

# The Constitution of The Asian Greek Council

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## PREAMBLE

The Asian Greek Council is established to promote unity among Asian Greek-lettered organizations and to bring awareness of Asian/Asian American culture and heritage not only to their respective organizations but also to the community as a whole.

## PURPOSE

The Asian Greek Council is compromised to multicultural Asian-interest Fraternities and Sororities, which shall:

- A. Address concerns affecting the Asian community on campus and at large.
- B. Partake in cultural, educational, political, and philanthropic activities.
- C. Encourage a better understanding and communication among organizations that compromise the Asian Greek Council
- D. Promote closer communication among other Greek and Non-Greek organizations.
- E. Enforce this constitution and the constitutions of respective organizations in the Asian Greek Council

## ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Asian Greek Council at Binghamton University.

## ARTICLE II – Membership

All multicultural Asian-interest Fraternities and Sororities recognized by the University and approved by the members of the Asian Greek Council. (Refer to Article VII – Council Expansion Organizational)

## ARTICLE III – Organization

The Asian-Greek Council shall consist of two duly elected representatives from each respective member organization.

### Section 1: Duties of the Council Representatives

- A. Representatives shall have the option of running for positions in the Executive Board, Greek Review Board, Community Service, Fundraising, Cultural, and Rush Chairs.
- B. Representatives shall perform their responsibilities as well as any other duties at request of the President of the Asian Greek Council. (Refer to Article IV, Section II)

C. Representatives shall serve as a liaison between their respective organizations and the Asian Greek Council.

#### Section 2: Rules and Regulations

A. The President of the respective organizations which comprise the Asian Greek Council shall not be able for the position of President of Asian Greek Council during their term in office.

B. Each representative of the Asian Greek Council is entitled to one vote unless his or her voting rights are suspended. (Refer to Article V, Section 3G)

#### C. Term of Office

1. Position of presidency requires a full academic calendar year of commitment while all other positions on the Asian Greek Council E-Board require a full academic calendar semester of commitment.

2. Should any of the officers be unable to complete his or her term in office, the position shall be filled by an appointment of the Executive Board.

3. The Executive Board members of the Asian Greek Council have the first priority over the vacant positions.

#### D. Attendance Policy

1. Council Representatives will attend all meetings and are encouraged to attend all functions held by the Asian Greek Council.

2. At least two representatives from each member organization, but no more than three(3) representatives must be present at meetings at all times. If an organization is unable to meet this requirement, the organization will be fined by the Asian Greek Council according to the appropriate fine set during that fiscal year.

a. Each Representative is limited to three absences per academic semester. If the representative accumulates more than three absences, the respective organization he or she represents is required to appoint a new representative.

3. A minimum of 50% of each organization must attend the 1 AGC community service events and 1 cultural events of that semester. If an organization is unable to fulfill the requirement, a penalty of \$5 per active will be enforced along with another community service/cultural event with 75% mandatory attendance.

4. If absent without a substitute, the organization will be fined \$10. After the first 5 minutes, it would be counted as an absence. That organization will be charged 1\$ for every minute late.

#### E. Meetings

1. The Executive Board will set regular meetings at the beginning of each academic semester. Cancellation or change of a meeting date cannot be allowed unless approved by all representatives.

2. A grace period of 5 minutes will be allotted because a representative is considered late for the respective meeting.

3. The President reserves the right to call a special meeting if the need arises. Should the special meeting be necessary, the President shall give the Council Representatives at least forty-eight hours of notice.

4. A simple majority of the entire board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or of any specified item of business.

#### F. General Voting Procedures

1. All members must be present in order to vote on an issue.

2. Issue will be passed by simple majority vote of the council representatives excluding the president.

3. All organizations under Probationary Recognition Status can not vote on constitutional amendments nor elections for President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

4. All representatives who leave the meeting before it adjourns will forfeit all rights, including voting privileges, for that meeting.

### ARTICLE IV – Executive Board

Section 1: The Executive Board of the Asian Greek Council shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Warden.

