

# Constitution for PANTHEON

## The Auburn University Student Pagan Association

### Article I. Name

Section 1.01 The name of this Organization shall be Pantheon. "The Auburn University Student Pagan Association" or "AUSPA" shall serve to further qualify Pantheon.

### Article II. Purpose

Section 2.01 The purpose of Pantheon shall be to espouse religious tolerance, provide a safe forum for Paganism and subjects pertaining to Paganism to be discussed, and to provide a stable background for the Pagan community.

### Article III. Membership

Section 3.01 One need not actually be Pagan to join Pantheon. Anyone who feels that they have something to either contribute or learn from Pantheon shall be welcomed. However, for the safety of the organization itself and its members, those individuals who are seen as undesirable due to religious discrimination or extreme social deviance shall be denied membership.

### Article IV. Offices and Committees

Section 4.01 There shall be **three** Officers. The president shall preside over meetings and serve as liaison between Pantheon and the public (including the University). He shall be the final authority on matters of agenda. The vice-president shall be prepared to take over for any other office which is vacated in a smooth and efficient manner, he shall also assist the president in co-ordination and organization. The secretary/treasurer shall record the minutes of meetings and keep track of the membership list. He shall also keep accounts, deposit the organization's funds, and make expenditures. Election of Officers shall be every year at the beginning of fall term. Because Pantheon is indeed a Pagan organization, all Officers must be Pagan and, of course, be students at Auburn

University. A 75% majority of a full quorum shall be required to vote on Officers (a quorum is defined as 51% of the total, current membership of Pantheon). The **faculty**<sup>1</sup> advisor shall also serve for a term of one year, from fall to fall. At the election meeting the advisor shall renew his agreement to serve or else a new advisor shall be chose by simple majority.

## Article V. Amendments

Section 5.01 The first and, at the Officer's discretion, the last meeting of each term shall be set aside for the review and possible amendment of this constitution and of the bylaws. Amendments shall be made by a 75% majority of those members present at these "review meetings".

# Bylaws for PANTHEON the Auburn University Student Pagan Association

## Article I. Definitions

Section 1.01 "The Organization" or "AUSPA" shall refer to the Auburn University Student Pagan Association as the officially chartered Auburn University club.

Section 1.02 "The Group" shall refer to the membership of the Auburn University Student Pagan Association.

Section 1.03 "Pagan" shall, for the purposes of the AUSPA, refer to those persons who embrace a mystical, spiritual, or nature centered religious path, usually from a western perspective. These religions include but are not limited to Wicca, Asatru, Goddess Worship, Druidism, Egyptian Religion, etc. This definition shall serve, not so much as to restrict membership, but to provide a context for the subject matter incorporated into the AUSPA.

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<sup>1</sup> Does it have to be faculty or does staff count?

Section 1.04 “Executive Vote” shall refer to a unanimous vote by the Officers.

Section 1.05 “Regular Vote” shall refer to a pro vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority by a quorum of the members of Pantheon.

Section 1.06 “Quorum” shall refer to the required number of Pantheon members present in order to take a vote. This number shall be 51% for a regular vote and 100% for an executive vote.

## Article II. Goals of the Auburn University Student Pagan Association

Section 2.01 What the AUSPA shall strive to do . . .

- (a) Build a unified Pagan community: in Auburn, Alabama, The United States, and the World.
- (b) Foster religious tolerance, both in the Pagan community, and among all religions.
- (c) Serve as a network for those of like interests.
- (d) Serve as a forum for the exchange of information pertaining to the Pagan Religions.
- (e) Provide a stable and secure place for the above.
- (f) Provide a positive example of Paganism as a legitimate religion.

Section 2.02 What the AUSPA shall NOT do . . .

- (a) Provide a place to air grievances, either personal or external.
- (b) Proselytize.
- (c) Provide a reason for religious intolerance.

