To mandate that the provisions specified thereof shall constitute the governing framework for the **PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL**, hereafter known as ‘PFC By-Laws’

**Article I.** Identification and Purpose

**Section 1.** The by-laws for said organization shall be for the Professional Fraternity Council of Binghamton University, State University of New York

**Subsection 1a.** The purpose of the Professional Fraternity Council shall be, (1) to promote a healthy relationship between all professional fraternities/sororities; (2) to encourage the advancement, development, unity of all professional fraternities/sororities; (3) to advance the interests of professional fraternities/sororities; (4) to promote and foster relationships with other councils and other fraternities/sororities; (5) to represent, advise, and regulate professional fraternities/sororities of Binghamton University in accordance with said by-laws and provisions stipulated by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs of Binghamton University; (6) when authorized, to investigate and if necessary, recommend/impose sanctions, for allegations/complaints of impropriety, violating federal/state law, Binghamton University rules/regulations, and/or PFC by-laws by an associated professional fraternities/sororities or members of the Professional Fraternity Council.

**Subsection 1b.** The Professional Fraternity Council (PFC) shall be empowered to fulfill its purpose, mandate, and goals within the parameters stipulated by said by-laws.

**Subsection 1c.** The Professional Fraternity Council shall in fulfilling its purpose defer to the rules, regulations, and authority of the Leadership Council and the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs of Binghamton University.

**Subsection 1d.** The emblem of the Professional Fraternity Council shall be an octagon within two hands in a handshake position; the octagon representing the eight affiliated professional fraternity/sororities and the handshake representing professionalism, fraternalism, and unity.

**Article II.** Membership of chapter professional fraternities/sororities within the PFC

**Section 1.** This membership section will define the criteria for being recognized as a professional fraternity/sorority and gaining recognition under the PFC.

**Subsection 1a.** A professional fraternity/sorority is an organization whose principle goal is to help foster and facilitate connections between students of a similar major and/or career path.

**Subsection 1b.** The fulfillment of this aforementioned goal is recognized to be made possible through the application of professional, social, and philanthropic components. Professional applications are designed to educate and develop knowledge and understanding regarding the designated career path. Social applications are designed to cultivate social bonds of friendship and paths of networking among current and future actors of the aforementioned career path. Philanthropic applications are designed to cultivate ties to the Binghamton community and develop positive qualities of humility, caring, and sympathy.

**Subsection 1c.** All professional fraternities/sororities in order to be considered for recognition and affiliation with the PFC, must be nationally recognized and members of the Professional Fraternity Association (with the exception of Delta Epsilon Mu in regard to PFA recognition).
**Subsection 1d.** No professional fraternity/sorority shall be eligible for recognition with the Professional Fraternity Council if it does not prohibit the pledging of new members who at such time are current members of another professional fraternity/sorority.

**Subsection 1e.** All professional fraternity/sorority chapters in order to be granted full recognition with the PFC must be duly recognized according to the designated procedures of Binghamton University.

**Section 2.** Professional fraternity/sorority chapters, who are recognized and affiliated by the PFC, shall have all rights, responsibilities, and privileges associated with said by-laws and shall respect and are bound by its provisions. Professional fraternity/sorority chapters who are not yet fully recognized though are in the process of seeking recognition and affiliation, may be granted an observer status and shall have limited rights and privileges to the extent as defined by the legislative association.

**Section 3.** As defined by this section, the relationship between the Professional Fraternity Council and associated professional fraternity/sorority chapters shall be to serve as a “federal umbrella” in order to execute and to enforce the purpose of such said by-laws and to fulfill obligations outlined by the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board.

**Section 4.** As defined by this section, the relationship between the Professional Fraternity Council and the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board shall consist in following the designated regulations and procedures in a capacity outlined by the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board and serving as a representative on behalf of all professional fraternity/sorority chapters to represent and advance their interests.

**Article III. Executive Board and Shadow Executive Board**

**Section 1.** The governing body for Professional Fraternity Council shall be a five person body known as the executive board which shall have general authority and responsibility for the ongoing affairs of Professional Fraternity Council and for the discharge of all responsibilities and duties mandated.

**Subsection 1a.** Each executive board position shall be held for a one year term by a member of one of the affiliated professional fraternities/sororities recognized and associated by the Council; such a member must be a matriculated student in Binghamton University as an undergraduate student.

**Subsection 1b.** The executive board may not consist of more than two members who are from the same fraternity/sorority, further, the president and vice-president may not be from the same fraternity/sorority. Should more than two members of the same fraternity/sorority be elected, one or more shall be required to resign, in order to reach two members from the fraternity/sorority in question.

**Subsection 1c.** The composition of the executive board shall include the following offices: (a) President; (β) Vice-President; (γ) Secretary; (δ) Treasurer; (ε) Events Coordinator.

**Subsection 1d.** The office of the president may not be held consecutively by a member of the same fraternity/sorority.

**Subsection 1e.** Only members of the legislative association (delegates from the associated professional fraternities/sororities & magistrates) are eligible to run for and serve on the executive board.

