**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION**

**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic.

**Article II. Object**

A. The object of the College 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 and aid the highest standards of scholarship by giving recognition and awards to the chapters with the highest and most improved grade point average, presented yearly.
3. Cooperate with member fraternities and the University administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Organize and sponsor a women’s only membership recruitment program.
5. Work to improve the overall image of fraternities and sororities.
6. Act in accordance with NPC Unanimous Agreement, College Panhellenic Bylaws and/or other governing documents, College Panhellenic membership recruitment rules, College Panhellenic code of ethics, and College Panhellenic standing rules.
7. Conduct the business of the College Panhellenic Council only during the campus academic year.
8. Promote friendship, harmony, and unity among members, chapters, faculty, administrators, and campus groups.
9. Act in accordance with such rules established by College Panhellenic as to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

**Article III. Membership**

**Section 1. Membership Class**

1. **Regular membership.** The regular membership of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all installed chapters of NPC sororities at Austin Peay State University. Regular members of the College Panhellenic Association shall pay dues as determined by the Panhellenic Council.
2. **Provisional membership.** The provisional membership of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all colonies of NPC sororities at Austin Peay State University. Provisional members shall pay no dues and shall have a voice but no vote on all matters. A provisional member shall automatically become a regular member upon being installed as a chapter of an NPC sorority.

**Section 2. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership**

The duty of compliance. All members, without regard to membership class, shall comply with all NPC Unanimous Agreements and policies and be subject to these Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association bylaws, code of ethics and any additional rules this College Panhellenic Association may adopt, unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws. Any rules adopted by this Association in conflict with the NPC Unanimous Agreements shall be void.

**Section 3. Chapter Rosters**

1. **Fall Semester:** Updated rosters should be available prior to the start of the primary recruitment in order to determine chapter size and assist with the determination of quota and Total.
2. **Spring Semester:** Chapter rosters need to be due within 7 days of the start of the non-primary recruitment semester in order to adjust Total for that semester.

**Section 4. Dues**

1. NPC College Panhellenic dues shall be paid annually as invoiced by the NPC office.
2. College Panhellenic Association membership dues shall be an assessment per member and new member.
   * **AMOUNT:** The dues of each College Panhellenic member sorority shall be fifteen (15) dollars per member on your updated roster per semester and (55) dollars per chapter annually. Each chapter will turn in dues with a roster change form. New members will not be required to pay until the following semester.
   * **TIME OF PAYMENT:** The dues of each College Panhellenic member sorority shall be payable once a semester. The due date for the fall semester will be the second College Panhellenic Council meeting following bid day, and for spring semester it will be the third College Panhellenic Council meeting.
   * **LATE FEE:** If dues are not paid or you do not have your roster change form completely filled out and signed by the Chapter President and an advisor by the deadline, a fifty (50) dollar fine will be administered.

**DEPOSITS:** Deposits will be made within five (5) business days of receipt.

**Section 5. Fees and Assessments**

The Panhellenic Council shall have the authority to determine fees and assessments as may be considered necessary.

**Article IV. Officers and Duties**

**Section 1. Officers**

The officers of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Executive Board shall be President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Membership, Assistant Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Programming, and Vice President of Marketing & Communication.

**Section 2. Duties of Officers**

A. The President shall:

1. Have overall responsibility for the operation of the College Panhellenic.
2. Call and preside at all regular, and special meetings of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Council.
3. Serve as an ex-officio participant of all College Panhellenic Council meetings with a voice but no vote, except when the President is on the Judicial Board.
4. Maintain a complete and up-to-date President’s file which will include a copy of the current Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Council Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules, the current National Panhellenic Conference Manual of Information and related materials, current correspondence and materials received from the advisor and other pertinent materials.
5. Must serve as the representative of College Panhellenic Council at events where a representative of College Panhellenic Council is requested to attend including organization meetings hosted by the Student Organization Council/Student Life and Engagement.
6. Maintain positive communication with university officials.
7. Shall call and preside over all extension meetings and progress.
8. Report as required to the National Panhellenic Area Advisor.
9. Ensure all NPC College Panhellenic reports are completed on time.
10. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
11. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
12. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic President on the duties of this office.

