

KENYON COLLEGE GREEK COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Greeks of Kenyon College, hereby call into being this Council to protect, propagate and govern Greek life at Kenyon. We commit to uphold the honor, dignity and integrity of Greeks as well as to promote Brotherhood and Sisterhood in our organizations, cooperation between our organizations, and unity on campus. These laws shall be the laws that govern the Greek community at Kenyon.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

SECTION 1: FUNCTIONS

The Greek Council shall be the official representative body for the social fraternities, sororities, and societies recognized at Kenyon. Its functions shall be:

- To act as the legislative body in matters pertaining to Greek life;
- To represent the opinions of the fraternities, sororities and societies in any matter affecting their common interests;
- To promote within the fraternities, sororities and societies a sense of purpose consistent with the educational aims of Kenyon College;
- To coordinate and organize social, educational, and other activities that involve or affect chapter members and pledges as distinct from the student body as a whole;
- To further the interests and goals of the Greek community and of Greek life at Kenyon by holding member chapters accountable for their actions and holding them to the highest interpretation of the ideals on which their organizations were founded.

SECTION 2: POWERS AND DUTIES

- A. The Council shall meet regularly to discuss and take appropriate action, including, but not limited to, passing binding resolutions concerning the interest and responsibilities of member chapters. Changes concerning campus policy may be recommended by the Council to the Campus Senate.
- B. Resolutions concerning the general administration of the organizations and of the Council need only be passed by the General Session and approved by the President of the Greek Council. Resolutions requiring the involvement of non-Council parties must be crafted with the appropriate involvement of those parties. Upon passage by the General Session and approval by the President of the Greek Council, all resolutions must be sent to the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, the Dean of Students and the Co-Chairs of the Campus Senate.
- C. Greek Council shall have a representative with limited voting power on Campus Senate and a representative with a non-voting seat on Student Council.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

A Greek Organization is defined as a social organization that has a period of pledging, or conditional membership, and initiation, towards the achievement of formal membership. A Greek Organization must have the recognition of the Greek Council to exist. Should an organization fail to receive the recognition of the Council, or should the recognition be revoked, the organization must be disbanded.

SECTION I: NEW ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION

Any founding of a new organization requires the approval of the General Session, the Campus Senate, and the President of the College.

I. Requirements

To be recognized, the organization must:

- Have adopted aims or actions which do not violate the civil rights of members of the College or Kenyon regulations;
- Have a College advisor who is a member of the Kenyon administration, faculty, or staff;
- Have a minimum membership of ten members, of which all must be current Kenyon students;
- Have a purpose and goal consistent with the values of the Greek community.

II. Process & Procedures

After having met with the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, a formal petition must be submitted to the administrative advisor of Greek Council detailing the following information:

- Why the students would like to found the organization;
- How they would contribute to the greater Kenyon and Greek communities;
- What they believe it means to be Greek and to be Greek at Kenyon;
- A description of the ideals on which the organization is founded (mission statement, values, etc.) and how the organization intends to demonstrate those values in the Kenyon Community.

A representative must come to the General Session to present their petition. After a brief question and answer period, the Council will vote to approve or deny the organization. A two-thirds majority of the member chapters is required in order to grant the new chapter a year-long probationary period.

As a probationary member, the organization will be a non-voting member of the Council and must meet following measures before full membership is accorded:

- An average of 8 hours of community service completed by each member, each semester;
- Completion of a full training course with the College Substance Abuse Counselor and Educator, with all members in attendance;
- Sponsor at least one non-alcoholic event for the benefit of the campus (e.g., host a lecture, organize a demonstration);
- Every member of the organization must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or above;

- No member of the organization may be on disciplinary or academic probation;
- Proof of the organization's ability to recruit and retain new members;
- Proof that its actions do not present either legal or serious social complications for the Greek Council, Greek life at Kenyon, or Kenyon College.

At the conclusion of the new chapter's year-long probationary period, the Council will vote to approve or deny membership to the organization. A two-thirds majority of all member chapters is required for acceptance to grant the new chapter recognition. Should two-thirds of the member chapters fail to ratify the new chapter, a two-thirds vote of the General Session may extend the probationary period for another year. This may be done for a maximum of three years.