**Subsection 1f.** The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of the President shall involve: (1) overseeing the general functions encompassing the running of the Professional Fraternity Council; (2) carrying out proceedings indented to enhance, protect, promote the purpose, standing, and reputation of Professional Fraternity Council and the professional fraternities/sororities represented within; (3) shall serve as the primary officer tasked with executing the directives as determined by the executive board, legislative association, and/or governors council; (4) shall designate
a Professional Fraternity Council executive board member(s) to sit on the Leadership Council.

**Subsection 1g.** The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of Vice-President shall involve: (1) to assist other members of the executive board when appropriate and necessary; (2) shall assist primarily the president to carry out his/her duties as determined to be necessary; (3) shall temporarily fulfill the responsibilities of the president if deemed necessary, although no longer then 96 consecutive hours; (4) shall serve as the principle officer charged with ensuring that directives determined by the legislative council, governors council, or leadership council are carried out by the affiliated fraternities/sororities using all appropriate means.

**Subsection 1h.** The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of Secretary shall involve: (1) to assist other members of the executive board when appropriate and necessary; (2) shall record and maintain minutes of all meetings; (3) maintain correspondence between the executive board, fraternity/sorority delegates, individual fraternity executive boards, leadership council, and all appropriate persons relevant to the business of the Professional Fraternity Council; (4) shall in coordination with the president oversee, update and maintain the website, so long as this power is not relegated to a member of the Legislative Association; (5) shall oversee, maintain, preserve, and hold in trust all Professional Fraternity Council Records; (6) shall be responsible for taking attendance at meetings for the purposes of determining standing; (7) shall be responsible for collecting all necessary and required paperwork from all affiliated professional fraternities/sororities.

**Subsection 1i.** The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of the Treasurer shall involve: (1) to assist other members of the executive board when appropriate and necessary; (2) be responsible for maintenance of monies, banking, and tax and FEC filings as necessary, maintaining complete and accurate records of all expenditures and receipts; (3) oversee the fundraising activities of the Professional Fraternity Council; (4) as determined by the executive board and the delegates from the represented fraternities of the council, shall levy, coordinate, and record ‘taxes’ on each of the represented fraternities/sororities (5) shall provide the legislative association with weekly or bi-weekly financial reports in hard copy.

**Subsection 1j.** The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of the Events Coordinator shall involve: (1) shall assist the other members of the Executive Board; (2) shall arrange and plan for all Professional Fraternity Council events including PFC United Rush; (3) shall coordinate Professional Fraternity Council events with each represented fraternities/sororities; (4) shall be responsible for the promotion/marketing of all Professional Fraternity Council events.

**Section 2.** The Shadow Executive Board shall be established after elections for the executive board take place in the fall semester.

**Subsection 2a.** The purpose of the shadow executive board shall be to shadow the current executive board for the purposes of being trained and informed on the working and responsibility of the Professional Fraternity Council in order to smoothly transition into office at the expiration of the term of the current executive board.

**Subsection 2b.** The shadow executive board shall be made up of the same offices of the executive board and shall have limited powers to the extent as designated by the position to which they are shadowing.

**Section 3.** Quorum for all executive board meetings shall be three-fifths of the total executive board.
Section 4. Transition between the executive board and the shadow executive board shall take place in the late spring semester as determined by the current executive board although no later then three weeks before the end of the spring semester.

Subsection 4a. The current executive board shall be required to inform the legislative association and governor council once the transition take place.

Subsection 4a. Once the transition takes place, the current executive board is to be considered to have relinquished their positions and the shadow executive board shall be come the new executive board, with a new shadow executive board to be elected again in the late fall semester.

Article IV. Legislative Association

Section 1. This shall serve as the legislative body of the Professional Fraternity Council. Each affiliated and recognized fraternity/sorority is entitled to be represented by two delegates.

Subsection 1a. Each fraternity/sorority shall select two delegates in a manner of their choosing. All selected delegates shall serve a two year term unless: (1) they are elevated to the executive board or magistrate position, (2) they resign, (3) or they are impeached through appropriate procedures designated by each fraternity/sorority.

Subsection 1b. Former pledge masters or officers who acted in a similar capacity are ineligible to serve as delegates. Any member who is a member of a social fraternity/sorority, active on the Binghamton University campus, is likewise ineligible from serving as delegates to the Professional Fraternity Council.

Subsection 1c. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the legislative association shall include: (1) passing binding resolutions consistent with carrying out the purpose of the professional fraternity council; (2) promoting cooperation and unity among the recognized professional fraternities; (3) serving as liaisons from their respective fraternities/sororities to communicate with other fraternities/sororities; (4) holding hearing and determining if new applicant fraternities/sororities fit the set criteria for admittance into the professional fraternity council.

Section 2. The legislative association shall be jointly chaired by the president of the Professional Fraternity Council and the administrative magistrate.

Section 3. Quorum for the legislative council to assemble and pass binding decisions shall be two-thirds of its members.

Section 3. The passage of all binding resolutions, unless otherwise stipulated, shall be a majority of the legislative association and majority of the executive board.

Article V. Judicial Magistrates and Governors Council

Section 1. The Professional Fraternity Council shall have two magistrates, a chief magistrate and an administrative magistrate.

Subsection 1a. Both magistrates shall be considered officers of the Professional Fraternity Council and shall have all rights associated with members of the legislative Council.

Subsection 1b. The holders of the office of chief magistrate and administrative magistrate may not be from the same fraternity/sorority.