B. The Executive Vice President shall:

1. Call and preside Executive Board meetings.
2. Perform the duties of the President in her absence, inability to serve, or at her call.
3. She will contact each Panhellenic Executive Board members to schedule one-on-one meetings monthly.
4. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
5. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
6. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic Executive Vice President on the duties of this office.

C. The Vice President of Membership shall:

1. Assume responsibility for all College Panhellenic Council matters related to both formal and informal recruitment.
2. Call and preside at all meetings of College Panhellenic member recruitment chairs.
3. Call and preside at all meetings of recruitment staff, which includes Sorority recruitment counselors, and the College Panhellenic Council Executive Board.
4. Work with the Vice President of Administration to form a recruitment budget.
5. Oversee the Assistant Vice President of Membership in all aspects of the Panhellenic Counselor program including a selection of Panhellenic Counselors and training sessions.
6. Keep current statistics concerning the number of initiated members and new members of each College Panhellenic sorority.
7. Serve as an ex-officio member of the Judiciary Board pertaining to recruitment infractions.
8. Enforce all recruitment rules upon the College Panhellenic member sororities.
9. Responsible for holding recruitment rules review meetings each spring semester for the purpose of revising the Formal Recruitment Rules for the following fall semester.
10. File the National Panhellenic Conference recruitment reports by the deadlines set by the National Panhellenic Conference.
11. Present a full report, including recommendations, to the Panhellenic Council based on an analysis of the recruitment statistics and recruitment evaluations from new members, potential new members that withdrew, each member organization, and chapter advisors.
12. Work with Vice President of Marketing & Communication to create a marketing plan for formal recruitment.
13. In conjunction with the Vice President of Judicial Affairs, coordinate a spring meeting for the Panhellenic community to educate recruitment rules and judicial procedures.
14. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
15. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
16. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic Vice President of Membership on the duties of this office.

D. The Assistant Vice President of Membership:

1. Shall assist the Vice President of Membership in all matters pertaining to formal and informal recruitment of new members.
2. Responsible for all aspects of the Panhellenic Recruitment Counselor program.
3. Shall conduct recruitment counselor spring meetings and summer retreat.
4. Shall coordinate the application and the selection of Panhellenic Recruitment Counselors.
5. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
6. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
7. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic Assistant Vice President of Membership in the duties of this office.

E. The Vice President of Judicial Affairs:

1. Responsible for updating the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic.
2. Call and preside over all meetings pertaining to revisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules.
3. Preside over all hearings regarding violations of the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules, and recruitment violations of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic.
4. Act as a Parliamentarian during meetings of the College Panhellenic Council and assist the President in conducting business at College Panhellenic Council meetings.
5. Assign appropriate fines for violations of the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Recruitment Rules.
6. Serve as chairperson of the College Panhellenic Council Judiciary Board.
7. File any reports necessary with the National Panhellenic Conference Area Advisor and Austin Peay State University.
8. In conjunction with the Vice President of Membership, coordinate a spring meeting for the Panhellenic community to educate recruitment rules and judicial procedures.
9. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
10. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
11. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic Vice President of Judicial Affairs in the duties of this office.

F. The Vice President of Judicial Affairs:

1. Call and preside over all meetings pertaining to revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules.
2. Responsible for updating the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic.
3. Preside over all hearings regarding violations of the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules, and recruitment violations of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic.
4. Act as a Parliamentarian during meetings of the College Panhellenic Council and assist the President in conducting business at College Panhellenic Council meetings.
5. Assign appropriate fines for violations of the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Recruitment Rules.
6. Serve as chairperson of the College Panhellenic Council Judiciary Board.
7. File any reports necessary with the National Panhellenic Conference Area Advisor and Austin Peay State University.
8. In conjunction with the Vice President of Membership, coordinate a spring meeting for the Panhellenic community to educate recruitment rules and judicial procedures.
9. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
10. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
11. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic Vice President of Judicial Affairs in the duties of this office.

