

Greek Judicial Council (GJC)
The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the UVa-Wise Greek Judicial Council, hereafter known as the GJC.

Article II: Purpose

The GJC is established to advance the general interests of the Greek community in connection with the welfare of the student body and the College as a whole, and to exercise such judicial controls as might be necessary to accomplish such ends. The GJC will hear judicial matters pertaining to Greek organizations as a whole; this organization does not exist to handle individual judicial violations or violations of the UVa-Wise student code of conduct.

Article III: Composition

- A. The GJC shall be composed solely of members of a Greek Chapter affiliated with the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PHC) or National PanHellenic Council or organization.
- B. The GJC shall consist of one (1) justice representing each of the affiliated chapters at UVa-Wise;
 - 1. All Justices shall sit en banc at all hearings, unless extenuating circumstances create a conflict of interest or other inability to hear and decide any case brought before the Judicial Council.
 - a. One (1) of these Justices shall be designated as the Chief Justice and shall faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities of that position, as established herein.
 - b. One (1) of these Justices, appointed by the Chief Justice, shall serve as the Vice Chief Justice and shall assume that position's duties and responsibilities, as established herein.
 - 2. A maximum of one (1) member of any Chapter affiliated with the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council or National PanHellenic Council or organization at the University of Virginia's College at Wise may be allowed on the Judicial Council at any time.
- C. The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council Advisors shall serve as the Advisors for the GJC, and shall serve in an ex-officio manner.

Article IV: Eligibility

- A. An individual shall be eligible to serve as a Justice if he/she:
 - 1. Is an undergraduate member of a fraternity or sorority which holds membership in the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council; and
 - 2. Is an initiated member and is in good standing with the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council; and
 - 3. Has a cumulative grade point average, through at least two semesters at the University of

Virginia's College at Wise, of 2.5 or higher; and

4. Has an expected graduation date falling on or after his/her term as a Judicial Council Justice would expire;

5. Is a student enrolled and in good standing at the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

Article V: Terms of Office

- A. Each Justice serving on the Judicial Council shall serve for one (1) term of one (1) calendar year.
- B. Terms of office shall commence on the first day of classes of the spring semester and shall expire on the last day of final exams of the fall semester.
- C. In the event that a Justice does not complete his/her term, he/she shall not be eligible to apply to be a Justice in the future.
- D. Justices shall be selected in the fall semester of each academic year.

Article VI: Selection

- A. Greek Judicial Council Selection Committee (the "Selection Committee")
 - 1. The Selection Committee shall consist of five (5) members: one (1) outgoing Justice as chosen by the Chief Justice, the Interfraternity Council President, the Interfraternity Council Vice President, the Panhellenic Council President, and the Panhellenic Council Vice President.
 - a. The Selection Committee shall be aided in their decision by the advisors of the GJC
 - b. If, in the case that the President or Vice President of the Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council is up for selection to the GJC, a joint decision will be made by the advisors of the Intrafraternity Council and Panhellenic Council as to who will fill his or her respective position on the Selection Committee.
 - 2. The Selection Committee shall be responsible for selecting the appropriate number of new Justices through an application process, as established herein.
- B. Application Procedure & Interview
 - 1. Applications for potential Justices shall be available at Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council meetings, online, and in the Office of Greek Life on the third floor of the Slemp Student Center throughout the first two (2) months of the fall semester.
 - 2. GJC applications must be fully completed and submitted to the GJC advisors by the designated deadline.
- C. Selection Committee
 - 1. At the conclusion of the application and interview process, the Selection Committee shall conduct private deliberations to select the new Justices.
 - 2. The Selection Committee shall select the new Justices based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the following: chapter participation and dedication; academic performance; personal poise and demeanor; maturity; and the ability to think logically and critically.
 - 3. The Selection Committee shall notify all applicants of the final results of the selection process within ten (10) school days after the selections have been made.

