

**CONSTITUTION OF
MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of this Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain sorority/fraternity life and inter-sorority/fraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in so doing to:

1. Consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life.
2. Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement.
3. Cooperate with member sororities/fraternities and the university administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and policies.
5. Act in accordance with such rules established by the Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member sororities/fraternities.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two classes of membership: Regular and Associate.

1. The REGULAR membership of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference sororities/fraternities, local sororities/women's fraternities, and all national and regional non-National Panhellenic Conference member groups at Michigan Technological University.
 - a. Criteria for Regular Membership Status:
 - i. The minimum membership size of the Regular Member group should be no less than 10 active members at any time unless otherwise dictated.
 - ii. Groups must complete one year (two consecutive semesters) of Associate Membership to be eligible for Regular Membership.
 - iii. Applying group's policies and practices with respect to risk management (including policies on alcohol, social functions, and hazing) comply with the requirements of the Panhellenic Association's and Michigan Technological University's policies and applicable laws.

- iv. Three-quarters of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required in order to approve applications for Regular Membership status.
 - b. Privileges and Responsibilities of Regular Membership:
 - i. Regular members must abide by all NPC UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and be subject to the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association Constitution and By-Laws, Recruitment Rules, and other current and future policies.
 - ii. All Regular Members shall retain voting rights in all Panhellenic Association matters unless otherwise dictated.
- 2. The ASSOCIATE membership of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of provisional or petitioning NPC groups, or local sororities or interest groups of national or regional non-National Panhellenic Conference member groups that have met the requirements for membership in the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association.
 - a. Criteria for Associate Membership Status
 - i. The minimum membership size of the Associate Member group should be no less than 10 active members at any time unless otherwise dictated.
 - ii. Applying group's policies and practices with respect to risk management (including policies on alcohol, social functions, and hazing) comply with the requirements of the Panhellenic Association's and Michigan Technological University's policies and applicable laws.
 - iii. Three-quarters of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required in order to approve applications for Associate member status.
 - iv. After one year (two consecutive semesters) in Associate Membership, Associate Member groups may either petition for Regular Membership or may remain Associate Members.
 - b. Privileges and Responsibilities
 - i. Associate Member groups will not vote in Panhellenic matters.
 - ii. Associate Member groups are encouraged to participate in Panhellenic Recruitment but will not be forced to do so.
 - iii. Associate Member groups will pay dues as outlined in the Panhellenic Association By-Laws.
 - iv. Associate Member groups will be allowed to serve as committee chairs.
 - v. Associate members must abide by all NPC UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and be subject to the Michigan Technological

University Panhellenic Association Constitution and Bylaws, recruitment rules and other current and future policies.

- vi. Associate membership in the Panhellenic Association cannot and does not confer or imply any guarantee that an Associate member will be permitted/encouraged to affiliate with an NPC or other national or regional sorority.
- vii. The Panhellenic Association will monitor Associate members' adherence to the requirements by doing a yearly review of the Associate members in order to keep their Associate status.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. The Executive Board officers of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association will be the President, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Records.
 - a. Executive Board officers shall be members from sororities/women's fraternities holding Regular Membership in the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association. Executive Board positions serve as non-voting positions within the Panhellenic Association.
2. The chairs of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association shall be Philanthropy/Fundraising Chair, Social/Scholarship Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Assistant Vice President-Recruitment.
 - a. The chairs shall be members from sororities/women's fraternities holding Regular or Associate membership in the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association.
3. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin effective the final Panhellenic Council meeting of the calendar year.
4. Any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined shall resign and a successor be designated by election or as provided in Article VI, Section 3.
5. If an officer is unable to complete her term her successor shall be designated by election or as provided in Article VI, Section 3.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

1. REGULAR: The Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association will hold at least one regular meeting per month during the academic year.
2. SPECIAL: A special meeting of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any Regular or Associate member sorority/fraternity at Michigan Technological University.

3. The delegate from each regular or associate member sorority/fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE VI. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The administrative body of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association shall be the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Council.

It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association and to compile rules governing the Panhellenic Association, including membership recruitment and pledging, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member sororities/fraternities.

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. The Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of two delegates and one alternate delegate from each Regular and Associate member group at Michigan Technological University as identified in Article III.

2. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ADVISORS

- a. Delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective sorority/fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing on the final Panhellenic Council meeting of the calendar year.

3. DELEGATE VACANCIES

- a. When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the sorority/fraternity concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Vice President of Records of her name, address, email address, and telephone number. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the sorority/fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate in all cases.

4. OFFICERS

- a. The executive officers of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association shall serve as the executive officers of its Panhellenic Council. These officers shall serve as the Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council and shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association.

5. MEETINGS

- a. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each academic semester.

- b. 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 any member delegate of the Panhellenic Council.
- c. QUORUM. Three-quarters of the member sororities/fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. VOTING

- a. The voting body of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.
- b. The voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each sorority/fraternity holding Regular membership. If a delegate is absent, the vote of her sorority/fraternity shall be cast by its alternate. If both delegates and alternate are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the sorority/fraternity provided her presence is communicated to the Vice President of Records prior to the meeting.
- c. Three-quarters of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to conduct the following Panhellenic Association business:
 - i. Establishing membership recruitment rules,
 - ii. Establishing total chapter size,
 - iii. Amending the constitution and/or by-laws,
 - iv. Opening the Panhellenic community for extension or expansion of any NPC or non-NPC groups.
- d. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.
- e. The alternate delegate to Panhellenic Council shall have no vote in council matters unless voting in place of her sorority/fraternity delegate. Panhellenic Council alternate delegates are permitted and encouraged to attend all Panhellenic Council meeting to provide a voice in council business matters.

ARTICLE VII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

- 1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by the Office of Student Activities at Michigan Technological University.
- 2. The Panhellenic Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association and its Council.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The Panhellenic Council Executive Board shall appoint standing committees to carry out the work of the Panhellenic Council and Association.

ARTICLE IX. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES

- 1. All members of the Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by National Panhellenic Conference in the UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS.

2. All Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by National Panhellenic Conference.

ARTICLE X. VIOLATIONS

Violation of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS, any regulations of this Constitution of its related Bylaws, of membership recruitment rules, of rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment shall be adjudicated through the NPC Judicial Procedures as presented in the NPC Manual of Information.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by three-quarters vote of the voting members of Michigan Technological University Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.

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