## Article III. Officers and Appointed Positions of the Auburn University Student Pagan Association

Section 3.01 President’s Duties

- (a) Preside over meetings

- (b) Serve as primary coordinator
- (c) Serve as a liaison to both the public and to campus
- (d) Insure that meetings are kept orderly
- (e) Remove any highly disruptive elements from any function (never physically)
- (f) Summon security in extreme circumstances

#### Section 3.02 Vice-President's Duties

- (a) Oversee the production of the Newsletter.
- (b) Oversee the production of the WebPages.
- (c) To be prepared to take over any other position should the need arise.

#### Section 3.03 Secretary/Treasurer's Duties

- (a) Record the minutes of any meeting.
- (b) Kept track of the Treasury.
- (c) Maintain membership list/take roll.

#### Section 3.04 Election of Officers

- (a) Election of Officers (including **faculty** advisor) shall take place on the last meeting of spring semester.
- (b) A regular vote shall be made to determine Officers and **faculty** advisor. **In order to vote, members must be present.**
- (c) **In case of a tie, co-officers are acceptable.**

Section 3.05 Qualifications for Becoming an Officer.

- (a) Full and constant membership for one full semester.
- (b) As the AUSPA is a Pagan student group, all Officers shall be required to be both a student AND be proven to follow the tenets approved of as "Pagan," (most cases, the Pagan Rede).

Section 3.06 Impeachment of Officers

- (a) Impeachment of Officers shall occur upon the abuse of power, failure to meet responsibility, etc, and shall require a unanimous regular vote.**
- (b) In case of impeachment or resignation, an emergency vote shall be held at the next regular meeting.**
- (c) Members shall be notified the previous meeting.**

Section 3.07 Veto power

- (a) In the event of a regular vote to empty the treasury, disband the organization, or other such drastic measure, an executive vote shall overturn such a decision.
- (b) An executive veto may be overruled by a unanimous vote of a quorum present.

Article IV. Membership

Section 4.01 Membership into AUSPA shall rest on the following . . .

- (a) Initial Membership
  - (i) Attendance of at least two meetings prior to jointing
  - (ii) Showing appropriate interest and respect at the above meetings
  - (iii) Must be student, faculty, or staff.**
- (b) Continued Membership
  - (i) Blatant disregard for the bylaws and spirit of AUSPA shall be grounds for revocation of membership

- (c) Revocation of membership shall be handled on a case by case basis, but shall always take into account the desires of the Group and not be for a period of time less than one full semester after revocation. In the event of a membership revocation, all donations paid by the former member shall remain in the treasury.

Section 4.02 Before inviting anyone to any function or disclosing any information about the group or organization, discretion should be used to insure that the interest of said persons in question do not conflict with the goals and spirit of the organization or group.

## Article V. Meetings

Section 5.01 Meetings of the AUSPA shall be held twice a month at a time and place to be decided early in the quarter/semester. Other meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Officers.

Section 5.02 The Officers shall meet every week fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of the regular meetings. These "Officer Meetings" shall be for organization and bookkeeping during the "off" weeks and for preparation and last minute details before the whole group arrives on the "active" weeks.

Section 5.03 The last meeting of the semester shall be set aside to review and possibly amend these bylaws.

Section 5.04 All regular meetings shall last for no longer than an hour, except in the cases of special events or guest speakers.

Section 5.05 No longer than the first ten minutes of each meeting shall be used for business, **unless it is a business meeting, in which case, it will last until the business is voted on and concluded.**

Section 5.06 At the end of the allotted meeting time, the group may remain for discussion, continuance of the topic, etc., but such is completely up to the individual member

Section 5.07 No meeting of AUSPA shall be used for the debate of social, religious, or ethical matters, unless said meeting was specifically reserved for such activity. It shall be up to the presiding Officer as to what distinguishes a "discussion" from a "debate".

**Section 5.08 If necessary, the officers may call emergency meetings, given that members are given one week's notice.**

Section 5.09 The secretary shall keep a roll of attendance for each meeting.

Section 5.10 All three Officers shall be present for each meeting and all events, unless otherwise notified at least three days in advance.

