The Constitution of
The Residence Hall Association at
Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit

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Preamble
We, the students residing in University recognized Living/Learning Centers, in order to provide collective self-governance in all areas of residence life, and for the betterment of the residential community, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Duquesne University Residence Hall Association.

Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit is a Catholic University, founded by members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritans, and sustained through a partnership of laity and religious. Duquesne serves God by serving students—through commitment to excellence in liberal and professional education, through profound concern for moral and spiritual values, through the maintenance of an ecumenical atmosphere open to diversity, and through service to the Church, the community, the nation, and the world.

Article I: Name of Organization
Paragraph One. The name of this organization shall be the Duquesne University Residence Hall Association, which also can be referred to as Residence Hall Association or RHA.

Paragraph Two. The sub-organizations of the Residence Hall Association are the Duquesne University Residence Hall Councils, which also can be referred to as Residence Hall Council or RHC.

Article II: Membership
Paragraph One. The membership of RHA and its Residence Hall Councils, which is referred to as the General Assembly, shall consist of all students attending Duquesne University who currently reside in any of the University owned Living/Learning Centers.

Paragraph Two. The General Assembly shall meet no once every two (2) weeks and make mandatory the presence of the RHA and RHC Executive Boards at each meeting.

Paragraph Three. Members of the Residence Hall Association must be full-time students of Duquesne University. Members of the General Assembly must maintain a minimum of a 2.25 Quality Point Average. Members of the Executive Board must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 Quality Point Average. Failure to maintain these academic standards while in office will result in the offending member’s immediate removal from the Residence Hall Association.

Paragraph Four. Any RHA member convicted of any felony, misdemeanor, or breach of the University’s Academic Integrity Policy shall be immediately removed from the Residence Hall Association.
Paragraph Five. Any RHA member who accepts gifts of financial reward in exchange for, or in conjunction with, the discharge of official RHA powers or duties shall be subject to impeachment proceedings.

Article III: Organization of the RHA
Paragraph One. RHA shall consist of an Executive Board and one Residence Hall Council for each University owned Living/Learning Center.

Paragraph Two. No Residence Hall Council shall be independent of a Living/Learning Center.

Paragraph Three. All Executive Board officers and Hall Council Executives of RHA shall be enrolled full-time students at Duquesne University, shall remain in good academic standing, and shall live in a Duquesne University owned Living/Learning Center throughout the term of office.

Paragraph Four. All Residence Hall Council Executives must reside in the Living/Learning Center in which they govern.

Article IV: Purpose
Paragraph One. The purpose of the Residence Hall Association is to:

Clause A. Act as the representative voice of all Duquesne residents in accordance with their interests.

Clause B. Represent residents’ concerns before the Duquesne University administration.

Clause C. Provide diverse social, educational, and philanthropic programs within the Living/Learning Centers.

Clause D. Work with and aid the Office of Residence Life in the implementation or changing of any policies directly involving the resident students.

Clause E. Help improve and enhance the student residential experience.

Article V: Power
Paragraph One. The Residence Hall Association shall be the official governing body representing resident students at Duquesne University.

Paragraph Two. All legislative power vested in the Residence Hall Association shall be exercised by the Executive Board under the leadership of the RHA President and in accordance with the RHA Constitution and By-Laws.
**Paragraph Three.** In order to initiate legislation, the Executive Board must establish a clear majority of three (3).

**Article VI: Executive Board**

**Section 1: Membership**

**Paragraph One.** The Executive Board is the governing body of the Residence Hall Association

**Paragraph Two.** The Executive Board shall consist of the RHA President, Vice President, Director of Communications, Director of Finance, and the Director of Programming.

**Paragraph Three.** The RHA Executive Board and Advisor(s) must approve any additional Executive Board positions.

**Section 2: RHA President**

**Paragraph One.** The RHA President shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by the resident students through the campus-wide elections conducted by the SGA Board of Elections on a day selected by the Assistant VP of Student Life and the Board of Elections.

