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STANDING RULES OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

Article I. Date and Time of Meeting

- A. Meetings will be held on Tuesday at a set time and place by the Panhellenic Executive Board and President.
- B. Formal attire will be required for admittance to the first meeting of each month.
- C. Mandatory Attendance and Fining.
 - a. Fining is permitted when the minimum number of members from each chapter are not present at a required meeting. Fines will be assessed at \$10 per person below the requirement unless otherwise indicated. The following are considered required meetings:
 - i. Panhel Tea: A minimum of 15% of the chapter's members are required to be in attendance. The Panhellenic executive board and Rho Gammas being pinned may not be counted toward this requirement.
 - ii. Athena Conference: A minimum of 15% of the chapter's members from each chapter are required to be in attendance. The Panhellenic executive board may not be counted toward this requirement.
 - iii. Annual meeting: A minimum of 15% of the chapter's members from each chapter are required to be in attendance. The current Panhellenic executive board may not be counted toward this requirement.
 - iv. Panhellenic Association meetings: A minimum of 2 members from each chapter are required to be in attendance. Those two members are the delegate and assistant delegate. If both members are not in attendance, the delegate must send another chapter member in their place.
 - v. Each chapter must have a minimum of two eligible members to apply to be Rho Gammas for the Fall recruitment period. A chapter Rho Gamma(s) do not need to be replaced in the event a Rho Gamma resigns or becomes ineligible to be a Rho Gamma.

Article II. Dues

- A. Each member and new member will pay \$17 per semester in Panhellenic Association member dues.

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- a. The number of such dues for the next academic year shall be determined by the Panhellenic Association no later than December of the prior year.
 - b. The dues of each College Panhellenic Association member sorority shall be payable on or before November 20th for the Fall Academic term and March 20th for the Winter Academic term.
 - c. Failure to pay dues past one semester results in loss of voting privileges at general assembly meetings until dues past dues have been paid. Chapters can request mediation to revoke this sanction pending documentation.
- B. In the event of cancellations of events, the money allocated to those events will be calculated and put towards the next semester of dues.

Article III. Election Procedure

- A. The steps for electing the upcoming Executive Board will be as follows
- a. Presentation of Position Information at a weekly Panhellenic meeting by Executive vice president.
 - b. Application filled out by the applicants.
 - c. Current Executive Board members interview applicants and take notes.
 - i. The current Executive Board will be accompanied by a member from each chapter during interviews. The delegate must be selected and voted on by their chapter.
 - d. Applications and notes will be reviewed and discussed by the slating committee.
 - i. The slating committee will be composed of the chapter delegates who interviewed applicants.
 - 1. Chapter Delegates must either currently serve on their chapters executive board or be an incoming executive board member. Each chapter has to provide two delegates.
 - ii. The duties of the slating committee include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Reviewing the applications and interview notes regarding each woman running for an Executive Board position.
 - 2. Work together to discuss each applicant to form the slate.
 - 3. Remain unbiased.
 - 4. Be vocal during their chapter's voting process on the proposed slate.
 - iii. The duties of the current Executive Board during the slating committee meeting include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Reviewing the applications and interview notes regarding each woman running for an Executive Board position.
 - 2. Work with the slating committee to discuss each applicant.
 - 3. Remain unbiased.
 - 4. Unable to vote on who is selected for the slate.
 - e. Slate is announced.
 - f. Chapters discuss the proposed slate.
 - i. Chapters may request to have access to all applications to aid in the review or discussion of the slate.
 - g. Each Panhellenic Delegate votes on behalf of her chapter at the annual meeting.
 - h. New Executive board elected.

Article IV. Awards and Scholarships

A. Awards

a. Panhel Tea Awards: These awards are presented annually at Panhel Tea

i. Awards presented by the Vice President of Education

1. 4.0 Semester GPA:

- a. This award is presented to each Panhellenic woman who received a 4.0 semester GPA.
- b. The Vice President of Education will select the recipient based on information provided to her by each of the chapters.

2. Most Improved GPA:

- a. This award is presented to the one member in each chapter with the most improved GPA.
- b. The Vice President of Education will select the recipient based on information provided to her by each of the chapters.

3. Highest New Member GPA:

- a. This award is presented to the one chapter with the highest new member only GPA.
- b. The Vice President of Education will select the recipient based on information provided to her by each of the chapters.