Subsection 1c. The holders of the office of chief magistrate and administrative magistrate may only serve one term and are barred from being reelected consecutively to either position.

Subsection 1d. A fraternity/sorority is ineligible from holding the position of chief magistrate for consecutive years.

Subsection 1e. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of Chief Magistrate shall involve: (1) keeping the Fraternity/Sorority Advisor of the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs informed of all alleged grievances consistent with procedures of investigating and imposing sanctions for alleged violations of federal/state law, Binghamton University regulation, viola-
tion of the PFC by-laws, consistent with mechanisms outlined by Article XII, Section 6 of said by-laws; (2) advocating to the Fraternity/Sorority Advisor of the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs where appropriate and/or necessary, for the Professional Fraternity Council to have jurisdiction to investigate and impose sanctions for reported violations; (3) when authorized, to investigate any allegation/compliant of impropriety on the part of an associated professional fraternity/sorority or member of the PFC; (4) when authorized, to investigate any allegation/compliant of hazing, illegal activity, or violation of University/PFC regulation; (5) recording the findings of any such investigation; (6) presenting to the executive board and Governors Council the findings of any such investigation and if necessary, recommendation of sanctions to be imposed.

Subsection 1f. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of Administrative Magistrate shall involve: (1) ensuring that the by-laws of the Professional Fraternity Council are followed and enforced; (2) presiding over special meeting, such as though not limited to elections and impeachment/no-confidence; (3) ensuring that amendment to the PFC by-laws due not conflict with federal, state, or University regulation/law; (4) counting the votes at all meeting and shall only be eligible to vote in order to break a tie.

Section 2. The offices of the chief magistrate and administrative magistrate shall be filled through appointment by the executive board of the Professional Fraternity Council and confirmation by a majority vote of the legislative association.

Section 3. The Governors Council shall be composed of the presidents (or vice-president as necessary) of all the recognized and affiliated fraternities/sororities, the chief magistrate, the administrative magistrate, and two members of the PFC executive board chosen by lot; other members of the executive board shall have observer capacity.

Subsection 3a. For quorum to exist, at least all the presidents (or vice-president as necessary) of all the recognized and affiliated fraternities/sororities must be present.

Subsection 3b. The Governors Council shall be required to hold two meetings a semester, once at the start of semester and once at the end of semester; unless more meetings are necessary.

Subsection 3c. Only a member of the Governors Council or member of the executive board may call the Governors Council into session; only meeting when requested or stipulated by said by-laws.

Subsection 3d. The purpose of the Governors Council shall be: (1) to discuss significant and important issues facing associated professional fraternities/sororities; (2) take action for the advancement of the interests of the associated professional fraternities/sororities; (3) approving any amendments to the PFC by-laws; (4) impeaching, bringing about a vote of no-confidence, and removing a member of the Professional Fraternity Council executive board; (5) accepting and questioning reports submitted by the chief magistrate; (6) imposing sanctions on an a chapter of an associated professional fraternities/sororities as deemed appropriate based upon reports submitted by the chief magistrate.

Article VI. Responsibilities & Powers of the Professional Fraternity Council

Section 1. Responsibility of the PFC shall be defined as attempting to the best of its ability carry out its purpose and enforce its constitution showing no bias or prejudice.

Subsection 1a. All members of the Professional Fraternity Council shall be bound by a strict level of confidentiality and may not disclose of any privileged information unless ordered by the Governors Council, University Judicial Board, or law enforcement/federal/state courts.
Subsection 1b. All members of the PFC executive board, chief magistrate, and administrative magistrate shall act with impartiality, without prejudice or bias in order to carry out the purpose and interest of the PFC and its associated professional fraternities/sororities.

Section 2. Powers of the PFC in order to carry out its purpose and enforce its constitution shall be carried out by the executive board, legislative association, and governors council under powers articulated within said by-laws.

Article VII, Rights & Duties of All Affiliated Chapter Fraternities/Sororities

Section 1. Rights of all affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities shall be defined as rights to which all affiliated professional fraternity/sorority chapters shall be entitled and for which said by-law may not infringe upon, barring exception to amendments enacted by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

Subsection 1a. Powers and duties not delegated to the Professional Fraternity Council, nor prohibited by said by-laws to affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities, are reserved to affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities respectively.

Subsection 1b. Affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities shall be free from any form of financial sanction or penalty; Professional Fraternity Council shall be prohibited from imposing any financial penalty for any reason.

Subsection 1c. The Professional Fraternity Council shall be prohibited from contacting the national organizations of any affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities, unless a formal request in writing is made by the president of a chapter.

Section 2. Duties of all affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities as defined are these said by-laws shall include obligations, protocols, and regulations that all associated professional fraternities/sororities must follow. Such duties include obligations defined by the “Binghamton University Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance” document; Student Code of Conduct; Professional Fraternity Council by-laws, and specific delineated sub clauses of this section.

Subsection 2a. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to abide by under PFC by-laws, Binghamton University regulation, and state/federal law.

Subsection 2b. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to be follow all delineated rush/pledging regulations as deemed by the PFC and Binghamton University.

Subsection 2c. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall abide by said clauses that must also be included in their by-laws:

Subsection 2c (i). Clauses that officially recognize the purpose and relationship specified of the Professional Fraternity Council and all affiliated professional fraternities/sororities.

