiver of said notice.

Section 8: Quorum
Three-fourths of the delegates from the member fraternities of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 9: Vote Requirements
A. Proposed motions on issues that impact a chapter as a whole must be announced at a previous meeting to allow opportunity for chapter input before a vote may be taken on the issue.
B. A three-fourths vote of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to approve a recolonization plan and for all extension-related votes. All other votes, unless specified in these bylaws, shall require a majority vote for adoption. (See the Article on Amendment of Bylaws for specific voting requirements for the amendment of these bylaws.)

Article VI. The Panhellenic Advisor

Section 1: Appointment
The Panhellenic advisor of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be appointed by the University of Nebraska—Kearney Administration.
Section 2: Authority
The Panhellenic advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association. The Panhellenic advisor shall have voice but no vote in all meetings of the Panhellenic Council and the Executive Board.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees
A. The standing committees of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be the Judicial Board and Membership Recruitment Committee.
B. Term. The standing committees shall serve for a term of one year, which shall coincide with the term of the officers.

Section 2: Appointment of Committee Membership
The Executive Board shall appoint members and chairmen of all standing and special committees, except as provided otherwise in these bylaws, and, in making these appointments, recognize fair representation from all member women fraternities as much as possible. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Judicial Board.

Section 3: Judicial Board
The Judicial Board shall consist of the Executive Vice president as chairman and members of the Panhellenic Council. The Panhellenic advisor shall serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member. The Judicial Board members shall participate in training to be educated about the purpose of the board, the rules and regulations the Judicial Board will monitor, the procedures to be followed, proper questioning techniques, the rights of the charged organizations, evaluating evidence, and deliberations and sanctioning. The Judicial Board shall educate member fraternities about the Panhellenic judicial procedure. It shall be the Judicial Board’s duty to hold a hearing to adjudicate all alleged violations of the NPC Unanimous Agreements and the bylaws, code of ethics, standing rules and membership recruitment regulations of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association that are not settled informally or through mediation. The entire Judicial Board shall conduct the hearing, unless Panhellenic Council adopts rules for the hearing to be conducted by a committee of the Judicial Board. The members of the Judicial Board shall maintain confidentiality throughout and upon completion of the judicial process.

Section 4: Membership Recruitment Committee
The Membership Recruitment Committee shall consist of a chairman and one representative from each regular and associate chapter. Alumnae advisors may attend meetings of the committee. The alumnae advisors shall have voice but no vote. This committee shall review and develop membership recruitment rules and submit them for discussion and approval to the Panhellenic Council before the end of the academic term preceding the membership recruitment period. After each membership recruitment period, the chairman of this committee shall present a full report, including recommendations, to the Panhellenic Council based on an analysis of the recruitment statistics and recruitment evaluations from new
members, potential new members who withdrew, and each member group and chapter advisor.

Section 5: Other Committees
Other such committees, standing or special, shall be appointed as deemed necessary by the Panhellenic Council.

Section 6: Community Service
All Panhellenic chapters will adhere by the written guidelines provided by FSL. All questions and concerns will be addressed through the written guidelines and by the community service chairs and advisors.

**Article VIII. Finances**

Section 1: Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the University of Nebraska Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be from January 1 to December 31 of the current year inclusive.

Section 2: Checks
All checks issued on behalf of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall bear dual signatures. The following shall be authorized to be one of the two required signatures: the Vice President of Administration and the Panhellenic advisor.

Section 3: Payments
All payments due to the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be received by the Vice President of Administration, who shall record them. Checks for payments shall be made payable to the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association.

Section 4: Dues
A. NPC College Panhellenic dues shall be paid per semester as invoiced by the NPC office.
B. Panhellenic Association membership dues shall be an assessment per member and new member.
   - Fall semester Panhellenic Dues shall be $15 per chapter member listed on the chapter roster.
   - Spring semester Panhellenic Dues shall be $15 per chapter member listed on the chapter roster.
   - The dues of each Panhellenic association member fraternity and sorority shall be payable on or before the third Panhellenic Council meeting of the fall and spring semester.
   - A late fee of $5 will be assessed per week past membership dues deadline.
   - Payment deadlines for next year shall be set at the beginning of the Panhellenic term.
Section 5: Fees and Assessments
The Panhellenic Council shall have the authority to determine fees and assessments as may be considered necessary.

