

The Constitution of Wendell Lewis Willkie Residence Center

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PREAMBLE:

We the residents of Wendell Lewis Willkie Residence Center, in order to effectively represent ourselves to the Residence Halls Association (RHA), Residential Programs and Services (RPS), the University, and the community, do hereby establish this Community Charter for the Wendell Lewis Willkie Residence Center.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be Willkie Residents Association (WRA).

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization shall include all students who pay the RHA student activity fee and reside in Willkie Residence Center (WRC).

ARTICLE III: LEGISLATIVE

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: The legislative powers of this organization shall be vested in the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 2:

CLAUSE 1: The Legislative Assembly shall be composed of 11 duly elected Floor President from each tower, at least one person from the center building, and at least one person from Mason Hall.

CLAUSE 2: The Administrative Body and the President and Vice President of Internal Affairs shall be members of the Legislative Assembly ex-officio, except in the event of a tied vote, in which case the President shall cast the deciding vote.

CLAUSE 3: The Legislative Assembly shall elect a President Pro-Tempore, who must be a voting representative of the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 3:

CLAUSE 1: The Legislative Assembly shall meet bi-weekly throughout the school year. The Center President or a majority of the Legislative Assembly may call emergency meetings as necessary.

CLAUSE 2: It shall be the duty of all members to attend all meetings. Should a member be found truant without an emergency acceptable to the Residence Manager or a supervising member of the Administrative Body, the situation will be handled by those aforementioned.

CLAUSE 3: The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall preside at the meetings, with the exception of a trial of the Center President, or an absence; in which the President Pro-Tempore shall preside.

CLAUSE 4: A quorum of two-thirds shall be necessary to conduct business.

CLAUSE 5: Any voting member of the LA may appoint a proxy to vote in their stead.

SECTION 4:

CLAUSE 1: The Legislative Assembly shall be responsible for, representing the residents of WRC to RHA, RPS, the University, and the community, creating programs for WRA, including participation in the political events of RHA, the University, community, state, and nation; and allocating money collected from and for the residents of WRC each year in the form of a budget.

CLAUSE 2: The Center President shall have the authority to veto any and all legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly within forty-eight hours of its passage. The President's veto can be overridden by a majority vote of the Legislative Assembly.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: The executive powers of this organization shall be vested in the Executive Council.

SECTION 2:

CLAUSE 1: The Executive Council shall be composed of the Center President, the Vice President of Internal Affairs, the Director of Finance, executive assistant, delegate(s), and more positions if needed as stated in the by-laws.

CLAUSE 1.5: The Center President and Vice-president of internal affairs shall be duly elected each year by the residents of WRC.

CLAUSE 2: The duties of the Center President shall include but not be limited to, representing Willkie Residence Center to RHA, the University, and the community; enforcing legislation passed by the legislative branch; leading the WRA towards accomplishing its established goals; and all other acts which are necessary and proper to fulfill the mission of WRA.

CLAUSE 3: The duties of the Vice President Internal shall include but not be limited to presiding over meetings of the Legislative Assembly, serving as the Elections Commissioner for all Floor President Elections, serving as a Floor President with slightly less responsibilities, as decided between that

individual, the Residence Manager, and Advisor; and all other acts which are necessary and proper to fulfill the mission of WRA.

CLAUSE 4: The IUSA Senator, Executive Assistant, and directors shall be members of the Executive Council. The Executive Assistant and directors, as outlined in the Bylaws, shall be selected from within the Legislative Assembly.

CLAUSE 5: The Center President shall appoint the WRC residents to offices created by WRA, and to all other appropriate boards and committees. All appointments shall be subject to approval by the Legislative Assembly or the Residence Manager, as outlined in the bylaws.

CLAUSE 6: Should any of the Executive Council positions become vacant with the exception of the Center President; the Center President shall appoint a replacement, subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 3:

CLAUSE 1: The Executive Council shall meet regularly throughout the school year. The Center President may call emergency meetings as necessary.

CLAUSE 2: It shall be the duty of all members to attend the meetings. Should a member be found truant without either a proxy or an emergency acceptable to the Center President, he/she will handle the situation.

CLAUSE 3: The President shall preside at the meetings, with the exception of an absence, in which the Vice President of Internal Affairs shall preside.