Subsection 2c (ii). Clauses that specify a mechanism by which delegate to the Professional Fraternity Council are to be selected for a two year term.

Subsection 2c (iii). Clauses that make clear that their executive board or some other designated officer, is responsible and the final authority, on all matters relating which risk potential hazing violations or potential violations of University/state/federal regulation/law.

Subsection 2c (iv). Clauses that detail the relationship between the president and the Professional Fraternity Council Governors Council.

Subsection 2c (v). Clauses that make clear who is responsible for compiling and turning over all necessary documentation to the Professional Fraternity Council and office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs of Binghamton University.

Subsection 2c (vi). Clauses that make clear that the treasurer of the chapter shall be responsible for the transfer of funds consist with Article XI, Section 2, Subsection {2h}.
Subsection 2c (vii). Clauses that shall require all chapter officers to comply with an investigation initiated by the chief magistrate of the PFC acting under Article XII, Section 7.

Subsection 2c (viii). Clauses that shall require all chapter officers to comply with sanctions initiated by the Professional Fraternity Council governors council, office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs of Binghamton University, or University Judicial Board.

Subsection 2c (ix). Clauses that require all newly elected pledge masters (deans) and newly elected assistant pledge masters (assistant deans) to retake the mandatory educational program for new members outlined in the Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance document.

Subsection 2c (x). Clauses that disqualify pledge masters (deans) former and current and any member who is a member of a social or ethnic fraternity/sorority, active on the Binghamton University campus, from serving as delegates to the PFC.

Subsection 3d. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to submit copies to the Professional Fraternity Council of any document turned over to the office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs.

Subsection 3e. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to abide by required necessary professional, philanthropy, social, and/or education activities as determined necessary by Article IX and the “Binghamton University Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance” document.

Subsection 3f. All affiliated Chapter Fraternities/Sororities shall be required to adhere to criteria for fraternity/sorority recognition and continued recognition under the Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance document.

Subsection 3g. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to comply with an investigation initiated by the chief magistrate of the PFC acting under Article XII, Section 6, defined as though not limited to answering questions, turning over documentation, and giving signed interviews to account for allegations.

Subsection 3h. In regard to this enacted version of the ‘PFC by-laws,’ a tax levied on all affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be imposed, to the amount three American dollars per member active in the affiliated chapters membership to be paid each semester. This money shall be used for the working budget of the Professional Fraternity Council, to which the treasurer must submit to the legislative association reports as to its status. The spending of this money shall be determined through the passage of binding resolutions. The executive board shall set a date each semester of when such funds are due.

Article VIII. Procedures

Section 1. General & Special Meetings

Subsection 1a. It shall be the responsibility of the president and if necessary the vice president to designate all meetings and for the secretary to correspond with appropriate persons to ensure attendance at such meetings.

Subsection 1b. General meetings shall include but not be limited to meetings of the executive board and legislative association. Such meetings are to occur once a week during the semester, though no less then once a month during a semester.

Subsection 1c. Special meetings shall include but not be limited to: election meetings and meetings of the Governors Council. Such meetings are to meet as stipulated in aforementioned clauses of said by-laws and when ordered and necessary by the president or member of the governors council.

Subsection 1d. The secretary of the PFC shall take attendance at general meetings for the purposes of determining standing and quorum. Members who have more
then three unexcused absence shall be held in bad standing and not count toward quorum or be eligible to vote or run for office. Quorum for special meetings in particular meetings of the Governors Council shall be stipulated by aforementioned clauses of said by-laws.

**Subsection 1e.**
The running of all meetings shall be in accordance with United Nations parliamentary procedure.

**Section 2.** Elections for the Executive Board

**Subsection 2a.** Elections shall be held at a special meeting toward the end of the fall semester for the election of a new executive board. The resulting “new executive board” shall constitute the shadow executive board once elected. The holding of this meeting shall be designated by President, though such a meeting must occur at least two weeks before the close of the fall semester.

**Subsection 2b.** A formal letter and email written by the PFC President must be drafted announcing the date of the election at least two weeks before the elections are due to be held. Such correspondence must be addressed to the presidents of all affiliated professional fraternity/chapters and their respective delegates.

**Subsection 2c.** Only members of the Legislative Council, in good standing, who seek to run for an Executive Board position, may submit a letter of intent to the administrative magistrate at least two days before the scheduled special meeting.

**Subsection 2d.** Current members of the executive board, barring the president, are allowed to re-run for their position or another executive board position.

**Subsection 2e.** Only members of the legislative council, the Professional Fraternity Council executive board, and chief magistrate are eligible to vote.

**Subsection 2f.** Anyone running for a position shall be barred from voting in the race in which they are running.

**Subsection 2g.** During a special meeting for elections, the administrative magistrate shall govern the proceedings and be barred from voting.

**Subsection 2h.** In the event of a tie, the officer counting the votes while initially barred from voting, shall be required to be the tie breaking vote.

**Subsection 2i.** Once the special meeting is called to order, the outgoing President will announce the members running for each position. Secondly, the Secretary will announce all those eligible for voting and disqualify those unable to stand and/or vote in the election.