**Paragraph Two.** The RHA President shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

**Paragraph Three.** The duties of the RHA President are as follows:

**Clause A.** Serve as the official student representative of RHA and the resident students who may from time to time address the resident students, General Assembly, administration, or media as circumstances may require.

**Clause B.** To serve as the Chief Executive Officer in all RHA business.

**Clause C.** To call and preside over meetings of the Executive Board.

**Clause D.** To create detailed agendas for all sessions of the Executive Board.

**Clause E.** To establish, direct, and appoint members to committees of the RHA or the University as deemed necessary.

**Clause F.** To serve as an ex-officio member on all standing and Ad-Hoc RHA committees.
Clause G. To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.

Clause H. To publish and maintain the minimum number of office hours in the RHA office every week set by the RHA Executive Board.

Clause I. Assist the Director of Finance and the RHA Advisor(s) in the formation of the RHA budget.

Clause J. In conjunction with the RHA Director of Communications and Director of Programming, develop new membership advancement and recruitment initiatives.

Clause K. Report to the Executive Board and General Assembly on the activities, recommendations, decisions of the University, and committees and boards on which the RHA President sits.

Paragraph Four. The RHA President may choose to resign from his/her position. Under such circumstances, the RHA Vice President shall immediately assume the position of RHA President.

Paragraph Five. In the event of a resignation from the position of RHA President while the position of RHA Vice President is vacant, there shall be a special internal election within no less than 15 and no more than 30 days in order to fill the position of RHA President. Under such circumstances, the General Assembly shall select from among its membership an individual to serve as Acting RHA President, until such time as a new RHA President is inaugurated.

Section 3: Vice President
Paragraph One. The RHA Vice President shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by the resident students through the campus-wide elections conducted by the SGA Board of Elections on a day selected by the Assistant VP of Student Life and the Board of Elections.

Paragraph Two. The RHA Vice President shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

Paragraph Three. The duties of the RHA Vice President are as follows:

Clause A. Assist the RHA President in the execution of Presidential duties as necessary.

Clause B. Assume the duties of the RHA President in the absence of the President.

Clause C. Serve as the primary liaison between the Residence Hall Councils and the RHA Executive Board.

Clause D. To directly advise each Residence Hall Council Vice President.
**Clause E.** In conjunction with the RHA Director of Programming, coordinate philanthropy events and opportunities for RHA and residents to participate in.

**Clause F.** To oversee collaborative programming initiatives with outside organizations and departments, including, but not limited to the Bookstore, Parkhurst, Multicultural and International Affairs, Commuter Council, and the Student Government Association.

**Clause G.** To publish and maintain the minimum number of office hours in the RHA office every week set by the RHA Executive Board.

**Clause H.** To call and preside over meetings of the General Assembly.

**Clause I.** To create detailed agendas for all sessions of the General Assembly.

**Clause J.** To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.

**Clause K.** Report to the Executive Board and General Assembly on the activities, recommendations, decisions of the University, and committees and boards on which the RHA Vice President sits.

**Paragraph Four.** In the event that the position of RHA Vice President becomes vacant, the RHA President is to nominate candidates from the General Assembly for the position and a majority of votes by the General Assembly will determine the new RHA Vice President. This process must be completed within 21 days of the vacancy.

**Section 4: Director of Communications**

**Paragraph One.** The RHA Director of Communications shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by the resident students through the campus-wide elections conducted by the SGA Board of Elections on a day selected by the Assistant VP of Student Life and the Board of Elections.

**Paragraph Two.** The RHA Director of Communications shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

**Paragraph Three.** The duties of the RHA Director of Communications are as follows:

**Clause A.** To maintain important records of official RHA business, including accurate accounts of meeting minutes and attendance from both Executive Board and General Assembly meetings.

**Clause B.** To manage the internal and external communications of RHA, including the email account, social networking accounts, Campus Link page, and web page.
Clause C. To directly advise each Residence Hall Council Secretary.

Clause D. In conjunction with the RHA President and Director of Programming, develop new membership advancement and recruitment initiatives.

Clause F. To publish and maintain the minimum number of office hours in the RHA office every week set by the RHA Executive Board.

Clause I. To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.