4. Highest Chapter GPA:

- a. This award is presented to the one chapter with the highest overall GPA.
- b. The Vice President of Education will select the recipient based on information provided to her by each of the chapters.

ii. Awards presented by the Vice President of Community Engagement

1. Chapter Commitment to Community Development:

- a. This award is presented to the one chapter with the most CommUNITY events logged from the previous semester

2. Most Improved Sister:

- a. This award is presented to a Panhellenic woman who has improved within their personal lives.
- b. The Vice President of Community Engagement will select the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form.

3. Ray of Sunshine Award:

- a. This award is presented to a Panhellenic woman who is a ray of sunshine. This could be someone who is always smiling and always tries to maintain a positive attitude.
- b. The Vice President of Community Engagement will select the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form

4. Most Career Driven:

- a. This award is presented to a Panhellenic woman who has recently gotten their dream job, a new internship, a great career opportunity, etc.
- b. The Vice President of Community Engagement will select the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form

5. Senior Acknowledgement Award:
 - a. This award is presented to a Panhellenic woman who is of senior standing and deserves recognition for their collegiate accomplishments.
 - b. The Vice President of Community Engagement will select the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form
 6. Panhellenic Love Award:
 - a. This award is presented to a Panhellenic woman who exudes Panhellenic love.
 - b. The Vice President of Community Engagement ~~Development~~ will select the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form
 7. Most Inspirational:
 - a. This award is presented to a Panhellenic woman who is looked up to or inspirational in any area of their life.
 - b. The Vice President of Community Engagement will select the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form
 8. Advocacy Award
 - a. This award is presented to a Panhellenic woman who has shown a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and pushing for a strong sense of belonging within the community.
 - b. The Vice President of Community engagement will select the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form.
- b. Other awards
- i. Awards presented by the Vice President of Philanthropy and Service
 1. Most Philanthropic Chapter:
 - a. This award is presented to the one chapter who raises the most amount of money for their philanthropy.
 - b. The Vice President of Philanthropy and Service will select the recipient based on information provided to her by each of the chapters.
 2. Most Service Hours
 - a. This award is presented to the one chapter who completes the most service hours.
 - b. The Vice President of Philanthropy and Service will select the recipient based on information provided to her by each of the chapters.
 - ii. Awards presented by the Vice President of Education
 1. Smarty of the Month:
 - a. This award is presented to one Panhellenic woman each month.
 - b. The Vice President of Education selects the recipient based on nominations received via a Google form.
 2. Professor of the Semester:
 - a. This award is presented to one professor each semester.
 - b. The executive board selects the recipient based on nominations received through a Google form.

- B. Scholarships: Awarded each year in the fall based on a personal submission through a Google form. Of the submissions, 3-5 applications for each scholarship will be chosen to be read by the executive board, and from those, the scholarships will be awarded
- a. Furthering Education Scholarship (1 at 500): This scholarship is intended for seniors who are applying or going to graduate school.
 - b. Internship scholarship (1 at 500): This scholarship is intended for seniors applying or entering an internship.
 - c. Panhellenic Scholarship (1 at 250 for each semester): This scholarship is intended for any Panhellenic women freshman, sophomore, or junior.

Article V. Peer Accountability Process

- A. Peer Accountability Process
- a. Each College Panhellenic Association must follow the peer accountability process for the limited purpose of handling member organization infractions of
 - i. NPC Unanimous Agreements and policies
 - ii. College Panhellenic Bylaws and Standing Rules
 - iii. College Panhellenic Recruitment Rules
 - b. The duties and responsibilities of the peer accountability board must be consistent with this and all other NPC Unanimous Agreements.
 - c. All members of the peer accountability board must be collegians from the College Panhellenics' member organizations.
 - d. NPC peer accountability forms must be used to ensure proper documentation and adherence to the NPC Unanimous Agreements.
 - e. All documentation of the peer accountability process, including reports/forms completed for each alleged violation, need to be retained by the fraternity/sorority advisor and the College Panhellenic for three years. This documentation must be available upon request from NPC.
- B. Peer Accountability Process Overview
- a. The peer accountability process will be set in motion when an alleged infraction takes place and a College Panhellenic Alleged Infraction Report is filed. Infractions can only be filed against a chapter and not against any individuals
- C. Educational Outcomes
- a. Each College Panhellenic will strive to achieve a fair and reasonable resolution for infractions. Educational outcomes should fit the nature and degree of the infractions.
 - b. Monetary fines will be acceptable only for measurable infractions of the College Panhellenic's governing documents or recruitment rules.
 - c. Educational outcomes must not:
 - i. Forbid primary recruitment or COB activities or the observance of an inter/national sorority event such as an educational program, ritual ceremony or historical celebration.
 - ii. Affect a sorority chapter's quota or total. Affect the time of new member acceptance and/or initiation.
 - iii. Forbid the right of an NPC sorority to vote in College Panhellenic meetings.

