Constitution of the Residence Hall Association (RHA)
University of Colorado Boulder
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Preamble
We, the students of the Residence Hall Association of the University of Colorado Boulder, in order to create a better living and learning environment for the students inhabiting the residence hall system of the university; do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

Vision Statement:
The University of Colorado Boulder Residence Hall Association recognizes living on campus as an integral part of the college experience, and therefore strives to be the organization of choice for residence hall leaders by providing comprehensive opportunities and resources for university students seeking to create the ultimate residence hall environment and experience.

Mission Statement:
The University of Colorado Boulder Residence Hall Association is a student-run organization dedicated to advocating for the interests and welfare of residence hall students, while also providing opportunities for their personal growth and development. It is an organization of students committed to developing leadership, honoring diversity, recognizing achievement, promoting scholarship, and stimulating engagement and involvement among residence halls students. Through legislation, fair representation from each hall, and open discussion of issues facing students, the Residence Hall Association acts as the voice of students living in the residence halls to the University and the Administration.

I. Article I: Name
a. The name of this organization shall be Residence Hall Association, hereinafter referred to as RHA.

II. Article II: Membership
a. Membership of this organization shall consist of students registered at the University of Colorado Boulder and maintaining current residence in the university's residence hall system, with the exclusion of full time Residence Life professional staff.
b. All offices defined by this Constitution or other governing documents shall be held by RHA members.

III. Article III: Structure
a. The Board of Directors
i. The Board of Directors of RHA shall consist of the Executive Director, the Director of Leadership Development, the Director of NACURH Communications, the Director of Business Administration, the Director of Campus Programming, the Director of Student Advocacy, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) President, the University of Colorado Boulder Student Government (CUSG) Liaison, the IACURH/NACURH Liaison, the Regional/Business/NACURH Conference Chair, and the Advisor(s).
ii. No member of the Board of Directors shall hold more than one executive office at the hall council, or the RHA Executive levels at one time.
iii. No member of the Board of Directors shall hold another Residence Life live-in compensated student-staff member position.
iv. Upon taking office, members of the Board of Directors shall represent the entire residence hall community, and shall therefore be required to resign from any hall council position and inform the hall council of the vacant seat.
b. Duties of the Executive Director
i. The Executive Director shall be the primary director in all manners of the RHA. They shall have the authority to represent RHA in any manner deemed necessary.
ii. The Executive Director shall be required to apply to sit on one regional IACURH committee or taskforce.
iii. The Executive Director shall plan and execute Stampede Camp.
c. Duties of the Director of Leadership Development
i. The Director of Leadership Development shall serve as the liaison between RHA and Hall Council Presidents.
ii. The Director of Leadership Development shall be responsible for the training, recruitment, and retention of all Hall Council Presidents.
iii. The Director of Leadership Development shall plan and execute both the Fall and Spring retreats, Presidential Summits, Executive Social and Training, and other leadership development events.

d. Duties of the Director of NACURH Communications
i. The Director of NACURH Communications shall be responsible for facilitating communication between the RHA and all of its state, regional, and NACURH affiliates.
ii. The Director of NACURH Communications shall be responsible for coordinating all NACURH Inc.-related conference delegations and events.
iii. The Director of NACURH Communications will be required to apply to sit on one NACURH and one regional IACURH committee or taskforce.
iv. The Director of NACURH Communications shall be responsible for all RHA recognition endeavors, including but not limited to: ensuring quality End of the Year award pieces of recognition and Regional IACURH and NACURH Bids.

e. Duties of the Director of Business Administration
i. The Director of Business Administration shall keep all records for RHA.
ii. The Director of Business Administration shall be responsible for creating and maintaining the RHA budget.
iii. The Director of Business Administration shall be responsible for updating the RHA website and social media sites.
iv. The Director of Business Administration shall oversee marketing and communication strategies for RHA.
v. The Director of Business Administration shall be responsible for creating and distributing a newsletter as seen fit.

