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10.01 Article X: Membership

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Article X: Membership is the measure to assist a House that is suffering from low membership, such that would infringe on the House's ability to remain a participating member within the SHC.

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When a House's membership falls below 60% of the regular SHC-assessed capacity the following shall occur:

1. **a.** House membership policies and new member recruitment shall fall under the authority of the Vice President of Membership.
1. **b.** The Corporate Treasurer shall establish a payment plan such that each member shall pay a rate at least equal to the highest current rate in the SHC system.
1. **c.** If the House is incapable of filling, the Board may appoint the Executive Committee, headed by the Vice President of Membership, to approve new members.
1. **d.** Other measures as advised by the Vice President of Membership and approved by the Board shall go into effect.
1. **e.** A House may petition to have an emergency reduction in assessment with the same consequences as 6.04.
1. **f.** The Board may move to declare Article X on grounds of financial crisis.

10.01.02 - EXCEPTIONS

If assessments are met, then Article X: Membership cannot apply except by two-thirds vote of the Board.

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These measures shall cease when a House reaches 80% of its total assessed regular SHC capacity and the House can normally cover SHC assessments.

10.01.04 - OPEN SHC MEMBERSHIP HOUSE

When a House is declared in violation of Article X due to insufficient membership the Board of Directors may declare the affected House an “Open SHC Membership House.” Any member may apply to the Vice President of Membership to move to that House under the following guidelines:

1. **a.** The member may elect to move to an affected House for the duration of his or her contract.
1. **b.** If a member has only one semester remaining in his or her contract, he or she can only apply under the terms of these guidelines.
1. **c.** This person must be a member in good standing and have a zero balance with the original House upon moving into the affected House.
1. **d.** This Member will become responsible for all charges required of Members of the House under Article X.
1. **e.** The contract with their original House shall be nullified when the new contract goes into effect with the affected House.
1. **f.** All applicants shall be carefully screened by the Executive Committee, headed by the Vice President of Membership to determine their suitability to the living situation of the affected House.
1. **g.** The number of assessments of a House that has members move out (under these provisions) shall be lowered by one assessment for every member who moves.
1. **h.** The assessment change shall be in effect for the duration of that person's contract or until the space is filled whichever comes first.
1. **i.** Priority shall be given to those in non-singles and to those who have skills that are particularly needed by the House.
1. **j.** The number of members that can leave any given House is limited to the number that would reduce House membership to 85% of its total SHC capacity.
1. **k.** Members who are acceptable to the affected House and the Executive Committee headed by the Vice President of Membership may move regardless of the wishes of that member's original House.
1. **l.** These provisions will cease when a House has reached a level of membership high enough to no longer be considered impairment to the capital on the grounds of insufficient membership.

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