Rider University Greek Council  
Constitution

Preamble
The purpose of the council is to unite the Greek Organizations on the Rider University Campus. The Greek Council also serves as an unbiased governing council that promotes the mutual respect and understanding amongst the existing organizations, generates interest for new members and promotes the expansion of new groups. We will achieve this by holding events, providing community service and philanthropic opportunities while upholding our academic standards and enhancing the Rider University Community. We support our individual organizations values, policies and procedures and hold them accountable to their own standards as well as the Greek Council’s and the University’s expectations.

Article I: Name
The name of this organization is the Rider University Greek Council.

Article II: Membership

Section I: The Rider University Greek Council is open to all of the recognized and active fraternities and sororities that fall under the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), Interfraternity Council (IFC), and Intercultural Greek Council (IGC) regulations of Rider University; as well as the Rider University and the National policy. Individuals must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Section II: Statement of Non-Discrimination
The Greek Organizations on the Rider University Campus shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.

Article III: Officers

Section I: The Rider University Greek Council shall consist of one (1) Executive Board. The Rider University Greek Council will consist of three sub councils: IFC, NPC, and IGC.

Section II: The Rider University Greek Council shall consist of one (1) Executive Board. Its members shall include: the President of the Greek Council, Vice President of NPC, Vice President of IGC, Vice President of IFC, NPC Recruitment Chair, IFC Recruitment Chair, IGC Intake Chair, Scholarship and Education Chair, Major Events Chair, Risk Management Chair, Public Relations, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Article IV: Meetings

Section I: Meetings are weekly for both the executive board and the general board.
   a: Executive Board holds their own meeting once weekly
   b: General board consists of one delegate per recognized chapter.
   c: Chapters should also elect or appoint one primary delegate and one secondary
delegate for their chapter. The chapter should make every attempt to ensure that there is consistency in this position.

d: Chapters with a primary and secondary delegate may not have any absences from any Greek Council General Board Meeting.

e: Chapters with only a primary delegate may have one (1) unexcused and two (2) excused absences from Greek Council General Board Meetings each semester. Excused absences include class, illness and emergencies. These will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Greek Council Executive board.

f: The same policy will be in effect for Greek Council Executive board members regarding absence and penalties for absences (regarding voice and vote).

g: Colonies or Interest groups are invited to attend general board meetings.

h. Meeting will be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order.

Section II: Attendance for Greek Council Executive Board

a: In the case where an executive officer is unable to attend a meeting, that person is to contact the secretary, and if the secretary cannot be reached then the president must be contacted within 48 hours before the designated meeting time.

b: Executive Board Members are allowed 1 unexcused absence and 2 excused absences, excluding required class participation.

c: If an Executive Board Member is absent, that Executive Board Member must submit that week’s report to the secretary and the secretary is responsible for announcing the absentee’s weekly report.

d: Punctuality to all meetings is required by all Executive Board Members. There will be a 5 min grace period.

Section III: Expectations for Greek Council Chapters and Greek Council Executive Board

a: All Rider University Greek Council events namely, Greek 101’s including all IFC and NPC chapters should have at least 70% of their chapter in attendance. All National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) and National Multicultural Greek Council (NMGC) chapter members must attend 2 of the 3 offered Greek 101’s each semester.

Article V: Voting

Section I: Regular Voting

a. Quorum consists of 51% of the Greek Council General Board, and there must be at least one delegate from each sub government.

b. For a vote to pass it must receive favor from at least 2/3 of the voting delegation
c: Each Chapter Delegate in good standing with the University is entitled to one vote

d: Motions are decided by the majority of those present

e: Voting by proxy is not allowed in any form.

f: The topic may not be voted upon again unless new information is presented to the Council.

In the case of a tie, the president of the Greek Council decides the vote.

Article VI: Amendments

Section I: Any amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the president at the general board meeting.

Section II: The amendment(s) require(s) a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in order for the amendment(s) to be passed and will be voted on by the Executive Board at the following meeting.

Section III: Any members under the Rider University Greek Council can propose amendment(s), but only the Executive Board can vote on the amendment(s).

Article VII: Definition and Statement of Non-Hazing and Statement of Non-Discrimination

Section I: Hazing

Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any person 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 any organization operating under the sanction of or recognized as an organization by Rider University. The term hazing shall include, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the physical health and safety of an individual, and shall include any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual or any willful destruction or removal of public or private property.

Section II: For the purpose of this definition, any activity as described in this definition upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with or continued membership in an organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be "forced" activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding
Section III: Rider University stands firmly against any type of hazing. No chapter, colony, student or alumnus shall conduct nor condone hazing activities under the Greek Council.