**Subsection 2j.** The administrative magistrate in presiding over the election will proceed to go through each office, and allow for voting through an open ballot for each office.

**Subsection 2k.** In order for a member to be elected to office, a plurality of the eligible voters present, in good standing, and eligible to vote, are required to vote in favor for a particular candidate, for that candidate to be elected to the office. Members running unopposed are to be elected to the position by default, although if one-third of the members eligible to vote who are present at the meeting through open objection oppose the candidate, any member may come forth to contest the election.

**Subsection 2l.** The outgoing Secretary is required to record the minutes and results of the election, with such minutes to be sealed unless otherwise ordered by the administrative magistrate due to a contested election.

**Subsection 2m.** All counted ballots must be kept for forty-eight hours should the election be contested.

**Subsection 2n.** It is the responsibility of the administrative magistrate to certify all the election results at the end of the special elections meeting and to handle
any contention of election result as appropriate. All contesting of an election not done within forty-eight hours are to be considered invalid.

**Subsection 2o.** Should the administrative magistrate be unable, unwilling, or removed and therefore incapable of fulfilling their responsibilities in preceding over the elections, the chief magistrate shall fulfill the duties of the administrative magistrate strictly with regard to election proceeding.

**Section 3. Adoption of New Chapters**

**Subsection 3a.** Any new professional fraternity/sorority chapter seeking recognition is to submit a formal letter declaring their intention to seek recognition and affiliation with the PFC.

**Subsection 3b.** Consideration of recognition for any new chapter by the PFC, with recommendation that such a chapter receive official University recognition by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and be accorded all rights and privileges associated with official university recognition, requires that the chapter demonstrates: (1) fulfills the characteristics of a professional fraternity/sorority as outlined in Article II, Section 1, Subsection {1a} {1b} {1c} {1d} {1e}; (2) submits a copy of their chapter and national by-laws; (3) submits a detailed copy of their members roster/officer roster, which must contain at least fifteen full-time undergraduate students enrolled in Binghamton University with at least a minim cumulative GPA of 2.50 and at least twelve complete credit hours during matriculation at a college campus; (4) outline the goals and the purpose for their organization; (5) explain how they could provide a benefit to the Binghamton University campus consistent with the goals and purpose of the PFC; (6) brief and provide copies of all documentation submitted to the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs requesting recognition and proper status on the Binghamton University campus.

**Subsection 3c.** The legislative association shall be empowered to require an applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter to fulfill a certain amount of professional, social, and/or philanthropy events within certain parameters before consideration of the resolution for recognition is moved to a vote.

**Subsection 3d.** Any applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter shall be required to answer any questions inquired by the legislative association and provide any requested documentation, should the legislative association choose to hold hearings to determine if new applicant fraternities/sororities fit the set criteria for admittance into the professional fraternity council.

**Subsection 3e.** When the legislative association is satisfied with the credentials submitted by an applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter, may a vote, requiring a three-fourths majority to pass, on a resolution of recognition for such a chapter be moved into consideration.

**Subsection 3f.** All members of the legislative council, the chief magistrate, and all members of the PFC executive board shall be eligible to vote on such a resolution. The administrative magistrate will be prohibited from voting, though shall be responsible for chairing such a meeting, counting the votes, and recording/reporting the results.

**Subsection 3g.** If a resolution is passed, the applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter is to be granted preliminary recognition and affiliation with the PFC until recognition through the Leadership Council and the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs of Binghamton University is achieved, afterward *de jure* recognition is automatically granted.

**Subsection 3h.** If a resolution for recognition fails, a separate resolution deferring the question or denying recognition for the applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter may be considered.
**Subsection 3i.** It is defined that preliminary recognition shall include all responsibilities consistent with PFC by-laws and non-voting observer status within the PFC. It is defined that *de jure* recognition shall include all rights, responsibilities and privileges in full.

**Section 4. Resignation of officers**

**Subsection 4a.** A member of the Professional Fraternity Council holding the position of any officer may resign from his/her position at any time provided that they submit a formal letter of resignation to the president and Governors Council.

**Subsection 4b.** All resignations go into effect thirty-six hours after being accepted by the president. During this thirty-six hour period the resigning officer may withdraw their letter, provided such a withdrawal is submitted in writing to the president and Governors Council.

**Subsection 4c.** After a resignation has gone into effect, it shall be the responsibility of the governing executive board to appoint through a special-closed executive board meeting, a new member to temporarily fulfill the vacated position.

**Subsection 4d.** In the event that the president seeks to resign, he/she must submit a formal letter of resignation to the entire executive board and Governors Council. All resignations by a president go into effect immediately.

**Subsection 4e.** After a resignation by the president has gone into effect, it shall be the responsibility of the governing executive board to appoint within one week, through a special-closed executive board meeting, a new president to fulfill the position. Current members of the executive board may be appointed to the position of president and are assumed to have resigned from their previous executive board position, after accepting and being elevated to the position of president. Until a new president is selected the vice-president shall act in capacity only as president in order to fulfill necessary duties.

**Subsection 4f.** Should within one week a new president is not selected, the governing executive board will be considered dissolved and illegitimate. In such an event, special elections shall be called for the next scheduled meeting, to elect a new executive board, with the dissolved executive board to serve as a “caretaker” until a new executive board shall be elected. Such election shall be governed by Article XII, Section 2 clauses.

