Greek Council Constitution

Constitution for the Greek Council of the Armstrong State University

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Armstrong State University Greek Council, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Council.”

Article II. Mission Statement and Objectives

Section 1. Mission Statement

We the men and women of the Greek Council at Armstrong State University endeavor to better student life by supporting Greek leadership throughout the campus, encouraging communication between chapters, promoting the Greek community, and by supporting scholastic achievement on our campus. We will strive to maintain respect for one another as fellow Greeks, while working to achieve a common goal of enhancing the Armstrong community.

Section 2. Objectives

1. Provide and support Greek activities in compliance with federal, state and local laws, applicable policies of individual (inter)national fraternities and sororities, local chapters/colonies, and applicable regulations of Armstrong State University.
2. To sponsor at least one major social program a semester.
3. To participate in one community service event a semester.
4. To work cooperatively with all Greek Letter organizations and all other registered student organizations, the Student Government Association and Campus Union Board.
5. Respond promptly and appropriately to allegations of misconduct involving Greek organizations with the approval of the advisor.

Article III. Terminology

Section 1. Chapter and Colony

Herein after in these documents, Chapter refers to a fraternity or sorority currently recognized by Greek Council and Colony refers to a fraternity or sorority who have been recognized and granted permission by the University to colonize on campus.

Section 2. Delegate

Herein after in these documents, Delegate refers to the designated members of a Chapter or Colony who are selected to fulfill the duties outline in Article V of this instrument.
Section 3. Representative

Herein after in these documents, Representative refers to any Active or New Member / Associate of a Chapter.

Section 4. Active Member

Herein after in these documents, Active refers to an initiated representative of a Chapter or Colony.

Section 5. Associate Member

Herein after in these documents, Associate Member refers to as uninitiated representative of a Chapter or Colony.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Chapters and Colonies

Chapters in the Greek Council shall be, as divided by their national affiliation:

- National Panhellenic Conference
- North-American Interfraternity Conference
- National Pan-Hellenic Council
- National Association of Latino Fraternal Organization
- Other Governing Organization

Section 2. Delegates

Each Chapter and Colony should nominate one delegate to serve on Greek Council for the calendar year.

Section 3. Fees

Each Chapter and Colony must pay a fee per member on their roster by the fourth week of the each semester to the Secretary. This fee will be determined and approved by simple majority of the active members of the council.

If a chapter’s Council dues are unmet, chapter representatives will not be allowed to vote on Greek Council business.

All accounts, financial records and transactions of the organization are subject to audit or review by the Student Activities Committee at their discretion.
Section 4. Attendance Policy

Each chapter must have designated chapter representative at each council meeting; i.e., chapter Executive Board member or two elected delegates whose name appears on the Greek Council roster.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. Executive Board

The Officers of the Council shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be called the Executive Board.

Section 2. Eligibility

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Section 3. Eligibility for Executive Board Officers

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Section 4. Term of Office

The Executive Board members shall serve for a term of one year. The Executive Board members will be elected at the end of the fall semester and serve the following spring semester, summer semester, and fall semester.

Section 5. Resignation

Any Executive Board Officer not able to fulfill his/ her duties, as outlined in this Constitution and Bylaws, shall resign and a successor be designated by election.

Section 6. Impeachment

To impeach an Executive Board Officer a motion must be made, at any regular meeting. The motion may be discussed, but must be tabled until the next regular meeting. The Officer or will be impeached with a two-thirds (2/3) vote, in favor of impeachment.

Section 7. Limitations

Any Chapter may not have more than one delegate from his/ her fraternity/ sorority on the Executive Board at one time.
Section 8. Elections

Voting for the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be held during the November regular meeting with nominations being opened at the prior meeting. All voting for elections shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order.

Section 9. Vote

Officers shall have no vote at Council Meetings, but may be members of any committee and make motions during the conduct of business.

Section 10. Vacancy

Vacancies, of any Office, shall be filled at the following regular meeting for the un-expired portion of the term.

An Office will be vacant if that Officer is absent from any two meetings.

If an Officer is absent from a meeting for an Academic Program approved by the Professor and Greek Community Advisor the absence will be excused and not count towards this vacancy.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Regular

The Council shall hold at least two regular meeting each calendar month. The exceptions to this shall be May, June, July, August, December, and January.

Section 2. Special

A special meeting of the Council may be called by the Chair at his/her request or, upon the written petition of at least 50% of the Chapters of the Council. All Chapters shall be given at least 48 hour’s notice prior to the meeting.

During the Spring semester, the Vice Chair will hold Greek Week meetings bi-weekly, for the Greek Week Committee.

Section 3. Notification

The delegates from each Chapter shall be responsible for notifying their respective chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Greek Council.
Section 4. Quorum

Two-thirds (2/3) of the Chapters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A meeting may be started without quorum, but no business shall be voted upon. Chair and Vice Chair reports may be given.

Section 5. Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order shall be recognized as the parliamentary authority.

Section 6. Voting

The voting members of the Council shall be the delegate of each Chapter and Colony holding Active membership.

If the delegate is not present at a meeting when a motion is brought on the floor and then tabled, that Chapter will have vote, but no voice, at all subsequent meetings when that particular motion is discussed.

All votes require a majority to pass a motion or election, unless it is otherwise specified in this Constitution or Bylaws.

When a chapter representative holds an officer position, the chapter representative must elect another chapter representative to be a voting member.

No absentee balloting shall occur.

Section 7. Voice

Any representative of a Chapter has voice.

Article VII. Advisor

Section 1. Greek Council Advisor

The Advisor will be the staff member designated by the Office of Student Life.

Article VIII. By-laws and Amendments

Section 1. Method of passing By-laws and Amendments

Any amendments or by-laws that are passed must also be approved by the Office of Student Life.

Amendments and by-laws must have a 2/3 majority support of the council.

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