CONSTITUTION

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 represented Morehead State University Residence Hall Association for the purposes stated in Article I of this constitution.
ARTICLE I

Names and Purposes

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 purpose of this organization shall be:

a) to provide support for the Residence Hall Councils (hereinafter referred to as the RHC) with in 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 belong to the university.

b) to exchange ideas, to promote, plan, and implement educational, recreational, social, and diversity programs for fulfilling the needs of residence hall students and to improve the quality of life for students living in MSU residence halls.

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

Delegation of Powers

Section 1. All powers specifically given within this RHA constitution and all powers not specifically denied by this constitution are hereby granted to each individual RHC subject to the review of the RHA constitution and the RHA congress under a quorum. All issues that do arise shall be voted on by a quorum of the RHA congress (refer to Article IX, Section 3).

ARTICLE III

Members of the Association

Section 1. Voting membership shall consist of the president and vice-president of each RHC, and the executive officers of the RHA which shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, NCC, and NCCIT representatives or co-NCC.

Section 2. All members of the Association must have and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.25 in a 4.0 grading system while in office.

Section 3. If a member's GPA should drop below a 2.25, they will be required to go before executive council for determination of whether they shall be relinquished or probated of their position.

Section 4. A member must not be on an academic warning or probation or have violated residence hall rules according to the currently approved Morehead State University Eagle Student Handbook.
ARTICLE IV

Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The officers of the RHA shall consist of a president, a vice-president, secretary/treasurer, NCC, and NCCIT or co-NCC when applicable. The officers shall constitute the executive committee. All officers must maintain residence in an MSU residence hall during their term of office. The qualifications of the elected officers parallel those stated in Article III, sections 2, 3, and 4.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Council Officers are as follows:

a) The president shall preside at all meetings of the RHA; shall have power to appoint committees and committee chairs as they deem 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; shall oversee all committees and RHA week activities and programming.

c) The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for the minutes of each meeting; to maintain an accurate record of attendance; to handle all accounts, assessments, and receipts; to handle all financial matters of the RHA; shall keep records of individual RHC accounts and minutes in the RHA office and shall otherwise assist the president and vice-president, and shall perform other duties as set by this constitution.
Sect 2(cont.)  d) The NCC and/or co-NCC shall be responsible for all information regarding conferences, shall be the liaison between all delegations; shall administer publicity of RHA activities and events; and shall otherwise assist the president and vice-president, and shall perform other duties as set by this constitution.

e) The NCCIT when applicable shall assist the NCC in all responsibilities and duties; and shall assist the president and vice-president; and shall perform other duties as set by this constitution.

f) The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the regular meeting and establish the agenda, meet in emergency situations, and shall be represented at every RHA sponsored event.

ARTICLE V

Advisors

Section 1. The Director of Student Housing and/or his/her designee shall serve as advisor along with his/her designee(s); with no voting privileges.

Section 2. The RHA reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any designee(s).

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Section 1. RHA officer elections shall be specified as follows:
a) Election of the RHA president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer, shall be no later than April 30 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 member receiving one vote. There shall be no nominations allowed from the floor and every candidate must meet all GPA requirements. Applicants must submit an application to the current executive council no later than one full week prior to election.

c) The term of office shall be from the end of the spring semester through the end of the following spring semester. The period between RHA executive council elections and the end of the semester shall be considered as an interim period for the newly elected officers. These officers shall be referred to as president elect, vice-president elect, and secretary/treasurer elect until their term of office begins at the end of that spring semester.

d) All executive officers elect shall be required to attend executive council meetings during the interim period with no voting privileges. Disciplinary action for unexcused absences shall be determined by the current advisor and current executive council.

e) An RHA officer may not hold a hall office during his/her term as an RHA executive officer, except the NCCIT.

f) Candidates running for office of executive council must have two semesters of RHA experience, serving on RHA and attending meetings and RHA functions, prior to the beginning of their newly elected term.
ARTICLE VII

RHC Executive Council Elections

Section 1. RHC officer elections shall be specified as follows:

a) election of president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, publicity director, and intramural director shall be held no sooner than the second week of classes and no later the fourth week of classes at the beginning of the fall semester.

b) candidates running for these officers must be legal residents of that residence hall and maintain a 2.25 GPA, except freshman candidates that will not have a recorded GPA.

c) the elections shall be held within the residence hall and the voting membership shall be the legal residents of that residence hall.

d) these elections should be overseen by hall directors, area coordinators, who shall serve as advisor to the RHC’s, and the current RHA executive council.

