UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of this Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity 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 fraternities and the University administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards to uphold the five core values.
4. Act in accordance with all rules established by the National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements and policies.
5. Act in accordance with all rules established by Panhellenic Council as do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

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

1. The REGULAR membership of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities and the University of San Diego.

2. The ASSOCIATE membership of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of such National Panhellenic Conference colonies, or pledged chapters, or non-NPC groups.
   (a) Non-NPC groups shall not pay annual National Panhellenic Conference dues.

ARTICLE IV. PROCEDURE FOR ATTAINING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

It shall be the policy of the Panhellenic Council to actively encourage and support the formation of strong new fraternal organizations at the University of San Diego. Those organizations which wish to share the responsibilities and privileges of membership in the Panhellenic Council and to enjoy the status as a recognized women’s social/service fraternity shall conform to the procedures as set forth in the University of San Diego Panhellenic Council’s Expansion Policy and USD’s Greek Guidelines.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall be President; Vice President of Programming; Vice President of Membership; Assistant Vice President of Membership / VP Public Relations, Recruitment
Relations; Vice President of University Relations; Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Service; and Secretary/Treasurer.

(2) The officers shall be members from fraternities holding regular or associate membership in the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association.

(3) The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin in December.

(4) Any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined shall resign and a successor be designated by election.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

(1) REGULAR. The University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall hold at least one regular meeting annually.

(2) SPECIAL. A special meeting of the University of San Diego 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 the University of San Diego.

(3) The delegate from each regular or associate member fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association.

ARTICLE VII. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The administrative body of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall be the University of San Diego Panhellenic Council.

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

(1) MEMBERSHIP. The University of San Diego Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate, chapter president, and one alternate delegate/junior delegate for each regular or associate member fraternity.

(2) OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE. Any member, new member or alumna advisor of any USD Panhellenic Association regular or associate member fraternity may attend Panhellenic Council Meetings.

(3) SELECTION OF DELEGATES. Delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one year. Delegates should begin attending Panhellenic Council meetings as soon as they have been elected. Whenever possible the alternate delegate of one year shall be the delegate for the succeeding year.

(4) DELEGATE VACANCIES. When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Secretary/Treasurer of her name, and contact information. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the fraternity concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate in all cases.

(5) OFFICERS. The officers of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall serve as the 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 By-Laws of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association.

(6) MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each college semester.

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 to the Panhellenic Council.

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

(7) VOTING.

(a) The voting body of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall be its Panhellenic Council.

(b) The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each fraternity holding regular or associate membership. If a delegate is absent, the vote of her fraternity shall be cast by its president or alternate. If the delegate, president and alternate are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the fraternity providing her credentials have been presented in writing to the Council President prior to the meeting.

(i) Associate members will not have voting rights when the subject of the vote is extension of National Panhellenic Conference chapters on the University of San Diego’s campus.

(c) A two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to accept Associate Members to the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association, to establish Recruitment Rules, to establish Total Chapter Size, and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions. Whenever there are an even number of sororities with regular, voting memberships, the Panhellenic President will act as the tiebreaker.

(8) VOICE. The Panhellenic officers, presidents, alternate delegates/junior delegates, and alumnae advisors to Panhellenic Council shall have voice but not vote. Therefore, each sorority with Voting Membership status shall have one vote.

ARTICLE VIII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR

(1) The Panhellenic Advisor shall be chosen by:

(a) University of San Diego Administration

(2) The Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association and its Council.

ARTICLE IX. STANDING COMMITTEES

Such Standing Committees and special officers as may be necessary to carry out the work of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Council shall be appointed by its Executive Board to serve during the tenure in office of the Board which appoints them.

ARTICLE X. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES
(1) All members of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by National Panhellenic Conference in the Unanimous Agreements.

(2) All University of San Diego Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference.

(3) All the University of San Diego Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by the University of San Diego as set forth in the USD Student Code and the Greek Guidelines.

ARTICLE XI. NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

(1) Each sorority shall be responsible for a positive contribution to the primary functions of the University, and is therefore under an obligation to encourage the most complete personal development of its members, intellectually, physically, and socially. It is therefore declared that none of the members will indulge in activities which will:

(a) Have an adverse effect on the worth of the individual, be it mentally, physically, or morally degrading to her character.

(b) Hinder the individual's participation in any activities, academic or extracurricular, at the University of San Diego.

(2) All sororities at the University of San Diego subscribe to the Statement on Hazing, which follows:

Hazing Policy: The State of California, the University of San Diego, and the Office of Student Affairs have expressly and repeatedly asserted their opposition to hazing and pre-initiation activities which do not contribute to the positive development and welfare of pledges and members. Hazing has been defined as "any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off University premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations include but are not limited to: paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; kidnaps, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities; wearing, publicly, apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and jokes; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the University of San Diego."

(3) The University of San Diego does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry or handicap in its policies and programs nor do any sororities at the University of San Diego.

ARTICLE XII. VIOLATIONS

(1) Violation of any regulations of this Constitution or its related By-Laws, of membership Recruitment Rules of the National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements shall be occasion for penalties, established by the University of San Diego Panhellenic Council, in conformity with those recommended by National Panhellenic Conference.

(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 or the Greek Discipline Board as outlined in the Greek Guidelines.
ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the University of San Diego Panhellenic Council provided notice of the proposed amendments has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.