4. After the selection of the new incoming justices for the next calendar year, it shall be the responsibility of those justices to select the new Chief Justice and Vice Chief Justice from amongst themselves.

Article VII: Duties

A. The Chief Justice shall

1. Preside over all meetings and hearings of the GJC;
2. Conduct any and all deliberations of the GJC in a manner which is efficient, conducive to vigorous debate, and fair to all parties involved;
3. Receive all complaints pertaining to violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, policies and procedures, codes of conduct, other governing documents, or any other rules and regulations as established by the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council, except as otherwise established herein;
4. Call the GJC to order;
5. Read statements of testimony during hearings;
6. Announce the decisions of the GJC and ensuring that the same are submitted to the appropriate persons, chapters, or organizations;
7. Act as the official spokesperson of the GJC;
8. Adjourn meetings;
9. Coordinate, with the assistance of the GJC advisors, annual training sessions;
10. Keep confidential the substantive content of all GJC hearings prior to the disposition of those hearings; and
11. Vote in the case of a tie; and
12. Faithfully carry out other duties and responsibilities as established herein, as well as any others that may be necessary.

B. The Vice Chief Justice

1. Record and maintain accurate and complete records of any and all GJC meetings and trainings. The Vice Chair shall also serve as the recorder for hearings. In the event that the Vice Chair excuses himself or herself from the hearing, the GJC shall select a recorder from the body of justices for that hearing
2. Maintain and update, on a regular basis, the GJC files, records, minutes, chapter files, and the GJC roster;

3. Fulfill all other duties required of a Justice;
4. Faithfully carry out other duties and responsibilities as established herein, as well as any others that may be necessary; and
5. If in the case that the Chief Justice is unable to perform his or her duties, the Vice Chief Justice shall assume his or her responsibilities.

C. Justices shall

1. Attend all meetings and hearings of the GJC, except as otherwise established herein;
2. Hear and decide all cases brought before the GJC, except as otherwise established herein;
3. Keep confidential the substantive content of all GJC hearings prior to the disposition of those hearings; and
4. Faithfully carry out other duties and responsibilities as established herein, as well as any others that may be necessary.
5. Be responsible for the interpretation of the GJC By-laws.

Article VIII: Vacancies

A. Chief Justice

1. Any vacancies shall be filled within an appropriate time frame from the date of termination or resignation.
2. The new Chief Justice shall be chosen by the current active Justices from amongst the current “active” Justices based on the Justice’s performance on the GJC.
3. The new Chief Justice shall fulfill the remaining term of the outgoing Chief Justice and shall be responsible for all duties and responsibilities as established herein.

B. Justices

1. Vacancies shall be filled within an appropriate time frame from the date of vacancy.
2. The replacement of the Justice shall follow the procedures as established in Article VI.
3. The new Justice shall serve out the remaining term of the former Justice and shall be responsible for all duties and responsibilities as established herein.

Article IX: Removal

A. A Justice may be removed for any of the following reasons:

1. Non-performance or neglect of duties, including two (2) unexcused absences from meetings or hearings of the GJC;
2. Failure to remain in good standing as a student of the University of Virginia’s College at Wise;

3. Failure to remain in good standing as an undergraduate member of his/her respective international or national fraternity or sorority; or
4. Violations of other duties as established herein.