G. The Vice President of Administration:

1. Keep an up-to-date roll of the members of the College Panhellenic and call roll at all Council meetings.
2. Keep full minutes of all meetings and a record of all actions taken by the College Panhellenic Council.
3. Maintain a complete and up-to-date file, which will include the minutes, agendas, proposals, Constitution and Bylaws, reports, and correspondence for the College Panhellenic.
4. File any paperwork and reports necessary with both National Panhellenic Conference and Austin Peay State University.
5. Be responsible for the general supervision of the finances of the Austin Peay State University Panhellenic Association.
6. Be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget, and following its approval by the College Panhellenic, for providing a copy to each Austin Peay State University Panhellenic Association member sorority.
7. Shall be responsible for collecting all fines from the College Panhellenic member sororities, committee chairs, and Executive Board members.
8. Shall deposit all checks within five (5) business days of receipt. Reimbursements will be made within five (5) business days unless otherwise notified.
9. Receive all payments due to the Panhellenic Association, collect all dues and give receipts.
10. Be responsible for the prompt payment of the annual NPC dues and all bills of the Austin Peay State University Panhellenic Association.
11. Maintain up-to-date financial records; give a financial report at each regular meeting of the College Panhellenic Council and an annual report at the close of her term of office.
12. Sign College Panhellenic Council contracts when authorized to do so.
13. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
14. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
15. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Vice President of Administration on the duties of this office.

H. The Vice President of Programming:

1. Shall conduct educational programs during fall and spring academic terms. Programs may include but not limited to community service, philanthropy, etc.
2. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
3. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
4. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic Vice President of Programming in the duties of this office.

I. The Vice President of Marketing & Communication:

1. Be responsible for all forms of publicity for the Austin Peay State University Panhellenic Council.
2. Create Panhellenic banners advertising the Council and/or any of its events or programming.
3. Maintain the Panhellenic social media by keeping all information current and up to date.
4. Take pictures at events to ensure that all activities are documented.
5. Write press releases related to the College Panhellenic.
6. Keep up with noteworthy events or achievements that can be used to apply for awards.
7. Be familiar with the NPC Manual of Information and all governing documents of this Association.
8. She must disassociate from her sorority 30 days prior to formal recruitment unless specified differently in the Panhellenic recruitment rules.
9. At the end of her term in office, she shall transition the next Panhellenic Vice President of Marketing and Communication in the duties of this office.

**Section 3. Eligibility**

1. Members from women’s only sororities holding regular membership in the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association shall be eligible to serve as an officer.
2. The candidate must be an affiliated member in good standing of an Austin Peay State University sorority, unless part of a colonizing group.
3. Candidates are required to be active undergraduate members in good academic standing with their chapters for the entire term of their office with a cumulative GPA of 2.75.
4. If applying to be Assistant Vice President of Membership, the candidate must have previously served as a recruitment counselor.
5. If applying to be President and/or Vice President of Membership, the candidate must have previously served as a Panhellenic Executive Board. Former Recruitment Counselors are eligible to run for President and/or Vice President of Membership.
6. Candidates must be able to attend, as applicable, designated regional leadership conference, leadership retreats, recruitment, and other Panhellenic events.
7. If a person running for an executive position has ever been formally documented for failure to uphold the duties of her office/appointment by the Panhellenic Executive Board, that documentation will be public knowledge during elections.
8. If the Council so desires, an officer may be slated for a second term. In this instance, the candidate follows the same procedures any candidate would.

**Section 4. Selection of Officers**

* 1. Panhellenic Executive Board Positions shall include President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Membership, Assistant Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Programming, and Vice President of Marketing & Communication.
  2. All interested women should submit complete applications to the Fraternity and Sorority Affairs for the positions to be reviewed and approved by the Panhellenic Advisor.
  3. All College Panhellenic Council Executive Board positions will be slated by a slating committee consisting of the outgoing Panhellenic President and Chapter Presidents.

**Section 5. Office-holding limitations**

No more than two member(s) from the same women’s only sorority shall hold office during the same term.

**Section 6. Slating Committee**

1. A committee consisting of Chapter Presidents and the current Panhellenic President will slate the College Panhellenic Council Executive Board.
2. The current Panhellenic President with a voice but no vote will oversee the slating committee. Applications will be presented at the first nominating committee meeting, and a slate will be formed based on the applications and on an interview. The slate shall be voted on by the General Body.
3. A slate will be presented to the College Panhellenic Council General Body at the meeting or by email one week prior to elections.
4. The delegates shall then take the slate back to their chapters for chapter feedback. At the next Panhellenic meeting (elections), the woman who is slated will have the option of making a speech to the voting delegates prior to a final election vote.

