

Bylaws:

Bylaw 1: Elections and Appointments

Section 1: RHA Executive Board Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Elections Bylaws.

Section 2: The RHA Advisor will oversee the election process.

Section 3: Election Timeline

- Elections for offices of the RHA Executive Board will be held during the Spring semester, with the exception of the NCC.
- The specific dates and process timeline will be determined by the RHA Executive Board and announced to the General Assembly by the first meeting of the Spring semester.
- Representatives will be given one week to confer with their respected Hall Governments and Hall General Assembly's to come to a consensus on which candidate would be deemed appropriate for election.

Section 4: Nominations

- Nominations for Executive Board Offices, excluding NCC, will be conducted during the two General Assembly meetings prior to elections
- Nominees must carry a 2.25 Cumulative GPA
- Nominations will occur beginning with President, and following with the other Executive Office positions in the order listed in Article 3, Section 3 of the Constitution, excluding the NCC and NCC-Elect.
- Nominees must declare whether they wish to accept, decline, or wait on their nomination. To wait is to hold off on deciding whether or not to accept the nomination until the following week or when the election starts, whichever comes sooner
- The RHA Advisor (or designee) will check the GPA and conduct standing of all individuals nominated for Executive Board offices.

Section 5: Candidate's Meeting

- A compulsory meeting of all candidates shall be held between the closing of nominations and one week prior to the election The purpose of the meeting is to provide a clear understanding of the election rules and the procedures for the candidates and the expectations of the positions
- The RHA Advisor will preside over the RHA Executive Board election Process
- The RHA Advisor must approve excused absences at least 24 hours prior to the meeting
- Excused absences will be accepted for scheduled classes and medical reasons only, unless special cause can be proved by the election chairperson
- An excused candidate must schedule a separate meeting with the RHA advisor

- Failure to attend the candidate's meeting will result in the candidate's name being removed from the ballot

Section 6: Elections

- The election of officers will take place during an RHA general assembly meeting, determined by the RHA Executive Board
- All voting of Officers should be done by secret ballot. All voting members in attendance should receive a vote
- Current Executive Board members shall not intervene or offer personal opinion, in any form, that could persuade any voting member
- No person may endorse a candidate in any form
- Canaanites who are running for e-board positions will not be permitted to campaign.
- Current e-board members are not permitted to endorse any candidates before, during or after elections.
- No unanimous consent for elections

Section 7: Balloting and Ballot Counting

- The vote for each RHA executive office shall be conducted separately
- Each residence hall will be allowed to cast two votes for each office
- When all of the ballots are collected, the RHA advisor will count the ballots
- Each candidate may have one representative present when the ballots are counted. No representative may represent more than one person
- Candidates are not permitted to attend the ballot counting.
- If there is anymore than one candidate for a particular office, the candidate with the majority of the votes shall be declared the winner
- If only one candidate runs for an office, the candidate must win by a majority of the voting membership
- All results of the election will be official upon approval of the RHA advisor
- The RHA advisor will announce the results of the election to the general assembly
- The RHA advisor shall print a ballot for each voting member to cast his or her vote, making sure to include a write-in vote option.
- If a General Assembly member were to inquire about an un-fair election, a formal complaint must be submitted to the RHA Advisor.

Section 8: Run-off Elections

- If the result of a particular election ends in a tie, then all of the candidates involved in the tie will be eligible for a run-off election
- The Run-Off Election will be immediately. If the results in a tie the winner will be chosen by lots

- If only two candidates are eligible, and only one decides to run, the Run-Off Election will be canceled, and the remaining candidate will be declared the winner.
- The Run-Off Election will be a Q and A for five minutes, where both candidates will respond to questions.

Section 9: Mid-Term Vacancies and Appointments

- The President must announce the vacancy to the General Assembly during a weekly General Assembly
- Any vacant Executive Board positions, due to removal or resignation, shall be filled by a Presidential Nomination that is confirmed by a simple majority during a RHA meeting.

Section 10: NCC In-Training (NCC-Elect)

- An NCC-Elect must be elected before KARH.
- The NCC-Elect must be appointed by the last meeting in December.
- All interested members that wish to apply for NCC-Elect position shall inform the NCC by the deadline established in the appointment timeline
- The RHA advisor (or designee) shall check the GPA and conduct record of all members interested in the NCC-Elect position to determine eligibility for an Executive Board position
- The Executive Board will interview all eligible candidates and select the NCC-Elect nominee
- The Executive Board will present the NCC-Elect nominee to the General assembly. The General Assembly must approve the NCC-IT nominee by a majority vote
- Once approved by the General Assembly, the NCC-Elect nominee will become the NCC-Elect
- The NCC-Elect shall be an ex-official and non-stipend member of the Executive Board
- The NCC-Elect shall attend KARH, the No Frills and NACURH conferences and assist the NCC in preparation for conferences
- The outgoing NCC's term shall conclude at the end of the academic year.

Bylaw 2: Conferences

Section 1: Funding

- The NCC's, NCC-Elect's and NRHH Director's registration fee shall be paid in full to all conferences to represent WKU during boardroom meetings
- To be considered for funding, any returning conference delegates must submit a program proposal
- All delegates must assist with any applicable fundraising determined by the Vice President of Administration and NCC

Section 2: All members of the delegation must have a minimum GPA of a 2.25

Section 3: Delegation

- Will be made up of residential students
- Must complete the application and NCC interview
- Must attend delegate meetings
- Cannot have more than three unexcused absences
- Must assist with all aspects of delegation preparation
- Must sign delegation attendance contract provided by RHA and the department of Housing and Residence Life

Bylaws 3: Committees

Section 1: Committee Attendance Policy

- A member of the committee cannot miss more than three (3) committee meetings
- The Committee Chair must notify their respective Executive Board Advisor if they will not be attending within 24 hours' notice

Section 2: Membership

- Each Hall Communications Coordinator (HCC) will serve on one committee
- Any residents may join the Programming or Advocacy committee
- The Presidents' Committee will be comprised of Hall Council Presidents
- Committee membership will be selected through an application process

Section 3: Presidents' Committee

- Will be chaired by the President of RHA and comprised of Hall Council Presidents
- Must meet once per month
- Responsibilities
 - Provide oversight and direction for the Residence Hall Association and RHA system
 - Discuss feedback on individual hall council successes and challenges
 - Review and update RHA constitution as needed
 - Approve final version of individual hall council constitutions
 - Evaluates standing and participation for individual hall council within the RHA General Assembly

Section 4: Programming Committee

- Co-Chaired by Vice President of Programming and Vice President of Marketing and Outreach
- Purpose: Create residence hall system wide programs focused on building community

- Must meet bi-weekly (during RHA meeting time on the off weeks)
- Must complete two campus wide programs per semester

Section 5: Advocacy Committee

- Chaired by the Vice President of Resident Affairs
- Responsibilities:
 - Compile feedback from resident concerns and work to address on-campus living issues
 - Host forums with campus departments and other administrators
- Must meet bi-weekly (during RHA meeting time on the off weeks)