

The Constitution of the Interfraternity Council

at

The University of Michigan

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Preamble

We, the members of the Interfraternal Community at The University of Michigan come together to promote and protect the interests of Greek fraternal organizations and to foster a shared vision of integrity, academic excellence, brotherhood, service to community and commitment to the highest ideals of Greek life. We hereby establish this Constitution of The Interfraternity Council to serve as the guiding document for our organization and our members.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Interfraternity Council at the University of Michigan, henceforth referred to as the Interfraternity Council or IFC.

Article II: Purpose

The Interfraternity Council serves as the primary governing body for active chapters at the University of Michigan. It will strive to promote the ideals of Greek Life, as defined by this constitution, for all students regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

The Interfraternity Council will hold active chapters responsible for adherence to the following basic expectations:

- I. Chapters will respect the human dignity of all persons and will not physically, psychologically, or sexually abuse any human being.
- II. Chapters will strive for academic achievement and maintain academic integrity.
- III. Chapters will respect their own property and the property of others, and will not condone nor tolerate the abuse of property.
- IV. Chapters will meet their financial and administrative obligations in a timely manner.

- V. Chapters will maintain chapter property so that it is properly cleaned, safe and in a condition befitting of the community of which it is a part.
- VI. Chapters will not condone nor tolerate the use of illegal drugs or the misuse of alcohol.
- VII. Chapters will challenge all members to adhere to these interfraternal expectations and will confront those who are in violation of them.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Classification of Membership

- A. *Active Chapter.* An active chapter is a chapter with all rights and privileges granted in the Constitution and Bylaws. An active chapter will be represented at all meetings and pay full dues.
- B. *Probationary Expansion Chapter.* A probationary chapter is a chapter seeking to become an active chapter as outlined in Chapter Expansion Guidelines outlined in the Bylaws. It will have a voice and vote in the Legislative body: however, its members will be ineligible for executive or judicial office. A probationary chapter is obligated to send a representative to all meetings and pay full dues.
- C. *Suspended Chapter.* A suspended chapter is a chapter that has lost membership for any of the reasons outlined in the Bylaws. The suspended chapter will lose membership privileges as determined by the type of suspension. The time period for this suspension can last up to one year.
- D. *Affiliate Chapter.* An affiliate chapter is a chapter that does not wish to use the recruitment resources of IFC. It will not have a voice or vote in matters concerning recruitment. It will pay a percentage of full dues based on the resources utilized, as determined by the IFC treasurer. Other rights, privileges, and obligations will be the same as an active chapter.
- E. *Expansion Chapter.* An expansion chapter is a chapter that has been voted on to the IFC expansion calendar and must adhere to the guidelines of an expansion chapter as defined in the IFC Bylaws. The chapter will have no vote in the Legislative business and will not pay dues, except the designated expansion fee.

Article IV: The Executive Body

Section 1. Membership

- A. The membership of the Executive Body shall include the President, Executive Vice President, Judicial Vice President, Vice President of Recruitment - Internal, Vice President of Recruitment - External, Vice President for Public Relations, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Social Responsibility, Vice President for Internal Affairs, and Vice President of Finance.

Section 2. Elections

- A. Elections for the offices of President, Executive Vice President, Judicial Vice President, Vice President of Recruitment - Internal, Vice President of Recruitment - External, Vice President for Public Relations, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Social Responsibility, Vice President for Internal Affairs, and Vice President of Finance will take place at the third to last IFC business meeting of the fall semester.
- B. Nominations and election process must comply with the Interfraternity Council Bylaws Article I.

Section 3. Eligibility

- A. In order to seek an Executive position on the Interfraternity Council, each candidate will affirm that he is a member of a University of Michigan IFC member fraternity. He will further be in good academic standing with the University.

Article V: The Legislative Body

Section 1: Definition of Legislative Body

- A. The Interfraternity Council will consist of the presidents or elected delegates from each chapter. If the president or delegate is unable to attend, another member of the chapter's Executive Board will represent the chapter.

Section 2. Duties of the Legislative Body

- A. To develop all policies and regulations necessary to fulfill the purposes of the IFC.
- B. To elect the Executive Board and Standing Committee members of the IFC at the annual elections.
- C. To conduct all business appropriately before it under the Constitution and Bylaws.
- D. To report the business discussed to their respective individual chapters.

Section 3. Powers of the Legislative Body

- A. To establish and enforce the policies and regulations of the IFC and the decisions of the Greek Activities Review Panel.

- B. To create, direct, and disband such subsidiary councils, organizations, and committees as it deems necessary.

Section 4. Meetings

- A. Regular meetings of the Legislative Body will be scheduled bi-weekly during the academic year, or at the discretion of the IFC President.
- B. The meetings will be conducted according to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise stipulated.

Section 5. Quorum

- A. Quorum at a meeting of the Legislative Body will be set at two-thirds of the active members.

Section 6. Voting

- A. Each active chapter will have one vote on matters pending before the Legislative Body.
- B. A delegate must be present in order to vote unless a proxy vote has been left with the Secretary before the beginning of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCE

The Executive Board will assess chapter dues on a per member basis. Chapter member rosters will be distributed at the first Interfraternity Council meeting of each semester for the presidents to update the status of all members. These rosters must be returned by the next IFC meeting in order for the chapter to be invoiced for the updated number of active members. Chapters will then be given a final dues invoice and will be required to pay within a reasonable amount of time, no greater than 30 days, as determined by the Vice President of Finance. Members who are studying abroad or are not registered for classes at the University will not be included in the number of active members. In addition, only members who have been officially deactivated with the chapter's national organization will be considered "deactivated" within the Interfraternity Council.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: Definition of Committees

The Executive Board will be responsible for the creation and supervision of four standing committees of IFC. Each committee will take office at the beginning of the calendar year and the term will last until the end of that calendar year.