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Board

#### A. President

1. shall be the official chairperson of the Asian Greek Council

2. shall preside at all meetings and functions held by the Asian Greek Council.

3. shall establish any committees necessary and appoint members to those committees.

4. shall oversee all external and internal affairs of the Asian Greek Council.

5. shall be responsible for setting the agenda for all meetings.

6. shall represent the Asian Greek Council on the Greek Board of Directors.

7. shall attend all Council of Presidents meetings and represent the Asian Greek Council.

8. shall not have a vote on any issue unless a simple majority can not be reached.

#### B. Vice President

1. shall, in the absence of the President, preside and discharge the duties of that office.

2. shall supervise the committee heads of the minor sub-board.

3. shall act as the President's chief advisor.

4. shall report to the President on the status of the committees.

#### C. Treasurer

1. shall maintain an accurate accounting of the financial position of the Asian Greek Council.

2. shall give a report of the financial records during each business meeting.

3. shall oversee the financial activities of the Asian Greek Council.

4. shall collect dues from each organization represented in the Asian Greek Council.
5. shall represent Asian Greek Council on the Finance and Management Committee.
6. shall assess and collect the Finance and Management Committee semester dues from each member organization.

D. Secretary

1. shall keep and distribute records of all proceedings of the Asian Greek Council and its members.
2. shall take accurate minutes and attendance at all the Asian Greek Council meetings.
3. shall notify all members of regular and special meetings.
4. shall take accurate note of upcoming special event dates such as cultural events and notify the Asian Greek Council

E. Warden

1. shall conduct meetings within the Asian Greek Council as prescribed by the standard parliamentary procedures.
2. shall be responsible for maintaining at all times.
3. shall assess disciplinary actions should a breakdown of order occur at Asian Greek Council meetings.
4. shall assume the position of Greek Review Board Representative for Asian Greek Council.

F. Cultural Chair:

1. shall foster unity among the members by coordinating at least two events per school year that combines the efforts of all Asian Greek Council organizations.
2. shall enforce Asian Greek Council Cultural Requirements. Refer to Article X)
3. president shall meet with Asian Student Union President once a semester, acting as the official Asian Greek Council liaison with the Asian Organizations on campus.
4. shall be in charge of the cultural steering committee, which consists of one representative from each organization

G. Rush Advisor:

1. shall help set rush dates for members of the Asian Greek Council in accordance with University guidelines.
2. shall help coordinate rush events, posters, tabling, and other various rush functions.
3. shall set up a general rush event to introduce all members organizations of the Asian Greek Council.

H. Community Service Chair:

1. shall be in charge of organizing at least two community service events for Asian Greek Council.

ARTICLE V – Judicial Board

From March 30, 1998 forth, the Judicial Board will no longer exist. In its place, any infractions will be brought up to the Asian Greek Council Executive Board to notify all organizational representatives of the problem. If the resolution cannot be met, then it will be brought up to the Greek Review Board.

ARTICLE VI – Elections

Elections must be held before the last day of classes of the spring academic semester.

Section 1: Term of Office

A. The officers shall serve one semester of office beginning the first day of classes during the academic semester.

#### Section 2: Procedures

A. Each candidate interested in holding a position on the Asian Greek Council must submit a formal letter of intent to the Executive Board one week before the scheduled election date.

B. Nomination from the floor will be carefully considered under the discretion of the whole council.

#### Section 3: Voting

A. The officers of the Asian Greek Council will be elected by a simple majority vote of the Council Representatives.

B. Representatives shall vote by secret ballot, with ballots being counted by outgoing Executive Board members.

C. No proxy votes will be accepted.

### ARTICLE VII – Council Expansion (Organizational)

#### Section 1: Procedure for Full Recognition Status.

A. After one year of probationary recognition status, the organization will be considered for recommendation of full recognition status to the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board.

B. The Asian Greek Council is open to expansion at the beginning of each academic semester.

C. If requirements for full recognition status are met at the end of the one year, then upon the decision of the council members, the organization will then be recommended to the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board for full recognition. If the requirements of the Council have not been met, then the Council will make recommendation for extension of the probationary status or denial of the recognition status.

