

Cumberland University National Pan-Hellenic Council Collegiate Council

Constitution of the Cumberland University - NPHC

Article I – Name

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Cumberland University NPHC Collegiate Council (CUNPHC)

Article II – Purpose and Mission

**Section 1.** The purpose of the CUNPHC is to foster cooperation and a positive and courteous discourse among its member organizations, focusing on matters of mutual concern, working collaboratively to improve the community and support academic excellence.

**Section 2.** The mission of the CUNPHC is to provide a governing body for all NPHC organizations on the campus of Cumberland University; to promote cultural programs, workshops, etc. for the advancement of academics and social awareness; to work in conjunction with the Black Student Association/AFRO, administrative officers, and other organizations in all matters affecting the welfare of the student body, especially minority students; to develop the leadership capabilities of the members; and to promote unity among Greek organizations on campus regardless of race, religion, or greek affiliation.

Article III – Members

**Section 1: Membership**

- A. Only member organizations recognized by NPHC can belong to CUNPHC.
- B. Member organizations must be in good standing with NPHC nationally.
  - a. Any member organization that is in good standing with NPHC nationally cannot be prohibited from participating in.
- C. The local chapter must be in good standing with their national organization in order to participate with CUNPHC.
- D. The category of membership designated as “active members” means that all required dues and assessments have been paid.
- E. This council is composed of chapters whose members are matriculating at Cumberland University.
- F. In order to be active, there must be at least two member organizations active with CUNPHC. If the number of participating member organizations falls to one, permission must be sought from the NPHC National Executive Director and the university to continue functioning for a period not to exceed two years. During this time, every effort will be made to recruit eligible member organizations to join CUNPHAC.

**Section 2.** In order for member organizations to have a representative on this council, the overall chapter grade point average must meet either the standard set by their national organization, or the standard set by Cumberland University, whichever is higher.

Active members must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 and must be enrolled in at least twelve semester hours.

#### Article V – Officers

**Section 1.** The elected officers of the CUNPHC will be the president and chapter representatives. Each organization is responsible for electing their own representative. Chapter presidents are not eligible to serve on the CUNPHC.

**Section 2.** A term of office is one year, *or until a successor is elected*.

**Section 3.** The election of officers will take place at the August meeting. Officers will be installed and take office September 1. The term of office is from September 1 through August 30.

**Section 4.** The office of the president will rotate among the participating organizations.

**Section 5.** Any officer who is derelict in their duties can be removed from office by vote of the council, provided they have been sent the charges in writing, and are given a minimum of 30 days to prepare a defense. They shall be given the opportunity to be heard in their own defense before the vote is taken on removing them from office.

#### Article V – Officers Duties

**Section 1.** The President of the CUNPHC shall have the following duties and powers:

- To preside over and organize all meetings of the Council
- To insure that a consensus is reached on all decisions affecting NPHC affiliates.
- To call special meetings when appropriate.
- To represent the Pan-Hellenic Council at any meeting with the University and Administrators and be the official representative of the Pan-Hellenic Council to the external community
- To insure that the CUNPHC operates in accordance with the Constitution and Handbook of the NPHC, Inc.

#### Article VI – Meetings

**Section 1.** Regularly scheduled meetings of the CUNPHC will occur bi-weekly on a day and time set by the council.

**Section 2.** The last meeting in March is designated as the annual meeting. All officers will provide an annual report of their activities at this meeting. The auditor's report will be given at this meeting.

**Section 3.** Special meetings can be called by the Executive Board or upon request by a majority of the representatives of the CUNPHC. The notice for such meetings must be e-mailed to all members of the CUNPHC at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Only the items named in the call to the meeting can be discussed at a special meeting.

**Section 4.** The quorum required for any meeting of the CUNPHC is a majority of the chapter representatives.

**Section 5.** If a snow emergency or some other emergency or conflict occurs, the Executive Board can cancel and/or reschedule a regularly scheduled meeting.

#### Article VII – Executive Board

**Section 1.** The Executive Board of the CUNPHC is composed of the elected officers.

**Section 2.** Members of the CUNPHC who are not officers or committee chairs may attend the meetings of the Executive Board provided they receive permission to do so from the president.

**Section 3.** *The Executive Board generally supervises the affairs of the CUNPHC in between regular meetings, except they cannot amend the constitution, bylaws, standing rules, or change any action adopted by the council.*

**Section 4.** The Executive Board has the authority to appoint ad hoc committees as the need arises for the CUNPHC and for its own operations.

**Section 5.** The Executive Board, at a minimum, must meet monthly, but can meet as often as the need arises. The quorum for such meetings will be a majority of the officers.

#### Article VIII – Amendment

**Section 1.** *This constitution can be amended by 2/3 vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the CUNPHC, or a special meeting called to amend the constitution, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented at the council meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in which they will be voted on.*

**Section 2.** If amendments to this constitution will be voted upon at a special meeting called to amend the constitution, the proposed amendments must be submitted to all members by the secretary electronically at least 30 days in advance of the special meeting.