B. Removal Procedures

1. The following persons may initiate removal procedures of a Justice:
 - a. The president of a fraternity or sorority which holds membership in, and which is in good standing with, the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council;
 - b. Any GJC Justice; or
 - c. The president of either the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council.
2. The complainant must present a complaint, in writing, to the Chief Justice of the GJC; in the event that the complaint is of the Chief Justice, the complaint should be submitted to the GJC Advisors.
3. The complainant must include the details of the basis or bases upon which he/she asserts cause to remove the Justice;
4. Failure to assert any such basis or bases shall result in the forfeiture of the complainant's right to assert, and have considered by the ruling body, said basis or bases at any later point in the removal process.
5. The Chief Justice of the GJC shall notify the defendant Justice within five (5) school days upon receipt of the complaint and provide the defendant Justice with a copy of the complaint.
7. A hearing shall take place as soon as one can be reasonably arranged at a mutually convenient date, time, and location for all parties.
8. The Greek Judicial Council Selection Committee shall hear and decide the case, consistent with the hearing procedures as established herein.
9. In the event that the complainant is a member of the Greek Judicial Council Selection Committee, he/she shall not be eligible to hear and decide the case.
10. A unanimous verdict shall be required of the Greek Judicial Council Selection Committee to remove the Justice from his/her position.
11. If a verdict finding that the defendant Justice has committed violations which, in the opinion of the Greek Judicial Council Selection Committee, make him/her unfit to serve as a Justice, he/she shall be immediately removed from the GJC and shall not be eligible to apply for a position on the GJC in the future.
12. In the case that the Chief Justice is removed, the Greek Judicial Council Selection Committee shall then select a new Chief Justice.
13. The Greek Judicial Council Selection Committee, consistent with the Bylaws established herein, shall issue its decision in writing and provide copies of the same to all appropriate parties.

Article X: Recruitment Violations

A. Alleged Fraternity Rush violations shall be heard in the following manner:

1. Justices representing affiliated fraternities shall be responsible for hearing and deciding the merits of any such alleged fraternity recruitment violations, excluding violations involving alcohol in which case the entire GJC shall hear these cases.
2. Any Justices of the Fraternity Recruitment Judicial Council whose Chapter is the Complainant or the Defendant may not hear or decide any such cases.
3. In the event that the Chief Justice of the GJC is a female Justice, a male Justice shall be appointed from among the male Justices to serve as the Chief Justice of the Fraternity Recruitment Judicial Council.
4. The Chief Justice of the Fraternity Recruitment Judicial Council shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Chief Justice, as established herein, in so far as they pertain to the handling of any alleged Fraternity Recruitment violations.
5. Complaints shall be filed and any hearings shall be conducted pursuant to Article XI of these Bylaws.
6. Upon a decision which finds that the Defendant organization violated one or more of the allegations in the Complaint, the Fraternity Recruitment Judicial Council shall determine and impose any reasonable and appropriate sanctions and/or punishments, as established in Article XII.

B. Alleged Panhellenic Council Rush violations shall not fall under the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council and shall be disposed of consistent with any policies, guidelines, or rules established by the Panhellenic Council.

Article XI: Procedures

A. Filing a Complaint

1. Complaints may be submitted in writing by any person or organization, irrespective of his/her/its relationship to the University of Virginia's College at Wise.
2. A police report shall suffice as a submitted Complaint upon its submission to the GJC.
3. A verbal complaint made to any GJC Justice or Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council Officer or other representative shall not suffice as a Complaint.
4. Complaint forms shall be made available on the third floor of the Slemp Student Center. Complaint forms shall be made available on the UVa-Wise Greek Life website.
5. Complaint forms must be fully and accurately completed upon submission to the Judicial Council.
6. A complaint shall be formally considered when it is received in writing by Chief Justice who will convene the GJC in a timely manner for review.

7. Complaints must be submitted to the GJC within fifteen (15) school days from the date of the alleged violation except in the following situations:

- a. The complaint is the result of a police or university investigation.
- b. The complaint documents a violation that is egregious in nature, as determined by a 51% vote of the Justices.

8. Complaints filed after the above fifteen-day statute of limitations shall be summarily dismissed by the Judicial Council without further review or action unless fitting the situations outlined in Article XI, A.7

9. If the Judicial Council deems that a complaint is overly egregious, the council can move to refer the case to The Office of the Dean of Students or Vice Chancellor of Enrollment and Management, who handles student judicial matters

- a. This must be accomplished by a 51% vote of the serving justices.