ARTICLE VIII

Order of Succession

Section 1. If an office of RHA executive council shall become vacant for any reason the following order of succession shall apply:

a) if the office of president shall become vacant for any reason the vice-president shall become president.

b) if the office of vice-president or secretary/treasurer becomes vacant for any reason the president may appoint the office with approval of the majority of the RHA members present.
c) In the event of vacancies of either the NCC, co-NCC, or NCCIT, the president may appoint the office with the approval of majority of the RHA members present.

Section 2. If an office of RHC executive council shall become vacant for any reason the following order of succession shall apply:

a) if the office of president shall become vacant for any reason the vice-president shall become president.

b) if any office below president shall become vacant for any reason the president may appoint the office with approval of majority of the RHC members present.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section 1. The RHA shall meet regularly once a week 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 or by majority of the executive council 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 simple majority must be present, this will denote a meeting quorum for RHA meetings. This quorum will be defined as fifty percent plus one.

Section 4. The RHA meetings are to be conducted according to the guideline stipulated in Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition and within the guidelines of this constitution.
Section 5. Voting members are entitled to miss up to three meetings per elected term either excused or unexcused. If absences exceed this number, the member will be required to go before the RHA executive committee to review the case.

Section 6. If, due to class schedules, the member cannot attend a regular scheduled meeting, they must appoint a resident of their RHC to serve in his/her absence with executive office approval. The member must have an excuse approved by the executive council on file in the RHA office. This designee has all rights and privileges of the absent member.

ARTICLE X

Non-Election Voting Procedure

Section 1. There must be a voting quorum present, which shall be set at sixty-six percent of the voting RHA congress.

Section 2. There shall be one vote per member.

Section 3. When either the president and vice-president are absent a voting designee may be appointed by the RHC.

ARTICLE XI

Funds

Section 1. Any emergency expenditures totaling less than Fifty dollars ($50.00) may be approved by he RHA President and/or the Treasurer, under the supervision of the advisor. Any larger expenditure requires a quorum vote of the RHA members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
ARTICLE XII

Impeachment

Section 1. Any member of the RHA may be impeached by quorum vote of the RHA membership for any act detrimental to the interests of RHA including conference behavior or anything that the RHA congress feels necessary or proper by the above standards.

a) the RHA congress shall be responsible for calling and conducting impeachment procedures.

b) notification shall be given to the congress person one week prior to charges being read in the form of a letter from the RHA executive council. One week after notification, defined as two weeks after charges being called the charges will be read aloud to congress and congress member will have to opportunity to defend and refute the charges. One week after charges being read, defined as three weeks after charges being called, the charges will be reread to the congress and a vote will be taken by a quorum of voting RHA congress.

c) these actions shall be taken if a violation of this constitution shall occur by a member of the RHA congress.

Section 2. If it becomes foreseen as necessary that a member of a RHC should be inept in fulfilling their obligation as a member of RHC, the RHC is required to conduct impeachment hearings.

a) the RHC shall conduct these proceedings as they see fit under Article II of this constitution.
ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

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

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a voting quorum vote of the total RHA membership, provided notice of the proposed amendment is given in writing to each RHC and voted on before being brought back to RHA for final vote by seventy-five percent of the total RHA membership.

Section 3. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by the Division of Student Life before becoming effective.

ARTICLE XIV

Hall constitution for: Alumni Tower, Butler Hall, Cartmell Hall, Cooper Hall, East Mignon Hall, Fields Hall, Mays Hall, Mignon Hall, Mignon Tower, Nunn Hall, Regents Hall, Thompson Hall, West Mignon Hall, and Wilson Hall

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B. To promote cooperation and communication among the residence hall community and the university administration.
To promote, plan, and implement educational, recreational, social, and diversity programs for fulfilling the needs of all residents to improve the quality of life in residential living environments.

Membership:

A. The RHC executive committee shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, publicity director, and intramural director.

B. Voting members shall be the executive committee, and up to two floor representatives from each floor.

C. All members must maintain a GPA of 2.25 on a 4.0 scale. In addition, they cannot be on academic or social probation or have violated residence hall rules according to the currently approved Morehead State University Eagle student handbook.

