We, the residents of Texas A&M University residence halls, in order to unite as a body for the organization and coordination of all matters concerning residence life and to combine our resources to improve the social, cultural, recreational, intellectual and developmental atmosphere within the residence halls, do hereby adopt the following foundation of government for the Texas A&M University Residence Hall Association.

Article I
Name
Section 1
This organization will be formally known as Residence Hall Association, commonly referred to as “RHA”.
Section 2
The elected officers and appointed officers of each respective hall comprise an individual Hall Council.
Section 3
The Executive Council, also known as the “Execs”, is comprised of the RHA President, Executive Vice President, Chief of Staff, Vice President of Advocacy and Policy, Vice President of Multicultural Campus Programming, Vice President of Leadership and Freshman Development, Vice President of Social Philanthropy, Vice President of Constituency Programming, and Vice President of Spirit and Tradition.
Section 4
The all residents of each Hall Council along with the Executive Council and Advisors make up the General Assembly hereinafter referred to as the “GA”.
Section 5
The voting members of the GA include the President and Treasurer of each Hall Council along with the Executive Council excluding the RHA President.

Article II
Purpose and Goals
Section 1
Purpose: Develop outcomes each year to satisfy the changing needs of on-campus residents as members of growing, changing communities.
Section 2
Goals: These will be developed by the Executive Council and the Hall Councils through learning outcomes and evidence based decision making.
Section 3
RHA will focus on how its purpose and goals work to enhance our community building and leadership development efforts.

Article III
Membership
Section 1 – General Membership
A. General membership includes anyone who lives on campus that is not a member of the Corps of Cadets
B. Members are automatically removed if they cease to be a resident in a particular hall
Section 2 – RHA Leadership
Members of RHA leadership include Hall Councils, FLOC Counselors and the RHA Executive Council.
Article IV
Team Members

Section 1- Selection
A. Team Members shall be selected by the President and Executive Vice President by application and/or interview process.
B. The number of team members may fluctuate yearly in order to better serve the constituency and support the RHA mission statement.
C. Team members must be in good standing with the University.
D. The member must live on campus for the duration of his or her executive term.

Section 2- Removal of Team Members
A. Team Members may be removed from the Team due to excessive absences, violation of good standing with the University, and/or for the reasons noted in the RHA bylaws.

Article V
Hall Council Structure

Section 1: Officers of Hall Council
A. President
   1. Set goals and vision for year
   2. Appoint other officers for Hall Council if necessary
   3. Prepare meeting agendas
   4. Fulfill additional duties as listed in respective Hall Council bylaws
   5. Attend all Hall Council meetings and events as possible
   6. Oversee all other officers
   7. Hold officer meetings at least every two weeks
B. Treasurer
   1. Attend all meetings and events possible
   2. Fulfill any additional duties required by the president
   3. Develop and maintain budget
   4. Maintain and update ledger
   5. Perform monthly reconciliation of Student Organization Finance Center (SOFC) account.
   6. Provide monthly financial reports to Hall council and Advisor.

Section 2: Qualifications of Officers
A. Have a minimum grade point ratio (GPR) as stated below and meet that minimum GPR in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office.
   1. For undergraduate students, the minimum GPR is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least six credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s).
   2. For graduate level students the minimum GPR is a 3.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least four hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least four credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s) unless fewer credits are required as they complete the final stages of their degree.
B. Be in good standing with the university and enrolled:
   1. At least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office. Students enrolled in the Blinn TEAM program are also eligible to
hold an office, as long as the student is meeting all applicable Blinn TEAM requirements and is in good standing with the program
2. At least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office

C. Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b)

Section 3: Selection of Officers
A. The elected officer positions for each Hall Council will be the President and the Treasurer
B. Hall Council President and Treasurer Elections will be scheduled and conducted by the Executive Officer Team beginning every Spring or early Fall semester
C. Hall directors may allow other officer team positions to be determined via hall voting
D. All RHA members are eligible to vote for officers in their respective hall
E. Hall Council President and Treasurer are selected based on a majority vote
F. Other ex officio positions may be created as needed by the existing Hall Council President.

