

# **Constitution of the Tang Residence Hall Graduate Community**

## **I. Name**

The name of the governing body of Tang Residence Hall shall be the Tang Hall Residents' Association (THRA).

## **II. Mission**

To promote fellowship, scholarship, citizenship, and the general welfare of the members of the Tang Residence Hall Graduate Community.

## **III. Membership**

Membership shall be of the following classes:

- a. Active Members – All residents of the Tang Residence Hall.
- b. Honorary Members – Individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the Tang Residence Hall Graduate Community, to be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Tang Hall Residents Association.
- c. Visiting Members – Individuals not falling in the first two classes who are granted some of the privileges of membership.
- d. Alumni Members – Individuals who were formerly Active Members.

## **IV. Tang Hall Residents' Association**

The legislative and executive powers of the Tang Residence Hall Graduate Community shall be vested in the Tang Hall Residents Association (THRA), charged with representing the interests and furthering the Mission of the Tang Hall Graduate Community, controlling the disposition of House funds for the benefit of Members, and controlling and promoting the use of the House vocational and recreational facilities. The THRA shall be composed of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and two Dorm Coordinators with their duties provided in the bylaws. Additional officers and their duties shall be assigned by the aforementioned officers and described in the bylaws.

No member of the THRA shall hold more than one office therein. All members of the THRA must be residents of Tang Residence Hall during their terms. The THRA may enact legislation by a majority vote of those present at a THRA Meeting, however a two-thirds vote shall be required if proposed legislation countermands an existing policy enacted by the THRA.

## **V. Meetings**

The THRA shall meet at least once every month at the call of the President. Meetings shall be announced and their agenda publicized at least one week prior to being held.

Meetings shall be open to all Members. The Vice-President shall be responsible for the recording and the public posting of the minutes for each meeting.

#### VI. Removal From Office

- a. Impeachment – In the event of negligence of duties or of conduct unbecoming an officer of Tang Hall, impeachment proceedings may be brought against a member of the THRA through petition, in writing, to the President by twenty percent of the membership of the THRA or by ten percent of the Active Membership.
- b. Review – If the impeachment petition has not been endorsed by a majority of the THRA, the President (or Vice-President if the President is being impeached) shall convene the Review Board to discuss the merits of the impeachment case. If it is determined by a two-thirds vote of the Review Board that the case is spurious or without merit, the impeachment proceedings shall end without finding.
- c. Conviction – If the case for impeachment has satisfied or bypassed Review, The President (or Vice-President if the President is being impeached) shall officiate the proceedings, offering the impeachers the opportunity to state their case and the impeached officer or his or her designee their defense. The impeached officer or his or her designee will also be granted the option to make a statement immediately before the vote for Conviction. Conviction requires a two-thirds vote of the THRA and results in an immediate removal from office.

#### VII. Vacancies

Vacancies in the THRA shall be announced at the earliest possible THRA meeting, and filled by decision of the respective electing body before or during the following meeting. In order that House business may continue unimpeded, the THRA may use its discretion to make temporary appointments to fill vacant offices. In no case shall a temporary appointment last longer than three consecutive months.

#### VIII. Amendments

- a. Constitution – Amendments to the Constitution may originate in the THRA or by petition in writing by ten percent of the Active Membership. The THRA shall vote on any amendments during the THRA Meeting following their announcement. Adoption requires a three-fourths vote of the THRA, followed by a majority vote of the Active Members voting in a referendum prior to the subsequent THRA meeting.
- b. Bylaws – Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the THRA.

#### IX. Ratification

Ratification of this Constitution and the appended Bylaws requires a three-fourths vote of the provisional THRA followed by a majority vote of the Active Members voting in a referendum. If passed, it shall take effect immediately.

#### X. ASA God Clause

The Tang Hall Residents' Association agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.