Section 6: Rollover Monies
A. Rollover monies are monies which remain from the past Panhellenic Council’s fiscal budget.
B. This amount shall be listed on the Panhellenic budget by the Vice President of Administration before the end of the current semester.

Section 7: Leadership Consultants
The Panhellenic Council will pay up to $150 for leadership consultant visits over the course of one full academic year. Any money not used at the end of the academic year will be distributed to other Panhellenic officer budgets for the next year.

Article IX. Extension

Section 1: Extension is the process of adding an NPC women’s fraternity.
The University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall follow all NPC Unanimous Agreements and NPC extension guidelines found on the NPC website and in the Manual of Information.

Section 2: Voting rights
Only regular members of the Panhellenic Council shall vote on extension matters.

Article X. Administration of Recruitment

Section 1: Recruitment
A. A formal recruitment shall be held in the fall semester of each academic year.
B. The National Panhellenic Conference Quota-Total System shall be followed.
C. The preferential bidding system shall be used.
D. Except during the formal Recruitment period, continuous open bidding shall be in effect during the school year (fall through spring) for all eligible women.
E. All recruitment events shall be held in the chapter room, house, campus facilities, or community facilities at the discretion of the respective chapter.
F. Every regular enrolled member, initiate, or affiliate of a chapter shall be counted in the Chapter Total. A list of pledge, initiated, and affiliated members shall be filed with the President of the Panhellenic Association and the Panhellenic Advisor by three weeks following the end of bid extensions. Any de-pledging, termination, or other change in membership rosters shall be reported to the Panhellenic Advisor as requested.
G. No chapter shall invite, either directly or indirectly, potential new members or high school women to attend any sorority function, formal or informal, for the purpose of encouraging membership.
Section 2: Pledging and Initiation
A. A woman must be an undergraduate, regularly matriculated student at the University of Nebraska—Kearney to be eligible for recruitment and pledging.
B. A Panhellenic Association member fraternity or sorority may not issue an invitation to membership or formally pledge a woman during any school recess.
C. A new member may be initiated whenever she has met the requirements of the fraternity or sorority of which she is pledged.

Article XI. Violation Resolution
Section 1: Accountability
Chapters shall be held accountable for the conduct of their individual collegiate and alumnae members. Conduct contrary to the NPC Unanimous Agreements, these bylaws, the Panhellenic code of ethics, standing rules and/or membership recruitment regulations of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall be considered a violation.

Section 2: Informal resolution
Members are encouraged to resolve alleged violations through informal discussion with the involved parties.

Section 3: Judicial process
If informal discussions are unsuccessful, the judicial process will be set in motion by filing a report of the alleged violation. The University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall follow all mediation guidelines found in the Manual of Information.

A. Mediation. Mediation is the first step of the judicial process. The University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall follow all NPC Unanimous Agreements concerning the judicial process found in the Manual of Information.
B. Judicial Board hearing. When a violation is not settled informally or through mediation, the Judicial Board shall resolve the issue in a Judicial board hearing. The Panhellenic Council shall adopt procedures in the standing rules for this purpose that are consistent with the NPC Unanimous Agreements.
C. Appeal of Judicial Board decision. A decision of the Judicial Board may be appealed by any involved party to the NPC College Panhellenic Judicial Appeal Committee. The University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association shall follow all NPC Unanimous Agreements concerning the appeals process found in the Manual of Information.

Section 4: Recruitment Rule Violations
A. In cases of recruitment rule violations, the Panhellenic President, Executive Vice President, and the Panhellenic Advisor shall coordinate with the Presidents, Recruitment Directors, and Chapter Advisors of each chapter involved, to first attempt to mediate the conflict. If a resolution is not agreed upon, the Advisor of that chapter will be notified of any changes. Panhellenic Judiciary Committee shall be called in to address
the situation. These actions shall not take place until informal discussion has been attempted by the chapters.

B. The Initial College Panhellenic Violations Report Form shall be used by a collegiate chapter, Recruitment Team, potential new members, or the Panhellenic Advisor to report recruitment rule violations. This form must:
- Be signed by the President (if filed by the chapter) or person filing the report.
- Include the date, time, place, and witness with specific details provided.
- Be submitted to the Panhellenic President.
- Be filed within 24 hours after the infraction is known, but not more than 10 days after it has occurred.
- The violation must be based on fact and have a witness on record.

Article XII. Risk Management

Section 1: FIPG Risk Management Policy
The University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association will abide by the terms of the FIPG Risk Management Policy. The Risk Management Policy of FIPG Inc. includes the provisions, which follow and shall apply to all fraternity entities and all levels of fraternity membership.

