

C O N S T I T U T I O N

OF

THE MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We, the students living in the residence halls on the campus of Morehead State University, in order to address, in a unified manner, our needs and concerns as members of the University Community, and to establish a system of self government whereby our convictions and actions may be fully represented in a forum, do hereby form and organize the Morehead State University Residence Hall Association for the purposes stated in Article I of this constitution.

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Morehead State University Residence Hall Association (Hereinafter referred to as the RHA).

SECTION 2. The purposes of this organization shall be:

- a) to provide support for the Residence Hall Councils within the limits of this constitution and the regulations of Morehead State University, fully realizing that the powers of making and administering the rules and regulations pertaining to the residence hall belongs to the University.
- b) to exchange ideas, to promote, plan, and implement educational, recreational, social, and cultural programs for fulfilling the needs of residence hall students.
- c) to promote cooperation and communication among members of the residence hall community, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, and the faculty, staff, and administration of Morehead State University.

ARTICLE II

Members of the Association

- SECTION 1.** Membership shall consist of the president and vice-president of each residence hall council, and the officers of the RHA.
- SECTION 2.** All of the members of the association must have and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in a 4.0 system while in office, and must not be on academic or social probation.
- SECTION 3.** If a members cumulative G.P.A. should drop below a 2.0 they will be required to relinquish their position immediately.
- SECTION 4.** All members must be currently enrolled as full time students.

ARTICLE III

Officers and Their Duties

- SECTION 1.** The officers of the RHA shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. The fore mentioned officers shall constitute the executive committee. The qualifications of the elected officers parallel those stated in Article II, section 2, 3, and 4.
- SECTION 2.** The duties of the officers are as follows:
- a) The president shall call and preside at all meetings of the RHA; shall have power to appoint committees and committee chairmen as he deems fit, and shall have other powers as set by this constitution.
 - b) The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president and to succeed the president, if deemed necessary; and shall have powers as set by this constitution.
 - c) The secretary-treasurer shall be responsible for the minutes of each meeting; to maintain an accurate record of attendance; to handle all correspondence of the RHA; shall otherwise assist the president and vice-president, and shall perform other duties as set by this constitution.

- d) The executive committee shall meet prior to the regular meeting and establish the agenda, and to meet in emergency sessions.

ARTICLE IV

Advisors

SECTION 1. The Director of Student Housing shall serve as advisor along with his/her designate(s); with no voting privileges.

ARTICLE V

Elections

SECTION 1. Hall Council Officers.

- a) Election of residence hall presidents, vice-president, and other like resident hall officers shall be held in the fall, and as specified in the constitution of each residence hall at Morehead State University.

SECTION 2. RHA Officers.

- a) Election of the RHA officers shall be no earlier than the second week of April, of the Spring semester.
- b) Election of the RHA officers shall be by the RHA membership and voting shall be done by secret ballot with each hall receiving one vote.
- c) The term of office shall be from the spring semester to the date of the RHA officers election results the following spring semester.
- d) A RHA officer may not hold a hall office during his/her term as a RHA officer.

SECTION 3. Vacancies-

- a) If the office president shall become vacant the vice-president shall become president.
- b) If the office of vice-president or secretary-treasurer becomes vacant, the president may appoint the office with approval of two-thirds of the RHA members present.
- c) In the event of vacancies of both the RHA president and vice-president, the secretary shall become president.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

- SECTION 1.** The RHA shall meet regularly, at least twice a month during the academic year. The day and time of regular meetings shall be set at the beginning of the fall semester.
- SECTION 2.** A meeting of the RHA may be called by the president at any time during the year or by a petition of two-thirds of the RHA membership.
- SECTION 3.** In order to conduct a meeting a quorum must be present, a quorum being a majority of the total RHA membership.
- SECTION 4.** The RHA meetings are to be conducted according to the guideline stipulated in Robert's Rules of Order.
- SECTION 5.** RHA members are required to attend all scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE VII

Voting

- SECTION 1.** There shall be one vote per hall on amendments and any activities involving individual hall monies. The motion must be presented at one RHA meeting, taken back to the individual hall councils for discussion, and brought back for a vote at the next meeting of the RHA.

SECTION 2. Other items of business may be voted on by the RHA members present at the time the motion is made.

ARTICLE VIII

Funds

SECTION 1. Any emergency expenditures totalling less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) may be approved by the RHA president, under the supervision of the advisor. Any larger expenditure requires a majority vote of the RHA members present.

ARTICLE IX

Impeachment

SECTION 1. Any member of the RHA may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of the RHA for any act which has been determined detrimental to the interests of the RHA.

SECTION 2. A trial shall be held by the membership of the RHA no earlier than one week, but no later than three weeks from the act of impeachment. If a defendant is found guilty by a two-thirds of all the voting members of RHA, (the member may be given the opportunity to appeal no later than a week after the vote) the position shall be declared vacant and the process described in Article V, section 3 shall be applied.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

SECTION 1. An amendment may be proposed by any member of the RHA.

SECTION 2. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the RHA, provided notice of the proposed amendment is given in writing at a preceding regular meeting. The amendment must be presented to each hall council and voted on before being brought back to the RHA for final vote.

SECTION 3. Amendment to this constitution must be approved by the committee on Student Life before becoming effective.

ARTICLE XI

R.H.A. Necessary and Proper Clause

- Section 1 The executive council of R.H.A., consisting of the president, vice-president, secretary/ treasurer and the NCC coordinator, together have reserved powers not specifically mentioned in this constitution. Among such powers are:
- (a) the power to set policies
 - (b) the power to draw up impeachment procedures
 - (c) the power to form offices or officers
 - (d) the power to represent R.H.A. at events
 - (e) the power to request hall council documents and other such items.
 - (f) the power to draw up hall council ballots
 - (g) and other like actions
- Section 2 All actions must be approved by a majority of the executive council.
- Section 3 The R.H.A. advisor(s) must be notified of actions being presented.
- Section 4 All actions are not permanent. They must be enforced for the duration of the elected officers year in office, they cease to be effective at the end of the spring semester, or until a new alternative action is submitted (each policy should specify which it shall be).