**Subsection 4g.** Article XII, Section 3, Subsection {3f} shall not go into effect, should a shadow executive board already be in place. If a shadow executive board has already been elected clause Article III, Section 4, Subsection {3f} shall take affect immediately.

**Subsection 4h.** Should an officer die or become so seriously ill that they are no longer able to carry out the duties, they will be considered to have exercised a *de facto* resignation and the provisions in the after mentioned sections shall govern their replacement.

**Subsection 4i.** Any person who rises to fulfill a vacated executive board position due to resignation or impeachment/no-confidence, except those acting under Article XII, Section 3, Subsection {3g}, will be subject to confirmation by the Governor Council. A two-third majority vote by secret ballot within two weeks shall be required for confirmation. Failure to achieve confirmation after two ballots shall see that Article XII, Section 3, Subsection {3f} go into effect.

**Section 5. Impeachment/no-confidence of officers and removal of officers**

**Subsection 5a.** Only members of the Governors Council member may draft a memorandum of impeachment/no-confidence against any member of the executive board, the administrative magistrate, or the chief magistrate. Such memo-
randums must be distributed to all members and observes of Governors Council.

**Subsection 5b.** All memorandum of impeachment/no-confidence are required to list, explain, and justify removal of the targeted officer from office. Cause for removal shall be defined as abuse of power, malfeasance, nonfeasance of assigned duties, or being under indictment for a felony or class C misdemeanor or higher.

**Subsection 4c.** The administrative magistrate shall chair all impeachment/no-confidence proceedings; if the administrative magistrate is under impeachment/no-confidence the meeting shall be chaired by the chief magistrate.

**Subsection 4d.** Once such a special meeting is called to order, the sponsor of such a memorandum is to formerly call for a vote of impeachment/vote of no-confidence against the targeted officer. All such motions for a vote impeachment/ vote of no-confidence must be moved unto first on the agenda by the sponsor, in order for the “motion” to be moved into consideration.

**Subsection 5e.** Once a “motion” for a vote impeachment/ vote of no-confidence is moved, it is to be submitted to a vote by secret ballot, with a majority of the quorum required for sanction of impeachment/no-confidence to pass.

**Subsection 5f.** A targeted officer for impeachment shall be allowed to speak for three minutes prior to a vote of impeachment/no-confidence and prior to a vote for removal from office, in order to defend themselves against the accusations leveled against them. Further, the member of the Governors Council calling for impeachment/vote of no-confidence shall likewise be entitled to speak for three minutes articulating the reasoning for such action.

**Subsection 5g.** Should a sanction of impeachment/no-confidence pass, a second vote is to be taken, to remove the targeted officer from office. Such a vote, is to be taken by an open ballot, with a super-majority of the Governors Council in quorum (two-thirds) required for the officer to be removed from officer.

**Subsection 5h.** All officer(s) who are removed from their positions shall be stricken from representing the Professional Fraternity Council or from ever holding any future within the Professional Fraternity Council. Such removed officers may also be referred to the University Judicial Board for possible charges and sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Governors Council.

**Subsection 5i.** In the event that an officer(s) are removed from office the provisions of Article XIII, Section 3, clauses shall go into effect as if the officer resigned for the purposes of replacing the removed officers.

**Section 6. Amendments to the ‘PFC By-Laws’**

**Subsection 6a.** Any member in good standing of Legislative Association may draft a memorandum of amendment to the PFC By-Laws. Such memoranda must be distributed to all members of the Legislative Association, Governors Council, and executive board members within two weeks.

**Subsection 6b.** All memoranda of amendment to the Prospect Magazine By-Laws are required to specify what section and the precise amended language. Secondly, such memorandum must describe why the amendment is being proposed.

**Subsection 6c.** All memoranda of amendment to the PFC By-Laws must be co-sponsored by another member of the Legislative Association from another fraternity/sorority prior to being submitted to Governors Council for passage.

**Subsection 6d.** All memoranda of amendment to the PFC By-Laws are to be considered at a special meeting of the Governors Council, chaired by the administrative magistrate.

**Subsection 6e.** In order to pass the amendment, a vote is to be taken by open ballot, with a super-majority (two-thirds) of the members of the Governors Council in
quorum required for the amendment to pass and be effectively incorporated into the by-laws.

**Subsection 6f.** Any amendment to the PFC by-laws which is in violation of federal, state, or University regulation/law shall automatically be null and void.

**Subsection 6g.** Any amendment concerning Article XI, Section 2, Subsection {2h} shall require unanimous approval by both the Governors Council and executive board.

**Section 7.** Mechanisms for the initiation of an investigation and/or imposition of sanctions

**Subsection 7a.** Any grievance, alleging a violation of Binghamton University rules/regulations or PFC by-laws, shall be referred to Fraternity/Sorority Advisor of the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs for consultation, who is to determine: whether the Professional Fraternity Council may exercise jurisdiction to investigate the alleged incident and where appropriate, impose sanctions consistent with Article XII, Section 7 of PFC by-law or whether jurisdiction/potential action by the Professional Fraternity Council is to be superseded by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs consistent with clauses governing the “Fraternity/Sorority Review Board” referenced in the “Binghamton University Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance” document.