SECTION 4:

CLAUSE 1: The Executive Council shall be responsible for representing the residents of WRC to RHA, RPS, the University, and the community; developing and implementing programs; and enforcing the policies of this organization.

ARTICLE V: JUDICIAL

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: The judicial powers of this organization shall be vested in the Judicial Board.

SECTION 2:

CLAUSE 1: The Judicial Board shall be composed of one to three Chairpersons and seven to thirteen members who shall be appointed by the Center President, and are subject to approval by the Legislative Assembly.

CLAUSE 2: Should the position of member become vacant; the Chairperson shall appoint a replacement, subject to approval of the Legislative Assembly.

CLAUSE 3: Should the office of Chairperson become vacant; the Judicial Board shall elect a member to assume the office of Chairperson, subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 3:

CLAUSE 1: The Judicial Board shall meet regularly throughout the school year, and as deemed necessary for hearings. A Chairperson may call emergency meetings as necessary.

CLAUSE 2: It shall be the duty of all members to attend all meetings and hearings. Should a member be found truant without either a proxy or an emergency acceptable to a Chairperson, he/she will handle the situation.

CLAUSE 3: A Chairperson shall preside at the meetings and hearings.

CLAUSE 4: A Chairperson and at least five members shall be necessary to conduct business.

SECTION 4:

CLAUSE 1: The Judicial Board shall be responsible for representing the residents of WRC to RHA, RPS, the University, and the community.

CLAUSE 2: The Judicial Board shall conduct impartial and fair hearings for the cases of persons failing to comply with the regulations of WRA, RHA, and the University; contestments of elections; and the interpretation of the Constitution.

CLAUSE 3: The Judicial board shall determine the course of University disciplinary actions for violators of WRA, RHA, and the University regulations.

ARTICLE VI: FLOOR ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: The governing power of each floor shall be vested in the Floor President.

SECTION 2:

CLAUSE 1: The Floor Government shall be composed of the Floor President, duly elected each year by the residents of the WRC.

CLAUSE 1.5: Floor president term can be extended for a maximum two years (a total 3 year term) without reelection, pending the approval of the Residence Manager, RLS, and Center President.

CLAUSE 2: Should the position of Floor President become vacant; the replacement Floor President shall be selected by the Residence Manager and RLS.

SECTION 3:

CLAUSE 1: The Floor shall meet as needed throughout the school year.

CLAUSE 2: The Floor President shall preside at the meetings.

CLAUSE 3: A Floor President is necessary to conduct business.

SECTION 4:

CLAUSE 1: The Floor President shall be responsible for representing the residents of the floor to WRA, RHA, RPS, the University, and the community.

CLAUSE 2: The Floor President shall be responsible for developing and implementing programs.

CLAUSE 3: The Floor President shall be responsible for enforcing policies of this organization.

ARTICLE VII: IMPEACHMENT

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: A Floor President may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of the Legislative Assembly; or removed by the Judicial Board after a petition is presented to the Judicial Board signed by two-thirds of the residents of the representative's floor, upon which the Judicial Board shall conduct an investigative hearing.

CLAUSE 2: A Floor President may be removed directly and immediately by the Administration.

SECTION 2:

CLAUSE 1: All Executive Council members and appointed positions may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of the Legislative Assembly; or removed by the Judicial Board after a petition is presented to the Judicial Board signed by two-thirds of the residents of WRC, upon which the Judicial Board shall conduct and investigative hearing.

CLAUSE 2: The Center President may also be removed by a two-thirds vote of the RHA President's Council.

ARTICLE VIII: AUTHORITY

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: The Constitution shall be the sole authority for WRA, and shall supersede all other constitutions with the exception of the RHA Constitution. This Constitution and subsequent legislation shall not be in conflict with local, state, or national law.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: This Constitution may be amended by any member of WRC. The Constitution, upon approval of a two-thirds vote by the Legislative Assembly, shall be publicized in WRC for seven days and then submitted to the residents for a vote of approval for fourteen days. Upon approval of a two-thirds vote by the voting residents, this amendment shall be instituted in the Constitution.

ARTICLE X: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1:

CLAUSE 1: Robert's Rule of Order shall be followed by the organization in cases involving parliamentary procedure, when it does not conflict with the Constitution.