Section 4: Term of Officers
A. The President and Treasurer shall commence upon election and extend through the last full week of classes of that academic year
B. Other ex officio positions shall extend through the last full week of classes of that academic year

Section 5: Removal of Officers
A. Officers may be removed from office for the following reasons:
   1. Excessive absences
   2. Failure to maintain and perform duties of the office
   3. Failure to maintain requirements as listed in this Constitution and Hall Council Bylaws.
B. The President and Executive Vice President shall be able to dismiss officers, for any of the aforementioned offences, by a 2/3 majority of the executive council
C. If the removal is due to grades that do not meet the GPR requirement, the individual will be notified by the advisor

Section 6: Replacement of Officers
A. In the event that an officer, except the president, leaves or is removed from office, interim officers shall be named by the President to serve in the position while permanent replacements are sought
B. Permanent replacements to the Executive Council shall be appointed on the basis of an application process and an interview
C. Replacement officers shall serve out the balance of the term of that office and be subject to all duties and requirements thereof

Section 7: Replacement of President and Executive Vice President
A. In the event that the President leaves office or is removed, the Executive Vice President shall become the President
B. The new President may then choose an interim Executive Vice President to serve for a term not to exceed two General Assembly Meetings, or one month, whichever is shorter, until a permanent replacement can be found.
C. If the position should become vacant during the summer, the interim Executive Vice President shall be allowed to serve until the second General Assembly Meeting of the regular year
D. A permanent replacement shall be confirmed by a ¾ majority of all present and voting members of a General Assembly Meeting
E. If the Executive Vice President is unwilling or unable to take the role of President, or if both the President and Executive Vice President positions should become available simultaneously, the Executive Team shall nominate interim officer(s) to fill the position(s) and will be required to announce and hold a special election of the present and voting members of the General Assembly Meeting by the second General Assembly Meeting following the vacancy(ies) in order to fill the position(s)
F. A simple majority vote of the present and voting members General Assembly would be required for a candidate to take office in a special election of the General Assembly.
G. Replacement officers shall serve out the balance of the term of that office and be subject to all duties and requirements thereof
Article VI
Executive Council Structure

Section 1- Executive Officers
A. President
   1. Assessing the performance of the Vice President
   2. Challenging and supporting the different RHA teams to accomplish their outcomes
   3. Communicating with the Department of Residence Life, Administration, and the RHA Advisor
   4. Representing the on-campus community at campus functions
   5. Responsible for making decisions for the general welfare of the organization not otherwise stated in RHA’s governing documents.

B. Executive Vice President
   1. Work with the President to develop the RHA budget
   2. Maintain the RHA budget
   3. Create and disperse meeting agendas and minutes
   4. Handle the organizations finances
   5. Encourage and support the Executive Council
   6. Ensure goal attainment for all of the Exec Team

C. Chief Of Staff
   1. Attends A&M Meetings (dining, transportation etc.)
   2. Help ensure all executives are preforming there given duties.
   3. Manages Website
   4. Helps in all RHA exec Areas
   5. Coordinate conferences
   6. Assist in writing legislation internal to RHA.

D. Vice President of Advocacy and Policy
   1. Form and manage a policy and advocacy team consisting of an environmental/sustainability chair, diversity or social justice chair, a community development chair, a Student Government Association Senate liaison, an election commissioner for the fall and spring elections, a dining services chair, an outreach chair, and any other positions that are appropriate for the time.
   2. Collaborate with Student Government on policies that impact residents.
   3. Develop action plans that address issues identified by residents.
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E. Multicultural Campus Programing (Voice of NCC)
   1. Plan and lead exec team on Diversitee’s
   2. Work in conjunction with Holi
   3. Work with different campus groups to highlight the awareness months throughout the year
   4. Plan 3-4 large programs for fall and spring semester
   5. Voice of NCC in boardroom
6. Manage delegations

F. Leadership and Freshmen Development
   1. Director of FLOC
   2. Inform Freshmen of activities going on in RHA
   3. Help plan MXLC
   4. Advocate for SWACURH
   5. Create and execute fundraising opportunities in FLOC and in residence halls.