Section 2: Education
A. The Panhellenic Council shall hold one risk management workshop each semester prior to any social functions.
B. This workshop shall be organized and planned by the Executive Vice President of the Panhellenic Council.
C. Each fraternity shall annually instruct its students and alumni/alumnae in the Risk Management Policy of FIPG Inc.
D. All students and key volunteers shall annually receive a copy of the risk management policy and a copy of the policy shall be made available on the Fraternity website.

Section 3: Hazing
Per the Unanimous Agreements, the National Panhellenic Conference supports all efforts to eliminate hazing. All forms of hazing shall be banned.
A. Hazing activities are defined as: “Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol, paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, engaging in public stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution or applicable state law.”
B. No chapter, colony, student or alumnus shall conduct nor condone hazing activities. Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense.

Section 4: Alcohol and Drugs
A. The possession, sale, use or consumption of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or at any event an observer would associate with the fraternity, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, province, county, city, and institution of higher education, and must comply with either the BYOB or Third Party Vendor Guidelines.
B. No Alcoholic beverages may be purchased through or with chapter funds nor may the purchase of some for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. The purchase or use of a bulk quantity or common source(s) of alcoholic beverage, for example kegs or cases, is prohibited.
C. OPEN PARTIES, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, are prohibited.
D. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (i.e., those under legal drinking age).
E. The possession, sale, or use of and ILLEGAL DRUGS or CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event or at any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity is strictly prohibited.
F. No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor or tavern (tavern defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) at which alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present. This includes any event held in an or on the property of a tavern as defined as above for purposes of fundraising. However, a chapter may rent or use a room in an area in a tavern as defined above for a closed event held within the provisions of this policy, including the use of a third party vendor and guest list. An event at which alcohol is present may be conducted or co-sponsored with a charitable organization if the event is held within the provisions of this policy.
G. No chapter may co-sponsor, co-finance, or attend or participate in a function at which alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
H. All recruitment activities associated with any chapter will be non-alcoholic. No recruitment activities associated with any chapter may be held at or in conjunction with a tavern or alcohol distributor as defined in this policy.
I. No member or pledge, associate/new member or novice shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in “drinking games.” The definition of Drinking Games includes but is not limited to the consumption of shots of alcohol, liquor or alcoholic beverages, the practice of consuming shots equating one’s age, “beer pong,” “dares,” or any other activity involving the consumption of alcohol which involves duress or encouragement related to the consumption of alcohol.
J. No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate member/new member/novice program, activity, or ritual of the chapter. This includes but is not limited to activities
associated with “bid night,” “big brother-little brother” events or activities, “big sister-
little sister” events or activities, “family” events or activities and initiation.

Section 5: Sexual Abuse and Harassment
The Fraternity will not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on
the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional. This is to include any actions,
activities or events, whether on chapter premises or an off-site location which are demeaning
to women or men, including but not limited to verbal harassment, sexual assault by individuals
or members acting together.

Section 6: Fire, Health, and Safety
A. All chapter houses should meet all local fire and health codes and standards.
B. All chapters should post by common phones and in other locations emergency numbers
for fire, policy, and ambulance and should have posted evacuation routes on the back of
the door of each sleeping room.
C. All chapters should comply with engineering recommendations as reported by the
insurance company or municipal authorities.
D. The possession and/or use of firearms or explosive or incendiary devices of any kind
within the confines and premises of the chapter house is prohibited.
E. Candles should not be used in chapter houses or individual rooms as per University
Residence Life Rules and Regulations.

Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern
the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association in all cases in which voting shall
take place and in which they are not inconsistent with the NPC Unanimous Agreements, these
bylaws and any special rules of order the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic
Association may adopt.

Article XIV. Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the University of
Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Council by a majority vote, provided that the proposed
amendment has been announced and submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting
allowing an opportunity for chapter input.

Article XV. Dissolution

This Association shall be dissolved when only one regular member exists at the University of
Nebraska—Kearney. In the event of the dissolution of this Association none of the assets of the
Association shall be distributed to any members of the Association, but after payment of the
debts of the Association its assets shall be given to the National Panhellenic Conference.
Article XVI. Standing Rules

Section 1: Adoption
A College Panhellenic Association may wish to adopt additional rules that pertain to the
administration of the association. This type of rules belongs in standing rules rather than
bylaws. Standing rules are written as a separate document from the bylaws but should be
attached and distributed with the bylaws.

