The Constitution of Greeks Ending Violence Now

Iowa State University

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**Article I Name and Jurisdiction**

## Section 1

The name of this body shall be the Greeks Ending Violence Now of Iowa State University, hereafter referred to as GEVN.

## Section 2

A. The selected members who comprise GEVN by accordance of Article VII shall be subject to this Constitution.

B. GEVN agrees to abide by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws.

1. GEVN council does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or status as a U.S Veteran.

**Article II Purpose**

The purpose of the GEVN shall be:

1. To act as a representative body of the Greek Community of Iowa State University.
2. GEVN is an established group of student leaders for the Iowa State Greek community who want to provide awareness, knowledge, and skills to their fellow fraternity and sorority members. The objective of this student group is to create positive and sustainable change within the Iowa State Greek Community.
3. The purpose of the GEVN to educate and spread awareness of sexual assault and violence prevention to members of the Iowa State Greek Community. Education will be hands on and interactive. We will discuss consent education, sexual assault among college students, cultural influence on sexual assault and violence, victim blaming, bystander intervention, and resources at Iowa State University and in the Ames community.

**Article III Statement of Compliance**

**Section 1**

GEVN abides by and support established Iowa State University Policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations.

**Section 2**

GEVN agrees to annually complete President’s Training, Treasurer’s Training, and Adviser Training.

**Article IV Non-Discrimination Statement**

Iowa State University and GEVN do not discriminate on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S. Veteran.

**Article V Membership**

Membership shall be open to all members of the Greek Community in good standing with Iowa State University. Additionally, student selection will be based on their application and interview process. Students must complete a training program in conjunction with the Office of Greek Affairs, Prevention Services, and ACCESS in order to be considered a member in good standing.

**Article VI Risk Management**

The role of the risk management officer will be held by the Vice President of Development in order to [a] help minimize potential risks for club activities, [b] recommend risk management policies or procedures to GEVN, [c] to submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office, [d] to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization’s events and [e] to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).

**Article VII Officers**

### Section 1: Officer Duties and Term of Service

**President**

* Oversees officers on executive board
* Serve as a liaison between GEVN and campus and community offices and organizations
* Create plan for and coordinate continuing education
* Coordinate new member training in conjunction with the advising team

**Vice President of Development**

* Coordinate service projects within the community
* Coordinate official teambuilding and engagement activities for GEVN members
* Complete risk management related tasks

**Vice President of Finance**

* Keep accurate records of organization transactions
* Seek out best value prices for materials
* Seek funding from the Government of the Student Body

**Vice President of Administration**

* Receives presentation requests from chapters
* Maintains presentations schedule and coordinates with chapters
* Create agenda for executive board and GEVN member meetings
* Take minutes at all meetings

**Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing**

* Create and maintain presence on social media
* Create marketing materials when needed

Each position’s term is for 2 academic semesters starting the spring semester.

### Method of election of officers

### GEVN Executive Officers shall be elected through majority vote of all active members of GEVN Liaisons at Iowa State University.

Officers are nominated for election by either a general member or self-nomination. Individuals can apply for multiple positions. Individuals may slide down to other positions if they desire.

Elections will be a majority vote with a sliding ballot.

**Date(s) for election of officers**

Elections for Officers will be the first meeting in November of each year.

**Impeachment/Removal of officers**

At any given meeting, an officer may be brought up by any general member or officer for impeachment.

In the event of impeachment, which would occur if the elected official fails to meet minimum requirements stated in this constitution, the charged officer will have the opportunity to speak about the circumstances on why he or she is charged. The general members will vote to keep him or her as an officer by two-thirds majority vote.

**Replacement of officers**

In the event that the officer needs to be replaced, a general member will volunteer to apply and then will be voted on through two-thirds majority vote. Until elections are able to be held, the President will hold the interim position.

In the event that the President needs to be replaced, the new President shall be elected through majority vote of the general members of GEVN at Iowa State University. Until elections are able to be held to replace the President, the Vice President of Development will become the interim President.

**Minimum Cumulative GPA for Officers**

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

(a) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office.

(b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA 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. Be in good standing with their fraternal organization.

(c) Candidates will be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

(d) Active membership in a fraternity or sorority chapter recognized by the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Greek Affairs

**Article VIII. Adviser(s)**

The advisory board to GEVN will consist of staff members from the Office of Greek Affairs and other campus partners. The Advising Team and GEVN President may appoint additional individuals to the Advising Team.

Duties include:

● Attending meetings as needed

● Serve as resource to GEVN

● Sign off on official university documents

The GEVN advisors shall have voice but no vote in all GEVN member meetings and GEVN executive meetings.

**Article IX Finances**

Funds will be requested from the Greek governing councils and Student Government as well as any sponsorship.

Finances will only be used for office materials, printing costs, marketing, presentation expenses and retreat costs.

All funds belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign for each expenditure before payment.

**Article X Amendments & Ratification**

Any ratifications and amendments to the constitution of this organization will have to be brought to the members and passed by two-thirds majority vote.