Clause J. Report to the Executive Board and General Assembly on the activities, recommendations, decisions of the University, and committees and boards on which the RHA Director of Communications sits.

Clause K. To report policy changes, meeting attendance, and overall RHA participation concerning Hall Council members at both Executive Board and General Assembly meetings as necessary.

Paragraph Four. In the event that the position of RHA Director of Communications becomes vacant, the RHA President is to nominate candidates from the General Assembly for the position and a majority of votes by the General Assembly will determine the new RHA Director of Communications. This process must be completed within 21 days of the vacancy.

Section 5: Director of Finance

Paragraph One. The RHA Director of Finance shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by the resident students through the campus-wide elections conducted by the SGA Board of Elections on a day selected by the Assistant VP of Student Life and the Board of Elections.

Paragraph Two. The RHA Director of Finance shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

Paragraph Three. The duties of the RHA Director of Finance are as follows:

Clause A. Prepare a working budget with the assistance of the RHA President and the RHA Advisor(s).

Clause B. To maintain an accurate accounting records of all financial transactions of the RHA and its Hall Councils.

Clause C. To provide a bi-weekly electronic copy of the updated budget report and an end of the month physical copy of the budget report.

Clause D. To supervise the expenditure of all RHA funds, including spending of the Residence Hall Councils ensuring that sufficient funds are available to be spent.
Clause E. To directly advise each Residence Hall Council Treasurer.

Clause F. To compose a final finance report to the Executive Board and Advisor(s) including an exact record and description of receipts, disbursements, and account balances prior to the expiration of office for that term of office.

Clause G. Serve as the non-voting Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Clause H. To publish and maintain the minimum number of office hours in the RHA office every week set by the RHA Executive Board.

Clause I. To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.

Clause J. Report to the Executive Board and General Assembly on the activities, recommendations, decisions of the University, and committees and boards on which the RHA Director of Finance sits.

Clause K. To report policy changes, meeting attendance, and overall Finance Committee participation concerning Hall Council members at both Executive Board and General Assembly meetings as necessary.

Paragraph Four. In the event that the position of RHA Director of Finance becomes vacant, the RHA President is to nominate candidates from the General Assembly for the position and a majority of votes by the General Assembly will determine the new RHA Director of Finance. This process must be completed within 21 days of the vacancy.

Section 6: Director of Programming

Paragraph One. The RHA Director of Programming shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by the resident students through the campus-wide elections conducted by the SGA Board of Elections on a day selected by the Assistant VP of Student Life and the Board of Elections.

Paragraph Two. The RHA Director of Programming shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

Paragraph Three. The duties of the RHA Director of Programming are as follows:

Clause A. To oversee all programming done under RHA, including the Residence Hall Councils.

Clause B. To coordinate the campus-wide programming of RHA, including, but not limited to, that planned and executed by the RHA Programming/Planning Committee.
Clause C. In conjunction with the RHA President and Director of Communications, develop new membership advancement and recruitment initiatives.

Clause D. To directly advise each Residence Hall Council with programming ideas.

Clause E. In conjunction with the RHA Vice President, coordinate philanthropy events and opportunities for RHA and residents to participate in.

Clause F. To compile a December and April report, detailing the semester accomplishments of RHA.

Clause G. To coordinate team-building activities during meetings of the Executive Board and General Assembly.

Clause H. To publish and maintain the minimum number of office hours in the RHA office every week set by the RHA Executive Board.

Clause I. To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.

Clause J. Report to the Executive Board and General Assembly on the activities, recommendations, decisions of the University, and committees and boards on which the RHA Director of Programming sits.

Clause K. To report policy changes, event attendance, and overall programming participation concerning Hall Council members at both Executive Board and General Assembly meetings as necessary.

Paragraph Four. In the event that the position of RHA Director of Programming becomes vacant, the RHA President is to nominate candidates from the General Assembly for the position and a majority of votes by the General Assembly will determine the new Director of Programming. This process must be completed within 21 days of the vacancy.

Section 7: Powers and Duties
Paragraph One. The powers and duties of the RHA Executive Board shall be as follows:

Clause A. To represent the interests of residents to external entities, the university administration, and the Office of Residence Life.