Once the new chapter has been approved by the Council, it must then receive final approval from the Campus Senate and the President of the College for the recognition to be verified.

III. Nationally Affiliated Organizations

Those organizations with national affiliation who wish to exist at Kenyon College should work with the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life to verify that the policies governing national expansion/extension and the expectations outlined herein are met when applying to Greek Council for recognition.

SECTION 2: REACTIVATION

Any reactivation of a former Greek organization requires the approval of the General Session, the Campus Senate and the President of the College. Organizations seeking reactivation are required to meet the requirements (Article II, Section 1, I.) and follow the recognition process (Article II., Section 1, II.) outlined for new organizations. If the organization was suspended by the college there may be additional requirements determined by the college that the organization will be required to meet prior to reactivation. A two-thirds majority of all member chapters is required for acceptance to grant the returning chapter a year-long probationary period.

At the conclusion of the returning chapter's probationary period, the Council will vote to approve or deny membership to the organization. A two-thirds majority of all member chapters is required for acceptance to grant the new chapter recognition. Should two-thirds of the member chapters fail to ratify the new chapter, a two-thirds vote of the General Session may extend the probationary period for another year. This may be done for a maximum of three years.

Once the returning chapter has been approved by the Council, it must then receive final approval from the Campus Senate and the President of the College for the recognition to be verified.

ARTICLE III.
GENERAL SESSION

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of the Council shall consist of one official delegate, duly elected or appointed, with voice and vote from each Greek organization officially recognized by the Council and the College, henceforth named member chapters. Delegates must be initiated members of the organization they represent and must be currently enrolled at the College.
- B. The delegates of the Council, convened together with the members of the Executive Board, shall be called the General Session. In order to call General Session to order, the President must confirm that quorum has been met. Quorum shall be considered representation from three-fourths of all member chapters, not including members of the Executive Board.
- C. Any four delegates, along with one of the Vice Presidents of the Greek Council, may require a meeting of the General Session.
- D. The President of Greek Council has independent authority to convene a meeting of the General Session.

SECTION 2: GENERAL SESSION

The General Session is responsible for the following:

- **Levying All Dues and Fines:** The General Session is charged with accepting the Council's budget at the beginning of each semester. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit to the General Session a budget plan by the third meeting of each semester, or the third week of the semester should that be first.
- **Operating Procedures:** The General Session shall be empowered to create its own operating procedures, henceforth named by-laws.
- **Legislature:** The sole power to propose legislation and pass appropriate resolutions which oversee and guide the actions of Kenyon Greeks and member chapters lies with the General Session. Each organization shall have one equal vote on the Council and as such no delegate may represent more than one organization. A simple majority of the General Session is necessary to pass legislation.

ARTICLE IV.
EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board offices of Greek Council, in rank order, are: President, Vice President for Internal Affairs, Vice President for External Affairs, Secretary-Treasurer, Risk Management Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Service Coordinator, Academic Coordinator, Alumni Relations Coordinator, and Publicity Coordinator.

SECTION 1: ELECTIONS

Elections of officers shall be held during the spring semester at least one month prior to the last day of class.

I. Eligibility

- A. Candidates must be active members of a member chapter at the time of their nomination and throughout their terms of office.

- B. A person serving as President of his/her member chapter may not hold the following positions on the Greek Council Executive Board: President, Vice President for Internal Affairs, Vice President for External Affairs, and Secretary-Treasurer. Likewise, no member of the Executive Board may also serve as his/her member chapter delegate.
- C. All Executive Board officers shall serve a full-year term.
- D. Those students who are on conditional enrollment may not serve on the Executive Board. Students standing for election must disclose any history of Social Probation in their letter of intent.
- E. To run for office a candidate must have and maintain a Grade Point Average minimum of 2.5.

II. Nominations & Letter of Intent

- A. Nominations for each position will open three weeks prior to elections.
- B. Nominations for each position will remain open until immediately before the platforms/elections for that position. This allows people who run for one position, but are not elected, to run for the next position.
- C. Each candidate must submit a Letter of Intent to the President of Greek Council at least one week prior to elections.