B. Complaint Procedures

1. This decision regarding a complaint shall be made within a timely manner of receiving the complaint. Decisions shall include:

- a. Dismiss the case, which requires a written memorandum signed by the Chief Justice indicating the GJC's reasons upon which it based its decision, copies of which must be distributed to the appropriate parties;
- b. Call for a hearing.

2. If a hearing is called for by the Judicial Council, a written Notice to Appear shall be served upon the defendant organization, informing the defendant organization of the date, time, and location of the hearing.

3. The Notice to Appear shall be served upon the defendant organization within a timely manner of the GJC's decision to hold a hearing.

4. The Notice to Appear shall also inform the defendant organization of its right to have a maximum of three (3) undergraduate members, in addition to one (1) Chapter Advisor, present at the hearing.

4. A copy of the complaint shall be attached to the Notice to Appear.

5. The date of the hearing shall be set at the discretion of the GJC but must be within seven (7) school days from the date the Notice to Appear is served upon the defendant organization.

6. Copies of the Notice to Appear shall be delivered to the following: the Interfraternity Council President, the Panhellenic Council President, the defendant organization's Chapter Advisor, and the defendant organization's National Headquarters.

7. Any dispute concerning the complaint or Notice to Appear Letter must be brought to the attention of the Chief Justice by the defendant organization before the scheduled hearing.

C. Hearing Procedures

1. To prevent potential conflicts of interest, no Justice may hear or decide a case in which his/her Chapter, or a member of his/her Chapter, is either the Complainant or the Defendant.
2. It shall be the personal responsibility of each Justice to determine whether a potential conflict of interest may arise in that Justice's participation in a particular case.
3. In a situation where a Justice determines that such a potential conflict of interest does exist, the justice should step down from their position on the case.
4. At least five (5) Justices must be present to hear the case unless the Defendant Chapter agrees to have the hearing with fewer Justices present.
5. The Chief Justice retains the right to declare the hearing to be open or closed to the public.
6. A closed hearing shall be limited to witnesses and those persons invited to attend by the Chief Justice.
7. The Chief Justice may request the chapter advisor and any other person he/she deems appropriate to attend any Judicial Council hearing.
 - a. The chapter advisor and other invited guests shall not have any vote in any of the Judicial Council's decisions.
 - b. The chapter advisor and other invited guests may answer any appropriate questions presented to them.
 - c. The defendant and complainant must submit a list of witnesses to the GJC advisors at least 24 hours in advance.
8. Involved parties and witnesses retain the right not to be present at the hearing. However, hearings will be conducted whether involved parties attend or not.
 - a. Any individual or Chapter who does not wish to be present at the hearing must submit a written statement which includes any and all relevant information, if any, he/she/it wishes to have presented at the hearing.
 - b. The Chief Justice shall read any such statements into the record at the hearing.
 - c. The Justices shall make no inferences, positive or negative, of any individual's or Chapter's decision to provide a written statement in lieu of appearing at the hearing.
9. The defendant chapter may have three (3) chapter members and a chapter advisor present at the hearing.
 - a. Only the three (3) chapter members shall have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the chapter.
 - b. Although a chapter advisor may attend the hearing, he/she shall serve strictly in an advisory role to the chapter members.
 - c. The chapter advisor shall not have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Chapter.
10. All written statements, and other materials submitted for and at the hearings shall be filed by the Vice Chief Justice and kept in a locked file in the Office of Greek Life.
11. The Chief Justice shall call the Judicial Council to order and begin by asking all parties to introduce themselves for the record.