G. Social Philanthropy
   1. Food Drive Competition or some form of charity contribution between the halls
   2. Care Package Orders
   3. Work along constituency programming exec with the hall presidents
   4. Community Service events to improve Bryan and College Station
   5. Charity event involving all the residence hall
   6. Spirit Posters and Banners

H. Constituency Programming
   1. Create agenda for RHA President Council Meetings
   2. Run President Council Meetings
   3. Communication with President and attend Hall Council Meetings.
   4. One program for each hall every semester.
   5. Help plan MXLC

I. Spirit and Tradition
   1. Involve RHA in Campus Yearbook
   2. Design RHA spirit shirts, promoting the on campus community
   3. Involvement of the yell leaders/aggie athletics
   4. Groups to attend Silver Taps/Muster and Midnight Yells
   5. Spirit Banners in all Halls (BAMA game)
   6. Hall Pride Parade
   7. Share a not know historical fact about A&M at each meeting
   8. Banners and spirit items for Regional events
   9. Work with NRHH to have a constant submission of OTMs

Section 2: Qualifications of Executive Officers
   A. Must meet all guidelines as outlined in Article V Section two

Section 3: Selection of Executive Officers
   A. Must have at least a 2.25 overall GPR.
   B. President and Executive Vice President Elections shall be scheduled and conducted in conjunction with other student body elections.
   C. All other Execs shall be selected via an application and interview process by the President and the Executive Vice President

Section 4: Term of Executive Officers
   A. All Executive Officers shall commence their duties at 12:00AM on April 22 of the year that they are elected/appointed and shall surrender their duties at 11:59PM on the following April 21.

Section 5: Removal of Executive Officers
   A. Officers shall be removed from office for the following reasons:
1. Excessive absences
2. Failure to maintain and perform duties of the office
3. Failure to maintain requirements as listed in this Constitution and Bylaws

B. The President and Executive Vice President shall be able to dismiss officers, for any of the aforementioned offences, by a unanimous vote of the President and Executive Vice President.

C. If the removal is due to grades that do not meet the GPR requirement, the individual will be notified by the advisor

Section 6: Impeachment of the President and Executive Vice President

A. Impeachments Allowance and Motion

1. The President and Executive Vice President may be impeached and removed from office for reasons including, but not limited to, any substantial failure to fulfill the duties and responsibilities mandated by the Texas A&M University Residence Hall Association Constitution or bylaws.
2. Only one person may be considered for impeachment at any given time.
3. Motion for impeachment is a main motion and may be made by any voting member of the Residence Hall Association General Assembly. It must receive a one-fifth (2/5) second for further consideration.
4. Once a motion for impeachment is made and approved, the Residence Hall Association General Assembly shall immediately proceed in special session.