D. The Asian Greek Council shall abide by all other University guidelines relative to expansion.

#### Section 2: Probationary Recognition Status

A. The organization must have a minimum of ten active members-currently enrolled, full-time undergraduate students at Binghamton University-in order to be recommended for full recognition status.

B. All prospective members must be matriculated, with a minimum of GPA set forth by the University for active membership.

C. The constitution of the organization seeking membership must be submitted to the Asian Greek Council and the University for review,

D. The organization must allow participation by students irrespective of race, creed, religion, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

E. The organization must abide by all University policies and regulations in order to be recommended for full recognition status.

F. The organization must conduct three cultural events, two community service events, and two social events, before they will be recommended for full membership status.

G. Additionally, 75% of that organization's active members must attend two events(cultural/philanthropic/community service) conducted by each AGC organization within one academic year.

H. Representatives from that organization are only allowed to run for all minor board positions and all e-board positions excluding President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VIII – Rush and Pledge Regulations

### Section 1: Rush Regulations

- A. Any student wishing to participate in Asian Greek Council rush events must have earned a minimum of twelve credits hours during matriculation at a college and abide by university grade point average.
- B. No alcoholic beverages shall be present at any rush functions.
- C. Any practice of discriminations on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, handicaps, or sexual orientation will not be tolerated by the Asian Greek Council.
- D. No student shall be rushed by a fraternity or sorority unless he or she is rushing in accordance with the Asian Greek Council and University policies.
- E. Rush dates shall be coordinated in accordance within dates mandated by the University policies.

### Section 2: Rush Activities

- A. There shall be an Asian Greek Council Forum held once a year to introduce all the members of the Asian Greek Council. The forum will take place after all the first general interest meetings put prior to all the second general interest meetings of member organizations. This will consist of registration by prospective rushes and the Asian Greek Council shall go over all the rush regulation at this time.
- B. For the prospective new members, the attendance to the Asian Greek Council Forum is mandatory.
- C. Each fraternity or sorority shall try to prevent the overlapping of rush events in order to prevent discrimination. The Rush advisor must approve all dates and activities during rush.
- D. No organization is allowed to throw parties during rush. Party is defined as any event that involves monetary transaction or promoting an event.
- E. Rush will always start the first Sunday after classes start to mitigate overlapping parties from different organizations.

### Section 3: Pledging Regulations

- A. The Asian Greek Council shall not tolerate any type of hazing activities, which will lead to the violation of New York State Laws or University regulations
- B. No students shall be pledged by a fraternity or sorority unless he or she is pledging in accordance with the Asian Greek Council and University policies.
- C. Pledging activities shall not include alcoholic beverages.
- D. Pledging activities shall end according to University guidelines.
- E. The fraternities and sororities are required to inform their prospective pledges of all the monetary commitments that pledging entails.
- F. All the fraternities and sororities are required to submit a pledge roster each academic semester to the Asian Greek Council and Fraternity/Sorority Advisor of the University.

## ARTICLE IX – Cultural Requirements

Section 1: The Cultural Chair and the respective organizations within the Asian Greek Council are required to facilitate at least two cultural events together in one academic year span.

Section 2: All members of the Asian Greek Council shall recognize the importance of endorsing the Asian Greek Council Cultural Requirements.

## ARTICLE X – Event Hosting

Section 1: Any organization under Asian Greek Council that wishes to host an event must submit a specific date for request which will then be reviewed for approval in order to avoid scheduling conflicts.

A. All intended proposals to host events for or in conjunction with non-Greek SA-chartered student groups shall be submitted to the Asian Greek Council.

Section 2: Organizations may only reserve and hold ONE date upon approval of the Asian Greek Council and may not request another event date until the reserved date has passed.

A. If an organization within the Asian Greek Council withdraws their reserved date within 14 days of the event occurring, that organization will be penalized \$100.

Section 3: All events recurring on a weekly basis, such as an event that is hosting at a bar, shall be proposed to the Asian Greek Council.