- iv. Include removal from the College Panhellenic.
 - d. The duration of any educational outcomes imposed must not exceed one calendar year from the time the decision is final.
- D. Appeals
- a. The decision of the College Panhellenic Association peer accountability board may be appealed by any involved party to the NPC Panhellenic Accountability Committee.
 - b. If the NPC Panhellenic Accountability Committee is unable to resolve the appeal, the file will be transferred to the NPC Board of Directors for final resolution. The decision of the board is final.

Article VI. Recruitment counselor selection, requirements, and expectations

- A. Rho Gamma Selection
- a. Recruitment counselors are undergraduate chapter members who are active and in good standing who:
 - i. Are members from sororities holding regular membership in the College Panhellenic Association.
 - ii. Are dependable, responsible, and available to potential new members.
 - iii. Are enthusiastic and have a positive attitude toward sorority experiences.
 - iv. Are objective and impartial.
 - v. Have good listening skills and the ability and willingness to keep confidence.
 - vi. Are sensitive and perceptive to other's feelings while remaining objective.
 - vii. Are representative of the best qualities of Panhellenic women.
 - viii. Are willing to refrain from contacting or having contact with their chapter members.
 - ix. Are willing to follow their respective chapters' policy regarding dry period during recruitment.
- B. Requirements: Some responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
- a. Attend training, meetings, and retreats.
 - b. Tabling two hours every week leading up to recruitment.
 - c. No attendance or participation in tailgates, parties, or events involving alcohol once the rho gamma specific dry period has begun.
 - d. Participate in strict silence and refrain from contact with initiated members of Panhellenic chapters.
 - e. Deactivating or changing settings to private for all social media accounts for the entire disassociation period.
 - f. Maintain the standards and expectations of a rho gamma.

Article VII. CommUNITY Event Program

- A. Definition of a CommUNITY event:
 - a. An inside event is one that is hosted by one of the 9 Panhellenic chapters on Grand Valley State University's campus.
 - i. It is considered an inside event because the events are happening "inside" the Panhellenic community here at Grand Valley State University.
 - b. An outside event can be one of these things:
 - i. An event hosted by IFC, NPHC, MGC, RSO, or campus partners..
 - ii. An event hosted by any recognized organization at Grand Valley State University.
 - 1. Campus Life Night and Meet the Greeks is excluded from fulfilling this requirement.
 - c. A Panhellenic General Assembly.
- B. CommUNITY event requirement:
 - a. Each member is required to attend three CommUNITY events per semester. This requirement includes attending one inside event, one outside event, and one Panhellenic General Assembly
 - b. Failure to complete this requirement will result in an individual fine of \$8 per missing event.

Article VIII. Jr. Panhellenic Program

- A. Details of Junior Panhellenic Program.
 - a. The program is run each semester by the Vice President of Community Engagement
 - b. Junior Panhellenic consists of two delegates from each chapter, 18 people in total. The delegates must be new members or newly initiated members.
 - i. Junior Panhellenic should be presented to all eligible participants to ensure new members are aware of the option to join.
 - ii. Once the delegates are selected by each chapter's new member class, the delegates are able to run for and elect an executive board.
 - 1. This executive board consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations, Event Coordinator, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion chair. Each Executive Board member will also have a committee except for the President and VP.
 - c. If a chapter only takes three members, the chapter may allow all three to be delegates.
 - d. If a chapter does not recruit that semester, the delegates can be from the previous semester's new member or newly initiated member class.

Article IX. COVID-19 Pandemic

- A. GVSU College Panhellenic will abide by COVID-19 policy set by Grand Valley State University, the Center for Disease Control, National Panhellenic Conference or individual National Headquarters represented in GVSU College Panhellenic.
 - a. GVSU College Panhellenic will follow the stricter of the four policies.