III. Election Procedure

- A. Order to elect Executive Board officers will proceed by rank.
- B. Roles: No council officer running for a position can assist in the election procedure; in this event next officer in rank will fulfill their duties.
 - i. Facilitator: Vice President for Internal Affairs
 - ii. Counter of Ballots: Director of Student Activities and Greek Life and Greek Council President
- C. Open/Re-open nominations
- D. Close nominations
- E. Platform (candidates will present their platform in alphabetical order by last name). If a candidate is unable to attend, then he/she may present a letter of their platform to be read by the Vice President for Internal Affairs on his/her behalf. Platforms may be no longer than 5 minutes in length. Other candidates for the position may not be present in the room during another candidate's platform.
- F. Q&A
 - i. Q&A will be limited to 5 minutes per candidate.
 - ii. Member chapters may ask each candidate questions at the conclusion of his/her platform.
- G. Voting
 - i. Each member chapter in good standing with Greek Council will have one vote.
 - ii. Each executive member of Greek Council will have one vote unless a member of their chapter is in the running.
 - iii. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot.
 - iv. All candidates for election must leave the room for discussion and voting.
 - v. Discussion will not begin until all candidates have left the room.
 - vi. Order of discussion shall be: Pro-Con-Con-Pro
 - vii. An affirmative majority of the voting representatives is necessary for election.

IV. Exceptions

- A. If only one person is nominated for a particular position, chapters must still submit an official secret ballot. Majority vote must be reached and it is possible the candidate will not be elected.
- B. In the event of a tie, the President of Greek Council shall be the tie-breaking vote.
- C. If a position is not filled through the formal election process the office will remain open. No new nominations will be taken at the election. Nominations will reopen at the next regular Greek Council meeting and elections will be held at the meeting following nominations.

V. Installation

- A. Executive Board officers shall be installed at the last meeting of the spring semester. The outgoing President shall first install the President, and then the newly installed President shall install the incoming Executive Board.
- B. Each member being installed into Greek Council Executive office shall swear to the following oath:
“I [name] swear to uphold the duties and responsibilities of the office of [office]. I promise to always be fair and open-minded and to uphold the Greek Council Constitution and By-laws of Kenyon College. I vow to disassociate from my chapter in order to be nonbiased as an officer of the Council. I promise to perform to the best of my ability these duties of the office of [office] of the Kenyon College Greek Council.”

ARTICLE V.

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR

The Director of Student Activities and Greek Life or another administrator jointly determined by the Dean of Students and Greek Council Executive Committee will serve as the Greek Council advisor.

ARTICLE VI.

RUSH

SECTION I: INFORMAL RUSH (FALL SEMESTER)

Each fall, member chapters interested in recruiting new members will coordinate a Rush process, in which any current upperclass Kenyon student is invited and encouraged to meet fraternity, sorority and society members and observe and participate in fraternity, sorority and society activities. First-year students may not participate in the Rush process until the spring semester.

- A. Schedule: A tentative schedule of Rush events must be submitted by each member chapter to the Vice President for External Affairs and the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life for review and approval by the first Monday of September. A final schedule must be submitted the second Monday of September. All events must comply with the Greek Council's Risk Management Policy as outlined in the Council by-laws and the College's regulations on social events and student behaviors.
 - i. Should circumstances arise in which an organization is unable to keep exactly to its approved schedule, the Vice President for External Affairs and the Director of Student Activities and Greek

Life must be informed at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time, in order to avoid the appearance of misconduct.

- B. Advertising: During the pre-Rush period, no organization may use any form of advertising for membership recruitment, except the annual Activities Fair. Greek Council will handle all pre-rush advertising for the member groups.
- C. Rush Period: Rush will begin at 5 p.m. the third Friday of September and end on Sunday at midnight, ten days later.

During the first semester, the Greek Council shall sponsor at least one informational meeting for persons interested in rush. At this meeting, the guidelines and rules for rush will be discussed and reviewed. Another informational meeting shall be held directly prior to rush for everyone intent on rushing any Greek Organization, where they will complete a form officially allowing their participation in rush events.

SECTION 2: FORMAL RUSH (SPRING SEMESTER)

Each spring, the Greek Council will coordinate the formal Rush process, in which any current Kenyon student is invited and encouraged to meet fraternity, sorority and society members and observe and participate in fraternity, sorority and society activities.