**Subsection 7b.** The Professional Fraternity Council when authorized under Article XII, Section 6, Subsection {7a}, may impose sanctions on any affiliated professional fraternities/sororities for violation of federal/state law, Binghamton University regulation, and violation of the PFC by-laws. Such sanctions by the PFC shall not supersede any sanction or future sanction that may be imposed by “Fraternity/Sorority Review Board” and such PFC sanctions may be endorsed, amended, or revoked at the discretion of the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

**Subsection 7c.** The imposition of sanctions may come as a result engaging in such activities though not limited to, an activity defined as hazing, engaging in impropriety, violating federal/state law, violation of rush/pleding regulations, not complying with requirements set by the PFC by-laws, sexual harassment, failing to cooperate with the PFC chief magistrate, and not cooperating with previously designated sanctions.

**Subsection 7d.** The Professional Fraternity Council’s Governors Council shall have the power to pass resolution imposing sanctions on any affiliated professional fraternity/sorority on the basis, though not limited, to factors concerning the alleged violation, past history of the professional fraternity/sorority and report submitted by the Professional Fraternity Council chief magistrate.

**Subsection 7e.** Any imposition or repeal of a resolution of sanctions requires an open three-fourths majority vote.

**Subsection 7f.** The Professional Fraternity Council is prohibited from imposing any financial sanctions on any professional fraternity/sorority.

**Subsection 7g.** The sanctions which may be considered by the PFC Governors Council include: (1) a formal written warning on record; (2) final formal written warning on record; (3) suspension of voting and electability rights; (4) imposition of additional professional/educational/community service activities on said fraternity/sorority; (5) order of delay for the professional fraternity/sorority beginning their rush process; (6) application to the University Judicial Board, University Police, and/or Fraternity/Sorority Review Board to conduct an investigation for the purposes of determining the validity of allegations of impropriety, violations of the Student Code of Conduct, violations of University Fraternity/Sorority regulations, PFC by-laws, and/or conducting illegal activities; (7) recommendation to the Vice-
President of Student Affairs that the recognition of the fraternity/sorority in question be withdrawn.

**Subsection 7f.** The imposition of any of the sanctions outlined in Article VIII, Section 6, Subsection {6a} {6b} may be taken in any combination and irrespective of any other additional sanctions to be imposed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and/or local authorities.

**Article IX.** Rush, Pledging, Professional, Social, Philanthropy, & Educational Events

**Section 1.** Rush Regulations

**Subsection 1a.** Professional fraternities/sororities recognized and affiliated with the PFC must follow the rules and regulations outlined by the PFC and the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs of Binghamton University with regard to rush procedures for the requirement of new pledges/members.

**Subsection 1b.** It is prohibited that the Professional Fraternity Council or any of its associated professional fraternity/sorority chapters bar any person from rushing/pledging on account of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation.

**Subsection 1c.** Any student wishing to rush/pledge must have at least cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 and have completed at least twelve credits at a college campus.

**Subsection 1d.** Pledging may not commence nor may any pledging activities take place until the designated rush week has passed.

**Subsection 1e.** At the end of each semester, the legislative association shall pass a resolution stipulating the start and end dates for the rush period for the following semester. This resolution shall also stipulate the date of the Professional Fraternity Council United Rush event.

**Subsection 1f.** No professional fraternity/sorority may hold individual rush events of any kind, including but not limited to, general interest meetings, prior to the start of the designated rush period, although professional fraternities/sororities may extend their rush for their individual organization passed the Professional Fraternity Council rush period.

**Subsection 1g.** The designated Professional Fraternity Council rush period must be ‘dry’ and therefore no alcohol may be served during this period at any official rush function; violation may result in sanctions from the Professional Fraternity Council and/or Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

**Subsection 1h.** All professional fraternities/sororities must submit to the Professional Fraternity Council all intended rush events prior to the designated week of PFC rush.

**Subsection 1i.** Advertisement for any individual professional fraternity/sorority rush events must include the terms “PFC Chartered” and “Greek Life Chartered” at the bottom of any poster/flier advertisement distributed on the Binghamton University campus.

**Section 2.** Pledging Regulations

**Subsection 2a.** All professional fraternities/sororities may not engage in any activity which shall constitute hazing or engage in activity of impropriety as defined by federal/state law, Binghamton University Regulations and Code of Conduct, and PFC by-laws.

**Subsection 2b.** Any violation on account of engage in activities of hazing or impropriety shall subject such a professional fraternity/sorority to potential sanctions by the Professional Fraternity Council, Binghamton University Judicial authority, and/or local authorities as deemed appropriate.

**Subsection 2c.** Professional fraternities/sororities pledging process may begin as early, but not sooner, than the end of the designated rush period.

**Subsection 2d.** Professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to notify the Professional Fraternity Council in writing of the start and end dates of its pledging proc-
ess, which may not exceed eight full weeks, unless a specific request for an extension is submitted and approved by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and the Professional Fraternity Council legislative association.

Subsection 2e. A person may only pledge one professional fraternity at a given time and may not pledge a social fraternity/sorority at that time.

Subsection 2f. A person may withdraw or depledge at any time for any reason, although the professional fraternity/sorority chapter may hold such withdrawal with prejudice and prohibit such a person from repledging in a future semester.

