

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GREEK COUNCIL OF METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Preamble

The men and women of Methodist University do hereby establish the Greek Council of Methodist University as a confederation of independent Greek Letter Organizations to promote, maintain, and develop such organizations for the benefit of all Methodist University students. The Greek Council is dedicated to assuring and preserving an environment consistent with the traditions and values of the member organizations as stated by national and local chapter charters.

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Greek Council of Methodist University” and may be referred to as “The Greek Council”.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Greek council of Methodist University shall be:

To, in accordance with the philosophy of engaged learning, foster a policy of student-led, student-run self-governance and regulations of the Greek Letter Organizations (hereafter referred to as GLOs) which are members of the Greek Council of Methodist University

To promote a spirit of communications and cooperation among the GLO members of the Greek Council of Methodist University.

III. To provide a forum where student members and chapter advisors may share opinions, air grievances, and issue suggestions for policy changes within the Greek system.

IV. To foster an environment of mutual cooperation and growth of the Greek system and Greek Life within the Methodist University community.

To facilitate communication between the Greek system and Methodist University as a whole.

To provide a direct and convenient path for the Greek system to present a unified voice offering advice and recommendations to the Methodist University administrators regarding policies affecting Greek life.

To mediate and facilitate conflict resolution between individuals and chapters within the Methodist University Greek system.

Host social and educational events to build a stronger campus community.

Article III. Membership and Representation

Section I. Membership

Member organizations of are those recognized by the Greek Council of Methodist University.

Section II. Undergraduate Membership

Each member organization will select one representative to the Greek Council. Each representative must be a current student of Methodist University and an active member of a Greek letter organization.

Section III. Chapter Advisor Membership

If desired, a GLO advisor may attend. The Greek advisor is requested to attend meetings when able.

Section IV. Officers

The Greek Council must elect a Greek Council President, Vice President, Secretary, and Judicial Chair. These positions will last for one academic year.

President – Acts as the primary representative for the Greek Council and oversees the Greek Council's daily operations.

Vice President – Acts as the secondary representative for Greek Council and acts as the President in his/her absence. Oversees social and educational programming.

Secretary – Acts as the record keeper of the Greek Council and is responsible for recording the minutes for each meeting as well as keeping contact between the GC members for upcoming events and meetings.

Judicial Chair - Acts as the presiding member in the event of a violation presented before the council. Review and update bylaws as needed.

Sections V. Election of Officers

The positions of Greek Council President, Vice President, Secretary, and Judicial Chair shall be filled by members of the Greek Council and nominations on the second week and voting will take place by the consent of the Greek Council each year on the third week of April. Each organization will have one vote per office.

Section VI. Change of Officer

In the event of an officer leaving a position on the Greek Council and in consent with the Greek Council, a nomination and election process will take place to in order to fill in the newly opened position for the remainder of the term.

Section VII. De Facto Membership

In addition to the GLO's member organization undergraduate and Chapter Advisor representatives, the Greek Life Coordinator will serve as a de facto member of the Greek Council and the Faculty/Staff Advisor.

Section VIII. Role of De Facto Member

The role of the Faculty/Staff Advisor to the Greek Council is to offer guidance and serve as a liaison to the Vice President of Student Affairs. The Greek Council President may address the Greek Council and only be allowed a vote on council business in the event a tie-breaking vote is required.

Section IX. Groups of Intent

Any new organizations seeking membership to the Greek Council of Methodist University must be a recognized Greek Letter Organization. A sponsor may be any student who is an active member of a current Greek Council of Methodist University organization. The sponsor shall address the Greek Council explaining why the new organization should be included on the Greek council. A three fourths (3/4) vote is required for the organization to join the Greek Council. ***

Article IV. Voting

Section I. Voting

Each member organization representative may cast one ballot during a vote. Consequently, each member organization has only one vote for each issue brought to the Greek Council of Methodist University. Any vote resulting in a tie may be called for one (1) revote after discussion. Any revote (or waiving of the revote) that results in a tie will be determined by the single vote of the Greek Council President.

Article V. Meetings

Section I. Regular Meetings

The Greek Council shall meet bi-weekly on a regularly scheduled agreed upon day and time. The Fraternity and Sorority Life Coordinator and/or the Greek Council President may call an emergency meeting of the Greek Council with 24 hour notice.

Section II. Meeting Recognition

Meetings shall be conducted with guidance from *Robert's Rules of Order*. Meetings are open only to currently enrolled students who are active members of the Greek letter organizations, chapter advisors, and/or invited guests of the Greek Council or its member organizations. Any active student member of a Greek Council member organization may be recognized by the Greek Council President to address and/or propose business for the Greek Council.

Section III. Meeting Attendance

If a Greek Council representative is unable to attend a Greek Council meeting, he/she may select a temporary substitute from the active student members of his/her Greek letter organization to represent and cast votes for their organization. If no student representative is present for the meeting, the organization forfeits the right to vote on any business called to vote during the meeting. Greek letter organization Chapter Advisors cannot function as a proxy for the organization representative and, therefore, may not vote. All representatives are expected to attend all meetings. In the event of an absence, that representative should notify the Secretary at least six hours beforehand, and also add the name of the person who is coming in their place. An excused absence will be considered at the discretion of the Secretary.

Section IV. Lack of Representation

After the 1st unexcused absence the president of the organization will be notified. After the 2nd unexcused absence the Greek Council will impose sanctions against the organization.

Section V. Organization Attendance Requirements

Greek Council hosted events may include, but are not limited to the following: philanthropy Day and Greek Speak. Attendance for each Greek letter organization must be fifty percent (50%) or more of that organization's current membership. If an organization fails to meet this minimum requirement, then the GLO will be subject to fines and/or other penalties to be decided by the Greek Council.

Article VI. Relationship to the University

Section I. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Greek Council of Methodist University to establish and enforce policies that regulate activities and events that include or involve all member organizations.

Section III. Greek Life Conflicts

The Greek Council of Methodist University shall institute no policies or actions that conflict with the Methodist University Student Handbook, or those established by the national or local charters for member organizations.

Article VII. Greek Council Authority

Section I. Inter Greek Letter Organization Offense

If members from one organization tamper or deface any of another organization's material properties or if they verbally abuse another organization they will be subject to:

- 1st Offense – a formal hearing before the Greek Council resulting in a fine and/or community service

2nd Offense – a formal hearing before the Greek Council resulting in loss of privileges to attend the two Greek Council events and possible fines and/or community service

3rd Offense – a formal hearing before the Greek Council resulting in loss of privileges to attend Greek Council events

Article VIII. Amendments

Sections I. Amending the By-Laws

Amendments to the Greek Council of Methodist University By-Laws may be instituted after passing with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.