SORORITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION
University of South Carolina
Adopted DATE, 2015

We the representatives of Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Delta Chi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., and Zeta Tau Alpha, at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, in order to develop a greater understanding among the women’s Greek organizations, to seek solutions to our common problems, to assist each other and the university in attaining educational and cultural objectives, do hereby establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known and herein referred to as the Sorority Council of the University of South Carolina.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of this Sorority Council of the University of South Carolina shall be to develop and maintain sorority 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.
2. Promote superior scholarship as a basis for intellectual achievement.
3. Cooperate with member sororities and the USC administration concerning the maintenance of high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with each sorority’s inter-national offices and governing bodies.
5. Act in accordance with all rules established by the Sorority Council of the University of South Carolina to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member sororities.
6. Provide programs and activities, both developmental and social, for all member organizations to help improve their functioning and to provide common experiences that encourage cooperation and unity among organizations.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. The member organizations consist of the National Panhellenic Conference, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and multicultural sororities that are in good standing with the University of South Carolina and their inter/national organizations and that are recognized by the Sorority Council of the University of South Carolina.
   a. To become a member of the Sorority Council, an organization must adhere to the expansion/extension policies of their respective umbrella group. The new organization may petition Sorority Council to be able to attend a regular meeting and present information about their chapter to the Council.
b. The new Sorority Council chapter will then be required to follow all expectations set in the Constitution and Bylaws.

2. Member organizations can lose their membership on Sorority Council with the recommendation of the Sorority Council, a Sorority Council delegate and a two-thirds vote of all chapters, or under the jurisdiction of the Greek Conduct Board.

3. Membership in Sorority Council shall not be limited to persons based on their race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.

**ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

1. **EXECUTIVE BOARD.** The officers of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council shall be President, Vice President of Conduct, Vice President of Finance, Vice President Programming, Vice President of Scholarship and Service, Vice President Public Relations, Vice President Recruitment, Assistant Vice President Recruitment, Vice President National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Vice President of Multicultural Greek Board.
   a. The officers shall be delegates from sororities holding membership in the University of South Carolina Sorority Council.

2. **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.**
   a. The officers shall hold a term for one calendar year.
   b. Each officer must be an undergraduate student-activity-fee-paying matriculate of the University of South Carolina for the duration of her term.
   c. Any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined shall resign and a successor will be designated by election or as provided in the bylaws.
   d. If an officer is unable to complete her term her successor shall be designated by election or as provided in the bylaws.
   e. At the time of elections, each elected executive board officer must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25, or higher, and must maintain a grade point average at this level or above throughout the course of their term. If their grade point average falls below, the President, Vice President Scholarship and Sorority Council Advisor will determine the removal of the officer failing to maintain the needed grade point average on a case by case basis.

3. **BOARD MEMBERS.** Members of Greek Programming Board, Greek Conduct Board, National Pan-Hellenic Council Board and Multicultural Greek Board shall be appointed by the overseeing Vice President to serve the tenure of one calendar year.

**ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

1. **Regular.** The Sorority Council at the University of South Carolina shall hold weekly meetings at 5:30pm on Mondays; The first two Mondays shall be designated for umbrella group business, the third Monday for all sorority business and Joint Council meetings with both Fraternity and Sorority Councils will be held on the last Monday of every month at 5:30pm.

2. **Special.** A special meeting of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council may be called by the President when necessary or shall be called by her upon the written request of a Sorority Council member organization.
3. The President and/or one delegate from each member chapter are responsible for representing their chapter at each meeting held by the University of South Carolina Sorority Council. Attendance expectations are identified in the Bylaws.

4. The delegate from each member sorority shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council.

**ARTICLE VI. THE SORORITY COUNCIL**

The administrative body of the University of South Carolina National Panhellenic Conference, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and multicultural sororities, shall be the University of South Carolina Sorority Council.

1. **MEMBERSHIP.** The University of South Carolina Sorority Council shall be composed of the President and/or one delegate from each member chapter as identified in Article V.

2. **SELECTION OF DELEGATES.** Delegates of Sorority Council shall be selected by their respective sorority chapters to serve for a term of one year.

