UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL
Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME
The name of this organization shall be the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT
The object of the Panhellenic Council shall be to develop and maintain women’s sorority life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in so doing to:

A. Consider the goals and ideals of member organizations as applicable to campus and personal life.
B. Promote superior scholarship and intellectual development.
C. Cooperate with member women’s sororities, men’s fraternities, multicultural fraternities and sororities, and University administration to maintain high social and moral standards.
D. Encourage good relations between Fraternity and Sorority Life and non-fraternity and sorority groups.
E. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Unanimous Agreements and policies.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP
There shall be two (2) classes of membership, including regular and provisional.

A. Regular Membership. The regular membership of the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all chapters, in good standing, of National Panhellenic Conference sororities at the University of Nevada, Reno.

B. Provisional Membership. The provisional membership of the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council shall be composed of all colonies, in good standing, of National Panhellenic Conference sororities. A provisional member shall automatically become a regular member upon being installed as a chapter of a National Panhellenic Conference sorority.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD
Section A. Officers
The officers of the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council shall be the President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Member Education, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, Director of Academics, Director of Public Relations, and Director of Philanthropy.

Section B. Eligibility
1. Eligibility to serve as an officer shall depend on an organization’s membership status.
   a. Regular Membership. Members from women’s sororities holding regular membership in the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council shall be eligible to serve as an officer.
   b. Provisional Membership. Members from women’s sororities holding provisional membership in the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council shall not be eligible to serve as an officer.
2. Officers must be regular, full-time students at the University of Nevada, Reno.
3. Officers must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Officers must have at least sophomore standing.
5. Should a member chapter leave campus or the Council for any reason, an affected officer will be allowed to complete her term of office.

Section C. Selection
Officers will be selected in accordance with the procedures outlined in the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council Bylaws, Article II.

Section D. Term
Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are selected, beginning no later than thirty (30) days after the commencement of the Spring semester.

Section E. Removal
Any member of the Panhellenic Council Executive Board or Judicial Board may be subject to removal.
   1. Causes
      a. Failure to maintain eligibility as defined in the appropriate sections of this document, including GPA and membership requirements.
      b. Disregard for Panhellenic Council governing documents, including failure to perform the duties of office.
      c. Two (2) unexcused absences from a meeting of the Panhellenic Council, Executive Board, or Judicial Board at which the member in question is required to attend. Absences are excused by the President in the case of Panhellenic Council and Executive Board meetings, and excused by the Vice President of Judicial Affairs in the case of Judicial Board meetings.
   2. Process
      a. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Panhellenic Council Executive Board or a majority vote of the Panhellenic Council shall be necessary to initiate removal proceedings against a member of the Panhellenic Council Executive Board or Judicial Board.
      b. A removal hearing will be scheduled by the Vice President of Judicial Affairs, or by the President in the case of removal of the Vice President of Judicial Affairs.
      c. Notice of removal proceedings must be presented to the Panhellenic Council and the member to be removed at least five (5) days in advance of the planned date of the removal hearing.
      d. The Panhellenic Council Judicial Board shall preside at all removal proceedings.
      e. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Panhellenic Council Judicial Board shall be necessary to remove a Panhellenic Council Executive Board officer or Judicial Board member.

Section F. Vacancies and Succession
   1. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President of Recruitment shall assume the office of President for the remainder of the term.
   2. In the event of a vacancy in any other position, the member organization affected will appoint a new representative.
   3. In the event that the President or Vice President of Recruitment seats are simultaneously vacant, or if the Vice President of Recruitment declines to assume the Presidency, the affected member organization will re-slate for the position.

ARTICLE V. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Section A. Authority
The governing body the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Association shall be the University of
Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council, including, but not limited to biannual review of the Recruitment Standing Rules, annual determination of council dues, biannual review of the council budget, extension consideration, and determination of a calendar of events and programming, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member women’s sororities.

Section B. Composition
The University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one (1) chapter executive officer and one (1) delegate from each regular and provisional member organization at the University of Nevada, Reno as identified in Article III.

Section C. Selection of Officers and Delegates
Officers and delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective women’s sorority chapters to serve for a term of one (1) year beginning no later than thirty (30) days after the commencement of the Spring semester.

Section D. Officer and Delegate Vacancies
When an officer or delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the sorority affected to select a replacement within four (4) weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Vice President of Administration of her name, email address, and telephone number.

Section E. Meetings
1. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at least twice a month during the academic year. This date and time shall be determined by the Council each semester.
2. Special meetings shall be called at the request of the Council President or any member organization through the Council President at her discretion. Notice of each special meeting of the Panhellenic Council shall be sent to each member at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to convening the meeting.

Section F. Quorum
Three-quarters (3/4) of the member organizations of the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section G. Voting
1. Voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each women’s sorority holding regular membership. If a delegate is absent, the vote may be cast by another member of the organization, provided her credentials have been presented in writing to the Panhellenic Council President prior to the meeting.
2. Officers to Panhellenic Council shall have a voice but no vote.
3. Three-quarters (3/4) of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish recruitment standing rules and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other matters.

ARTICLE VII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

Section A. Appointment
The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by the Vice President of Student Services of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Section B. Authority
The Panhellenic Advisor shall serve in advisory capacity to the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council.

**ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

Committees may be necessary to carry out the work of the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council. Such committees shall be appointed by the Panhellenic Council Executive Board to serve for the duration of the Executive Board’s term or until such committees are no longer needed.

**ARTICLE IX. VIOLATIONS**

Section A. Violation
Chapters shall be held accountable for the conduct of their individual collegiate members. Conduct contrary to the National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements, the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council Code of Ethics, Constitution, Bylaws, Recruitment Standing Rules, or any other governing documents shall be considered a violation.

Section B. Informal Resolution
Members are encouraged to resolve alleged violations through informal discussion with the involved parties.

Section C. Judicial process
If informal discussions are unsuccessful, the judicial process will be set in motion by filing a report of the alleged violation.

1. **Mediation.** Mediation is the first step of the judicial process.
2. **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.
3. **Appeal of Judicial Board Decision.** A decision of the Judicial Board may be appealed by any involved party to the NPC College Panhellennes Judicial Appeals Committee.

**ARTICLE X. HAZING**

Per the Unanimous Agreements, the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council supports all efforts to eliminate hazing. All forms of hazing shall be banned.

**ARTICLE XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Panhellenic Council does not discriminate with respect to membership on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, gender identity, socioeconomic status, physical or mental impairment, or sexual orientation.

**ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council when applicable, except in matters specifically provided for in University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council governing documents.

**ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the University of Nevada, Reno Panhellenic Council, providing notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the
proceeding regular meeting.

ARTICLE XIV. DISSOLUTION

This Council shall be dissolved when only one (1) regular member exists at the University of Nevada, Reno. In the event of the dissolution, none of the assets of the Council shall be distributed to any members of the Council, but after payment of all debts, its assets shall be given to the National Panhellenic Conference.