B. Procedures

1. The Vice President of Policy and Advocacy shall preside over impeachment hearings, unless withdrawn voluntarily or deemed unable to do so by a simple majority vote. Successive presiding officers will be considered in the following order:
   a. The Vice President of Constituency Affairs
   b. The Executive Team Members in increasing order of team size
2. If any of the aforementioned officers are directly involved in the impeachment hearings they will automatically be disqualified from chairing the impeachment hearing.
3. At the onset of the impeachment hearing, the specified chair will briefly explain these procedures, answer any pertinent questions, and proclaim specific rules and regulations.
4. The accusing party will have a ten-minute presentation period, followed by a five-minute period of question and answer. The accused will then have the same allotment of time for a defending presentation and question and answer period, respectively. A twenty-minute period of debate will follow. The accused and accusing parties will be given no special or superseding right in debate. All presentation, question and answer, and debate periods will be held in accordance with the Standing Rules and Debate as adopted by the Residence Hall Association.
5. The Vice President of Marketing and Communication or another designated member of the Communication Team, shall compile a report of the proceedings, limited to minutes of factual statements. This individual shall not be a voting member of the General Assembly, and shall not participate otherwise in the impeachment hearing.
6. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Residence Hall Association General Assembly shall be required for the impeachment and removal from office. Voting shall be conducted by ballot vote, with no privilege of moving otherwise.

C. Post-proceedings

1. If impeachment constitutes an officer’s removal from office, the resulting vacancy will be filled according to the Residence Hall Association Constitution, Article V, Section 5.
2. A public disclosure of the outcome of impeachment hearings is left to the discretion of the Residence Hall Association Executive Team. The Executive Team shall notify the removed officer of the course of public action to be taken. This concluding action shall be compiled in a brief report to be kept with minutes and other records gathered throughout the course of the impeachment hearing.
3. Minutes and reports compiled during and after hearings shall not be posted or made public domain.
4. Motions to rescind and reconsider will not be entertained subsequent to an impeachment motion.
5. In reference to a single occurrence of a specified impeachable offense, two (or more) impeachment indictments may not be served to a single officer during any one General Assembly, or within three months, whichever is longer. This regulation does not apply to a repeat or new offense.

6. The specific charges brought may not be disclosed outside of General Assembly by anyone other than the indicted individual.

**Article VII**

**Finances**

**Section 1**

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Student Organization Finance Center and/or the Fiscal Office. All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The advisor to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

**Section 2**

A. Funding Allocation Policy shall be determined by simple majority vote of the RHA voting members, as defined in Article IX of the RHA Constitution.

B. Only Hall Council's properly recognized by the Department of Student Activities shall be eligible to receive the distribution of Hall Council funds from the Department of Residence Life through RHA.

1. The deadline for completing the recognition process to receive complete funding will be set at October 1.

2. Complete funding for all halls who do not meet the October 1 recognition deadline will be determined by a majority vote of the GA.

3. Recognition will remain valid from the October 1 start date and end on August 1 of the following year.

**Article VIII**

**Quorum**

**Section 1**

The Quorum for a General Assembly is a simple majority of the residence halls that should be in attendance.

**Article IX**

**Legislation Procedures**

**Section 1**

Any RHA member may present legislation during the General Meeting.

**Section 2**

Legislation shall consist of Bills, Resolutions, and Constitutional Amendments.

**Section 3**

The General Assembly, referred to as the “GA”, handles business issues dealing with the on-campus community. Therefore, the voting members of the General Assembly shall be responsible for passing legislation. All votes require a simple majority to pass except for constitutional amendments.

**Article X**

**Amendments**

**Section 1**

After a constitutional amendment is reviewed outside of the GA, it can be examined and voted on by the voting members of the GA. Passing of an amendment requires a 2/3 vote of GA members.

**Section 2**

Amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the presentation of the amendment.

**Section 3**
The constitution must be accepted annually by the RHA General Assembly and signed by the President and RHA Primary Advisor, then approved by the Department of Student Activities. Any changes should be given to the Department of Student Activities as soon as possible.

Section 4
Ratification of the constitution requires a 2/3 vote of the RHA General Assembly.

Article XI
Advisors

Section 1
The Primary Advisor: The Primary Advisor will give guidance to the direction of the organization and its leaders, ensure organizational policies and regulations are explained and followed, maintain communication between RHA and the Department of Residence Life, approve financial transactions, and attend organizational meetings as needed.

Section 2
The Secondary Advisor(s): Assist in the responsibilities of the Primary Advisor and advise major RHA functions and events.