Residence Hall Association Bylaws

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Section 1. Personnel and Membership.
   A. Should a student representative wish to resign their representative position, they must provide notification to General Council and to their constituency prior to the date of resignation, barring unforeseen circumstances.
   B. Should a Hall Government or student staff choose to remove their representative from office, they must give General Council and the representative notice. They must also select a new representative.
   C. Impeachment of officers or representatives requires a 2/3rds majority of all representatives. Impeachment takes effect immediately after the vote. If impeached a member is stripped of his/her title and responsibilities.
   D. Should a member of General Council break a RHA contract while participating in a RHA sponsored activity, the member is liable for his/her entire cost of the activity, and may have sanctions placed upon him/her by the Council, including but not limited to impeachment.

Section 2. Transition of Officers.
   A. Each officer shall complete an end-of-the-year report detailing their job, its duties, how they got started, what they felt worked and did not work, and other helpful items for future officers to hold that position.
   B. Each end-of-the-year report shall be filed with the RHA President Elect within one month of leaving office. The President Elect shall cause all end-of-the-year reports to be available to all RHA members in perpetuity.

ARTICLE V. ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1. General Elections.
   A. General Elections shall take place on or before the third week of Spring term in order to prepare the incoming President, Vice President, and National Communications Coordinator (NCC), Events and Activities Coordinator, and Administration Coordinator for NACURH and their positions, barring a 2/3rds vote of the RHA General Council.
   B. Voting shall consist of 6 members from each Hall Government, decided within Hall Government the week prior to elections. RHA executive members and Cabinet Members will have individual votes. Any individual who is running for a position would not be able to vote and a proxy will need to be determined if those members are associated with RHA or Hall Governments.
   C. Each candidate shall submit an election platform, in the form of a bid that will be made available to those who attend the election. The time, date, and location of the election shall clearly be advertised throughout the halls.
   D. Bids shall be between 4 and 6 pages in length, including a title page. Every page shall include page numbers, and the bid shall include at least one letter of recommendation. Bids will be submitted in a PDF format to the President and Advisor of RHA, unless the President is bidding, then only the Advisor should receive the bids.
   E. A person can write multiple bids, but they must accept the first position they are elected into. The order of elections shall be, President, National Communications Coordinator, Leadership Coordinator, Events and Activities Coordinator, Administration Coordinator. If a position is not run for, those who have submitted bids for other position may run for that position at the end of elections.
F. The President will facilitate elections unless they choose to rerun for a position, in which case the RHA Advisor shall facilitate elections. Nominations will open at least two week before elections and will close 1 week before the elections begin.

G. Those candidates who have submitted a bid, but have lost the election have the right to bid down, only in the case that there are no candidates bidding for a position.

H. Each candidate shall have an opportunity to give a speech of up to five minutes during the election with an option to extend once. A question and answer period shall follow each speech that is also up to five minutes long with an option to extend once. All questions must be relevant to the candidate and the position, and directed at the facilitator. The facilitator has final say over what questions will be accepted or rejected.

I. There are three ways to vote in this election: for a candidate(s), no confidence, or to abstain. Elections will use a single transferrable ballot system.

J. If elected, student representatives shall maintain their voting rights until the following meeting, at which time their respective hall should find a replacement.

Section 2. Special Elections.

A. Special Elections are those required to replace a member of the Executive Board that has resigned or has been impeached. Special Elections shall follow the same guidelines as General Elections outlined in Article V Section 1 of the Bylaws, with the following exceptions:

1. The time of the elections will be at the discretion of the President or the Administration Coordinator (if the President is removed from office).

2. Bidding down to lower positions does not apply to these elections, and is not allowed.