

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 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 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 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 which shall consist of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and NCC representative.

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 warning or probation.

SECTION 3. If a member's G.P.A. should drop below a 2.0 they will be required to

relinquish their position immediately.

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 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 call and 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.
- 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.

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The Executive Committee shall be to meet prior to the regular meeting and establish the agenda, and meet in emergency sessions.

ARTICLE IV

Advisors

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

SECTION 2. The RHA reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any designee.

ARTICLE V

Elections

SECTION 1. Hall Council Officers.

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

SECTION 2. RHA Officers

- a) Election of the RHA president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, shall be no earlier than April 15 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 date elected to the date of the RHA Officers election 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 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 two-thirds of the RHA members present.
- c) In the event of vacancies of both the RHA 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.

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 or by a 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 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, 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 relinquish their position for the remainder of the elected term.
- SECTION 6.** If because of class schedules the member cannot attend a regular scheduled meeting, they must appoint a resident of their hall to serve in his/her absence. This designee has all rights and privileges of the absent member.

ARTICLE VII

Voting

- SECTION 1.** There shall be one vote per hall. The president of each hall shall be the voting member from the hall.
- SECTION 2.** The vice-president of each hall shall serve as the voting member when the

president is absent.

SECTION 3. When both the president and vice-president are absent a voting designee may be appointed by the hall council.

SECTION 4. 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 dollars (\$20.00) 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.

ARTICLE IX

Impeachment

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.

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.

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

to the RHA for final vote.

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