- A. Schedule: A tentative schedule of Rush events must be submitted by each member chapter to the Vice President for External Affairs and the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life for review and approval by the first Monday of November. A final schedule must be submitted the first Monday of December. All events must comply with the Council's Risk Management Policy as outlined in the Council by-laws and the College's regulations on social events and student behaviors.
 - i. Should circumstances arise in which an organization is unable to keep exactly to its approved schedule, the Vice President for External Affairs and the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life must be informed at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time, in order to avoid the appearance of misconduct.
- B. Advertising: During the pre-Rush period, no organization may use any form of advertising for membership recruitment. Greek Council will handle all pre-rush advertising for the member groups.
- C. Rush Period: Rush will begin at 5 p.m. the second Tuesday of the spring semester and end on Sunday at midnight, six days later.

SECTION 3: RUSH POLICIES

Member chapters participating in fall and/or spring rush are subject to the following Rush policies:

- Upperclass students may participate in Rush during the fall and spring semesters.
- First-year students are subject to deferred Rush and, therefore, no first-year student may participate in Rush activities during the fall semester or pledge a member chapter before the official period of pledging has begun in the spring semester. Although there is bound to be interaction between Greeks and first-year students during the fall semester, no organization or initiated member shall engage in any form of active membership recruitment prior to the Formal Rush period. A membership recruitment function is defined as any event including primarily activities for first-year students or other potential members.
- Member chapters must specify their dues to potential new members, pledges, and actives.
- In the spring semester, no open parties may be held by member chapters until the conclusion of the formal rush period.

- Alcohol: Each fraternity, sorority and society, its individual members and all unaffiliated students participating in Rush are responsible for abiding by the College's alcoholic beverage regulations and Ohio state law. Additionally, alcohol is prohibited at all Rush events and all activities during the Rush period where current and potential new members may be interacting together.
- The Director of Student Activities & Greek Life will penalize any violations of the rush policies and/or procedures.

SECTION 4: BIDDING

- A. After the end of the rush period, students interested in affiliating with a Greek organization shall submit their interest forms including their name, and the names of up to three groups, between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Monday following the end of Rush.
- B. The Vice President for External Affairs and the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life will compile a list of interested students to be distributed to the President of each member chapters by 8:00 p.m. on the Monday after Rush.
- C. Formal bids will be extended to the potential new members by the member chapters no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday immediately following Rush. Bids may only be extended between 5 p.m. and quiet hours.
- D. It is expected that Greek organizations will respect quiet hours and all guidelines of the College in extending bids to their potential new members.
- E. Each fraternity, society and sorority will report the names of those rushees receiving bids to the Vice President for External Affairs and the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life by 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following Rush.
- F. All students who have received a bid from a member chapter will have from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday and Friday following Rush to formally accept the bid of their choosing, thus officially rendering them a pledge of that respective organization.
- G. Any first-year student who does not receive a bid from a fraternity, sorority or society may appeal to that organization. These appeals must be made in writing to the Vice President for External Affairs and Director of Student Activities and Greek Life in the Student Activities Office and must be submitted by the Friday following Rush. The Vice President for External Affairs will communicate all appeals to the respective member chapter(s). Decisions will be made by the individual organizations and communicated in writing by the Vice President for External Affairs by the second Wednesday following Rush. The Vice President for External Affairs will submit a report of all appeals and their outcome to the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life.

ARTICLE VII. PLEDGING

SECTION 1: PLEDGE SCHEDULES

- A. Fall Semester Pledging: A tentative schedule of fall pledging activities must be submitted by each member chapter participating in Informal Rush to the Vice President for Internal Affairs and Director of Student Activities and Greek Life by the first Monday of September. The final schedule must be submitted by each organization for review and approval by the second Monday of September.

- B. Spring Semester Pledging: A tentative schedule of pledging activities must be submitted by each member chapter to the Vice President for Internal Affairs and Director of Student Activities and Greek Life by the third Monday in November (the week before Thanksgiving break). The final schedule must be submitted by each member chapter for review and approval by the first Monday of December.
- C. Should circumstances arise in which an organization is unable to keep exactly to its approved schedule, the Vice President for Internal Affairs and the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life must be informed at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time, in order to avoid the appearance of misconduct.