f. Duties of the Director of Campus Programming
i. Director of Campus Programming shall be responsible for overseeing the planning and execution of all of the Residence Hall Association's social programs.
ii. The Director of Campus Programming shall serve as the liaison between the Residence Hall Association and other campus or student organizations for social programming.
iii. The Director of Campus Programming shall be responsible for promoting and advertising all Residence Hall Association and Residence Hall Association sponsored events.
iv. The Director of Campus Programming shall be responsible for summer programming.

h. Duties of the Director of Student Advocacy
i. The Director of Student Advocacy shall be responsible for gathering, creating, and pursuing advocacy initiatives that support students living in the residence halls.
ii. The Director of Student Advocacy shall be required to apply to sit on at least one IACURH or NACURH taskforce or committee and an on-campus board focused on advocacy or cultural competency.
iii. The Director of Student Advocacy shall be responsible for communicating and promoting advocacy initiatives to RHA and Residence Life.

i. Duties of the NRHH President
i. The NRHH President shall act as the representative between RHA and NRHH and shall encourage positive communication and relations between these two groups.

j. Duties of the CUSG Liaison
i. The CUSG Liaison shall act as the liaison between RHA and CUSG and shall encourage positive communication and relations between these two groups.

k. Duties of the IACURH/NACURH Liaison
i. The IACURH/NACURH Liaison shall act as the campus representative to RHA from IACURH/NACURH and shall communicate duties outlined in the bylaws to the general body.

l. Duties of the Regional/Business/NACURH Conference Chair
i. The Regional/Business/NACURH Conference Chair shall act as the representative to RHA from their respective conference staff and shall be responsible for communicating updates and staff needs for the conference to the RHA Senate.

m. Duties of the Advisor(s)
i. The Advisor(s) shall advise RHA and any of its councils on issues of university policy and resources that may be pertinent to the RHA’s activities.

m. The RHA Senate
   i. The RHA Senate shall address issues that affect the residence hall system as a whole.
   ii. Voting Rights of the RHA Senate shall be based on the following formula using the average capacity of each residence hall or complex in the current year.
      a. 2-350 Residents Two Senators
      b. 351-500 Residents Three Senators
      c. 501-700 Residents Four Senators
      d. 701-900 Residents Five Senators
      e. 901+ Residents Six Senators

n. The Board of Activities and Events
   i. The Board of Activities and Events shall be a group of residents that serve the Residence Hall community through planning and hosting RHA programs.
   ii. The Board of Activities and Events members shall be selected based on the guidelines outlined in the RHA bylaws.

o. The Funding Board
   i. The Funding Board shall be a group of residents that serve the residence hall community through the review and approval of financial proposals from student groups that in some way improve the quality of life for all or some of the individuals living in the residence halls.
   ii. The Funding Board members shall be selected based on the guidelines outlined in the RHA bylaws.

p. The Advocacy Committee
   i. The Advocacy Committee shall be a group of residents that serve the residence hall community through gathering, creating, and pursuing advocacy initiatives that improve the overall residential experience.
   ii. The Advocacy Committee members shall be selected based on the guidelines outlined in the RHA Bylaws.

