The Constitution of the Northern Illinois University Residence Hall Association

Preamble

This is an association established to provide a means of unifying the individual residence halls to further the common interests of their residents; to promote better relations and communications between residence halls and all other groups; to increase the efficiency of the residence halls by coordinating activities that may be to their advantage; and to officially represent the interests of the residence halls to Northern Illinois University and all other organizations. This organization shall be an autonomous agency, associated with the governing body of Northern Illinois University, established to deal with those factors affecting the residence hall system.

Article I - Name

Section 1: Organization
The name of this organization shall be the Northern Illinois University Residence Hall Association, hereafter referred to as the N.I.U.R.H.A.

Section 2: Council
The council of the N.I.U.R.H.A. shall be known as the Residence Hall Association, hereafter referred to as the R.H.A.

Article II - Membership

Section 1: Organization
a) All residents of participating university-approved Northern Illinois University residence halls, in good standing as defined in the bylaws, will be members of the N.I.U.R.H.A.
b) Membership of the R.H.A. shall consist of three delegates from each participating residence hall.
   I. The three delegates must be individually chosen by a majority vote of the respective Hall Council and they must be a member of the Hall Council from the individual hall.
   II. The first delegate must be the President of the individual hall.
   III. Each participating residence hall shall have three votes. One shall be cast by the first delegate or his/her designate. One shall be cast by the second delegate or his/her designate. One shall be cast by the third delegate or his/her designate.
   IV. Residence hall delegates shall be selected as set forth in the Bylaws of the individual Hall Council.

Section 2: Officers
Membership of the R.H.A. shall also include all Executive Officers, Ex-Officio Officers, and Advisors (See Article III).

Article III - Officers

Section 1: Executive Officers
The Executive Officers of the R.H.A. shall be as follows:
   a) President
   b) Vice President of Administration
   c) Programming Coordinator
   d) Secretary
e) Vice President of Finance
f) National Communications Coordinator/Illinois Communications Coordinator (NCC/ICC)
g) Public Relations Officer

The voting Ex-Officio officers shall be as follows:
   a) National Residence Hall Honorary Representative
      I. This representative shall be the officer designated by the National Residence Hall
         Honorary bylaws

The non-voting officers shall:
   a) Be familiar with the R.H.A. constitution and bylaws
   b) Help the President in carrying out the duties of the R.H.A.
   c) Except for the President, not carry the weight of a vote.
   d) Have all other duties, powers, and responsibilities as set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 2: Nomenclature
The Executive Officers shall hereafter be collectively referred to as the Executive Board.

Section 3: Qualifications
The qualifications for holding an executive office in the R.H.A. shall be as follows:
   a) The executive board for the ensuing year must be members of the N.I.U.R.H.A. and remain
      so throughout their respective terms of office.
   b) All candidates must be registered students at the university and be in good standing.
   c) All candidates must have at the time of election and maintain an overall G.P.A. of 2.30 or
      above.
   d) All candidates shall be familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the position for which
      they are running.

Section 4: Term of Office
The term of office for officers of the R.H.A. shall be until the end of the academic year for which they were
elected, with no limit placed on the number of terms that any one person may serve.

Section 5: Elections
The election of officers shall take place as follows:
   a) The NRHH Representative shall be elected and designated by the National Residence Hall
      Honorary.
   b) All other officers shall be elected following the procedures set forth in the R.H.A. Bylaws.
   c) No member of the R.H.A. Executive Board (Article III, Section 1) shall be elected in two
      positions concurrently.

Section 6: Vacancies
Vacancies shall be filled following the procedures set forth in the bylaws.

Article IV – Impeachment and Expulsion

Section 1: Conditions
Any officer or member may be impeached or expelled from the R.H.A. for reasons outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 2: Procedures
The impeachment or expulsion shall follow the procedures set forth in the bylaws.

Article V - Advisors
Section 1: R.H.A.
An advisor for R.H.A. will be appointed by the Office of Housing and Dining.

Section 2: Committees
An additional advisor may be appointed to a committee if necessary.

Article IV - Amendments

Section 1: Presentation
a) All amendments to this constitution must be presented in writing to the R.H.A. at least one week prior to their introduction.
b) Amendments may be presented to the R.H.A. by a participating residence hall if it has been passed by 2/3 vote of the hall council.

Section 2: Advisory Vote
A proposed amendment must pass an advisory vote of 3/4 of the R.H.A. before it will be referred to the remaining residence halls for ratification.

Section 3: Ratification
All amendments to this constitution must be passed by a 1/2 majority vote of 3/4 of the participating residence halls. The sponsoring hall will be considered as already having passed a ratifying vote due to the 2/3 vote required for presentation to the R.H.A.. However, if the amendment is further amended by motion by the R.H.A. then the sponsoring hall must still pass a ratifying vote.

Article VII – Enactment

Section 1: Time Frame
This document shall permanently go into effect immediately upon acceptance of a 2/3 majority of the voting members present.

Section 2: Previous Documents
This document hereafter nullifies all previously accepted and adopted N.I.U.R.H.A. constitutions.

Enactment Clause:
On this date, February 9th, 2015, this Constitution is hereby revised and adopted by 3/4 majority of the participating residence halls of the N.I.U.R.H.A.