**Section 7. Elections**

1. The next College Panhellenic Council meeting following slating shall be elections where delegates will elect the new Executive Board.
2. Each chapter will be required to send their President and/or Panhellenic Delegate to elections, which are open to all members in good standing of the Council. Any chapter not properly represented by either their Chapter President or their delegate will not be eligible to vote in the elections.
3. Nominations may be made from the floor if the woman applied and was approved.
4. No campaigning is allowed.
5. Each Panhellenic Chapter must be represented no less than once on the executive board.
6. A simple majority (>50%) of the chapter's voting will elect. If a tie, candidates will be brought back in for three more questions and then the delegates will revote.
7. The Panhellenic President and the Panhellenic Advisor will count ballots.

**Section 8. Term**

Serve for a term of one fiscal year, starting January 1st until December 31st.

**Section 9. Removal**

Any officer may be removed for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the Panhellenic Council.

**Section 10. Vacancies**

Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner of selection as provided in Section 4 of this article.

**Article V. The Panhellenic Council**

**Section 1. Authority**

The governing body of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association shall be the Panhellenic Council. It shall be the duty of the Panhellenic Council to conduct all business related to the overall welfare of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association including, but not limited to: annual review of the parameters as adopted in the recruitment rules for the automatic adjustment of total every regular academic term, annual determination of dues, approval of the annual budget, consideration of extension, setting a calendar of events, determining programming and establishing recruitment rules and recruitment style. The Panhellenic Council shall also have the authority to adopt rules governing the College Panhellenic Association that do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member women’s only sororities.

**Section 2. Composition and Privileges**

The Austin Peay State University Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate delegate from each regular, provisional and associate women’s only member organization at Austin Peay State University as identified in Article III. The delegates shall be the voting members of the Panhellenic Council except as otherwise provided in Article III of these bylaws. The alternate delegates shall have a voice but no vote. The alternate delegate shall act and vote in the place of the delegate when the delegate is absent. If both delegate and alternate are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the sorority, providing her credentials have been presented to the Association president, except elections as described in Article IV, Section 7, 2.

**Section 3. Selection of Delegates and Alternates**

Delegates and alternates to the Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective women’s only sorority chapters to Serve for a term of one fiscal year, starting January 1st until December 31st.

**Section 4. Delegate Vacancies**

When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the sorority affected to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Vice President of Administration of her name, address, email, and telephone number.

**Section 5. Delegates Duties and Responsibilities**

Panhellenic delegate duties and responsibilities:

* Must attend all Panhellenic Council meetings.
* Must support NPC Unanimous Agreements, policies and procedures.
* Must understand local College Panhellenic Association policies and procedures.
* Should know when to consult her sorority’s NPC delegate for assistance and advice regarding Panhellenic concerns.
* Should be prepared and knowledgeable about Panhellenic concerns, the view of her member organization and chapter, and how to voice concerns to the Council.
* Should present regular College Panhellenic Association reports at chapter meetings.

**Section 6. Regular Meetings**

The Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Council shall hold biweekly meetings in both fall and spring academic terms.

* 1. **Attendance**

1. Attendees of the regular meetings shall be the College Panhellenic Council Executive Board, delegate, alternate delegate, any active Panhellenic women who are in good standing with their chapter, and/or College Panhellenic chapter advisors.
2. Delegate and the alternate delegate will be allowed three unexcused absences before being removed from office.
3. All unexcused absences for delegate and the alternate delegate will result in a twenty (20) dollar fine. If a delegate misses a meeting, it is fine for the chapter.
4. Excused absences for delegate and alternate delegate are for documented sickness and others on a case-by-case basis, sent to the Vice President of Administration 24 hours in advance.

**B. Late Entry:**

* + - 1. Late entry is not accepted.
      2. If you are late to a meeting, then you will still be allowed into the meeting, but it will count as an unexcused absence, and a twenty (20) dollar fine will be administered.

**Section 8. Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Panhellenic Council may be called by the president when necessary and shall be called by her upon the electronic or written request of no fewer than one-fourth of the member women’s sororities of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association. Electronic or written notice of each special meeting of the Panhellenic Council shall be sent to each member of the Panhellenic Council at least 24 hours prior to convening the meeting; however, such notice may be waived, and attendance at such meeting shall constitute a waiver of said notice.