Officers and Their Duties:

a. President shall preside over all RHC meetings, meet with the advisor prior to meeting and set agenda, form committees as they deem fit, attend all RHA meetings and events and attend all Student Government Association meetings.

b. vice-president shall assumed the duties of the president in the absence of the president and shall assist the president in the formal functions of the RHC. They shall attend all RHA meetings and events.

c. Secretary/treasurer shall keep minutes of RHC meetings and keep the financial records of the RHC. They shall submit a copy of the RHC minutes and financial records with the president so that they may be filed in the RHA office each week and shall work accordingly with the RHC advisor to keep financial records.
d. Publicity chairperson shall handle all publicity of hall programs and assist in promoting RHA and other campus activities.

e. Intramural director shall organize, inform, and coordinate all intramural athletics of all the hall.

f. Floor representatives are to represent the interests of their floor and assist the publicity director.

Section 4. It is the duty of all RHC's to be responsible for four programs, between the time they are elected into the office through the end of the spring semester.

a. These programs shall consist of no less than, one educational program, one diversity program, and two social programs.

Section 5. **Advisors:**

a. The hall directors, resident advisors, area coordinators, and resident assistants shall serve as advisors and shall have no voting privileges.
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ARTICLE III

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Section 1. The Officers of the RHA shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, NCC and NCCIT when applicable. The officers shall constitute the executive committee. All officers must maintain residence in an MSU Residence Hall during their term of office. The qualifications of the elected officers parallel those stated in Article II, section 2.

Section 2. The duties of the Officers are as follows:

 a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the RHA; shall have power to appoint committees and committee chairman as they deem 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; shall oversee all committees and RHA week activities and programming.

 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 be responsible for all accounts, assessments, and receipts; to handle all financial matters of the RHA; and shall otherwise assist the President and Vice-President, and shall perform other duties as set by this constitution.
Section 2 (cont.).

d.) The NCC shall be responsible for all information regarding conferences, shall be the liaison between all delegations; and shall otherwise assist the President and Vice-President, and shall perform other duties as set by this constitution.

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Section 1. The Director of Student Housing and or his/her designee shall serve as advisor along with his/her designee(s); with no voting privileges.

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ARTICLE V

Elections

Section 1. Hall Council Officer elections and other like residence hall officers shall be held as specified in Article IX.

Section 2. RHA Officers

a) Election of the RHA president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer, NCC and NCCIT shall be no later than April 30 of the Spring semester.
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c) The term of office shall be from the date elected to the date of the RHA officers election at the end of the spring semester.

d) An RHA officer may not hold a hall office during his/her term as an RHA executive officer, except the NCCIT.

e) Each candidate for an office must have two semesters combined of RHA or Hall Council experience prior to the elections plus one full semester of RHA experience.

Section 3. Vacancies

a) If the office of president shall become vacant for any reason the vice-president shall become president.

b) If the office of vice-president or secretary/treasurer becomes vacant for any reason the president may appoint the office with approval of majority of the RHA members present.

c) In the event of vacancies of both the RHA and Hall Council president and vice-president for any reason, the new officers must be elected according to Article V, Section 2, subsections b and d. The new offices are to be held for the remainder of the term.

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Section 1. There shall be one vote per member.

Section 2. When either the president and vice-president are absent a voting designee may be appointed by the hall council.

Section 3. 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 totaling less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00) may be approved by the RHA President and/or the Treasurer, under the supervision of the advisor. Any larger expenditure requires a majority vote of the RHA members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

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Section 1. Any member of the RHA may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of the total RHA membership for any act detrimental to the interests of RHA including conference behavior.

Section 2. A hearing shall be held by the membership of the RHA no earlier than one week, but no later than three weeks from the date of impeachment. If a defendant is found guilty by a two-thirds vote of the total RHA membership the position shall be declared vacant and the process described in Article V of this constitution shall be applied.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

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

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B. To promote cooperation and communication among the residence hall community and the university administration.

C. To promote, plan, and implement educational, recreational, and cultural programs for fulfilling the needs of all the residents.

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Membership:

A. The hall council executive committee shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, publicity chairperson, and intramural director.

B. Voting members shall be the executive committee, and up to two floor representatives from each floor.

C. All members must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.25 on a 4.0 scale. In addition, they cannot be on academic or social probation.

Section 3.

Officers and Their Duties:

A. Officer duties are specified in Article III, Section 2 of the RHA constitution.

B. Publicity chairperson shall handle all publicity of hall programs and assist in promoting RHA and other campus activities.

C. Intramural director shall organize, inform, and coordinate all intramural athletics of the hall.