Clause B. To establish this Constitution and the By-Laws of the RHA and other procedures for operation.

Clause C. To issue resolutions concerning the Board’s opinion on any matter relevant to the policies, procedures, and actions of Duquesne University and its associated entities.
Clause D. To consider all matters of official business related to RHA and the General Assembly.

Sub-Clause One. Quorum, defined as three-fifths (3/5) of eligible voting members, must be present in order for the RHA Executive Board to conduct official business.

Sub-Clause Two. Quorum may be suspended to conduct meetings, but any official business must be tabled until quorum is obtained.

Clause E. Uphold all components of the Duquesne University Mission Statement.

Clause F. Act on behalf of the General Assembly when the General Assembly cannot be called into session.

Sub-Clause One. Actions taken by the RHA Executive Board while acting in the capacity of the General Assembly must be presented to the General Assembly at the earliest possible time.

Clause G. Keep and publish regular office hours determined by the RHA Executive Board at the beginning of each term.

Clause H. Regularly attend all Executive Board and General Assembly meetings.

Clause I. Raise morale in Living/Learning Center programs to maintain the interest and dedication of all RHA and Hall Council members.

Clause J. Establish and oversee committees that are deemed necessary and appropriate to achieve the goals and objectives of RHA.

Clause K. Advise, coordinate, and assist one another in the execution of duties.

Clause L. Train the Executive Board-Elect concerning the duties and responsibilities of each office prior to Inauguration.

Section 8: Meetings
Paragraph One. The RHA Executive Board shall meet at least once before every General Assembly meeting.

Paragraph Two. The attendance of the RHA Executive Board at these meetings is mandatory, unless excused by the RHA President for a valid reason or emergency.

Paragraph Three. In the event that the RHA President must miss an Executive Board or General Assembly meeting, the RHA Vice President must approve the absence.
Paragraph Four. The Residence Hall Association Advisor(s) are not required to be in attendance for the RHA Executive Board to conduct an Executive Board meeting.

Section 9: Voting
Paragraph One. All Executive Officers shall have equal voting privileges. Results will be based on a majority of three (3) votes.

Paragraph Two. If a member of the RHA Executive Board is not present at the time of a vote and a majority cannot be established, the result will be postponed until all RHA Executive Board members are present.

Section 10: Qualifications
Paragraph One. To qualify for an Office of the Executive Board, a candidate shall have enrolled for no less than one (1) whole Semester at Duquesne University, prior to running for such an Office. Furthermore, said candidate shall remain so enrolled throughout the term of Office, which shall commence upon the day of Inauguration and continue until the Inauguration of the new Executive Board, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions herein.

Paragraph Two. No person shall occupy more than one (1) Executive Board seat at a given time, and two (2) or more persons shall not simultaneously occupy the same Office of the Executive Board. No person shall concurrently occupy a seat on the Executive Board and a seat in the General Assembly.

Article VII: Advisor to the Executive Board
Paragraph One. The Office of Residence Life shall provide a member of its professional staff to serve as Advisor to the Residence Hall Association. The Advisor may, with the approval of the RHA President, appoint another professional staff member as Co-Advisor.

Paragraph Two. The Duties of the RHA Executive Board Advisor(s) are as follows:

Clause A. Attend all RHA General Assembly meetings and functions.

Clause B. Advise and update the RHA President, the Executive Board, the General Assembly, and the Residence Hall Council Advisors on any relevant matters concerning Residence Life and RHA.

Clause C. Have the power of veto only in cases when the actions of the Residence Hall Association or a Residence Hall Council violate any University policies.

Clause D. Assists with the development of leadership skills.

Clause E. Assists with the identifications and determination of realistic goals and objectives.
Clause F. Provides positive feedback and facilitates a positive Office of Residence Life/Residence Hall Association relationship.

Article VIII: Residence Hall Councils

Section 1: Membership
Paragraph One. There shall be one Residence Hall Council per Living/Learning Center where the Residence Hall Council members and officers must be residents of their respective Living/Learning Centers.