A. All recurring events on a weekly basis will defer to events with a reserved date.

Section 4: If an organization within the Asian Greek Council fails to strictly abide by the rules regarding Article X – Event Hosting, that organization will forfeit voting rights and event hosting privileges for 40 academic days.

## ARTICLE XI – Constitutional Amendments

Section 1: The Amendment shall be presented at a meeting of the Asian Greek Council and shall be voted on the next council meeting.

Section 2: The Asian Greek Council will need a 3/4 vote of the Council Representatives to vote in favor of initiating an amendment.

Section 3: Ratification

A. After the amendment has been formatted, the amendment shall be reviewed by the Asian Greek Council.

B. In order for the amendment to be approved, it will need a 3/4 vote from the Cultural Representatives.

C. When the amendment is approved, it will go into effect immediately.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Amendment: On general voting procedures

a. All members must be present in order to vote on an issue,



b. Issue will be passed by simple majority vote of the council representatives, excluding the vote of the president

2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment: Refer to Article IV section 2 A

President shall not have a vote on any issues unless a simple majority cannot be reached.

3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment: Add into Article VI section 3 A

The officers of the Asian Greek Council will be elected by a simple majority vote of the council representatives, excluding the president.

4<sup>th</sup> Amendment: From March 30, 1998 forth, Article V (Judicial Board) will no longer exist. In its place any infractions will be brought up to the Asian Greek Council Executive Board to notify all organizational representatives of the problem. If a resolution cannot be met, then it will be brought up to the Greek Review Board.

5<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to ARTICLE VIII section 2 D

If any rules regarding the rush period are broken by an organization, then the organization will go under AGC probation for 40 academic days. If the organization breaks another rule during probation, then it will be placed under council discretion and risk potentially being removed from the council completely.

6<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Article IV. Section 2. D.

The duties of the secretary will include informing the Asian Greek Council of upcoming special event dates, such as cultural events, in order to better facilitate the event hosting abilities of the council.

7<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Article X. Section 1. A

All intended proposals to host events for or in conjunction with non-Greek SA-chartered student groups shall be submitted to the Asian Greek Council.

8<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Article X. Section 2. A

If an organization within the Asian Greek Council withdraws their reserved date within 14 days of the event occurring, that organization will be penalized \$150.

9<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Article X. Section 4.

If an organization within the Asian Greek Council fails to strictly abide by the rules regarding Article X – Event Hosting, that organization will forfeit voting rights and event hosting privileges for 40 academic days.

10<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Article X. Section 3.

All events recurring on a weekly basis, such as an event that is hosting at a bar, shall be proposed to the Asian Greek Council.

11<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Article X. Section 3. A.

All recurring events on a weekly basis will defer to events with a reserved date.

12<sup>th</sup> Amendment Add to Article II Section.2 A.

The stipulations under the definition of “mixer” holds that there will be no profit and no advertising of the event whatsoever. Should an organization throw an event without adhering to these terms there shall be a fine of \$150. Should any future events be thrown under a different title to cause a conflict that does not adhere to previous standards of event definitions, there shall be a \$150 fine.

13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Add to Article III Section 2. G. Clause Suspension

A clause may be suspended, if and only if the council, with every organization represented and informed, passes an anonymous council vote unanimously. Each organization will be represented by one vote and each clause suspension situation will be on a case to case basis.

14<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Section IV Section F and H

Shall have the power appoint an assistant representative from his or her respective organization to assist in event planning. This assistant representative may attend meetings but will not hold any form of voting power.

15<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Correction to Article VI

Elections must be held before the last day of classes of the spring academic semester.

16<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Add to Article X, Section 5. A, B, C, and D

- a. Any and multiple organizations may host a party or event on any day, given that the date in question has not been formally requested by another organization as specified by Article X, Section 1.
- b. If an organization has reserved a date, no other organization may host on that day unless they adhere to the rules and guidelines dictated by the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Suspension Clause.
- c. Organizations must reserve their date 10 days prior to the event in order to prevent another organization from hosting on that date as well. Any event requested after 10 days before the event is open to any and all organizations to host.
- d. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the offending organization to be penalized \$150.