

The Constitution

of

The Gender-Inclusive Greek Council

at

Dartmouth College

Article I: Definitions

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Gender-Inclusive Greek Council.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Council shall be to act as a coordinating body for Greek organizations at Dartmouth College that admit members regardless of gender identity, to address issues affecting them, to promote their interests within the Dartmouth Community, to consult with other Greek and Dartmouth organizations concerning issues affecting them, and to increase inter-organizational cooperation and well being.

Section 3: Membership

A. Member organizations of the Council shall consist of Alpha Theta Coeducational Fraternity, Phi Tau Coeducational Fraternity and The Tabard Coeducational Fraternity. This section shall be automatically updated as new member organizations join the Council.

B. Affiliate organizations of the Council shall consist of Amarna Undergraduate Society.

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Section 4: Non-Discrimination

A. This Council and its member and affiliate organizations shall not discriminate with regards to gender identity, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, sexual preference, race, creed, ethnicity, religion, disability, age, national origin, veteran status, citizenship status, or socioeconomic identity.

B. The previous clause applies to matters including, but not limited to, recruitment processes, membership status, and officer elections.

Article II: Administration

Section 1: Organization

A. The Council shall consist of Officers and Representatives.

B. The Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These officers shall be drawn from member organizations.

C. The Representatives shall consist of the presidents of each member and affiliate organization. If a president is unable to attend a meeting of the Council, that president may delegate their representation and authority to another member of their organization.

Section 2: Election of Officers

A. The Officers shall be determined by a majority vote of Representatives. Year-long officers shall be elected in the Winter Term to take office in the Spring Term. Candidates for officer positions may be nominated by any member of any member or affiliate organization. Nominations may be refused by the individuals nominated.

B. No more than two Officers from the same organization shall be elected to positions in a given term, unless no other individuals run for those positions.

C. If a Council Officer is unable to perform their duties for the full duration of a term, then a vote shall take place at the earliest possible convenience for a replacement for the term in question. That vote shall take place no later than the last week of the prior term. For vacancies of less than a full term, an emergency vote shall take place no later than one week after the vacancy occurs, and the new Officer shall assume all Officer responsibilities immediately.

Section 3: Voting

A. Each Representative on the Council shall have one vote. Representatives may abstain from voting.

B. In the event of a tie, the President shall vote to break the tie. This is the only case in which the President may vote.

C. Undergraduate societies may also join the council as affiliate organizations via the same process as member organizations. These affiliate organizations have the right to representation and to vote on community issues. They may not vote on issues that concern the Greek Leadership Council or other aspects of Council governance, excepting votes to include new affiliate organizations in the Council. These affiliate organizations are not members of the Council, and they are not part of the Greek community. Members of affiliate organizations cannot be Officers unless they are also members of member organizations.

Section 4: New Member Organizations

Petitions for membership by new organizations may, having been agreed to by a majority of that new organization, be submitted to the Council. If two-thirds of Council Representatives vote to approve the petition, that new member organization shall enter the Council with all the rights and responsibilities thereof. The organization in question must also be formally recognized by Dartmouth College and must meet this Constitution's Non-Discrimination Policies.

Article III: Responsibilities of the Council

Section 1: Law

The Council shall be committed to upholding all federal, state and local laws, as well as upholding Dartmouth College rules and regulations as they apply to member organizations. These rules include, but are not limited to, New Hampshire State Hazing Law and other Dartmouth College rules and regulations regarding discrimination and hazing.

Section 2: Coordination

The Council shall be responsible for coordinating discussion and events involving all or several member organizations and shall act as a forum for member organizations to address issues pertinent to all of them with a unified voice.

Section 3: Consultation

The Council shall consult regularly with other Greek organizations and Undergraduate Societies at Dartmouth College, their representative councils, and Dartmouth College on issues that affect all member and affiliate organizations.

Section 4: Allocation

The Council's member organization Representatives may vote to allocate funds to the causes of their choosing including, but not limited to, Council-run causes or member organization-run causes. Majority votes are required to approve the allocation of all funds.

Article IV: Responsibilities of Member Organizations

Section 1: Community Service

Member organizations shall require community service of their voting members.

Section 2: Organizational Dues

A. Member and affiliate organizations who levy dues on their members must provide the option for financial aid for their members.

B. The amount of financial aid shall be what the individual requires, as determined independently by member and affiliate organizations, up to and including one hundred percent of all dues.

C. The entire financial aid process must be confidential and non-obvious to members of that organization, aside from the relevant organization officers and members in question. The financial aid status of an individual shall have no effect on their status in the organization.

Section 3: Council Dues

A. Each term, member and affiliate organizations shall pay dues to the Council Treasurer.

B. Dues shall be set by a majority vote of the Council Representatives at the first meeting of each term. Dues shall be levied in proportion to the size of the member or affiliate organizations.

C. If a member or affiliate organization demonstrates a substantial financial need to the Council, dues from that organization may be waived for the term following a majority vote of the Council Representatives.

Article V: Responsibilities of Council Officers

Section 1: President

A. The President shall preside over and moderate all meetings of the Council and its respective committees. The President shall call and organize all such meetings. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice President shall assume the President's duties for that meeting.

B. The President shall act as liaison between the Council and all other organizations, including but not limited to: Dartmouth College; its respective agencies; organizations

recognized thereof; and organizations in the community. The President shall serve as the Council's representative on the relevant Greek governing body and shall attend all of that body's meetings.