Paragraph Two. New Residence Hall Councils, upon completion of a new Living/Learning Center, shall be admitted to the RHA without constraints. When a Living/Learning Center is shut down on the basis of an Office of Residence Life and Duquesne University administration decision, the Residence Hall Council shall be terminated.

Paragraph Three. The Residence Hall Council Executive Board shall consist of the RHC President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Paragraph Four. The RHA Executive Board and Advisor(s) must approve any additional RHC Executive Board positions.

Section 2: RHC President
Paragraph One. The RHC President shall be elected by their respective residents through the Residence Hall Council elections conducted by the RHA Executive Board on a day selected by the RHA Executive Board.

Paragraph Two. The RHC President shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

Paragraph Three. The duties of the RHC President are as follows:

Clause A. Serve as the official student representative of the respective Hall Council they are serving on.

Clause B. To call and preside over meetings of the RHC Executive Board.

Clause C. To create detailed agendas for all sessions of the RHC Executive Board.

Clause D. In conjunction with the RHC Vice President, coordinate philanthropy events and opportunities for the Hall Council and residents to participate in, once per semester.

Clause E. To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.
Clause F. Report to the Hall Council on the activities, recommendations, and decisions of the various committees and boards on which the RHC President may sit.

Clause G. In conjunction with the RHC Secretary, develop new Hall Council membership advancement and recruitment initiatives.

Paragraph Four. The RHC President may choose to resign from his/her position. Under such circumstances, the RHC Vice President shall immediately assume the position of RHC President.

Paragraph Five. In the event of a resignation from the position of RHC President while the position of RHC Vice President is vacant, there shall be a special internal election within no less than 15 and no more than 30 days in order to fill the position of RHC President. The Residence Hall Council Advisor may also contact the runner-up of the election as a method to fill the vacant position.

Paragraph Six. If the vacant position cannot be filled through a special internal election, or by contacting the runner-up, it is up to the discretion of the RHA Executive Board and the RHC Advisor to appoint someone to that position if interest is shown.

Section 3: Vice President

Paragraph One. The RHC Vice President shall be elected by their respective residents through the Residence Hall Council elections conducted by the RHA Executive Board on a day selected by the RHA Executive Board.

Paragraph Two. The RHC Vice President shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

Paragraph Three. The duties of the RHC Vice President are as follows:

Clause A. Assist the RHC President in the execution of Presidential duties as necessary.

Clause B. Assume the duties of the RHC President in the absence of the RHC President.

Clause C. Serve as the primary liaison between the Residence Hall Council and the RHA Executive Board.

Clause D. In conjunction with the RHC President, coordinate philanthropy events and opportunities for the Hall Council and residents to participate in, once per semester.

Clause E. To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.
Clause F. Report to the Hall Council on the activities, recommendations, and decisions of the various committees and boards on which the RHC Vice President may sit.

Paragraph Four. In the event that the position of RHC Vice President becomes vacant, the RHC President is to nominate General Members of the Hall Council for the position and a majority of votes by the Hall Council will determine the new RHC Vice President. The Residence Hall Council Advisor may also contact the runner-up of the election as a method to fill the vacant position.

Paragraph Five. If there are no general members from the Hall Council to nominate, there shall be a special internal election within no less than 15 and no more than 30 days in order to fill the position of RHC Vice President.

Paragraph Six. If the vacant position cannot be filled through a special internal election, or by contacting the runner-up, it is up to the discretion of the RHA Executive Board and the RHC Advisor to appoint someone to that position if interest is shown.

Section 4: Secretary

Paragraph One. The RHC Secretary shall be elected by their respective residents through the Residence Hall Council elections conducted by the RHA Executive Board on a day selected by the RHA Executive Board.

Paragraph Two. The RHC Secretary shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

Paragraph Three. The duties of the RHC Secretary are as follows:

Clause A. To maintain important records of official RHC business, including accurate accounts of meeting minutes and attendance from Executive Board meetings.

Clause B. To manage the internal and external communications of the Hall Council, including the email account, and when asked, the RHA social networking accounts, and Campus Link page.