**Section 9. Quorum**

Two-thirds of the delegates from the member sororities of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 10. Vote Requirements**

1. All other votes, unless specified in these bylaws, shall require a majority vote for adoption.
2. A two-thirds vote of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to approve a recolonization plan and for all extension-related votes.
3. Proposed motions on issues that impact a chapter as a whole must be announced at a previous meeting to allow the opportunity for chapter input before a vote may be taken on the issue.
4. The voting members of the College Panhellenic shall be the delegates of each fraternity holding regular membership. Each fraternity will be allowed one vote to be cast by its delegate. If the delegate is absent, the alternative delegate will vote.

**Article VI. The Executive Board**

**Section 1. Composition**

The Executive Board of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic shall consist of the following:

1. President
2. Executive Vice President
3. Vice President of Membership
4. Assistant Vice President of Membership
5. Vice President of Judicial Affairs
6. Vice President of Administration
7. Vice President of Programming
8. Vice President of Marketing & Communication

**Section 2. Duties**

1. Administer routine business between meetings when advisable and such other business that has been approved for actions by College Panhellenic vote.
2. Shall appoint all standing and special committees and their chairs, and in making these appointments, recognize representation from all College Panhellenic member sororities.
3. Act as the screening body for all groups desiring recognition as a social sorority with the anticipation of petitioning for membership in the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic. The Executive Board shall present its recommendation to the College Panhellenic Council for approval.

**Section 3. Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall meet every other week otherwise specified by the College Panhellenic Council President.

* 1. **Attendance**
     1. Members of the Panhellenic Council Executive Board will be allowed two unexcused absences before being removed from office.
     2. An unexcused absence will result in a 20 (twenty) dollar fine.
     3. Request for an excused absence will need to be sent to the Vice President of Administration 24 hours in advance.

**Section 5. Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the president when necessary and shall be called by her upon the electronic or written request of three members of the Executive Board. Electronic or written notice of each special meeting of the Executive Board shall be sent to each member of the Executive Board at least 24 hours prior to convening the meeting; however, such notice may be waived, and attendance at such meeting shall constitute a waiver of said notice.

**Section 6. Quorum**

A majority of Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Article VII. The Panhellenic Advisor**

**Section 1. Appointment**

The Panhellenic Advisor of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic shall be appointed by the Office of Student Life and Engagement.

**Section 2. Authority**

The Panhellenic advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association. The Panhellenic advisor shall have a voice but no vote in all meetings of the Panhellenic Council and the Panhellenic Executive Board.

**Article VIII. Committees**

**Section 1. Standing Committees**

Such standing committees and special officers as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Council shall be appointed by its Panhellenic Executive Board to serve during the tenure in office of the Council, which appoints them.

**Article IX. Finances**

**Section 1. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic shall be from January 1stto December 31st.

**Section 2. Contracts**  
The signatures of the President or Vice President of Administration and the Panhellenic Advisor shall be required to bind the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic.

**Section 3. Checks**

All checks issued on behalf of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Council shall be issued by the University with the approval of the President or Vice President of Administration and the Panhellenic Advisor or Greek Advisor.

**Section 4. Payments**

All payments due to the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Council shall be submitted to the Vice President of Administration, who shall record them. Checks for payments shall be made payable to the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Council.

**Article X. Extension**

* 1. When all National Panhellenic Conference chapters at Austin Peay State University are close to or over total, the College Panhellenic Council shall consider adjusting total or adding another chapter with the consultation of the National Panhellenic Conference Area Advisor.
  2. A committee of representatives from the Austin Peay State University National Panhellenic Conference chapters shall be formed to evaluate total, research other National Panhellenic Conference organizations, and make recommendations to the College Panhellenic Council.
  3. Adding a new National Panhellenic Conference chapter shall be organized through colonization by a National Panhellenic Conference sorority or through the organization of a local sorority, which may petition a National Panhellenic Conference sorority for a chapter.
  4. Consideration should be given to National Panhellenic Conference sororities that have previously been chapters on the campus and to National Panhellenic Conference sororities, which have filed letters expressing interest on the campus. The National Panhellenic Conference sororities on campus, however, may choose any sorority in the National Panhellenic Conference.