SECTION 2: PLEDGE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- A. Pledging officially starts at 7 p.m. on the Friday immediately following the end of Bidding. Specific start times will be provided to all member chapters and must be adhered to by all members of the organization. No pledging activities (formal or informal) may occur prior to this day/time. All pledges must be initiated on the third Friday before the last day of class. No pledge program may be longer than 8 weeks (not including spring break).
- B. Pledge Activities: Pledge activities may be scheduled for any day of the week. All formal and informal pledging activities must end by 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday through Thursday, and by 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. In addition, pledge activities must abide by the following:
 - i. Member chapters must schedule a minimum of 6 continuous sleep hours per night.
 - ii. Activities must be limited to the immediate campus and recognized member chapter locations. For any other requests, special permission must be given by the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life.
 - iii. All efforts must be made to avoid disturbing or unnecessarily inconveniencing members of the community by a Pledge activity.
 - iv. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at any member chapter event where pledges are invited or required to attend (i.e.- pledging, Initiation Week). Any activity forcing or requiring consumption of alcohol, food, nonalcoholic beverages, and/or other objects is hazing.
- C. Greek 101: Each pledge will be required to attend Greek 101 sessions as determined by the Greek Council.
- D. Academics: Students may not pledge if they are on conditional enrollment or have been advised to withdraw from the College in the past semester. Once the pledge period has commenced, each member chapter's President and Pledge Educator(s) will initiate discussion with the members of the pledge class to emphasize the academic standards of the College. Greek Council's Academic Coordinator will also monitor the individual organizations to ensure that pledges are offered assistance either through tutoring or mandatory study hall. The Academic Coordinator will also assist the individual organizations in monitoring the academic standing of their pledge class.
 - a. When an organization schedules the pledge initiation week, the academic responsibilities of the pledges shall first be considered. Additional study time shall be provided for pledges experiencing academic difficulties, and consideration shall also be given to a pledge involved in extracurricular functions and activities sanctioned by the College.
- E. The Director of Student Activities & Greek Life will penalize any violations of the pledging policies and/or procedures.

SECTION 3: INITIATION WEEK

- A. Initiation Week is defined as the final portion of pledging, lasting no longer than seven days and ending no later than Thanksgiving break in the fall semester and three weeks before the last day of classes in the spring semester (unless the General Session issues a specific dispensation determining the end of that member chapter's pledge period).
- B. A properly managed Initiation Week can foster mutual respect, unity, and esprit de corps. Pledges may come closer to experiencing life in the organization by participating in a series of constructive activities with active members and their fellow pledge class.
- C. Any and all activities must promote member chapter unity, serve to educate the pledge(s) concerning the organization, benefit Kenyon and the outside community, and promote good citizenship.

I. Initiation Week Policies & Procedures

- A. All Initiation Week schedules, specifying the start and end times and location of all activities, must be submitted to the Vice President for Internal Affairs and Director of Student Activities and Greek Life by the third Monday following the official start of the Pledging period.
- B. The following requirements must be considered when developing the Initiation Week schedule and planning such activities:
 - i. At least four hours per day must be allotted for study;
 - ii. Pledges must be allowed to have at least six consecutive hours of sleep each night;
 - iii. Class cutting will not be tolerated, and the week will not be considered an excuse for academic delinquency. No pledge of any organization will miss a class directly due to a specific activity of the pledge initiation week;
 - iv. Upon approval by the Director of Student Activities & Greek Life, pledges are permitted to reside in areas associated with their organization at the discretion of the member chapter, under the condition that the living areas are clean and provide an adequate environment for sleeping;
 - v. All activities shall be limited to the immediate campus and recognized fraternity/sorority/society locations. For any other requests, special permission must be given by the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life.
 - vi. Pledges must be allowed adequate time to eat, maintain personal hygiene, and prepare themselves for their daily commitments.
 - vii. All efforts must be made to avoid disturbing or unnecessarily inconveniencing members of the community by an Initiation Week activity.
- C. The Director of Student Activities & Greek Life will penalize any violations of the initiation week policies and/or procedures; a minimum penalty will be the loss of one day of Initiation Week (current or future).

