CONSTITUTION
of the
BROWN UNIVERSITY
GREEK COUNCIL

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ARTICLE I Definitions
Section 1. “Greek Organization” shall refer to any social Greek Organization currently recognized by Brown University.

Section 2. “Greek Community” shall refer to all current students of Brown University who are fully initiated members of a Greek Organization.

ARTICLE II Name
Section 1. The name of this organization shall be called Brown University Greek Council. It may also be referred to as Greek Council, GC, or THE COUNCIL.

ARTICLE III Purpose
Section 1. THE COUNCIL fosters inclusive, supportive communities which mentor and empower members to achieve academic success, philanthropic impact, and personal and collective development.

Section 2. THE COUNCIL shall represent the voice and the interests of member organizations and the Greek Community to the Brown University administration, staff, faculty, and student body.

Section 3. THE COUNCIL shall serve as an advisory body for every Member Organization on any matter related to the Greek Community and Brown University administration, staff, faculty, and student body.

Section 4. THE COUNCIL shall provide opportunities for socialization between members of the Brown Community and service with the Brown University and greater Providence communities.

Section 5. THE COUNCIL shall establish and maintain policies pertaining to Sexual and Gender-Based, Harassment and Bias, Diversity and Inclusion, and Hazing.

Section 6. THE COUNCIL is committed to fostering an inclusive, anti-discriminatory environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity, regardless of any identities they may hold. THE COUNCIL prohibits harassment and retaliation by its membership and leadership alike. THE COUNCIL encourages its members to voice concerns and commits to engaging in effective and equitable conflict management.

ARTICLE IV Membership and Standing
Section 1. The member organizations of THE COUNCIL shall be Greek Organizations subject to the written policies of Brown University.

Section 2. Every member organization shall select a Representative to represent the organization on THE COUNCIL. The Representative shall be a current undergraduate student of Brown University who has received full initiation rights to the Greek Organization they represent and serves on the executive board of the same.
Section 3. Every member organization and its members are expected to fully support the planning of and to participate in GREEK COUNCIL-sponsored events, including social and community service events.

Section 4. THE COUNCIL shall establish policies that specify the voting privileges for member organizations.

ARTICLE V Power
Section 1. THE COUNCIL may set standard expectations for academic achievement, discipline, new member education, community service, and risk reduction practices.

Section 2. THE COUNCIL may assess annual dues against the member organizations and shall adopt and amend annual budgets of anticipated expenditures and income for each fiscal year.

Section 3. THE COUNCIL may make recommendations to Brown University as to the recognition of potential Greek Organizations and the sanction or termination of current Greek Organizations.

ARTICLE VI Advising
Section 1. The Brown University Assistant Director for Greek and Program House Engagement shall serve as the primary advisor to THE COUNCIL and all member organizations.

ARTICLE VII Due Process
Section 1. THE COUNCIL shall establish bylaws for the implementation of provisions of this Constitution.

Section 2. THE COUNCIL shall have original jurisdictions for questions arising from the constitutionality of the bylaws or policies of THE COUNCIL.

ARTICLE VIII Amendment
Section 1. This Constitution shall remain inviolate and unaltered until amended by the following process:
   (a) A member organization submits before THE COUNCIL an amendment to this Constitution;
   (b) Within thirty (30) days, every member organization shall submit the amendment to the members of its organization;
   (c) Subject to a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the member organization, the member organization shall be permitted to cast an affirmative vote before THE COUNCIL;
   (d) At the first meeting of THE COUNCIL after thirty (30) days, every member organization may submit a vote on the amendment;
   (e) Subject to a four-fifths affirmative vote of the member organizations voting, this Constitution shall be considered amended in the manner of the submitted amendment.
BYLAWS
of the
BROWN UNIVERSITY GREEK COUNCIL

TITLE I. Structure and Administration

Chapter I. Elected Officers

§1-101. Officers will be elected as Greek Council Chairs pursuant to Title III of these Bylaws.

§1-102. Greek Council shall be chaired by the Chair and Vice Chair. A new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at the end of every semester to serve for the following semester.

§1-103. In the event of temporary absence or incapacitation of a chair, the remaining chair shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of their absence or incapacitation.

§1-104. In the event of a chair’s resignation from the Council, the remaining chair shall appoint an interim officer until the next regular meeting, when a replacement will be elected.

Chapter II. Duties of The Chairs

§1-201 All chairs elected, as well as individuals appointed to chair a committee shall be required to attend each meeting.

§1-202. The Chair shall:
(a) call the regular meetings of the Council.
(b) meet with the Assistant Director of Greek and Program House Engagement on a weekly basis provided such meetings are convenient and necessary, as well as meet with University officials regarding issues concerning the Greek System.
(c) hold responsibility for all activities and proceedings of Greek Council.
(d) communicate amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as well as new resolutions and policies passed by the Council to the Greek Community in a timely manner.