**Article XI. Violation Resolution**

**Section 1. Violation**

Chapters shall be held accountable for the conduct of their individual collegiate and alumnae members. Conduct contrary to the NPC Unanimous Agreements, these bylaws, the Panhellenic code of ethics, standing rules and/or membership recruitment regulations of the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association shall be considered a violation.

**Section 2. Informal Resolution**

Members are encouraged to resolve alleged violations through informal discussion with the involved parties.

**Section 3. Judicial Process**

The Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association shall follow all NPC Unanimous Agreements and NPC guidelines for the judicial process found in the NPC Manual of Information.

**Article XII. Scholarship**

* 1. The minimum grade point average of each member fraternity is a 2.5 on the basis of a 4.0 system.
  2. In computing the member fraternity chapter grade point average, the individual semester grade point averages of all members listed on the chapter roster on file with Student Life and Engagement shall be used.
  3. Any member fraternity with less than a 2.5 average for the semester may submit to the Greek Advisor an appeal within one week of the official publication of the member fraternity’s grades for that semester. The appeal may be requested only in the event that the sorority has a significant number of women who received incomplete grades and thus have incorrect individual semester grades. A letter of verification that grades have been changed from the professors involved must accompany the appeal.

**Article XIII. Hazing**

* 1. No chapter shall participate in any activities during recruitment events or Bid Day, which includes hazing.
  2. No chapter shall employ a program of pledge/new member education, which includes hazing.
  3. Hazing shall be defined as, but not limited to, the guidelines outlined in the Austin Peay State University Code of Student Conduct: Violations of this section include any act of hazing on or off the Austin Peay State University campus or University-controlled property, by an Austin Peay State University individual, group of individuals or registered student organization. Hazing means any intentional or reckless act in Tennessee on or off the property of any higher education institution by one (1) student acting alone or with others which is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger such student’s mental or physical health or safety. Hazing does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organizations.
  4. It shall be the duty of all initiated sorority members, new members, and advisors to report any violation of this code in writing immediately to the College Panhellenic Council Executive Board and the Panhellenic Advisor.
  5. It shall be the duty of the College Panhellenic Council Executive Board to notify the Greek Advisor of any and all reports of hazing by member sororities.
  6. The following penalties shall be automatically revoked upon conviction of hazing by the Panhellenic Judicial Board.
     1. Notification by the Panhellenic Advisor to the national offices of the convicted sorority
     2. Social probation for a period of two semesters

G. The College Panhellenic Council Executive Board and Panhellenic Advisor reserve their right to report any and all reports of hazing to the office of Student Affairs for University sanctions.

**Article XIV. Inclusion Statement**

Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association does not categorically deny membership to an individual, based on race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, military or veteran status, the presence of a disability, genetic information, familial status, political affiliation or participation in protected activities (discrimination based on sex is allowed through Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972).

**Article XV. University Policies**

As a recognized student organization of Austin Peay State University, the College Panhellenic will adhere to the following university policies.

**Section 1.** Membership is limited to currently enrolled APSU students.

**Section 2.** APSU NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT - The College Panhellenic shall not deny membership based on age, race, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or national origin.

**Section 3.** OFFICERS - This organization shall have 8 officers. Officer positions must be held by currently enrolled APSU students. These positions must include but are not limited to President, Vice President Also known as Executive Vice President, Secretary Also known as Vice President of Administration, Treasurer Also known as Vice President of Administration. Additional Officers can be found in Article VI of the College Panhellenic Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 4.** ADVISORS - This organization shall have 1 advisor. The advisor shall be a full-time faculty or staff member at APSU.

**Section 5.** FINANCES - The organization’s accounts will be managed primarily by the Vice President of Administration.

All monies collected MUST BE DEPOSITED into the organization’s On Campus account in a timely manner.

**Article XVI. Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association when applicable and when they are not inconsistent with the NPC Unanimous Agreements, these bylaws and any special rules of order the Austin Peay State University College Panhellenic Association may adopt.

**Article XVII. Amendment of Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Austin Peay State University Panhellenic Council by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been announced and submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, allowing an opportunity for chapter input.

**Article XVII. Dissolution**

This College Panhellenic Association shall be dissolved when only one regular member exists Austin Peay State University. In the event of the dissolution, none of the assets of the Association shall be distributed to any members of the Association, but after payment of all debts, its assets shall be given to NPC unless otherwise required by state law.