Clause C. In conjunction with the RHC President, develop new Hall Council membership advancement and recruitment initiatives.

Clause D. Create flyers and other promotional items for the Hall Council programs and information.

Clause E. Act as a voting member on the Communications Committee.
**Clause F.** To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.

**Clause G.** Report to the Hall Council on the activities, recommendations, and decisions of the various committees and boards on which the RHC Secretary may sit.

**Paragraph Four.** In the event that the position of RHC Secretary becomes vacant, the RHC President is to nominate General Members of the Hall Council for the position and a majority of votes by the Hall Council will determine the new RHC Secretary.

**Paragraph Five.** If there are no general members from the Hall Council to nominate, there shall be a special internal election within no less than 15 and no more than 30 days in order to fill the position of RHC Secretary. The Residence Hall Council Advisor may also contact the runner-up of the election as a method to fill the vacant position.

**Paragraph Six.** If the vacant position cannot be filled through a special internal election, or by contacting the runner-up, it is up to the discretion of the RHA Executive Board and the RHC Advisor to appoint someone to that position if interest is shown.

**Section 5: Treasurer**

**Paragraph One.** The RHC Treasurer shall be elected by their respective residents through the Residence Hall Council elections conducted by the RHA Executive Board on a day selected by the RHA Executive Board.

**Paragraph Two.** The RHC Treasurer shall be installed after having taken the oath of office.

**Paragraph Three.** The duties of the RHC Treasurer are as follows:

**Clause A.** Act as a voting member on the Finance Committee.

**Cause B.** Submit funding requests on Campus Link on behalf of the Hall Council.

**Clause C.** Present the submitted funding requests ion behalf of the Hall Council in the Finance Committee meetings.

**Clause D.** Be responsible for the collection and return of all money for Hall Council events.

**Clause E.** To learn the RHA Constitution and By-Laws in full.

**Clause F.** Report to the Hall Council on the activities, recommendations, and decisions of the various committees and boards on which the Treasurer may sit.
Paragraph Four. In the event that the position of RHC Treasurer becomes vacant, the RHC President is to nominate General Members of the Hall Council for the position and a majority of votes by the Hall Council will determine the new RHC Treasurer. The Residence Hall Council Advisor may also contact the runner-up of the election as a method to fill the vacant position.

Paragraph Five. If there are no general members from the Hall Council to nominate, there shall be a special internal election within no less than 15 and no more than 30 days in order to fill the position of RHC Treasurer.

Paragraph Six. If the vacant position cannot be filled through a special internal election, or by contacting the runner-up, it is up to the discretion of the RHA Executive Board and the RHC Advisor to appoint someone to that position if interest is shown.

Section 6: Powers and Duties
Paragraph One. The powers and duties of the Residence Hall Councils shall be as follows:

Clause A. Consider resident student concerns about improving the quality of life within their respective Living/Learning Centers as their primary objective.

Clause B. Work to accomplish the purpose and goals set by the Residence Hall Association and by the RHC Advisor for their respective Living/Learning Center.

Clause C. Plan and implement various activities for their individual Living/Learning Centers.

Clause D. Participate in and support activities that are sponsored by the RHA Executive Board and by other Residence Hall Councils, especially when the events are scheduled on a campus-wide basis.

Section 7: Meetings
Paragraph One. The RHC Executive Board shall meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis based on the availability of the Hall Council members.

Paragraph Two. The Residence Hall Council Advisor is not required to be in attendance for a Hall Council to conduct an RHC Executive Board meeting.

Paragraph Three. The attendance of the RHC Executive Board at these meetings is mandatory, unless excused by the RHC President for a valid reason or emergency.

Paragraph Four. In the event that the RHC President must miss an Executive Board or General Assembly meeting, the RHC Vice President must approve the absence.
Section 8: Voting

Paragraph One. Each RHC officer has one (1) vote within his/her Hall Council, except the RHC President who shall vote in a case of a tie.

Paragraph Two. If a member of the RHC Executive Board is not present at the time of a vote and a majority cannot be established, the result will be postponed until all RHC Executive Board members are present.