12. The Chief Justice shall explain the general hearing procedures and answer any questions the parties may have with respect to the same. The Chief Justice shall also explain to the defendant, complainant and all witnesses that they must tell the truth and abide by the College's Honor Code.
13. The Chief Justice shall explain to the parties that the burden of proof lies on the Complainant with respect to any and all claims alleged in the Complaint.
14. The burden of proof shall be on the Complainant to establish his/her claims as alleged in the Complaint.
15. The burden of proof requires that the evidence must satisfy the Justices that the Complainant's proposition has been established by evidence which outweighs the evidence against it.
16. The Justices shall consider all the evidence, regardless of which party produced it.
17. The Chief Justice shall state to the parties that the Judicial Council wishes to hear all relevant facts and interpretations of the facts and does insist that all persons at the hearing be treated with respect and civility and that it shall not permit argumentative, threatening, or hostile exchanges between any of the parties.
18. The Chief Justice retains the right to remove from a hearing any person who disrupts or interferes with the proceeding.
19. The Chief Justice shall ask the Complainant to explain the facts and related evidence he/she can with respect to the Complaint.
20. The Chief Justice shall then ask the Complainant to present any witnesses he/she may have who can testify as to the allegations in the Complaint.
21. Any such witnesses shall then so testify.
22. Individuals providing testimony to the Judicial Council shall be permitted to speak without interruption unless the Chief Justice determines that the statements are immaterial, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious.
23. The Judicial Council shall then have the opportunity to question the Complainant and any of his/her witnesses with respect to the facts, his/her interpretation of the facts, the allegations made in the Complaint, and any and all other information the Judicial Council deems appropriate to assist it in arriving at a fair and just decision.
24. The Chief Justice shall ask the Defendant to explain the facts and related evidence he/she can with respect to the Complaint.
25. The Chief Justice shall then ask the Defendant to present any witnesses he/she may have who can testify as to the allegations made in the Complaint.
26. Any such witnesses shall then so testify.
27. The Judicial Council shall then have the opportunity to question the Defendant and any of

his/her witnesses with respect to the facts, his/her interpretation of the facts, the allegations made in the Complaint, and any and all other information the Judicial Council deems appropriate to assist it in arriving at a fair and just decision.

28. The Judicial Council shall then have the opportunity to ask questions of any person or organization involved.

29. The Judicial Council shall dismiss all parties involved in which to conduct its deliberations.

30. The deliberations shall not be tape-recorded.

31. To find a Defendant Chapter in violation, a 51% vote of Justices present at the hearing must be obtained.

32. If the Judicial Council determines that the Complainant has met the burden of proof with respect to at least one of his/her claims, the Judicial Council shall so indicate in its written Decision what offense the Defendant has been found to be responsible.

33. The Judicial Council shall then determine and impose any reasonable and appropriate sanctions and/or punishments, as established herein, reflecting the same in its written Decision.

a. All sanctions imposed must obtain a 51% vote of Justices present and eligible

b. To be eligible to vote on sanctions, Justices must have been present for the entire hearing process.

34. If the Judicial Council determines that the Complainant has not met the burden of proof with respect to any of his/her claims, the Judicial Council shall so indicate in its written Decision.

35. The Chief Justice shall issue the Judicial Council's Decision immediately and shall then issue a written letter stating the decision and any applicable sanctions within seven (7) school days.

36. The Chief Justice shall deliver the Decision to the Defendant.

37. Copies of the Decision shall be delivered to the following: the Interfraternity Council President, the Panhellenic Council President, the defendant's chapter advisor, and the defendant's national headquarters.

38. The substantive content of all Judicial Council hearings shall be strictly confidential prior to the disposition of those hearings.

39. The votes of each Justice during Judicial Council deliberations shall be confidential.

40. Only the decision of the entire Judicial Council shall be disclosed at any time.

41. All Decisions of the Judicial Council shall be upheld and supported by all Justices, despite the presence of any dissenting opinions made during the deliberations.

42. Decisions of the Judicial Council shall be of public record and shall be made available on a monthly basis at the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council Meetings, as well as the monthly president's meeting.

Article XII: Charges

Complaints against Greek organizations at UVa-Wise shall include the following charges:

Section 1: Conduct Unbecoming of a Greek Organization or Member of a Greek Organization

Any individual or group behavior which is abusive, obscene, lude, indecent, violent, excessively noisy, or which represents the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, or Greek Community in any undesirable manner, will not be tolerated.