Subsection 2g. Professional fraternities/sororities shall be required by the third and again at the sixth week of their pledging process, to submit a pledge roster or all their pledges to the Professional Fraternity Council.

Subsection 2h. Prior to the start of pledging, each professional fraternity/sorority must provide each of their pledges a copy of the Professional Fraternity Council pledge’s welcome/grievance letter. Copies of the letter will be printed by the Professional Fraternity Council executive board and will be distributed to each fraternity/sorority during the rush week.

Section 3. Professional Events

Subsection 3a. Each professional fraternity/sorority is required to hold at least three professional events in a given semester.

Subsection 3b. A professional event shall be defined to be an event that helps and develop knowledge and understanding focusing on the similar major and/or career path that defines the professional fraternity/sorority in question, be that for instance law, engineering, business, medicine/health, or service. A professional event may be held jointly with another professional fraternity/sorority, a social fraternity/sorority, a SA group, and/or be open to the general campus and Binghamton community.

Subsection 3c. A professional event must have at least one-third of the total membership of the professional fraternity/sorority who is hosting the event present, in order for it to fulfill the criteria set in Article IX, Section 3, Subsection {3a}.

Subsection 3d. All held professional events must be documented and outlined with a summary submitted to the PFC detailing a description of the event, the purpose of the event, commentary on its success or failure, and a signed attendance sheet of members who attended or a signed statement from the president of that fraternity/sorority acknowledging that at least one-third of its membership has attended the event.

Section 4. Social Events

Subsection 4a. Each professional fraternity/sorority is required to hold at least two social events in a given semester.

Subsection 4b. A social event shall be defined to be an event that helps cultivate a social bond of friendship in order to advance lasting friendships and to advance paths of networking among current and future actors of the professional fraternities/sororities defining major and/or career path.

Subsection 4c. At least one social event must be done with another professional fraternity/sorority. A social event may be also be held jointly with a social fraternity/sorority, a SA group, and/or be open to the general campus and Binghamton community.

Subsection 4d. A social event must have at least one-third of the total membership of the professional fraternities/sororities who are hosting the event present, in order for it to fulfill the criteria set in Article IX, Section 4, Subsection {4a}.

Subsection 4e. All held social events must be documented and outlined with a summary submitted to the Professional Fraternity Council detailing a description of the event, the purpose of the event, and commentary on its success or failure.

Subsection 4f. All professional fraternities/sororities when hosting a social event must abide by all applicable federal/state and Binghamton University law/regulation
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Subsection 4g. The Professional Fraternity Council legislative association shall be empower to pass any binding resolution of all associated professional fraternities/sororities outlining and detailing further social procedures and regulations.

Section 5. Philanthropy Events

Subsection 5a. Each professional fraternity/sorority is required to hold at least one philanthropy event(s) in a given semester.

Subsection 5b. A philanthropy event shall be defined to be an event that cultivate ties to the Binghamton community and/or benefits the Binghamton community/campus. A philanthropy event may be held jointly with another professional fraternity/sorority, a social fraternity/sorority, a SA group, and/or be open to the general campus and Binghamton community.

Subsection 5c. A philanthropy event must have at least one-third of the total membership of the professional fraternity/sorority who is hosting the event present, in order for it to fulfill the criteria set in Article IX, Section 5, Subsection {5a}.

Subsection 5d. All held philanthropy event(s) must be documented and outlined with a summary submitted to the PFC detailing a description of the event, the purpose of the event, commentary on its success or failure, and a signed attendance sheet of members who attended or a signed statement from the president of that fraternity/sorority acknowledging that at least one-third of its membership has attended the event.

Section 6. General Events Criteria

Subsection 6a. Professional, Social, and/or philanthropy events may be combined together for a single activity/event if they meet the criteria/purpose of both categories. In such situations, the event can count towards the required amount of events for both given categories, although may not count toward more then two categories.

Subsection 6b. At the end of each semester, each fraternity/sorority must submit to the PFC a summary document outlining and detailing all professional, social, and philanthropy events performed.

Subsection 6c. Events sponsored by the Professional Fraternity Council involving all eight affiliated professional fraternities/sororities may be counted as one activity towards one of the three designated categories of required events but cannot towards more than one category. At least half of the organization’s membership must have attended the PFC activity in order for it to count towards the requirement. A statement must be made and accompanied with a signature from the chapter president acknowledging that at least half of its membership attended the event.
Article X. Enactment

Section 1. The executive board and fraternity/sorority chapters affiliated with the Professional Fraternity Council hereby agree to follow the terms and conditions of NYS Article 129A governing student organizations.

Section 2. Should any of mentioned clauses conflict with existing federal, state, or “Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance” regulations, such clause shall be considered null and void without however voiding the remainder of the ‘PFC By-Laws.’

Section 3. The abovementioned provisions shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

Subsection 3a. Previous versions of ‘PFC By-Laws’ shall be considered null and void after activation of Article X.

Subsection 3b. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to inform appropriate persons of any subsequent amendments to the PFC by-laws.

Subsection 3c. Respectfully submitted and adopted by the Professional Fraternity Council Executive Board and delegates of all affiliated and recognized professional fraternities/sororities.

Signed and Witnessed on the Second Day of October 2008 by:

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