3. **DELEGATE VACANCIES.** When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the sorority concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Sorority Council Secretary of her name, email address, and telephone number. When a meeting of Sorority Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the sorority concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate in all cases, except that of President. The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the President.

4. **MEETINGS.**
   a. Regular meetings of the Sorority Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each college semester as identified in Article V.
   b. SPECIAL MEETINGS of the Sorority 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 Sorority Council.
   c. QUORUM. Two-thirds of the member sororities and the Sorority Council advisor shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. **VOTING.**
   a. The voting members of the Sorority Council shall be the delegates of each sorority holding membership. If a delegate is absent, the vote of her sorority will be cast by an alternate delegate that is determined by the member chapter.
   b. Motions pertaining solely to NPC chapters may be voted on by a majority vote by only the NPC chapters. Likewise, motions pertaining solely to NPHC or Multicultural sorority chapters may be voted on by a majority vote of only those respective umbrella group chapters.
      i. Two-thirds of NPC voting members of the Sorority Council shall be required to establish membership recruitment rules and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.

**ARTICLE VII. SORORITY COUNCIL ADVISORS**

1. The Sorority Council of the University of South Carolina will be advised by the Associate Director and/or Assistant Director(s) of Fraternity and Sorority Life working in the Office of
Fraternity and Sorority Life. The Director of Student Services will also aid in the advisement of interactions between Fraternity and Sorority Council.

2. All Sorority Council advisors shall serve in advisory capacity to the University of South Carolina Sorority Council and its Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII. GREEK BOARDS

The Sorority Council Executive Board shall appoint Greek Programming, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Multicultural Greek and Greek Conduct Board members to carry out the work of Sorority Council.

ARTICLE IX. VIOLATIONS

1. All member sororities shall be bound to this Constitution, the Bylaws, and any of the Sorority Council’s established rules as well as the rules and regulations set forth by the University of South Carolina.

2. If any member sorority violates any of the above regulations, the violations shall be judged by and penalties will be imposed by the Greek Conduct Board as provided for in the Greek Conduct Board Bylaws.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.
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ARTICLE I. FINANCE

1. CONTRACTS. Two of the following signatures shall be required to bind the Sorority Council: President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of MGB, Vice President of NPHC, Vice President Recruitment, and Assistant Vice President Recruitment.

2. CHECKS. All checks issued on behalf of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council must be requested with appropriate request form at least 7 days in advance to guarantee receipt. The request form will be signed and kept for records by the VP Finance and either the President, VP Recruitment, or Assistant VP Recruitment. Checks shall be signed by the Vice President Finance and one of the following Executive Board officers: President, VP of NPHC, VP of MGB, VP of Recruitment, or Assistant VP of Recruitment.

3. PAYMENTS. All payments due to the University of South Carolina Sorority Council shall be made to the Vice President of Finance, who shall record them. Checks for payments shall be made payable to the University of South Carolina Sorority Council.

4. DUES.
   a. The active membership dues of each Sorority Council member organization shall be $7 per chapter member each semester. The amount of dues and late fees shall be determined annually by Sorority Council Vice President Finance with approval from the Sorority Council Executive Board.
   b. FINES. Dues should be paid per semester within two weeks that the total amount of dues were distributed to each member organization, or at a later date determined by the Vice President Finance. Each member organization will be penalized for late dues each week that the dues remain unpaid.
   c. ALLOCATION OF DUES. Membership dues collected from Sorority Council each semester will be allocated to the Sorority Council account.

ARTICLE II. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. REQUIREMENTS. All officers shall be selected from member organizations and:
   a. The President, Vice President Finance, and Vice President Recruitment cannot be representatives from the same member chapter.
   b. No more than two members of the Executive Board can be from the same member chapter.
   c. The Vice President Recruitment and Assistant Vice President Recruitment cannot be from the same member chapter.
   d. The Vice President Recruitment must have served on the Sorority Council during the previous year as Assistant Vice President Recruitment.