Section 2: General Standing rules
A. Recruitment Counselor selection committee shall consist of the Panhellenic President,
   Vice President of External Recruitment, Vice President of Internal recruitment, and the
   Panhellenic Advisor.
B. Recruitment Counselors shall be selected from applicants from each chapter. Every
   chapter must be represented in the pool of selected Recruitment Counselors. Additionally,
   no one chapter may hold a vast majority of the Recruitment Counselor positions.
C. The sub-groups of the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Association include
   but are not limited to Order of Omega and Greeks Advocating for the Mature
   Management of Alcohol.
D. Recruitment Rules shall be amended and/or revised each spring by members of the
   Recruitment Committee.
E. Once the Recruitment Rules have been amended and/or revised they must be passed
   with a three-fourths vote from Panhellenic Council. No amendments or revisions shall
   be placed into effect after the last Panhellenic Council meeting of that school year.
F. The Standing Rules may be amended or revised each semester by a two thirds vote from
   the University of Nebraska—Kearney Panhellenic Council.

Section 3: Recruitment Team
A. Recruitment Team members are to disaffiliate once contact with Potential New
   Member’s has begun.
   • Facebook and social media accounts will be cleared of all chapter affiliation or a
     new Facebook account will be created.
   • Upon arrival to campus, Recruitment team cannot wear or have in possession, any
     identifiable chapter apparel.
   • Car accessories identifying a recruitment team member with a chapter must be
     removed.
B. Maintain confidentiality with privileged information.
C. Throughout the recruitment process, team members’ actions should be Panhellenic
   minded and keep the best interests of the Panhellenic Community.
D. A Recruitment member making a visit to her chapter house during recruitment must be
   accompanied by another Recruitment Team member from a different sorority.
E. No identification of Recruitment Team members will be displayed in chapter houses, or
   online (i.e. chapter web pages, Facebook, etc.)
F. Only Recruitment Team members may escort potential new members to the restroom.
G. For recruitment team members living in their chapter house or off campus with members of their chapter, other living accommodations will be made during the week of recruitment.

Article XVI. Social Policies

Section 1: Registration of Social Events
Each member sorority of Panhellenic must register all chapter-sponsored events to the Executive Vice President.
   A. Events must be registered at least two weeks (14 days) PRIOR to the event.
   B. Registration must be submitted and must include:
      a. Names of all organizations involved in the event
      b. Location of the event
      c. Names of the event monitors
      d. Beginning and ending times of the event
      e. List of all members and guests who plan to attend

Section 2: Admittance
Admittance to all chapter-sponsoring events will be by guest list only. Each individual guest must appear on the guest list which is turned in with the event registration forms. Each member may only invite one guest for the function.

Section 3: Alcohol at Chapter Events
No chapter shall purchase alcoholic beverages with chapter funds.
   A. All alcoholic beverages consumed at chapter-sponsored events must be purchased by individuals that are of legal drinking age.
   B. Chapter funds shall be defined as consisting of money collected by dues paid and/or “passing of the hat” among members and guests.
      a. Any method of raising funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages is also prohibited.

Section 4: Alcohol on Chapter Property
Common sources of alcoholic beverages (i.e. kegs, party balls, punch bowls, etc.) are not permitted on chapter owned or leased property or at any event unless being served through a licensed vendor.

Section 5: Refreshments at Chapter Events
Non-alcoholic beverages, as well as food, must be available at all chapter sponsored events involving alcohol. These items must be displayed prominently as a viable alternative to alcoholic beverages and must remain for the majority of the event.

Section 6: Monitor Responsibility
Each respective sorority will have the responsibility of monitoring its own events and members in the following ways:
A. At every chapter-sponsored event involving alcohol there shall be 10% of total guests as sober monitors.
B. Monitors shall not consume alcoholic beverages 12 hours before the event, during the event, and 8 hours after the event.

Section 7: Transportation
Sober transportation must be provided to and from the place of establishment. A reasonable number of vehicles, including the capacity of the vehicle, must be provided to adequately transport the amount of people signed up for the function.

Section 8: Returning Forms
Failure to turn in proper forms (i.e. Event registration form, guest list, lanyards, etc.) before stated deadlines will result in a strike.
   A. If chapters receive a total of three strikes, the chapter’s upcoming social event will be canceled.
      a. After every academic year the chapters strikes will reset.

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