

The Constitution of the Greeks At Parkside

Article I – Name

The Name of this organization shall be Greeks at Parkside (GAP).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of GAP shall be to bring all social and service Greek Letter organizations together in an open forum to foster communication on issues and programs relevant to the overall existence of Greek Life at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. GAP will promote intellectual, social, and moral development of our member organizations through leadership training. This organization shall also serve as the governing body of all Greek letter entities.

Article III – Membership

- A. Membership of this organization shall consist of all currently recognized Greek letter social and community service organizations that are in good standing at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.
- B. Ex-officio members on GAP may include the Dean of Students, Greek letter organization advisors, and the Assistant Director for Student Activities.
- C. Organization representatives to GAP must be in good academic standing and enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Officers will possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and general assembly members will possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- D. The organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, gender, age, or sexual orientation.

Article IV – Conduct

GAP will not pass any motion or amendment, or sponsor any event which would require any organization to violate its own governing documents, university, local, state or federal laws.

Article V – General Assembly

- A. The General Assembly shall consist of a member from each participating Greek letter organizations.
- B. Executive Board
 1. The Executive Board shall consist of:
 - a. Co-Chairpersons
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Historian
 2. Removal from Office
 - a. Removal from office is possible with a 2/3 vote of the GAP general assembly.

- b. Reasons to remove an officer include but are not limited to: negligence of duties, misrepresenting GAP, and in-appropriate representation of UW-Parkside.

Article VI – Duties

- A. Co –Chairperson I:
 1. Serve as chairperson of the General Assembly and E-Board.
 2. Set the agenda for meetings.
 3. Attend E-Board and General Assembly Meetings.
 4. Attend all GAP meetings and events, which include community service projects etc.
- B. Co –Chairperson II:
 1. Serve as chairperson of the General Assembly and set the agenda if the other chairperson is not available.
 2. Attend E-Board and General Assembly Meetings.
 3. Serve as the Parliamentarian for both the Executive Board and General Assembly.
 4. Coordinate all-Greek programs sponsored by GAP.
 5. Attend all GAP meetings and events, which include community service projects etc.
- C. Treasurer
 1. Report monthly updates of the budget.
 2. Monitor the budget.
 3. Attend all GAP meetings and events, which include community service projects etc.
- D. Secretary
 1. Keep the minutes and distribute appropriately in a timely manner.
 2. Main communication between the council and members.
 3. Attend all GAP meetings and events, which include community service projects etc.
- E. Historian
 1. Attend all GAP meetings and events, which include community service projects etc.
 2. Take pictures at events.
 3. Put together different types of promotion or media, for example power point presentation, photo album or scrap book.
 4. Create and store the display board for GAP. This would be used for recruitment fair, display tables etc.
 5. Coordinate Greek Picture Day.

Article VII – Meetings

- A. Meetings of the general body shall occur monthly on the third Thursday of each month.
- B. Executive Board meetings shall occur on the first Thursday of each month and as needed per the request of four board members.
- C. Any entity that fails to provide representation to either the executive board or the general body will result in suspension from campus. Suspension will cease all activities of that entity on and off campus on behalf of that organization.

- D. Either Co-Chairperson can call emergency meetings by giving a 24-hour notice to the General Assembly.
- E. Executive Board officers not in attendance should report to both Co – Chairpersons, 24 hours in advance unless an emergency situation arises.
- F. General Assembly members not present must report delegate proxy to Co – Chairperson II.
- G. The General Assembly may make a motion to add items to the agenda, at the beginning of a GAP meeting.
- H. The parliamentary authority is Robert’s Rules of Order and the Co – Chairperson II is responsible for these governing rules.

Article VIII – Election of Executive Board Officers

- A. Each member organization may nominate candidates for each office.
- B. Nominations
 - 1. Occur at the first meeting of November.
 - 2. Any nominee for an officer position must meet with current officer before the election in order to be considered for that office.
- C. Elections
 - 1. Occur at first meeting following nominations.
 - 2. Procedure is secret ballot.
 - 3. Chairperson II and the Secretary will tabulate votes with oversight by an ex-officio member.
- D. Installation
 - 1. Occurs at the last meeting of the semester.
- E. Vacant Positions
 - 1. Should an officer vacate his office before the end of their term, a special election will be called and voted upon by the General Assembly.

Article IX – Delegates and Voting

- A. The Delegates shall consist of one appointed member from each Greek member organization: each given one vote for his/her respected organization.
- B. The Co – Chairperson I shall be the chairman of the General Assembly.
- C. The Delegates shall hear all motions for approval and vote on those motions.
- D. All motions approved by the Delegates, by majority vote, must then pass the Executive Council.
 - 1. The Executive Council can veto by majority motion an approved motion with good reason.
 - 2. Any motion that is vetoed by the Executive Council may be overturned by a 2/3 vote of the General Assembly.
- E. If a delegate is voted to serve as a Greek Council Executive Officer, his/her chapter is responsible for replacing the chapter delegate by the next Greek Council meeting.
- F. Each organization will have equal voting rights in Greek Council.

Article X – Discipline

- A. Greek organizations are required to abide by the same University policies and procedures as outlined in the Student Organization & Advisor Handbook, and

- also are responsible to follow the policies, regulations and procedures of this governance council.
- B. Situations include, but are not limited to: hazing, inappropriate behavior reflecting poorly upon the Greek system or the University, violation of campus policy and procedure, and not being representative at GAP.
 - C. Actions to be taken by GAP.
 - 1. Appropriate organization president should report back to GAP as to how the organization is handling the situation and person(s) involved.
 - 2. Upon second offense: GAP will decide internally how to handle the situation and person(s) involved.
 - 3. Upon third offense: Greek organization will lose its University Recognition for a specified period of time.

Article XI – Amendments

- A. Ratification
 - 1. Shall be 2/3 votes.
 - 2. This document shall go into effect immediately.
- B. All amendments must be tabled for the next meeting so each organization can gather feedback.

We, the members of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Greek organizations, in order to ensure a more representative and orderly self-governance, to promote community service, campus involvement, and the promotion of college life, do hereby ordain this constitution.

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Name:

Signature:

Greek Affiliation: