

**Weber State University
Student Association Senate**

Area Council Charter: Residence Hall Association

Preamble

We the Students of the Weber State University Student Association Area Council for Residence Halls maintain a desire to as active members of the Weber State University community. In doing so, we pledge to be dedicated to the needs of both student residents & the student body at large. We maintain an unwavering dedication to community, service, & excellence. As such, establish this charter for the Residence Hall Association.

Article I.

Name and Title of the Area Council

The Name of the Area Council of the Student Residents is The Residence Hall Association. When appropriate, the Area Council for Residence Halls will be referred to as the Area Council, or RHA.

Article II.

The purpose of the Residence Hall Association:

- i. To work to improve the overall experience of students living in the Residence Halls at Weber State University;
- ii. To work to improve the quality of life at Weber State University for both resident and nonresident students;
- iii. To work in conjunction with resident students and resident assistants in order to generate ideas and solutions to common problems and issues;
- iv. To be diligent and responsible for the needs and concerns of resident students, resident assistants and the entirety of the student body.

Article III.

Membership & Leadership of the Residence Hall Association

- i. Residence Hall Association membership will be limited to students living on – campus.
- ii. The Residence Hall Association Executive Board will be composed of four (4) officers and four (4) representatives, all with equal voting power.
- iii. The Senator for Residence Halls of the Weber State University Student Association will serve as chair for the Residence Hall Association.
- iv. Officers of the Residence Hall Association will be as follows: Chair, Vice Chair of Events and Activities, Vice Chair of Marketing and Finance, and the Chief of Staff.

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- v. Representatives on the Residence Hall Association will include a Student Representative and Resident Assistant Representative from University Village, as well as one of each from Wildcat Village.
- vi. The Residence Hall Association maintains that all resident students, to include resident assistants, may serve on the Area Council. These students, not holding any of the aforementioned positions, do not have voting rights.

Article IV.

Elections & Appointments

- i. All candidates for officer positions in the Residence Hall Association will submit an application of candidacy to the Area Council Executive Board. The Area Council Executive Board will review the applications and conduct interviews with the candidates. The Area Council Executive Board will then vote on the candidates to be appointed.
- ii. All candidates for Representative Membership will submit an application to the Area Council Executive Board. Upon successful completion of the application, the candidates will be added to a ballot for general election by all resident students. Resident students may only vote for candidates running for Representative Membership from their respective village (University Village & Wildcat Village).
- iii. Appointments and Elections will be for one academic year. In the event that an election or appointment occurs after the commencement of the academic year, that candidate would only be eligible to serve for the remainder of that academic year and would have to resubmit their application for candidacy for the following year.

Article V.

Duties & Responsibilities of Officers and Representatives

- i. The Chair will;
 - a. Organize and conduct bimonthly or twice a month meetings with the Area Council. The Chair will not hold meeting in December due to final examination periods, only one meeting will be held in April with the sole purpose of reviewing the year and prepping for the coming year;
 - b. Be responsible for proper representation of needs and concerns of the students within the Area Council before the Weber State University Student Association Senate;

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- c. Keep the students within the Area Council informed of all pertinent information, legislation, and other issues before the Weber State University Student Association Senate;
 - d. Maintain consistent office hours as a means for students within the Area Council to voice concerns and issues to the Area Council Executive Board;
 - e. Establish and maintain goals for the Area Council and Area Council Executive Board on a semester basis;
 - f. Serve as the leader for both resident students and resident assistant, encouraging them to be active members of their resident communities, their classrooms, and the student body as a whole.
- ii. The Vice Chair for Events and Activities will;
 - a. Serve as the creative mind for the Area Council Executive Board, facilitating concepts and ideas to make life in the residence halls more vibrant and enthusiastic;
 - b. Serve as acting chair during meetings where the chair cannot be present;
 - c. Serve as organizational head for events and activities held by the Area Council Executive Board.
- iii. The Vice Chair for Marketing and Finance will;
 - a. Lead all fundraising efforts for the Area Council;
 - b. Maintain a transparent and accountable budget of all Area Council finances;
 - c. Serve as the head of Public Relations efforts, facilitating awareness of all Area Council and University – wide events to students within the Area Council.
- iv. The Chief of Staff will;
 - a. Maintain minutes of all meetings and serve as the organizational component for the Executive Board;
 - b. Have all minutes typed and submitted to the chair within 48 hours of a meeting;
 - c. Maintain records of all communications as needed as well as the schedule for the Executive Board.
- v. The Student Representatives will;
 - a. Serve as the voice of the students of the respective villages (University Village & Wildcat Village), bringing before the Area Council Executive Board the pressing issues and concerns of the resident students.

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- vi. The Resident Assistant Representatives will;
 - a. Serve as the voice of the Resident Assistants of the respective villages (University Village & Wildcat Village), bringing before the Area Council Executive Board the pressing issues and concerns of the Resident Assistants.

Article VI.

Meeting Policy & Procedures

- i. Meetings will run in an informal parliamentary manner;
- ii. The Residence Hall Association maintains that all resident students and resident assistants may serve on the Area Council in a nonvoting capacity;
- iii. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be open meetings to the entirety of the student body, as well as faculty and staff, such guests would also serve in a non – voting capacity;
- iv. Meetings will be conducted twice a month with the greatest sense of urgency as to avoid an unnecessary waste of time;
- v. Voting procedures regarding the appointment of officers will be by secret ballot and candidates will only be approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$'s majority.
- vi. All other substantive matters will be voted on in a 'yea or nay' format and requires a $\frac{5}{8}$'s majority in order to pass.

Article VII.

Amendments

- i. This Charter may be modified by recommendation of the Chair, the Area Council Executive Board, and approval by the Weber State University Student Association Senate.