The University of Scranton
Residence Hall Association
Constitution

Preamble

We the resident students of The University of Scranton, in order to foster community, develop leadership, ensure safe and ideal living conditions, promote Jesuit traditions, assist Residence Life in representing the interests of the resident students, encourage social and intellectual growth; do hereby establish this constitution of the Residence Hall Association of The University of Scranton.

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "The University of Scranton Residence Hall Association" commonly referred to as R.H.A.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1
The purpose of this organization is to promote resident student interest, enable resident communication, and support residence hall improvements

Section 2
Interest: R.H.A. will act as the central voice of the residence students of The University of Scranton. R.H.A. will provide, facilitate, and encourage activities for the benefit and enjoyment of the University community. R.H.A. is an advocate for the interests of the residence hall students. R.H.A. will organize social, educational, and cultural activities for the benefit of hall residents.

Section 3
Communication: R.H.A. will create a forum of exchange for ideas and concerns among the resident students. R.H.A. will establish communication between resident students, Residence Life, school administrators, and other campus organizations. R.H.A. will establish and organize Region Hall Councils and assist in their programming and operations.

Section 4
Improvements: R.H.A. will attempt to improve the quality of life and community in the residence halls through social activities. R.H.A. will recommend capital improvements based on resident's feedback to executive R.H.A. members and Region Hall Council members. R.H.A. will help to voice any and all maintenance concerns of resident students.
Section 5

Collaboration: In an attempt to provide appropriate programming for all University residents, it shall be the goal of RHA to work closely other campus organizations, which could include: Commuter and Off Campus Association (COLA), University of Scranton Programming Board (USPB), and Residence Life, when creating the semester calendar.

Section 6

Resident Assistant Funding: RHA will provide funding to programs proposed to the organization by Resident Assistants (RAs).

Subsection A. In order for the programs to qualify, the RAs must submit a written proposal to the General Assembly for approval.

Subsection B. Funding will be directed to the RAs at the discretion of the General Assembly

Subsection C. All RHA funds presented to RAs will come from the RHA’s yearly fundraising activities.

Subsection D. Upon completion of program, RAs will complete a follow-up evaluation of their program and submit it to the General Assembly.

Article III - Membership

R.H.A. will be made up of any residents of the residence halls, houses or apartments. No student will be discriminated in the membership of R.H.A.

Article IV - Executive Positions

Section 1

President
The President shall facilitate all General Assembly and Executive Board meetings. The President shall draw up an agenda for all General Assembly and Executive Board meetings. The President shall act as official R.H.A. representative within the University community

Section 2

Vice President/Fundraising-Care Packages Coordinator
The Vice President shall aid the President in his or her duties. The Vice President shall act as President Pro Tempore should the President be temporarily unable to fulfill his or her duties. The Vice President shall coordinate committee chairs. The Vice President shall organize fundraising efforts related to the Care Package program that occurs in August, December, May, and on Halloween Valentine’s Day.

Section 3

Secretary
The Secretary shall be responsible for distributing proposals, minutes, and agendas at the General Assembly meetings. The secretary shall maintain a membership database
Section 4
Treasurer
The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping track of all R.H.A. accounts, their expenditures and balances. The Treasurer shall be responsible for coordinating the financial workings of R.H.A., such as purchase orders, incoming funds, and budget requests. The Treasurer shall safeguard the financial stability of R.H.A.

Section 5
National Communications Coordinator (NCC)
The NCC shall serve as a liaison between NACURH and CAACURH. The NCC shall serve as the University of Scranton delegation chairperson at all meetings, conferences, and elections of NACURH and CAACURH. The NCC shall coordinate all the aspects of assembling a delegation to attend a conference or business meeting of NACURH and CAACURH. The NCC shall ensure that R.H.A. meets all membership and voting requirements for NACURH and CAACURH. These requirements may include but are not limited to; a National Information Center Report, annual reports to our affiliates, regular newsletters to other NCCs, and policy questions or surveys from the offices of our affiliates. All duties of the NCC are outlined in the Handbooks and literature of our affiliates. All of these duties shall be fulfilled by the NCC in a manner consistent with the specific requirements in said literature. The NCC shall coordinate bids for NACURCH and CAACURH’s awards.

Section 6
The Executive board shall appoint a Social chairperson and a Public Relations chairperson

The Social Chairperson shall organize all social events to encourage participation in R.H.A., including programs such as Speed Dating, Luau and Field Day. The Social Chair shall assist the Executives in the daily running of R.H.A.

The Public Relations Chairperson shall be responsible for all correspondence, official publications, and publicity of R.H.A. with the exception of the duties of the NCC, that are required by our affiliates. The Public Relations chair shall recruit members to assist in posting information. The Public Relations chair shall assist the Executives in the daily running of R.H.A.

Section 7
In the event that an Executive Board member vacates his or her position the Executive Board will appoint a new member.

In the event that an R.H.A. executive member fails to fulfill his or her duties, they can be impeached by the executive board then removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.

Article V - The General Assembly

Section 1
The legislative power of Residence Hall Association is vested in the General Assembly headed by the R.H.A. president. Membership of the General Assembly shall consist of two representatives from each Region Hall Council and the Executive Board.
Section 2
All R.H.A. General Assembly representatives have voting rights. In the case of a tie vote the president shall act as the tiebreaker. Voting shall be conducted by way of secret ballot when deemed necessary.

Section 3
The procedures and meeting times of both the Executive Board as well as the General Assembly shall be decided upon by the Executive Board at their first meeting of each semester and shall be amended by the Board at their leisure.

Article VI – Amendments

Section 1
Any R.H.A. member can propose amendments to the R.H.A. constitution. All Amendments must be pre-approved by the R.H.A. executives.

Section 2
Amendments to the R.H.A. constitution must be submitted in written documentation to the General Assembly. To pass an amendment a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly is required.

2012-13 RHA Executive Board

President: Julia Chaplin
Vice-President: Nicole Ward
Secretary: Kaitlyn Kuntzman
Treasurer: Lauren McGee
Social Chair: Geralyn Cross
Publicity Chair: Joe Giannetta
NCC: Mike Briskey