

RHSA Organic Act 0708-004
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WHEREAS, after many years of amendments by members of the RHSA General Council, there are a lot of little things in our Constitution that do not make sense anymore, and

WHEREAS, changes within the structural workings of RHSA have led to discontinuities between the RHSA Constitution and the practices of the general body, and

WHEREAS, there are some small changes necessary to improve the clarity of the Constitution,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RHSA Constitution be amended in the following manner:

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE I SECTION 2B3 shall read as “Solicit council opinions and votes when requested”

Comment [AJC1]: Added ‘and votes’

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE I SECTION 2B4 shall read as “Publicize RHSA meetings and programs in their hall, in conjunction with the RHSA officers”

Comment [AJC2]: Added ‘and programs’

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE I SECTION 3A shall read as “General council is defined as those who attend the meetings of RHSA and have voting powers”

Comment [AJC3]: Added ‘and have voting powers’

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE I SECTION 3I shall read as “General council meets once a week during the academic year at regular times and locations, starting the first week of the quarter, and running through the last week of classes, unless otherwise agreed upon by a two-thirds vote of the executive board”

Comment [AJC4]: Made plural to allow for current practice of alternating between north and south campus

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE II SECTION 1B shall read as “Councils are autonomous bodies under the final authority of RHSA and the Constitution and Bylaws of RHSA, as governed by their separately approved Hall Council Constitutions and Bylaws”

Comment [AJC5]: Reordered and tweaked to make it clear that the RHSA Constitution takes precedence over the Hall Council Constitutions

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE II SECTION 2 shall read as “
SECTION 2: CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Councils are required to meet the following criteria:

1. Ensured selection process of officers to lead the council
2. Ensured popular election of at least half of the officers
3. Ensured selection of the appropriate number of RHSA representatives, including a head RHSA representative, according to the council’s constitution and bylaws
4. Mandatory quorum of at least one more than half of the floors/houses/members in their grouping
5. Make provisions for all RHSA Constitutional and Bylaw amendments to be approved by RHSA, through the Executive Board

6. Upon any changes to the officer listings, councils will provide the Administrative Manager with an updated copy. In addition, councils will provide officer listings no less than once a month.
7. Voting on RHSA related issues shall be handled in a manner consistent with both the Hall Council and RHSA Constitution and Bylaws
8. Voting on non-RHSA related issues is handled in accordance with the individual council constitution
9. Ensure that the Hall Constitutions conform with these and all RHSA Constitutional requirements each Autumn and after any constitutional amendments
10. Provide the Administrative Manager with a complete updated electronic copy of the Hall Constitution and Bylaws at the end of each Spring Quarter and after any amendment and ratification procedure

Comment [AJC6]: Reordered and changed from 'All council Constitutions must be checked for these requirements by the Administrative Manager each fall and after any constitutional amendments'

B. The council shall ensure that a majority of the council's representatives are present at RHSA General Council meetings

Comment [AJC7]: New bullet

1. This requirement must be met for 2 out of the last 4 or 3 out of the last 6 RHSA General Council meetings
2. The first three meetings of the academic year shall not be counted towards this requirement
3. Each council may have proxy voting members, who are not RHSA Representatives or RHSA Officers, count towards this requirement
 - a) The proxy voting member shall not be considered an RHSA Representative for any other purpose than filling this requirement
 - b) The proxy voting member must live in the hall for which he/she is counting
 - c) An RHSA Representative may only have a proxy voting member 3 times per quarter

Comment [AJC8]: Changed from "The proxy voting member shall not be counted more than 3 times per quarter"

C. If any violation exists, the Administrative Manager must place the council on probation"

Comment [AJC9]: Bullet reordered

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE II SECTION 3B shall read as "Those councils on probation and their residents lose all rights and privileges granted by RHSA except for the privilege of running for and holding the position of an RHSA officer"

Comment [AJC10]: Added 'and holding'

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE II SECTION 3C shall read as "No council shall be placed on probation for the first 3 weeks of the academic year"

Comment [AJC11]: New bullet

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE II SECTION 3D shall read as "Upon compliance with the criteria, councils will be restored all rights by the Administrative Manager"

Comment [AJC12]: Removed an extra space

Comment [AJC13]: Added 'by the Administrative Manager'

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE III SECTION 1A4d shall read as "Record and distribute the minutes of each General Council meeting or Executive Board Meeting to the appropriate designees prior to the next General Council meeting or Executive Board Meeting"

Comment [AJC14]: Added 'or Executive Board Meeting'

Comment [AJC15]: Added 'or Executive Board Meeting'

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE III SECTION 1A4n shall read as "Act as the official voice of the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee in General Council"

Comment [AJC16]: Added For Consistency

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE III SECTION 1A4o shall read as “Fix and correct all typographical errors in the RHSA Constitution and Bylaws as deemed necessary by the Executive Board, with General Council being notified of any and all such corrections”

Comment [AJC17]: New bullet

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE III SECTION 1A4u shall read as “May delegate the power indicated in Article III, Sections 1.A.4. d, e, j, k, m, p, q, r and s of the Constitution of the Residence Hall Student Association”

Comment [AJC18]: Renumber to comply with new bullets

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE IV SECTION 2D shall read as “Hold meetings with individual members of the RHSA Executive Board”

Comment [AJC19]: Added bullet

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE VI SECTION 1B1 shall read as “

1. 14 seats to the hall councils **of the following halls**, allocated in the following manner:

- a) 2 to Hansee and 2104 House
- b) 2 to Haggett
- c) 2 to Stevens Court A-D, L and Mercer
- d) 3 to McMahan
- e) 2 to McCarty
- f) 3 to Terry and Lander”

Comment [AJC20]: Adjusted the names of the halls to allow them to rename their respective hall council without RHSA's approval

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE VI SECTION 4D shall read as “All Senators may be removed by a two-thirds vote of General Council or as outlined in the respective council constitution”

Comment [AJC21]: Changed from 'representatives'

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE VI SECTION 5B2 shall read as “All Hall Council ASUW Senators”

Comment [AJC22]: Changed from “The 12”

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE VI SECTION 5B3 shall read as “All RHSA At-Large Senators”

Comment [AJC23]: Changed from “The 32”

- RHSA Constitution ARTICLE VII SECTION 3A shall read as “Four Hall Councils”

Comment [AJC24]: Added 'Hall'

-All lettering, numbering, bulleting and formatting will be adjusted to follow standard RHSA Constitutional style, and in accordance with the intent of the legislation as provided in the margin comments