q. Hall Council Minimum Expectations
   i. Residence Hall Councils shall be responsible for making policy decisions and creating programs to serve the community of their residence hall or complex.
   ii. Membership to each hall council shall be open to all students registered in the University of Colorado Boulder who are currently living in that respective hall or complex.
   iii. Each hall council shall be required to have an RHA-approved constitution, which shall determine the operating guidelines and policies of that particular hall council. Hall Council constitutions may not contradict the RHA constitution or any other governing document of the RHA.
   iv. The Residence Hall Councils recognized by the RHA shall be:
      1. Andrews Hall Council – Andrews Hall
      2. Arnett Hall Council – Arnett Hall
      3. Athens North Council – Athens North Hall
      4. Baker Hall Council – Baker Hall
      5. Buckingham Hall Council – Buckingham Hall
      6. Cheyenne Arapaho Hall Council – Cheyenne Arapaho Hall
      7. Darley Hall Council – Darley North Hall, Darley South Hall
      8. Farrand Hall Council – Farrand Hall
      9. Hallett Hall Council – Hallett Hall
     10. Kittredge Central Hall Council – Kittredge Central Hall
     11. Kittredge West Hall Council – Kittredge West Hall
     12. Libby Hall Council – Libby Hall
     13. Quad Hall Council – Aden Hall, Brackett Hall, Cockerell Hall, and Crosman Hall
     14. Sewall Hall Council – Sewall Hall
     15. Smith Hall Council – Smith Hall
     16. Stearns West Hall Council – Stearns West Hall
     17. Stearns East Hall Council – Stearns East Hall
     19. Willard Reed Hall Council – Willard Hall and Reed Hall
IV.  Article IV: Impeachment
   a. Hall Council President
      i. Any compensated Hall Council President not fulfilling their duties outlined in the contract or any
         other guidelines set out for their position, which may include their hall council constitution, will be
         subject to removal or impeachment, determined by their Hall Council Advisor, the RHA
         Advisor(s), and the RHA Director of Leadership Development.
      ii. Any compensated Hall Council President found in violation of either the University Student Code
          of Conduct or their housing contract will be subject to removal or impeachment, determined by
          their Hall Council Advisor and the RHA Advisor(s) before or upon the completion of the conduct
          process.
      iii. A Hall Council President that is impeached shall be responsible for paying the remainder of their
           compensation based on the provided amount from the day of their impeachment.
   b. Elected Director
      i. Any compensated RHA Director not fulfilling their duties outlined in the guidelines/contract, RHA
         Constitution, and RHA Bylaws as found by any RHA member, Advisor or Director, will be subject
         to removal or impeachment, determined by the RHA Advisor(s) after a full investigation utilizing
         the outlined processes in the RHA bylaws.
      ii. Any compensated RHA Director found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct or their
          housing contract will be subject to removal or impeachment, determined by the RHA Advisor(s)
          before or upon the completion of the conduct process.
      iii. An RHA Director that is impeached shall be responsible for paying the remainder of their
           compensation based on the provided amount from the day of their impeachment.

V.  Article V: Resignation
   a. All RHA Board of Directors Members and Hall Council Presidents have the right to resign from their
      position at any time, but must allow a two-week transition period for the newly elected RHA Director or
      Hall Council President.
   b. An RHA Director or Hall Council President who allows for the two-week transition period shall forfeit any
      remainder of their compensation for that semester and reimburse the university at a pro-rated rate
      following the two-week transition.
   c. An RHA Director or Hall Council President who does not allow for the two-week transition period shall
      forfeit their entire compensation for that semester and reimburse the University unless otherwise
      approved by the RHA Advisor(s).
   d. Exceptions shall be made for extenuating circumstances which shall be presented before the RHA Board
      of Directors in writing. The RHA Board of Directors and/or Advisor(s) shall make a decision one week
      following the reception of the written notice.

VI. Article VI: Conduct of Members
   a. Elected members of RHA are expected to follow the rules and guidelines set forth by Residence Life at
      the University of Colorado Boulder. All compensated members of RHA or Hall Councils shall be required
      to waive any right of privacy for access to conduct and academic records for the term of their office.
   b. Compensated members of RHA are expected to fulfill all duties outlined in their RHA contract,
      constitution, and bylaws. A failure to do so will result in actions taken as outlined in the bylaws.

VII. Article VII: Amendments and Ratification
   a. Any member of RHA may present amendments to the RHA Senate.
   b. Any updates such as name changes, structural changes, or semantic corrections that do not alter any
      standing policy shall be made by the RHA Executive Director without need of approval by the RHA
      Senate or any Hall Council.
   c. A 2/3 affirmative vote of all members of the RHA Senate shall be required for passage of any amendment
      to this Constitution.
   d. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the RHA Senate is required for passage of this Constitution.