SECTION 4: HAZING

- A. There is no justification for an insult to the personal dignity of a pledge. To abuse or punish a pledge by imposing an unreasonable task, to submit a pledge to physical injury, unreasonable physical strain, or any act a reasonable person would consider detrimental to the physical or emotional health of a pledge

will be considered hazing. Furthermore, acts of hazing under the guise of group traditions, or unofficially encouraged by group pressures, are unacceptable.

- B. No member chapter, colony, current member, or alumnus shall conduct nor condone hazing activities.
- C. Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense.
- D. Each member chapter will be held corporately responsible for the actions of its individual members during pledging.
- E. The Greek Council defines hazing as any activities that are illegal, unlawful, or constitute theft, burglary, or trespassing; the taking or the destruction of any article belonging to another person without his/ her consent; or any activity that would be morally objectionable to the individual pledge. Hazing is further defined as any action potentially harmful to the individual or that could endanger his/ her life. Any activity creating excessive fatigue, or forceful participation in any mental abuse or exercise beyond normal ability, such as sweat boxes, bracing, or creating rooms or areas that are uncomfortable due to temperature, noise, size, or air quality for the purpose of harassment shall be considered hazing. Additionally, line-ups, kidnapping, transporting, and/or stranding any pledge without his/her knowledge or consent, any activity involving nudity or lewd behavior, or any activity that requires a pledge to obtain fewer than six hours of sleep shall be considered hazing. The Council will treat the hazing action of even one member of a group as constituting hazing by the organization.
- F. Member chapters will receive a written copy of the Kenyon policy regarding hazing.
- G. Member chapters and members must also be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state of Ohio.

SECTION 5: REPORT OF CONCERN

- A. Anyone affiliated with Kenyon College may submit a Report of Concern.
- B. A Report of Concern form can be found on the Student Activities Office website and will be submitted to the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life. The identity of the individual submitting the Report of Concern will be protected.
- C. Pledges are encouraged to lodge a complaint with the Greek Council President or the Director of Student Activities if they feel a violation has occurred.
- D. No member chapter may engage in any sort of punishment or retribution to a pledge or a pledge class for addressing any objection to the Greek Council or the College administration.

ARTICLE VIII. DEACTIVATION

Each member chapter must report its membership accurately to the Secretary-Treasurer and the Office of Student Activities and it must immediately report any changes therein.

SECTION 1: PLEDGES

- A. Any individual who depledges, or is depledged by an organization must meet with or email the Director of Student Activities & Greek Life their name, organization, and reason for depledging. Depledging an

organization will not be officially recognized until the Director of Student Activities & Greek Life has been notified by the pledge.

- B. A former pledge must wait five weeks from the date upon which the Director of Student Activities & Greek Life is notified of the action before he or she is permitted to affiliate with another Greek organization.

SECTION 2: INITIATED MEMBERS

- A. Any member wishing to deactivate from a Greek organization, or who has been deactivated by an organization, must meet with or email the Director of Student Activities & Greek Life their name, organization, and reason for deactivating. A member will not be recognized by the College as being deactivated from a fraternity, society or sorority until the Director of Student Activities & Greek Life has been notified.
- B. A deactivated Greek must wait five weeks from the date upon which the Greek Council is notified of the action before he or she is permitted to affiliate with another organization.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT

In the event that an amendment to the Greek Council Constitution is proposed, delegates must report the amendment to his/her respective member chapter for approval. No earlier than one week following the proposed amendment, the General Session may vote to enact the proposed changes. In order to call for a vote, a motion must be made and seconded. A two-thirds majority vote of the General Session is necessary for approval. Proposed changes to the rules of Rush (Article VI.) or Pledging (Article VII.), must be approved by Campus Senate. All other changes must be reported in writing to Senate within two weeks of General Session passing them.

ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS

A by-law is defined as a secondary rule providing further detail and operational guidance to primary discourse addressed in the Constitution. By-laws will be developed by the General Session or a committee selected for that purpose and will be passed by the General Session with a two-thirds majority. Affected departments, such as Student Rights and Responsibilities, Housing and Residence Life, etc., must be notified of any relevant changes prior to by-laws being approved by the General Session. Amendments to by-laws must be presented to General Session and passed by a two-thirds majority.