Section 2: Misuse of or Damage to Property

Any act or misuse, vandalism, malicious, or unwarranted damage or destruction, defacing, disfiguring or unauthorized use of property against a member of the institution, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Greek Community, local community, or a guest of the institution, will not be tolerated.

Section 3: Theft

Any act of theft, misappropriation, or unauthorized possession of any organization's property or any such act against a member of the institution, community, or a guest of the institution, will not be tolerated.

Section 4: Controlled Substances

The use of all controlled substances (illegal drugs and abuse of prescription drugs) will not be tolerated at any fraternity or sorority event.

Section 5: Failure to Cooperate with Institutional Officials/Greek Life Policies

Failure to comply with directions of institutional officials acting in the performance of their duties and the failure to abide by the policies set forth by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council and their respective Constitutions will not be tolerated (i.e. excessive failure to turn in paperwork, failure to follow campus policies, etc.).

Section 6: Hazing

Participation of students in hazing activities, any reckless act, on or off institutional property, by one student, acting alone or with others, which is directed against any other student, that endanger the mental or physical health or safety, and includes treatment of a violent, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature, is prohibited when connected with initiation into, affiliation with, or continuing membership in a group or organization or individual shall engage in any form of hazing. Hazing activity, which is in violation of any other institution or school regulation such as the misuse of alcohol, drugs, school property, etc. is strictly forbidden.

Section 7: Recruitment Violations

Failure to comply with the formal and informal recruitment policies, voted on and approved by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council prior to the beginning of each recruitment period, will not be tolerated.

Section 8: Alcohol Policy Violations

Failure to abide by state laws and policies set forth by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, the Office of Greek Life or the College, including underage drinking at Greek life events, including but not limited to recruitment events, will not be tolerated.

Article XIII: Sanctions

The Judicial Council, if, as, and when imposing sanctions pursuant to its responsibilities and powers as established herein, shall make all efforts to ensure that the sanctions imposed are fair, reasonable, proportional to the offense found to have been committed, and just. The GJC Advisors shall ensure that the defendant carries out the requirements of the sanctions in a timely and appropriate manner.

A. Admonishment

When appropriate and reasonable, the GJC may issue a letter of reprimand to the defendant organization, along with copies to all individuals and/or organizations it deems appropriate.

B. Restitution

When appropriate and reasonable, the GJC may order the defendant to make complete restitution for any damages to property determined to have occurred as the result of defendant's action or inaction.

C. Charitable Acts

When appropriate and reasonable, the GJC may require the defendant organization and the defendant organization's members, to participate in community service activities, the terms of which shall be defined and enforced by the Judicial Council.

D. Educational Programming

When appropriate and reasonable, the GJC may require the defendant organization and the defendant organization's members, to participate in relevant educational programs, the terms of which shall be defined and enforced by the Judicial Council.

E. Probation

When appropriate and reasonable, the GJC may impose a punishment of probation for a period of time not greater than one (1) semester, and which sanction may carry any one or combination of the following conditions:

1. The defendant organization shall not participate in any event with any other fraternity or sorority for the length of the probation;
2. The defendant organization shall participate in only selected events, as determined by the GJC, with other fraternities or sororities for the length of the probation;
3. The defendant organization shall not participate in any Intramural Event sponsored by their respective fraternity/sorority.
4. The defendant organization shall not participate in any event with any other fraternity or sorority, at which alcohol is present, for the length of the probation;
5. The defendant organization shall participate in only selected events, as determined by the GJC, with other fraternities or sororities, at which alcohol is present, for the length of the probation;

6. Other restrictions of privileges, as determined by the GJC.
7. Loss of voting privileges at Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council meetings or Presidents' meetings.