Article IX: Advisor to the Residence Hall Councils

Paragraph One. Each Living/Learning Center shall provide one member of its professional staff to serve as the Advisor to the Residence Hall Council.

Paragraph Two. The duties of a Residence Hall Council Advisor are as follows:

Clause A. Attend all Residence Hall Council meetings and functions.

Clause B. Advise and update the RHC President, the RHC Executive Board, and the Hall Council, on any relevant matters concerning Residence Life, RHA or the RHC.

Clause C. Have the power of veto only in cases when the actions of the Residence Hall Council violates any university policies.

Clause D. Assists with the development of leadership skills.

Clause E. Assists with the identifications and determination of realistic goals and objectives.

Clause F. Provides positive feedback and facilitates a positive Resident Assistant/Residence Hall Council/Residence Hall Association relationship.

Clause G. Submit monthly Hall Council updates to the RHA Executive Board and the Residence Hall Association Advisor(s).

Article X: The General Assembly

Section 1: Eligibility

Paragraph One. Any student residing in a Duquesne University owned Living/Learning Center is eligible to be a member of the Residence Hall Association and its Residence Hall Councils.

Section 2: Membership

Paragraph One. All resident students have the ability to run for the Residence Hall Councils. The Residence Hall Councils make up the majority of the General Assembly.
Paragraph Two. Elected Hall Council members have the right to vote, unelected and nonelected Hall Council members have the right to vote after attending two consecutive General Assembly meetings.

Section 3: Powers and Duties
Paragraph One. Act as a spokesperson for the Members-At-Large of the Residence Hall Association, and all resident students of Duquesne University.

Paragraph Two. Enact by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, legislation proposed to them by the RHA Executive Board.

Paragraph Three. Enact by simple majority vote, legislation for the general welfare of RHA.

Paragraph Four. Meet every two (2) weeks and make the presence of all RHA and RHC Executive Board members mandatory at each meeting.

Section 4: Meetings
Paragraph One. All meetings of the General Assembly shall be open to all Members-At-Large of RHA.

Paragraph Two. The General Assembly may meet at the special request of the RHA Vice President with at least forty-eight (48) hours of public notice.

Paragraph Three. All persons present will be permitted to take part in the discussions.

Paragraph Four. The General Assembly may by a majority vote, limit discussion to its own members.

Paragraph Five. The Residence Hall Association Advisor(s) are not required to be in attendance for the RHA Executive Board to conduct General Assembly meeting.

Paragraph Six. Attendance shall be taken at all regular General Assembly meetings.

Section 5: Voting
Paragraph One. All voting members of the General Assembly shall have one (1) vote.

Paragraph Two. The RHA Vice President shall have the power to vote in the event of a tie.

Paragraph Three. For voting purposes, the “General Assembly” shall be defined as these members present, on the active roster, and have attended two (2) consecutive meetings, or have gone through the elections process to win their position.
Article XI: Jurisdiction of this Constitution

This constitution and all laws enacted under its authority shall take precedence over the constitution of any Residence Hall Council and in any conflicting circumstance.

Article XII: Ratification and Nullification

Paragraph One. This constitution, and laws enacted under its authority, shall take effect as the governing documents of RHA when ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the RHA General Assembly in referendum.

Paragraph Two. Upon such ratification, all previous constitutions of RHA shall be rendered null and void.

Paragraph Three. This constitution shall be null and void only when a new constitution is ratified.

Article XIII: Process for Amendment

Paragraph One. Any member of RHA may propose an amendment to this Constitution.

Paragraph Two. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Assembly may vote to bring the proposed amendment to a referendum.

Paragraph Three. Once a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is obtained, it will be delivered to the Center of Student Involvement and the Student Government Association for further approval and publishing.

Article XIV: Regulations

Paragraph One. This Constitution shall comply with the Duquesne University Student Code of Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct and the Mission Statement of the University.

Paragraph Two. The Residence Hall Association shall adhere to Federal, State, and local Laws.

Article XV: Interpretation

The RHA and RHC Executive Boards along with their Advisors shall interpret this Constitution.
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