

CONSTITUTION OF THE RENSSELAER ALUMNI INTER-GREEK COUNCIL

(Revised April 2007)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Rensselaer Alumni Inter-Greek Council (the AIGC)

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The AIGC seeks to strengthen Greek life at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute by assisting the member alumni bodies in the successful fulfillment of their individual and collective roles in the Rensselaer, Greek and general communities. The AIGC shall foster the overall improvement of the Rensselaer Greek community and through such improvement enhance the welfare of Rensselaer and society. The AIGC is a sub-committee affinity group of the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) formed as a committee of the RAA to foster the overall improvement of the Rensselaer Greek community and to enhance the welfare of Rensselaer and society.

The core activities of the AIGC include:

- Promote positive and effective relations between alumni and undergraduates as well as between the Greek system and Rensselaer.
- Work with the RAA, Dean of Students Office (DOSO), Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), and Panhellenic Council (Panhel) to develop and promote programs to maintain and strengthen the Greek system at Rensselaer.
- Work with the DOSO, IFC, and Panhel to maintain and preserve the Relationship Statement and keep it current.
- Suggest actions to avoid common Greek financial risks.
- Provide models for budgeting chapter house operation, securing affordable liability/property insurance protection, and advising members on trends in costs, taxes, and environmental/competitive forces.
- Provide guidance and support, as requested, to IFC, Panhel, and individual Greek organizations on campus.
- Be the principal guiding forum for developing Greek alumni opinion.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Council shall be the alumni bodies (e.g., alumni associations, house corporations, elder chapters etc.) of the active, and in some cases inactive, social fraternities and sororities at Rensselaer as recognized in accordance with rules specified in the Relationship Statement between Rensselaer and its Greek community.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The Board of Directors officers of the AIGC shall be:

- President,
- Vice President
- Director of Communication and Publicity
- Director of Relations with Alumni/Alumnae Boards
- Director of Relations with Student Boards (IFC and Panhel)
- Director of Finance
- Director of Risk Management

They shall be elected from among the AIGC delegates/alternate delegates for a term of two years.

The President shall preside of meetings of the AIGC and be spokesperson for the organization. The president shall provide reports to the RAA for their Board meetings.

The Vice President shall support the President in performing the duties of the office and serve in the President's stead, if necessary.

The Director of Communications and Publicity shall be responsible for maintaining the AIGC records and address lists, keeping and distributing minutes of meetings of the AIGC and its board, and maintaining the AIGC's website.

The other Directors shall have such responsibilities and perform such duties as assigned by the President. It is expected that these duties might vary from year to year as circumstances warrant.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS/ELECTIONS

The AIGC shall meet at least twice a year, once each in the spring and fall semesters. The normal location of meetings shall be the Rensselaer campus, a chapter house, or

other agreeable location in the Troy area. The AIGC will support and help with the advisors meetings that DOSO sponsors as part of the Relationship Statement.

Delegates from at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the member alumni bodies shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

Prior to the annual meeting in election years, the President, or Vice President, may appoint a member to act as a nominating chairperson who will poll current officers and others and nominate a slate of officers for election. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING

Unless otherwise directed by motion of the AIGC, voting shall be by voice, show of hands, or roll call as the presiding officer may choose.

Each fraternity or sorority chapter shall have one (1) vote. That one vote may be cast by the official delegate or alternate delegate as appointed by or representing member bodies.

While only one vote may be cast by a member body, other alumni, and undergraduates, of the body may attend the meetings and participate in discussions; however, the voting member must be an alumnus or alumna..

In cases of doubt about the eligibility for membership or of the credentials of delegates, a majority vote of the AIGC shall decide.

The officers of the AIGC shall not have votes other than as the delegates of member alumni bodies except that the President, if he or she has not voted as a delegate, may cast a vote to break, or create, a tie.

ARTICLE VII - DUES AND FUNDS

Dues, apportioned among the member alumni bodies, may be instituted by vote of the AIGC. The ordinary purpose of dues shall be to pay for printing, mailings, meeting arrangements and other administrative costs. Assessments for special purposes shall require a majority of sixty percent (60%) vote of the AIGC.

The Director of Finance shall present a detailed report of finances, if any, at the Spring annual meeting.

The President and one other officer, usually the Director of Finance, shall be empowered to draw funds from AIGC accounts; only one signature is required.

ARTICLE VIII – ROLE OF RELATIONSHIP STATEMENT

The “Relationship Statement between Rensselaer and Social Fraternities and Sororities” (Relationship Statement) calls for periodic collective consultation between the university and the advisors of the undergraduate chapters. As a body composed primarily of the aforementioned advisors, the AIGC has become that forum. The requirements for participation in the specified consultations therefore fall on all participants in the form of responsible attendance and participation in the AIGC.

ARTICLE IX - ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

This Constitution shall come into force and may be amended thereafter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the eligible members--alumni representatives of each campus Greek organization. Such a vote may be conducted in a duly held meeting, or by certified mail, or by e-mail, as authorized by motion in an ordinary meeting. In the case of mail or e-mail voting, ballots not returned by a specified, reasonable date shall be considered to have been cast in the affirmative.

ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

Copies of all minutes and official correspondence shall be sent to the Rensselaer Dean of Students Office and the Rensselaer Office of Alumni Relations.

Committees may be appointed by the AIGC or presiding officer from time to time as required to conduct the business of the AIGC.