F. Suspension

1. Suspension shall be defined as the temporary loss of all membership privileges in the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council.
2. If the Judicial Council elects to suspend the defendant organization, the defendant organization shall have the right to appeal the Judicial Council's decision, pursuant to the terms and conditions as established in Article XIII.
3. The length of the suspension period shall be determined by the GJC.
4. At the conclusion of the suspension period, a new hearing shall be conducted to review the status of the defendant organization's efforts to fulfill any and all conditions and terms of the suspension, as specified by the GJC.
5. If the defendant organization has fulfilled all conditions and terms of the suspension, as specified by the GJC, the GJC shall reinstate the defendant organization's membership in the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council.
6. If the conditions and terms of the suspension are determined by the GJC to have not been met at this time, the GJC may do one of the following:
 - a. Continue the suspension, with no additional conditions or terms, for an extended period of time
 - b. Continue the suspension with additional conditions or terms; or
 - c. Initiate expulsion proceedings against the defendant organization.

G. Expulsion

1. Expulsion shall be defined as the permanent loss of all membership privileges in the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council, as well as loss of recognition of the chapter by UVa-Wise. Loss of membership privileges include voting right, officer and representative positions and official recognition of the chapter on campus, including ability to reserve facilities, sponsor events, etc.
2. If the GJC elects to initiate expulsion proceedings, the defendant organization shall have the right to appeal the GJC's decision, pursuant to the terms and conditions as established in Article XIII.

H. Any combination of the above sanctions, within reason, may be imposed by the Judicial Council in its decision.

I. For repeat violations, previous sanctions imposed on the defendant organization may be considered in determining whether additional sanctions are appropriate.

J. Failure of the defendant organization to abide by the sanctions imposed by the GJC may result in a review hearing and the possible imposition, if appropriate, of more severe sanctions.

Article XIV: Appeals

All appeals must be submitted, in writing, within three days of notification of the outcome of the hearing. Appeals will be granted at the discretion of the Dean of Students and may only be made on the grounds of:

1. Unfair or disproportionate sanctions (as related to both the severity and scope of the violation(s))
2. Misinterpretation of regulations or policies
3. New and significant evidence

Article XV: Amendments

A. Procedure

1. Any of the following may introduce amendments to the Judicial Council Bylaws:
 - a. Any fraternity or sorority which holds membership in, and which is in good standing with, the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council;
 - b. The Interfraternity Council;
 - c. The Panhellenic Council;
 - d. The members of the Greek Judicial Council
2. Amendments shall be proposed and distributed to all fraternities and sororities at a Presidents' meeting, specifying the article, section, and/or sub-section to be amended.
3. After the session in which an amendment has been introduced, a Joint Presidents' meeting shall hear one additional reading of the amendment at its next regular session, and may vote on the proposed amendment at any time after the second reading. A Presidents' meeting may be called by the GJC advisors in order for the amendment to be read and voted upon if there is not a regular presidents' meeting in the near future.

B. Voting

1. At least 51% of those eligible voting presidents (only presidents of affiliated chapters are eligible to vote on amendments; IFC and PHC president are not eligible to vote on amendments to the GJC Constitution) must be present in order to vote on the proposed amendment.
2. At 51% of those voting must cast votes in favor of approving the proposed amendment for it to be approved.
3. Each eligible voting member shall have the right to cast one (1) vote.
4. The failure to obtain at least a 51% vote in favor of approving the proposed amendment shall terminate discussion on the proposed amendment.

C. Enactment

1. If a 51% vote has been obtained, the amendment shall be effective immediately.
2. The GJC Vice Chief Justice shall amend the current Judicial Council Bylaws to include the new amendment and distribute the updated Bylaws to each Chapter President, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council, all GJC Justices, and the GJC advisors within fifteen (15) school days from the date of approval.

Article XVI: Interpretation

A. Interpretation of Constitution and By-Laws

1. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for the interpretation of the Greek Judicial Council Constitution and Bylaws.
2. The interpretation of the Chief Justice may be overturned by a 51% vote of the Justices present at a hearing.

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