2. ELECTION.
   a. An application for each position in the upcoming Executive Board election will be issued by the current Executive Board prior to the election. All applications must be turned in according to the instructions given on the application.
   b. Two or more members of the current Executive Board will interview qualified
candidates who have turned in an application on time. Based on the interviews and applications, the Executive Board will eliminate applicants that are not qualified for the position.

c. Elections will be held during a regular council meeting, the date determined by the current Executive Board. Candidates running for each position will have one minute to give a brief speech identifying their skills for each position. The positions will go in the order specified: President, Vice President of Conduct, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Scholarship and Service, Vice President Public Relations, Vice President of Recruitment, Assistant Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Vice President of Multicultural Greek Board. After the candidates from one position have completed their speeches, the voting members of each member chapter will vote on a ballot provided by the Executive Board which candidate they would like to elect for that position. A majority vote is needed for one of the candidates the secure the position. Candidates not elected for the position may choose to roll down and run for a different position.

d. As the primary representatives of their respective umbrella groups, the Vice President of National Pan-Hellenic Council and Vice President of Multicultural Greek Board may be elected by a majority vote of their respective council only and approved by a majority vote of the Sorority Council.

e. RUNOFF. If no candidate received the majority vote on the first ballot, a runoff shall be held immediately between the two candidates with the greatest number of votes, following the same procedure. If neither candidate received a simple majority on the second ballot, candidates shall each separately answer the same question determined by the current outgoing Executive Officer. In the case that neither candidate receives a simple majority on the third ballot, the winner shall be determined by vote of the Executive officers.

f. OFFICERS. When an officer vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the Sorority Council, in conjunction with the Sorority Council advisor, to select a replacement within one week of the vacancy. The selected woman must be voted onto the Executive Board of the Sorority Council by a two-thirds majority vote from member chapters at the next regularly held meeting and will be installed at the earliest opportunity.

g. INSTALLATION. The new Executive Board of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council will be installed on the first Joint Council meeting after elections are held.

**ARTICLE III. OFFICERS DUTIES**

All Executive Board Officers must disaffiliate from their respective chapters during Recruitment by the dates specified in the University of South Carolina Recruitment Standing Rules, to serve as an active member of Sorority Recruitment Staff. Also, each officer is expected to attend Greek Leadership Retreat following their installation, along with SEPC/SEGLS, SLDC, and the LEAD Conference (per recommendation by the Sorority Council advisor.)
The President Shall:
1. Have overall responsibility for the operation of the Sorority Council.
2. Call and preside at all regular and special meetings of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council.
3. Call and preside at all meetings of the Sorority Council Executive Board.
4. Ensure that each officer understands and performs her duties as established in the Bylaws.
5. Serve as an ex-officio member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Board, Multicultural Greek Board, Greek Programming Board, and Greek Conduct Board with voice but no vote.
6. Interview and assist in selecting members of the Greek Conduct Board at the request of the Vice Presidents, Greek Programming Board, and National Pan-Hellenic Council Board.
7. Review, approve, and sign all Sorority Council and Sorority Council Recruitment checks and contacts involving the University of South Carolina Sorority Council Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and the current Sorority Council budget.
8. Meet weekly with a member of Greek Life staff and Fraternity Council President.
9. Be an overall representative of the Greek community at the University of South Carolina and serve on University committees as the official representative of Sorority Council or ensure that a representative is appointed unless otherwise provided for.
10. Communicate regularly with the National Panhellenic Conference Area Advisor.

Vice President of Programming shall:
1. Serve as the overall chair for Greek Programming Board on Sorority Council.
2. Serve as co-chair of the Greek Programming Board and preside over regular meetings of the Greek Programming Board.
3. Serve as coordinator of Greek-wide events including Greek Week.
4. Preside over subcommittees of the Greek Programming Board; approve and oversee all programs involving the overall Greek Community as planned by subcommittees.
5. Build importance of Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Friendship in the University of South Carolina Greek Community.

Vice President of Recruitment shall:
1. Coordinate and organize Fall Formal Recruitment. This includes coordinating Recruitment registration during the summer months; working with the Vice President of Public Relations to send the Guide to the Greeks to Potential New Members; and any other aspects pertaining to the organization of Fall Recruitment.
2. To update the Recruitment standing rules annually so that they may be in accordance with changes in the University of South Carolina Recruitment process.
3. Appoint Recruitment Staff members(positions including: Head Pi Chi(s), Head of Bus Transportation, Head of Car Transportation, Head of Supplies, Head of Technology)
4. Select Pi Chi Recruitment Leaders through an interview process with help from the Head Pi Chi(s), Sorority Council President, and Assistant Vice President Recruitment.
5. Plan and coordinate all Pi Chi training and retreats, as well as Pi Chi Roll Call, with help of Assistant Vice President Recruitment and Head Pi Chis.
7. Must remain in Columbia over the summer to assist with the University of South Carolina Freshman Orientation and sorority recruitment.
8. Assist chapters who do not reach total in year-long Continuous-Open-Bidding programs.

