The Red Dragon Chapter  
National Residence Hall Honorary  
By-laws  

**Article I: Meetings**  
Section 1: This organization shall follow a modified *Robert’s Rules of Order* unless otherwise stipulated by the Presiding Officer and/or the Executive Board.  

Section 2: Regular weekly meetings shall be set by the Executive Board at the beginning of each semester.  

Section 3: Additional meetings shall be called by the Executive Board as necessary.  

**Article II: Duties of Advisor**  
Section 1: The Advisor shall:  
A. Act as a liaison to the Residence Life and Housing office and the Residence Hall Association.  
B. Attend all meetings, either of the Chapter as a whole or of the Executive Board.  

**Article III: General Voting**  
Section 1: General voting is considered to be any voting except in new member selection voting.  

Section 2: Executive Board  
A. Each officer, excluding the President shall receive one vote in each voting matter.  
B. The President shall only vote to break a tie.  

Section 3: Chapter Members  
A. Each Active member shall receive one vote in each voting matter  
B. Alumni members receive one vote except in new member selection matters  
C. Honorary members do not vote.  

Section 4: Voting Procedure  
A. All votes shall be a simple majority of the Active and Alumni members present with voting rights unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board.  
B. Tie Breaking Procedures:  
1. All tie ballots shall be immediately re-cast.  
2. In the event of a second tie, the President shall break the tie.  

**Article IV: Absences**  
Section 1: Excused/ Unexcused  
A. Absences may be excused by the President and Secretary in the following manner:  
1. A reason for the absence must be submitted to the President and Secretary 24 hours prior to the meeting.  
2. The President and Secretary may then accept the statement and excuse the absence if the President and Secretary believe the circumstances call for such an action.  
B. Absences may be considered unexcused by the President and Secretary if the reason is not justifiable.  
C. The member may appeal the decision of the unexcused absence in writing to the Executive Board.  

**Article V: Changes in Membership**  
Section 1: Academic Probation
A. If an active member falls below a 2.96 cumulative GPA according to SUNY Cortland’s 4.3 GPA scale, they will be allowed one semester to bring their GPA back up and will be considered as an Active Member on probation.

B. If member fails to bring his or her GPA back up to the required 2.96 after a full semester they will not receive their honor cords.

**Article VI: Affiliations**

**Section 1:** A representative shall be sent to the Residence Hall Association General Assemblies.

**Section 2:** This chapter shall remain in good standing with the National and Regional Offices of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

**Article VII: Mascot**

This chapter shall pick a mascot at the beginning of each year. This mascot should reflect the chapter’s vision for the year.

**Article VIII: Chapter Pin-Awarding Procedures**

**Section 1:** The requirement for the “diamond” pin is membership induction into the Red Dragon Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

**Section 2:** The requirement for the white “leadership” pin is a prominent display of leadership ability here at SUNY Cortland (as assessed by the current NRHH executive board) or placement on the NRHH executive board.

**Section 3:** The requirements for the eight “bronze” pins are at the discretion of the NRHH and RHA President. These pins are to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to RHA, NRHH, NEACURH and NACURH. SUNY Cortland can only give out eight bronze pins a year.

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