Constitution of John Paul II  
University of St. Thomas  
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**Article I**  
**Name**

The name of the organization within the residence halls of the University of St. Thomas shall be called the Council of John Paul II Hall, hereafter referred to as JP.

**Article II**  
**Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of the joint council of JP shall be:

1.1 To represent the resident's views to the Residence Hall Association and to other associated student governments.
1.2 To provide programs of general interest for the residents.
1.3 To provide a means whereby the residents of the University of St. Thomas may express their opinions in areas that directly affect the residents of JP.

**Article III**  
**Membership**

Section 1. The qualifications for membership are:

1.1 Every student of the University of St. Thomas who resides in JP shall have the opportunity apply for the Council.
1.2 The selection process will be determined by the Hall Director and Operations Manager – however, everyone will be selected.
1.3 Elected positions will be determined by those in Hall Council. Those wishing to hold a position will announce their qualifications and desires, by fair vote the Council will decide who fills each position. Available positions include: President, Vice President and Recorder.
1.4 JP of the University of St. Thomas prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, faith, handicap, national origin, gender or sexual orientation.
Section 2. The council of JPII Hall shall consist of the following voting members:

2.1 President
2.2 Vice President
2.3 General Membership

Section 3. Ex Officio-nonvoting members:

3.1 Resident Hall Director
3.2 Resident Advisors
3.3 Operations Manager

Section 4. In the event of a tie, the Hall Director holds voting rights.

Article IV
Executive Structure

Section 1. Selection of officers shall follow RHA guidelines.

Section 2. Duties of the President of JPII Hall:

2.1 Shall be installed after the JPII Council elections to serve for a period of nine (9) months – a full academic year.
2.2 Serve as the Chief Executive of JPII Council.
2.3 Act as primary representative of JPII on campus.
2.4 Represent the concerns of JPII council members to the Residence Hall Association.
2.5 Be responsible for implementing legislation enacted by the Hall Council, Residents Hall Association, and the Department of Residence Life.
2.6 Preside over meetings of the Council.
2.7 Be responsible to see that all Council members adhere to this constitution.
2.8 Have the power to call emergency JPII Hall and/or JPII Council meetings.
2.9 Shall have the power to appoint special committees whenever it is deemed necessary.
2.10 Shall attempt to stay informed of relevant Hall and Council issues.
2.11 Shall be informed of all financial transactions of the JPII Council.

Section 3. Duties of the Vice-President of Administration of JPII Hall:

3.1 Shall be installed after the JPII Council elections to serve for a period of nine (9) months – a full academic year.
3.2 Shall fulfill the duties of the President as stated in Section 2 during the absence of the President.
3.3 Represent the concerns of JPII council members to the Residence Hall Association.
3.4 Shall insert additional amendments in the constitution of JPII Hall if the members of the JPII Council approve the amendment by 2/3-majority vote.
3.5 Shall keep a record of all JPII Council meetings.
3.6 Shall submit minutes to the JPII Council, Residence Life Staff of the hall and post a copy for residents of the hall to view.
3.7 Shall fulfill the duties of the President as stated in Section 2 during the absence of the President and Vice President during JPII Hall Council meetings.

Article V
Elections

Section 1. The Hall President and Vice President shall be elected by majority vote no later than the fourth week in September.

Section 2. Ties will be decided by the JPII Hall Director and Operations Manager at their digression.

Article VI
Dismissal and Succession

Section 1. Dismissal

1.1 Elected Positions and members of the RHA Committee —Two (2) unexcused absences per academic year from Hall Council meetings, or placement on academic probation will bring about a hearing by the Council. Dismissal of a member will be a majority opinion. Members must notify the Hall Director or Operations Manager of absence from a meeting. The Hall Director will decide whether the absence is excused or unexcused. This extends to RHA Meetings for those on the RHA Committee. They must also abide by the rules and regulations of RHA beyond this document.

1.2 Committee Members —Two (2) unexcused absences per academic year from Hall Council meetings, or placement on academic probation will bring about a hearing by the JPII Council. Dismissal will be a majority opinion. Members must notify the Secretary of an absence from a meeting. The Vice President will decide whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

Section 2. Impeachment

2.1 Violation or disregard for any part of the Constitution of JPII Hall is sufficient for impeachment charges being brought against any Executive member. The JPII Hall Council shall vote on the impeachment charges being brought against any Executive member. The JPII Hall Council shall vote on the impeachment resolution. Impeachment requires a 2/3 majority of the members of JPII Hall.
Section 3. Succession

3.1 In the event of the impeachment or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of the Presidency and a new Vice President shall be elected or appointed by the entire JPII Council.

3.2 In the event of impeachment or resignation of the Vice President a new Vice President will be elected, appointed from the hall or appointed from another position by the JPII Council.

3.3 In the event of impeachment or resignation of the Secretary, a new one will be elected or appointed by the house.

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Article VII

Finance

Section 1. Funding and Procedures

1.1 The revenue of JPII Council shall come from fundraisers and a program fee paid as part of the housing payment.

1.2 All monies spent must be approved by the Executive Board (President, Vice President and Recorder) for all hall events. Monies spent must be overseen by the JPII Hall Director, who has final say in all monies spent.

1.3 All checks from the JP Council account must have the signature of the Hall Director, Associate Director of Resident Life or the Resident Hall Association Finance Chair.

1.4 All monies spend MUST be accompanied by receipts.

Article VIII

Amendments

Section 1. Any amendment to the JPII Constitution must be approved by the JPII Council with a 2/3-majority vote, which not less then 2/3 of the joint council voting.