**Assistant Vice President Recruitment shall:**
1. Perform the duties of Vice President Recruitment in her absence, inability to serve, or at her call.
2. Assist the Vice President of Recruitment in planning Pi Chi training and retreats, along with planning for Fall Sorority Recruitment.
3. Attend all mandatory meetings with VP of Recruitment (including: Sorority Council meetings, Executive Board meetings, Recruitment Staff meetings).
4. Return to Columbia, South Carolina three days prior to the first August Pi Chi training retreat to help Vice President Recruitment plan and prepare for retreats and Recruitment.

**Vice President of National Pan-Hellenic Council shall:**
1. Serve as the overall chair for the National Pan-Hellenic Council on Sorority Council.
2. Serve as co-chair of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Board and preside over regular meetings of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Board.
3. Meet weekly with a member of Greek Life staff and Fraternity Council counterpart.
4. Appoint a social chair and a community service chair to serve on the National Pan-Hellenic Council Board.
5. Program and organize events of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Board.

**Vice President of Multicultural Greek Board shall:**
1. Serve as the overall chair for the Multicultural Greek Board on Sorority Council.
2. Serve as co-chair of the Multicultural Greek Board and preside over regular council meetings for the Multicultural Greek Board.
3. Meet weekly with the Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
4. Oversee the election and voting of the executive members for the board.
5. Oversee the programming and execution of board events.

**Vice President of Conduct shall:**
1. Serve as co-chair of the Greek Conduct Board.
2. Coordinate the training of elected Greek Conduct Board members and select a hearing board upon each new case.
3. Review and update the Greek Conduct Board bylaws annually.
4. To be knowledgeable about Conduct procedures as prescribed by National Pan-Hellenic Council and National Panhellenic Conference and modify the University of South Carolina’s procedures accordingly.
5. Plan and oversee Greek Conduct Board hearings based on severity of case; work with the Greek Conduct Board advisor and Fraternity Council Vice President Conduct to determine what constitutes a severe issue and what can be solved through mediation.
6. Plan and promote risk management programs for the entire Greek community.
7. Work with standards/risk management chairman of each member sorority to aid in the development of risk reduction and education.
Vice President of Finance shall:
1. Be responsible for the supervision of the finances of Sorority Council and Sorority Recruitment.
2. Be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and, following approval of the budget by the Sorority Council Executive Board, provide a copy for each Sorority Council member organization.
3. Meet with Greek Conduct Board, Greek Programming Board, and National Pan-Hellenic Council Board to determine allocation of funds each year and meet with these members upon entry of the position to design a budget for the coming semester.
4. Receive all payments due to Sorority Council, collect and deposit all dues, and give receipts.
5. Maintain up-to-date financial records, give a financial report at the end of each quarter, and an annual report at the close of her office term.
6. Serve as Vice President of Finance during the week of Recruitment which includes the following duties:
   a. Create a Recruitment Budget with assistance from the Vice President Recruitment and ensure that each Recruitment Leader stays within her allocated funds.
   b. Collect Potential New Member registration fees.
   c. Assess chapter spending for each round of Recruitment.
   d. Fine chapters with recruitment violations and deposit checks in the Sorority Council Recruitment account.

