



Standing Rules of Boston University Panhellenic Association and Panhellenic Council

ARTICLE I. DUES

1. The dues of each Panhellenic Association member sorority shall be an assessment per member and new member. The amount of such dues shall be \$8/member and \$10/new member and assessed on the first day of classes in the fall semester and within 72 hours of bid distribution in the spring semester..
2. Invoices will be sent within two weeks of the first day of classes in the fall semester and within two weeks of bid distribution in the spring semester.
3. Invoices will be due within 14 days of receipt.

ARTICLE II. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The selection of all members of the Boston University Panhellenic Executive Board shall be determined through an election process held no later than one week prior to the conclusion of the fall academic term. The process will consist of an application, speeches and voting by member sorority chapters in good standing.
2. (a) Any sorority member running for positions of the Boston University Panhellenic Executive Council must have a minimum of two semesters of membership in an NPC member organization.
(b) Any sorority member running for the position of Boston University Panhellenic Council President must have served for at least one semester on the Boston University Panhellenic Council Executive Board. Any other interested sorority members must petition the Boston University Panhellenic Council at least two weeks prior to voting and be approved by the executive board.
(c) The office of Panhellenic Council President, Executive Vice President, and Recruitment Director must be occupied by members of different chapters. Exceptions must be petitioned to

the NPC Area Advisor and approved by a majority of the Panhellenic Council.

(d) The office of Recruitment Director and Recruitment Marshall must be occupied by members of different chapters. Exceptions must be petitioned to the NPC Area Advisor and approved by a majority of the Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE III. ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

1. General Administration

(a) Boston University Panhellenic Council will hold a Primary Recruitment during the Spring Semester. The Recruitment Team in conjunction with the NPC Area Advisor will determine the dates of Recruitment based on the academic calendar and availability of the function space.

(b) Boston University Panhellenic Council Recruitment will follow all National Panhellenic Conference recommendations, Unanimous Agreements, resolutions and policies for membership recruitment.

(c) All Boston University Panhellenic Council Bylaws and Standing Rules of Recruitment as well as Boston University's Student Activities policies will be upheld. All members, including new members and alumnae are responsible for the aforementioned.

(d) All members and PNMs are responsible for knowing and adhering to Recruitment guidelines. Ignorance of the rules will not excuse a PNM or a member from a Recruitment Infraction. The RD and President of the Panhellenic Council will hold a mandatory meeting to explain primary recruitment rules to all PNMs in the form of a Rules of Recruitment meeting for actives and an opening information session for PNMs

2. Eligibility of Potential New Members

(a) A PNM must be a full-time undergraduate student at BU.

(b) A PNM must have at least official freshman standing at BU to be eligible for primary recruitment or Spring COB recruitment and at least official sophomore standing to be eligible for Fall COB recruitment.

(c) A PNM's GPA will be checked by their BU ID as submitted in their recruitment registration and will be released to the chapters when PNM lists are released in the days prior to primary recruitment.

(d) All Chapters are obligated to release their minimum GPA requirement to the RD prior to primary recruitment to be released to the PNMs.

(e) A person who is or who has ever been an initiated member of an existing National Panhellenic Conference sorority shall not be eligible for membership in another NPC sorority.

(f) A bid is a one (1) year binding agreement.

(g) If a PNM signs a Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement at the end of the primary recruitment period and does not accept a bid or accepts a bid and does not complete the New Member period, said PNM will be ineligible to go through primary and COB recruitment and cannot join a member sorority until the next period of primary recruitment. Signing a Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement indicates that the PNM is willing to accept a bid from any member sorority that said PNM has listed.

(h) Membership Recruitment will be run by the Recruitment Director who will be appointed by the outgoing Panhellenic Council. The rest of the committee will consist of the Head Recruitment Counselor and Recruitment Marshall. The committee will be overseen by the Panhellenic Council President and NPC Area Advisor.

3. COB Recruitment

(a) a. An early fall recruitment shall be allowed for those chapters with membership below total.

b. A spring COB recruitment shall be allowed for those chapters that did not match to total during primary recruitment or chapters below total at any point in the spring semester.

(b) The early fall recruitment shall be held beginning the first day of classes pending the submission of chapter rosters.

(c) The National Panhellenic Conference Quota-Total System shall be followed.

(d) A Continuous Open Bidding (COB) selection process shall be used.

(e) Every regularly enrolled new member, initiate, or affiliate of a chapter shall be counted in the Chapter Total described in Article III Section 5

a. A list of pledged, initiated, or affiliated shall be filed with the President of the Panhellenic Association and with the NPC Area Advisor before the first day of classes in each semester. b. Additionally, chapters must have their Student Activities Office rosters (OrgSync) completely up to date one week prior to the first round of primary recruitment. c. Any broken pledges, termination or other change in membership shall be reported to the President of the Panhellenic Association and the NPC Area Advisor no later than one week after it has occurred.

4. Primary Recruitment

(a) An early spring semester recruitment shall be held.

(b) The National Panhellenic Conference Quota-Total System shall be followed.

(c) The preferential bidding system using Release Figure Methodology shall be followed.

(g) All primary membership recruitment events shall be held in a place as designated by the

Panhellenic Council and Membership Recruitment Committee.

(f) a. A list of pledged, initiated, or affiliated shall be filed with the President of the Panhellenic Association and with the NPC Area Advisor before the first day of classes in each semester. b. Any depledging, termination or change in membership shall be reported to the President of the Panhellenic Association and the NPC Area Advisor no later than one week after it has occurred.

5. Totals

(a) Chapter total will automatically be set to the average or median (whichever is larger) chapter size at the start of each academic semester.

(b) Every regularly enrolled new member, initiate, or affiliate of a chapter shall be counted in Chapter Total.

(c) Chapters which do not fill basic quota during the primary recruitment period may continue to bid and take new members to quota in COB even though reaching quota puts them over total.

(d) Total will be set within one week of the first day of classes in the fall semester and within 72 hours of bid distribution in the spring semester.

ARTICLE IV. NEW MEMBERS AND INITIATION

1. A person must be a regularly matriculated student to be eligible for recruitment and new member status.

2. A Panhellenic Association member sorority may not issue an invitation to membership or formally accept a new member during any school recess.

3. A new member may be initiated whenever the member has met the requirements of the sorority.

ARTICLE V. HAZING

1. All forms of hazing, bid day and/or pre-initiation activities which are defined as hazing shall be banned.

2. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation with or without consent, whether on or off member sorority premises, which recklessly, intentionally or unintentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or creates risk of injury, or causes discomfort, embarrassment, harassment of ridicule or which willfully destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a chapter or colony of an

NPC member sorority.

ARTICLE VI. VIOLATIONS

1. Violations of the Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be occasion for penalties established by the Boston University Panhellenic Council.
2. Any dispute arising out of the violation of the Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be adjusted through the Panhellenic judicial procedures as outlined in the NPC Manual of Information.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES

1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Boston University Panhellenic Council by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been announced and submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, allowing an opportunity for chapter input.