§1-203. The Vice Chair shall:
(a) have charge of all Council funds, including the collection and disbursement of all money due to and owed by the same; the keeping of records of all financial transactions, and the reporting on financial status at the end of every month.
(b) prepare the yearly semesterly to be submitted for the approval at the second duly called meeting of the academic year.
(c) keep attendance of all Executive Board Officers and Organization Presidents at each meeting.
(d) record the minutes of all Council meetings.

§1-204. The Chairs together shall:
(a) amend the Constitution and Bylaws of Greek Council as needed.
(b) ensure communication between Greek Council and The Student Activities Office and Campus Life, the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Student Conduct.
(c) mediate and resolve conflicts between member organizations (i.e. theft of house property, vandalism).
(d) be available as a neutral and confidential resource for the entire Brown Community and especially for the Greek Community in the event a student is concerned about their safety or dignity.
(e) publish regular newsletters informing the Greek Community about the proceeding of Greek Council and its member organizations.
(f) promote and organize Greek-wide events of both social and philanthropic nature, for example Greek Service Week, Halloween on Wriston, A Night on College Hill, Fratty in the Ratty and Dave Binder.
(g) maintain Greek Council’s media presence by keeping its social media accounts up-to-date, as well as by keeping a clear line of communication with campus media.

TITLE II. Standard Procedure

Chapter I. Regular Meeting

§2-101. The Council shall meet on a bi-weekly basis, while classes are in session. The time shall be Thursday at noon.

§2-102. Regular meetings will be held during the academic year, except on holidays and during exam period.

§2-103. A quorum shall consist of at least two-thirds of the General Assembly.

§2-104. Members of the public wishing to address the Council must notify the Chair or Vice Chair prior to the meeting.

§2-105. All meetings are open to the Brown Community unless a closed session is called by the Council.
§2-106. The order of business shall be determined by the Chair and Vice Chair.

**Chapter II. Voting**

§2-201. Where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or these By-Laws, a simple majority vote of the General Assembly shall pass any motion or measure. The vote shall constitute a majority of all voting organizations.

**Chapter III. Attendance**

§2-301. The organization president shall be required to attend each meeting. If they choose to send a representative, please notify the Chair & Vice Chair prior to the meeting.

§2-302. Member organizations that fail to attend meetings are held accountable through the Assistant Director of Greek and Program Housing Engagement and may lose recognition and/or housing privileges. A member may be excused from a meeting provided their justification is reasonable, and they notify the chair and/or Assistant Director of Greek and Program Housing.

**Chapter IV. Committees**

§2-401. In order to address specific issues and to ensure the completion of certain tasks, a committee may be formed. This can happen by executive decision on the part of the Chairs or by passing a motion to form a committee by simple majority.

**TITLE III. Elections and Dismissals**

**Chapter I. Timing of Elections**

§3-101. Elections will be held at the last meeting of the semester.

**Chapter II. Eligibility for Office**

§3-201. Any initiated individual shall be eligible for office.

§3-202. An individual may only hold one elected office for any given semester.

**Chapter III. Nominations**

§3-301. Candidates for elected offices may announce their intention to run for office at the meeting preceding Elections, or by email at any time between then and Elections. This intention is not
binding, and a failure to intend does not preclude a candidate from running for office at the time of
nominations.

§3-302. Candidates for elected offices may be nominated for office by any member of the Greek
Community. Nominations for each office will be taken by the presiding officer in the order
established by §3-401.

Chapter IV. Format for Elections

§3-401. Elected officers shall be elected in the following order: Vice Chair, Chair.

§3-402. After all nominations for an office have been entered and seconded, the following procedure
shall be observed:
   (a) In order of nomination and in the absence of all other candidates, each candidate shall
       individually present brief oral statements and be subject to a question and answer period.
       Candidates shall then leave the meeting while discussion is conducted.

Chapter V. Voting During Elections

§3-501. Conditions for and means of voting
   (a) At the close of discussion, the candidates shall return and a secret ballot shall be taken. A
candidate receiving a majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives
a majority of the votes cast, the candidate who receives the fewest votes shall be dropped for
the succeeding ballot.
   (b) If there is a tie between the final two (2) candidates for one position, the current officer
in the other position will serve as the tie breaker.
   (c) If an unopposed candidate fails to receive a majority of votes cast, the incumbent will
continue to serve as an interim director and another election will be held one week later for
that position.

TITLE IV. Expectations

§4-101. All Greek Organizations must fulfill the procedures outlined in the Greek and Program
Houses Handbook.