Vice President of Public Relations shall:
1. Work on generating positive publicity of Sorority Council along with a positive image of Greek Conduct Board, Greek Programming Board, and National Pan-Hellenic Council Board.
   a. Attend at least one regular Greek Programming Board meeting to coordinate public relations needs of that board.
   b. Attend Greek Conduct Board and NPHC Board meetings as necessary to coordinate public relations needs of those boards.
2. Maintain a close working relationship with the Assistant Director in charge of Public Relations for the Office of Greek Life and assist with any projects of the Assistant Director.
3. Maintain a close working relationship with the Fraternity Vice President of Public Relations for community-wide public relations needs. This includes maintaining an up-to-date Greek Wide calendar.
4. Maintain correspondence with university publications about Sorority Council events and advertise any events as needed by the University of South Carolina Sorority Council.
5. Work with the Vice President of Recruitment to organize and publish promotional pieces and public relations items for Formal Recruitment.
6. Apply for any applicable regional or national awards on behalf of the community. This includes but is not limited to SEPC, SEGLS, or NPC awards. It will also be the duty of the Vice President of Public Relations to collect and keep any supporting material necessary for these awards. These records are to be passed along to successors to aid in these applications for future awards.
7. Foster relationships and implement programming to member chapters’ Public Relations chairs.
Vice President of Scholarship and Service shall:

1. Serve as chair of the Scholarship Committee, including the Scholarship chairs of each sorority chapter.
2. Monitor the grade point averages of all executive board members, along with the grade point averages of all members of Greek Programming, Greek Conduct, and National Pan-Hellenic Council boards. If the grade point averages fall below a 3.25 grade point average, as determined by the most recent Greek Report, the VP Scholarship may handle each violation on a case by case basis, choosing to remove the member from the board or to map out an academic plan that the board member must follow. If the board member does not follow such plans, the VP Scholarship will remove the member from the board, with the oversight of the Sorority Council Executive Board. Serve as the liaison to and oversee programs within Order of Omega Greek Honor Societies. Ensure that each organization is effectively promoting Scholarship throughout the Greek and campus community.
3. Implement faculty appreciation programs and build strong faculty relationships.
4. Applying for National Awards pertaining to scholarship, such as NPC and SEPC awards.
5. Implement events and programming that will promote scholarship throughout the Greek community, including recognition of members achieving academic excellence.
6. Serve as the head of the Circle of Sisterhood Committee.
7. Serve as a liaison between Sorority Council and the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation.
8. Serve as a resource for chapter philanthropy and service officers.
9. Monitor and facilitate the implementation of chapter-level academic standard programs.
10. Keep an up-to-date roll of the Sorority Council member presidents, delegates, and Executive Board and call roll at all Sorority Council and Joint Council meetings.
11. Inform member chapters of excessive absences.
12. Keep full minutes of all Sorority Council and Joint Council meetings. A record of these minutes should be distributed to the presidents and delegates of each member chapter promptly after each meeting.
13. Send meeting minutes to Sorority Council Area Advisor.

ARTICLE IV. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board Shall:

1. Be composed of the President, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Recruitment, Assistant Vice President Recruitment, Vice President of National Pan-Hellenic Council, Vice President of Multicultural Greek Board, Vice President of Conduct, Vice President of Scholarship, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Public Relations.
2. Report all action taken by the Sorority Council Executive Board which shall be reported at the next Sorority Council meeting by the officer that the action pertains to.
3. Each officer making up the Executive Board must be present at each regularly scheduled Sorority Council meeting, Joint Council meeting, and Executive Board meeting. Excuses for any absences must be given to the secretary prior to the meeting.
a. If an Executive Board officer has more than two unexcused absences, she must meet with the other Executive Board officers to show cause of her keeping office.
b. If she cannot show proper cause for keeping her office, the Executive Board can remove her from office with majority vote, according to the Constitution.

ARTICLE V. ATTENDANCE

1. ATTENDANCE. Each member chapter of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council must have at least one representative at each regular and special Sorority Council meeting. The representative must be either the President or delegate from each chapter.

2. ABSENSES. The following sanctions shall be levied against a chapter after each absence:
   a. First Absence. The Sorority Council Vice President of Scholarship shall notify the chapter President of the absence.
   b. Second Absence. The chapter’s membership shall be suspended until its officers and advisor meet with the Sorority Council Executive Officers and the Vice President Conduct to show cause for continuing Sorority Council membership.

ARTICLE VI. GREEK BOARDS

The Greek Boards of the University of South Carolina Sorority Council shall be the Greek Conduct Board, National Pan-Hellenic Council Board, Multicultural Greek Board and Greek Programming Board.