## **Article VI. The Appointment of Special Committees and Officers**

**Section 6.01** The president(s) shall be in charge of appointing Special Committees and Officers.

**Section 6.02** The Group shall approve the appointment with a Regular Vote.

**Section 6.03** The responsibilities of the Committee or Officer shall be outlined at the time of appointment and shall also be approved by the Group.

**Section 6.04** Appointments shall be recorded and kept as temporary amendments in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 6.05** In the case of the appointed officer or committee not fulfilling its duty, the president(s) shall absorb the duty.

**Section 6.06** Appointments must be renewed at the end of every semester at the time of the by-law revision. If not renewed, then appointed office or committee is dissolved.

## **Article VII. Guidelines for Relations with the Media and Public**

**Section 7.01** THE MEMBERSHIP LIST IS CONFIDENTIAL. Only the Officers shall have a complete membership roll. The list of Officers, however, shall be open information.

**Section 7.02** As part of his duties, the President shall be in charge of all public relations. Any formal function (i.e. newspaper interviews, press statements, etc.) shall be overseen by the President himself and whoever else is deemed appropriate.

**Section 7.03** Any public use of the organization's name, or any function that can be seen to be officially endorsed by the organization, shall be subject to an executive vote.

- (a) The actions of any individual or individuals which take place outside the context of the organization shall be seen to be on the individual(s)'s own recognizance.

- (b) Any member who uses the name of the organization in regard to any activity without the permission of the Officers shall be subjected to IMMEDIATE CENSURE.
- (c) The President shall bear both final authority and final responsibility concerning the use of the organization's name and any consequences thereof.
- (d) The organization shall not officially support any activity involving any sort of illegality or any other activity which might break reasonable public morality codes.

Section 7.04 Rituals and other such religious functions held by members with support from the organization shall be private on the decision of the individuals holding such events.

Section 7.05 The group shall have public relations materials prepared in case of immediate need. Publication and distribution of these materials within the group shall fall under the responsibilities of the Vice-President.

## Article VIII. Approval and Amendment of AUSPA's Official Documents.

Section 8.01 All Documents and Amendments thereof shall require regular vote of assembled members at the "review meetings".

Section 8.02 No part of these bylaws or indeed of any official publication of the AUSPA shall be seen as "set in stone". Rather, all such publications and the organization itself should be seen as an organic entity, not just allowing, but requiring growth to exist.

## Article IX. The Treasury

Section 9.01 The treasury of the AUSPA shall be kept and recorded by the Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 9.02 Funds for the Treasury shall come from voluntary contributions and any fund-raisers which the group decides upon.

Section 9.03 Funds from the Treasury shall be used for any purpose which receives a regular vote, does not violate any portion of these bylaws, and meets with the approval of the Treasury committee.

Section 9.04 Funds for the Treasury shall be placed in the care of a public banking firm which meets with the approval of the group. The account shall be

labeled "Auburn University Student Pagan Association" and removal therefrom shall require the signatures of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

## Article X. Publications

### Section 10.01 The Newsletter

- (a) The group's newsletter shall be primarily distributed over electronic mail to the membership body.
- (b) Content of the Newsletter shall include anything which does not violate any section of these bylaws.

### Section 10.02 The WebPages

- (a) Information pertaining to Pantheon shall be published online on Auburn University's server. The information presented on the WebPages shall be under the copyright of AUSPA and the Webmaster of those pages.
- (b) The Webmaster shall be delegated by the Vice-President.
- (c) Content of the WebPages shall include anything which does not violate any section of these bylaws.

### Section 10.03 Public Information Packets

- (a) Public Information Packets shall be paid for with funds from the Treasury and made available to any member or non-member upon request.
- (b) These packets are to include information about **Pantheon and Paganism**. Other information shall be included to the discretion of the Officers.

### Section 10.04 New-Member Packets

- (a) New-Member Packets shall consist of a copy of the Constitution and most recent bylaws, a copy of the publications mentioned in Article X.9.01 and other such material deemed suitable.

Article XI. This set of by-laws was last updated 5-19-2002.