A. Judicial – Greek Activities Review Panel (G.A.R.P.)

- I. G.A.R.P. will be co-chaired by the IFC Judicial Vice President and the Panhellenic Association Judicial Vice President.
- II. The IFC Legislative Body will elect eight active members to serve on the Board at the second IFC meeting of the calendar year.
- III. No more than one member per chapter may serve at the same time on the Board. This does not include the Judicial Vice President.
- IV. All further procedures and specifics of G.A.R.P. are defined in the G.A.R.P. procedures.

B. Social – Social Responsibility Committee (SRC)

- I. The SRC Executive Committee will be co-chaired by the IFC Vice President for Social Responsibility and the Panhellenic Association Vice President for Social Responsibility.
- II. The IFC Legislative Body will elect six members to serve on the SRC Executive Committee on a date set by the IFC Executive Board.
- III. No more than one member per chapter may serve at the same time on the Committee. This does not include the Vice President of Social Responsibility.
- IV. SRC will be responsible for the enforcement of and duties defined in the Social Environment Management Policy. (S.E.M.P.)

C. Recruitment - Recruitment Task Force (RTF)

- I. The Recruitment Task Force (RTF) will be chaired by the IFC Vice President for Recruitment.
- II. The responsibilities of the RTF will be to aid the IFC VP for Recruitment in the planning and promotion of IFC Recruitment efforts and programs, as well as the upkeep of the IFC Constitution and Bylaws concerning recruitment.
- III. Applications for the RTF will be given out at the first IFC meeting of November and due back at the third meeting of the month, or in two weeks, whichever comes first. Names and applications will be accumulated by the current IFC Vice President for Recruitment to be turned over to the next VP for Recruitment after the installation ceremony.
- IV. Each IFC chapter is required to turn in one application for the RTF, but no more than two applicants will be selected from any one chapter. Failure to comply will be grounds for punishment as outlined in the IFC Bylaws, Article VII, sections (h) – (k).

- V. Applicants for the RTF must be initiated members of their chapter at the time applications are turned in and are not permitted to hold the position of head/senior Rush Chair or Recruitment Vice President within their chapter during their RTF term. RTF members will be permitted to participate in their chapter's recruitment events, provided there is no scheduled conflict between chapter events and RTF obligations.
- VI. The IFC Vice President for Recruitment chooses 15 of the applicants to interview based on the applications for the RTF. Should the VP for Recruitment decide not to select any of the interviewed applicants, replacement applicants will be selected from the remaining pool of applications. The interviewing and selection process should last from December to early January. The VP for Recruitment and another member of the IFC Executive Board, or with the Panhellenic Association VP for Recruitment-External will conduct each interview. Appointments last until Bid Day for the following Fall Recruitment period.
- VII. The RTF will meet at least three times, once in mid-January for pre-Winter Recruitment activities, once in mid-March for summer preparation plans, and once in early September for pre-Fall Recruitment activities.
- VIII. RTF members will be expected to honor the Statement on Human Dignity and foster attitudes of respect and cooperation between IFC member chapters, showing no bias towards any chapter. Failure to do so will be grounds for immediate removal at the discretion of the IFC VP for Recruitment.
- IX. The RTF will take over responsibilities of the Rush Infractions Committee (RIC) as outlined in Article VII, Section (h) of the IFC Bylaws.

In addition, Article VII, section (h) of the IFC Bylaws, concerning Rush Infractions Committee, will be amended to the following:

- (h) The Recruitment Task Force (RTF) will govern the rules of recruitment by enforcing the Rush Rules.

Part 2. will be stricken.

All mention of the Rush Infractions Committee or R.I.C. will be replaced with Recruitment Task Force or RTF.

D. Hazing – Hazing Task Force (HTF)

- I. Four active IFC fraternity members will be elected by appointment by the current IFC Executive Board at the beginning of the fall semester.

- II. The term of office will last until the end of the academic year.
- III. The HTF will handle all judicial cases that involve hazing in both IFC and Panhellenic Association chapters.
- IV. The procedures for the HTF are defined in the Greek Community Policy Regarding Hazing.

ARTICLE VIII: AGREEMENTS, RULES, POLICIES

All active chapters of the Interfraternity Council will act in accordance with the policies and regulations established by this Constitution and Bylaws. In the event of conflicting policies, the local IFC policy will supercede those of the active chapter's national policies.

ARTICLE IX: VIOLATIONS

A violation will be defined as an act that contradicts the policies and regulations set forth in the Constitution and/or its Bylaws. The chapter in violation of said policies will be subject to review by the Greek Activities Review Panel and will further be obligated to abide by the G.A.R.P. ruling and sanctions.

Article X: AMENDMENT / RATIFICATION

Section 1:

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the member chapters of the IFC. The proposed amendment will be submitted in writing to the Legislative Body at least one IFC meeting prior to the vote.

Section 2:

This Constitution will become effective upon the approval of three-fourths of all member chapters. Upon ratification of this document, any and all previous Constitution and Bylaws will be null and void.

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