The Greek Board members shall serve for a term of one year. Each Board is led by an Executive Board Officer of Sorority Council. Immediately following the selection of Executive Board Officers for the ensuing year, the overseeing Executive officer shall solicit and appoint members in accordance with the Constitution.

At the time of elections, each elected board member must have a grade point average that is at the all women’s undergraduate grade point average, as based on the most recent Greek Report, or higher, and must maintain a grade point average at this level or above throughout the course of their term. If their grade point average falls below, the Vice President Scholarship will determine the removal of the board member failing to maintain the needed grade point average on a case by case basis.

Please refer to the corresponding Constitution and bylaws for the Greek Conduct Board, National Pan-Hellenic Conference Board, and Greek Programming Board.

ARTICLE VII. NEW MEMBERSHIP

1. ELIGIBILITY. A student is eligible for new membership when she is currently enrolled as a full-time student and pays activity fee as defined by the University of South Carolina. The student must meet the requirements of the national organizations of which the specific sorority is affiliated.
2. **FORMS.** Sorority Council member organizations wishing to have a pledge class must submit grade release forms, hazing forms, and roster updates regarding the membership to the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life no later than two weeks after the membership period begins. Please refer to the National Panhellenic Conference Recruitment Standing rules or the National Pan-Hellenic Council or Multicultural Greek bylaws for additional information.

**ARTICLE VIII. HAZING**

All forms of hazing, pledge day and/or pre-initiation and post-initiation activities that are defined as hazing shall be banned.

Hazing is defined as an action or situation with or without consent that recklessly, intentionally or unintentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or creates risk of injury, or causes discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule or that willfully destroys or removes public or private property.

Such activities and situations include, but are not limited to, creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and jokes; participating in treasure or scavenger hunts; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late night sessions or driving that interfere with scholastic activities or normal sleep patterns; and any other activities that are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or the regulations and policies of the member sorority or the University of South Carolina. All member organizations will not haze, nor support any form of hazing from other organizations at the University of South Carolina. Members that do participate in any activity defined as hazing will face consequences as defined in the Greek Conduct Board bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX. EXTENSION**

1. When all National Panhellenic Conference chapters at the University of South Carolina are close to or over Total, the Sorority Council shall consider raising Total or adding another chapter.
2. Such a chapter shall be organized through colonization by a National Panhellenic Conference sorority or through organization of a local sorority, which may petition a National Panhellenic Conference sorority for a chapter.
3. Consideration should be given to National Panhellenic Conference sororities that have previously had chapters on the campus and to those National Panhellenic Conference sororities which have filed letters expressing an interest in the campus.
4. Extension matters shall be voted on with a majority vote from the National Panhellenic Conference member chapters.

**ARTICLE X. VIOLATIONS**

Any dispute arising out of the violation of the Sorority Council Constitution and Bylaws shall be addressed through the Greek Conduct Board as included in the current Greek Conduct Board and Sorority Council bylaws.
ARTICLE XI. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

1. CHAPTERS UNDER THE 2.75 GPA.
   a. As an effort to keep stress on academics in the Fraternity and Sorority Community, all chapters should strive to be above the 2.75 GPA. For chapters that do not meet this standard, the percentage of the sisterhood whose GPA fell below 2.75 are required to attend an academic workshop. All sororities who fail to comply will be referred to the Greek Conduct Board,
   b. Chapters who find themselves below the 2.75 two semesters in a row will be evaluated by the Sorority Council for academic improvements.

2. CHAPTERS UNDER 2.5
   a. Sororities whose GPA falls below 2.5 will be put on social probation, which will result in revocation of voting privileges until improvement on a chapter level has been shown.

3. CHAPTERS REPEATEDLY UNDER 2.5
   a. Sororities whose GPA falls below 2.5 three semesters in a row will be subject to chapter review by the Greek Conduct Board.

4. Individuals affiliated with member organizations under a 2.25 GPA will be mandated to take advantage of one of the following services provided by the Student Success Center listed below.
   a. Meet with their assigned ACE coach and develop an ACE Academic Plan.
   b. Attend an ACE Workshop or Presentation organized by the Student Success Center and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

5. Chapters/individuals that fail to abide by the policies in place above as they relate to scholarship will be called before the Greek Conduct Board.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members of Sorority Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.