CONSTITUTION OF FURMAN UNIVERSITY
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

PREAMBLE
In order to promote and perpetuate the best interest of Furman University and the Greek women’s fraternities therein, to encourage the most complete intellectual, emotional, and social development of the members of the fraternities, and to foster cooperation among said fraternities, University authorities and the community, we do ordain and establish this constitution of the Furman University Panhellenic Association.

MISSION STATEMENT
We, the Panhellenic Council of Furman University, seek to enrich our college and fraternity experience by providing an environment that fosters personal growth, higher education, inspiration, cooperation, and service.

ARTICLE I. NAME
The name of this organization shall be the Furman University Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT
The Panhellenic Association is a totally student run organization, which is affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so:

1. Consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life, and encourage higher respect of and cooperativeness with these goals.
2. Promote superior scholarship, participation, service, and development of all women on the campus, and especially within the Greek community.
3. Cooperate with member fraternities and Furman University Administration in concern and in maintenance of high social, moral, and scholastic standards.
4. Act in accordance with all the rules established by the Panhellenic Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.
5. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements and policies.
6. Contribute to the Furman University and Greenville community through service and charitable activities.
7. Provide programs and activities, both developmental and social for all member organizations to help improve their functioning and to improve common experiences that encourage cooperation and unity among organizations.
ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership: Regular, Provisional, and Associate.

1. The Regular membership of Furman University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at Furman University.

2. The Provisional membership of the Furman University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies and pledged chapters at Furman University.

3. The Associate membership of Furman University Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of local sororities or interest groups or national or regional non-National Panhellenic Conference member groups that have met the requirements for membership in the Furman University Panhellenic Association.

4. Anti-discrimination Clause: Furman University Panhellenic Council shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, age, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. The executive council officers of Furman University Panhellenic Association Executive Board shall be President, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Scholarship, Vice President of Service, Vice President of Women’s Issues, and Vice President of Social.

2. The officers shall be delegates from NPC groups holding regular membership in Furman University Panhellenic Association. Delegates from fraternities holding associate membership shall not be eligible to hold office.

3. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin no later than April 1st.

4. As determined by the Executive Board, any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined shall resign and or be requested to resign by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Council members. A successor shall be designated by election or as provided in Article VI, Section 2.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

1. Regular. The Furman University Panhellenic Association shall hold weekly meetings for the purpose of conducting its business.
   A. Regular meetings are open to all chapter members.
   B. One delegate or alternate delegate representative from each Regular and Associate member group shall attend a weekly meeting at a time and place designated at the beginning of each semester by the President.
2. Special. A special meeting of the Furman 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 fraternity at Furman University.

3. The delegate from each regular or associate member NPC Group shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of Furman University Panhellenic Association.

4. Executive Board. The President of Panhellenic may call Executive Board meetings on an as needed basis. This board will include all nine Executive council Panhellenic officers.
   A. The Executive Board shall meet at the beginning of each semester to determine dates, activities, and opportunities to coordinate throughout the coming semester.

5. Presidents. The presidents of each member group of the College Panhellenic Association shall meet periodically as necessary, no less than once per semester.

6. Quorum. Two-thirds of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The administrative body of the Furman University Panhellenic Association shall be the Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Panhellenic Association and to compile rules governing the Panhellenic Association, including membership recruitment and pledging, which may not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of NPC chapters in good standing with the Panhellenic Association.

1. MEMBERSHIP: The Furman University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate from each regular, provisional and associate member group at Furman University. No chapter shall have the power to withdraw from this council.
   A. Officers: The officers of the Furman University Panhellenic Association shall serve as the officers of its Panhellenic Council and shall have such powers and duties as described in the bylaws of the Panhellenic Association.
   B. Officer Vacancy: In the event an officer resigns or is removed from the Panhellenic Council, the president will then notify the member organizations and carry out the elections process as described in the Furman Panhellenic Association Governing bylaws.
   C. Selection of Delegates. Delegates and alumnae advisors to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing at the start of the calendar year.
   D. Delegate vacancies: When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the sorority concerned to contact the Panhellenic President within 48 hours of the vacancy. The sorority concerned is then responsible to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Secretary of her name, e-mail address, and telephone number. When a
meeting of the Panhellenic Council occurs, while a vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the representative in all cases.

E. In the event the President is unable to serve, the Vice President Recruitment will fulfill the duties of the President.

2. VOTING
   A. The voting body of the Furman University Panhellenic Association shall be the Executive Board Officers of its Panhellenic Council and one delegate from each fraternity holding regular membership.
   B. If a delegate is absent, her alternate shall cast the vote of her sorority. If both the delegate and an alternate are absent, a member of the sorority may cast the vote providing her credentials have been presented in writing to the Council President prior to the meeting.
   C. Executive Board officer elections will be held in March, with the new officers installed no later than April 1.
   D. Two-thirds of the voting members of Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish the following:
      i. Recruitment rules
      ii. Chapter total
      iii. Formal recruitment dates
      iv. Expansion
      v. Changes to the Constitution
   E. A majority vote shall be required to establish the following:
      i. Changes to the Bylaws
      ii. Slating Approvals
      iii. Changes to the policies
      iv. All other business, unless otherwise directed by the Executive Council.
   F. Any business that will affect the day-to-day operation of an NPC chapter in good standing with the Panhellenic Association must be provided for the chapter in writing prior to the regular meeting. The Panhellenic Delegates may approve all other business.

3. VOICE: The alternate delegates of the Panhellenic Council, the Panhellenic Advisor, and any representatives of sororities of Associate membership shall have a voice but no vote.

**ARTICLE VII. ADVISOR**

1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by the administration of Furman University.
   A. The Panhellenic Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Panhellenic Association and its Panhellenic Council.
4. If the administration fails to select an advisor, the Panhellenic Council and the Alumnae Advisors of the regular member fraternities of the Panhellenic Council shall appoint the Panhellenic Advisor.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES
Such standing committees and special officers as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Furman University Panhellenic Council shall be appointed by its Executive Board to serve during the tenure in office of the Board which appoints them.

ARTICLE IX. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES
1. All members of the Furman University Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by Nation Panhellenic Conference in the Unanimous Agreements.
2. All Furman University Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by National Panhellenic Conference.

ARTICLE X. VIOLATIONS
1. Violation of any regulations of this National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements, of this constitution or its related Bylaws, of membership recruitment rules, of rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment, shall be the occasion for penalties established by the Furman University Panhellenic Council in conformity with those recommended by NPC College Panhellenic Association Judicial Procedures in the NPC Manual of Information.
2. Any dispute growing out of the violation of Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration principles of the National Panhellenic Conference.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS
1. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members of Furman University Panhellenic Council, and three-fourths vote of the Executive Board, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing prior to the regular meeting. Each delegate shall have one vote.