C. The President shall speak on behalf of the Council, its member organizations collectively, and their interests.

D. The President shall inform the Council of how they vote in all relevant Greek governing bodies.

Section 2: Vice President

A. The Vice President shall direct meetings of the Council if the President is unable to attend and shall attend meetings of the relevant Greek governing bodies if the President is unable to attend.

B. The Vice President shall have the responsibility of coordinating the programming officers of each of the member and affiliate organizations, compiling a schedule of all organizations' events, and assisting in inter-member-organization cooperation for these events.

C. The Vice President shall propose and organize social, community service, recruitment, and any other events which the Council as a whole wishes to hold.

Section 3: Treasurer

A. The Treasurer is entrusted with overseeing the Council's finances and informing the Council of its financial situation on a regular basis.

B. The Treasurer shall submit a Financial Report at the end of each term to the President of the Council.

C. The Treasurer shall ensure compliance with all financial requirements of Dartmouth College.

D. The Treasurer shall collect and store dues from member organizations.

E. The Treasurer shall reimburse outlays of money for Council-funded events within one week of receiving all receipts, if possible.

F. The Treasurer shall organize and store all of the Council's financial documents. Details of financial transactions shall be accessible upon request to any member of any member organization.

G. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for maintaining a complete understanding of the funding processes of the Dartmouth Greek system. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to, recording their knowledge and having necessary meetings with relevant College staff.

Section 4: Secretary

A. The Secretary shall ensure the proper documentation of all Council business.

B. The Secretary shall ensure that the Constitution is kept updated in accordance with any changes made to it.

C. The Secretary shall keep track of and remind the Council of any old business during the business portion of meetings that was postponed from the previous week.

D. The Secretary shall enforce complete and proper Officer transitions.

E. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Council meetings. The Secretary shall distribute those minutes to all Council Officers and Representatives within twenty-four hours of the conclusion of a Council meeting. Minutes shall be accessible upon request to any member of any member or affiliate organization.

F. The Secretary shall keep all other non-financial documents of the Council on record, including but not limited to this Constitution and all Officer Manuals.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Scheduling

The Council shall have weekly meetings on Sunday at 8 pm during each academic term to discuss its affairs. The Council, as a whole, shall vote to set meeting locations and may vote to alter the times of specific meetings. The location must be reasonably accessible to the members of all member and affiliate organizations. Meetings may never be scheduled to conflict with any member or affiliate organization's own weekly meetings. The President may, if necessary, schedule additional emergency meetings in accordance with the aforementioned restrictions.

Section 2: Attendance

The attendance of Council Officers and member or affiliate organization Representatives at these meetings is mandatory. Meetings shall be announced to the memberships of member and affiliate organizations, and the members of any member or affiliate organization may attend any meeting of the Council.

Section 3: Agenda

A typical meeting agenda shall consist of: a report from each Officer, general discussion, items of business, and announcements. Any member of any Council organization may place an item of business on a meeting's agenda for discussion and may motion for a vote.

Article VII: Judicial Actions

Section 1: Actions Addressed

Judicial actions may be levied upon, but are not limited to, issues of Officer conduct, delinquency in the payment of Council dues extending beyond the end of the term at which they were requested, and conduct contrary to Council policies.

Section 2: Possible Actions

A. The Council may remove an Officer from their position.

B. The Council may remove an organization from the Council if that organization refuses to comply with this Council's policies on non-discrimination. This is the only case in which an organization may be removed from the Council.

C. The Council may deprive an organization of its voting rights in the case of delinquency in the payment of dues as earlier specified. That organization's voting rights shall be immediately and automatically reinstated upon full payment of Council dues.

D. The Council may refer an issue to the Bias Incident Response Team and the Greek Board on Accountability or equivalent bodies.

E. The Council may, in response to repeated delinquencies by member or affiliate organizations in Council policies including, but not limited to, community service and financial aid requirements, hold a special meeting in which further judicial actions may be devised and levied. Expulsion of an organization from the Council may not be a further judicial action.

Section 3: Process

A. Should the Council find a judicial action necessary, no less than a two-thirds vote of Council Representatives may levy a judicial action. Motions for judicial action may be made by any member of the Council.

B. The individual or organization in question must be notified of the vote ahead of time and of its result, have the opportunity to hear all charges against them, and have the opportunity to prepare a rebuttal, all at least one week before the vote occurs.

C. Judicial actions may be reversed following another two-thirds vote of the Council, and this is suggested if the issues in question have been resolved.

D. Decisions of the Council may be overruled by the votes of two-thirds of the voting memberships of each and every member and affiliate organization.

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 1: Eligibility

All members of Council member and affiliate organizations are eligible to propose amendments. A member may attend a Council meeting to propose the amendment themselves, or it may be given to the Council Representative or an Officer of the Council to be proposed on their behalf.

Section 2: Three Methods of Voting

A. Amendments shall take effect having been passed both by a majority vote of the Council Representatives and a majority vote of the voting memberships of each and every member and affiliate organization.

B. Amendments shall take effect without a majority vote of Council Representatives if passed by a two-thirds vote of the voting memberships of each and every member and affiliate organization.

C. Amendments shall take effect if passed both by a unanimous vote of the Council Representatives and a two-thirds vote of the voting memberships of two-thirds of member and affiliate organizations.

Article IX: Ratification

This Constitution shall take effect upon passing a majority vote of the voting memberships of each of these member and affiliate organizations: Alpha Theta Coeducational Fraternity, Phi Tau Coeducational Fraternity, The Tabard Coeducational Fraternity, and Amarna Undergraduate Society. Upon ratification, it shall immediately supersede the prior Constitution and Bylaws of The Coeducational Greek Council.