What is Panhellenic and Why do We Belong?

Panhellenic is the governing body for the eight sororities on campus. It exists to advocate for and promote the interests and values of the member groups as well as to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternal relations.

Panhellenic runs events for interested freshmen in the fall semester, coordinates the formal recruitment process in the spring, works with the other governing boards (IFC and MGC) to run Greek Week, advocates for the sorority community to campus administration, coordinates social calendars and training programs, brings in speakers and other programs for sororities, assists in social planning and helps make sorority life at Penn run more smoothly.

Who is a member? Each of the eight sororities are member groups and have a vote at Panhellenic meetings. Every sorority woman in those member groups is a member of the Panhellenic community.

Why do we belong? Since your national organization is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference, we are required to join the campus Panhellenic.

National Panhellenic Conference
The national governing body that our campus Panhellenic reports to and pay dues to
26 member groups — eight of which are represented on campus
Was founded in 1902

Panhellenic Creed

We, as Undergraduate Members of women’s fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.
Officers

President: oversee all of the operations of the Association, meets regularly with campus administrators from the President and Provost to OFSA, serves on a variety of committees throughout the University and works cooperatively with her counterparts in IFC and MGC. Serves as the Association’s representative to Operation Warm activities. Organizes Presidents meetings for chapter presidents.

Executive Vice President: organizes Greek Week, works with the junior Panhellenic and coordinates the election process and Circle of Sisters.

VP Recruitment and Assistant VP Recruitment: coordinates the formal recruitment process for the Association, including working with the chapter recruitment chairmen, training the rho gammas and coordinating the schedules of potential new members.

VP Risk Management: coordinates the social calendars for all of the sororities, organizes the risk management speaker series, and provides roundtable opportunities for social chairs.

VP Strategic Initiatives: coordinates the judicial board of the Association including training and administration, organizes the Sophomore Leadership Initiative and revises the constitution and bylaws for the Association.

VP Public Relations: coordinates the marketing efforts of the Association including DP advertisements, publications, apparel and electronic outreach (Facebook, blog, website). Ensures branding is consistent across all media.

VP Finance: coordinates the budget of the Association including receiving dues, processing expenditures and providing budget updates to officers.

VP Administration: communicates regularly with the chapter delegates, takes and distributes What do You Get from Panhellenic?

• Annual events like Operation Warm, the Ribbon Run, Fall Open Houses, Greek Week in fall and spring, speakers, Sorority Meet and Greet, Sophomore Leadership Initiative.
• Recruitment chair trainings and overall formal recruitment management
• Chapter Presidents Meetings
• Panhellenic Delegates Meetings
• Social chair roundtables
• Standards/judicial chair roundtables
• Outreach to potential new members through marketing and programming
• Communication with the National Panhellenic Conference on behalf of the Penn sororities
• Leadership opportunities