



CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL AT
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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PREAMBLE

We, the Interfraternity Council at Florida State University, set forth this Constitution and Bylaws in order to cause closer working relationships and coordination among its member and associate member organizations, in accordance with the policies and standards established by Florida State University. We, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) exist to advance conditions conducive to the success of its member and associate member organizations and to promote the progress of the fraternity experience. With this aim, the IFC actively encourages interfraternalism and collaboration with other fraternity/sorority governing councils and student governance bodies, to assist in the betterment of our members, and the student body as a whole.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Interfraternity Council of Florida State University (hereinafter referred to as "the IFC").

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the IFC shall be to:

- A. Provide a sovereign peer governance structure for its member and associate member organizations;
- B. Enforce and hold member and associate member organizations accountable to the IFC Bylaws and other governing documents;
- C. Develop policies and procedures to provide safe and healthy membership experiences;
- D. Develop policies and procedures to provide safe and healthy social experiences;
- E. Advocate for appropriate levels of university financial and staffing support;
- F. Promote the interests of its member and associate member organizations;
- G. Promote the interests of men's social fraternities in general;
- H. Promote the interests of Florida State University;
- I. Promote mutual cooperation between its member and associate member organizations;
- J. Promote mutual cooperation between the IFC, fellow governing councils, and recognized student organizations at Florida State University; and
- K. Promote mutual cooperation between the IFC and Florida State University, its students, faculty, staff, and the local Tallahassee community.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership Types

Upon approval by the University and the IFC, all social fraternities recognized by their respective inter/national organization shall be granted membership in the IFC. The two (2) types of membership are as follows:

- A. Full Member: Any fraternity which has obtained its charter from its inter/national organization, or any local fraternity chapter, that is in good standing with, and recognized by the IFC and Florida State University. Full Member organizations are granted all of the privileges and responsibilities associated with membership in the IFC at Florida State University.
 - B. Associate Member: Any establishing or re-establishing group of an inter/national organization that has not yet obtained its charter.
- For the purpose of this Constitution and IFC Bylaws, Full Member and Associate Member Organizations are referred to as member chapters.

Section II. Member Chapter Minimum Expectations

- A. In order for any fraternity to continue as an active member or associate member organization, said fraternity must be in good standing with the IFC.
- B. In order to maintain good standing status, a member or associate member organization must meet and abide by the following minimum expectations:
 - a. Follow all local, state, federal laws, and policies of Florida State University.
 - b. Comply with all policies set forth by:
 - i. Their respective inter/national organization.
 - ii. The Florida State University Student Organization Conduct Code.
 - iii. The IFC Constitution, Bylaws, and other policies.
 - c. Be in good standing with the University and their inter/national organization.
 - d. Complete the recognition process annually through the Office of Student Organizations and Involvement, to maintain privileges of recognition from the University as a recognized student organization (RSO).
 - e. Be current with all document requests from the University and the IFC. This provision includes, but is not limited to grade release forms, new member education forms, updated membership rosters, and any other documents required by the University or the IFC.
 - f. Meet the academic standards as noted in the IFC Bylaws.
 - g. Be current on all IFC dues and fines owed.
 - h. All organizational members must be full-time degree-seeking students at Florida State University at the Tallahassee campus.
 - i. All member and associate member organizations with a chapter facility must submit a fire inspection that is completed and passed annually by the prescribed date, as dictated by the Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
 - j. Comply with the attendance policies for the IFC Presidents' Council and Risk Management educational programming, as set out by the IFC Executive Council.
 - k. Maintain membership of at least twenty (20) members, unless otherwise approved by the IFC Executive Council.

A member or associate member organization that has failed to meet any of the minimum expectations outlined in this section shall be referred to the IFC Executive Vice President for potential judicial review.

Section III. Membership Status for Member and Associate Member Organizations

The membership status of member and associate member organizations shall be as follows:

- A. Good Standing: A member or associate member organization shall be deemed to be in Good Standing if the member chapter is not currently operating under Non-Status Sanctions or Status Sanctions, as defined within the IFC Bylaws, and is currently meeting the minimum expectations outlined in Section II of this Article.
- B. Good Standing on Probation: A member chapter shall be deemed to be in Good Standing on Probation if the member chapter is currently operating under Non-Status Sanctions and currently meets the minimum expectations outlined in Section II of this Article.
- C. Not in Good Standing: A member chapter shall be deemed to be in Poor Standing if the member chapter has been placed under Suspension by the IFC or has currently failed to meet the minimum expectations outlined in Section II of this Article.

Section IV. Individual Member Definitions

Detailed below is a list of each of the individual membership types recognized by the IFC. The IFC maintains the right to collect council dues on each of the membership types as noted below. For the purpose of this Constitution and Bylaws, and with an understanding that each member chapter may have its own terminology for internal use, individuals will be defined as follows:

- A. Potential New Member: A Potential New Member shall be defined as any man who has not accepted a bid from any fraternity at Florida State University.
- B. New Member: A New Member shall be defined as any man who has accepted a bid to join a fraternity at Florida State University, and is undergoing the New Member Process with said fraternity.
- C. Initiated Member: An Initiated Member shall be defined as any man who has been initiated into any member fraternity of the IFC at Florida State University.
- D. Temporary Inactive: A Temporary Inactive member is an Initiated Member of a member or associate member organization who has temporarily become inactive within their respective member or associate member organization due to factors such as poor academic performance, study abroad, financial reasons, etc.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCE

IFC shall develop its own financial policies in the IFC Bylaws, and shall have the authority to collect dues from its member and associate member organizations, and use and manage the funds collected from said dues as they see fit.

ARTICLE V - Executive

The IFC Executive Council has the responsibility of carrying out the day to day operation (both executive and administrative) of the IFC. The IFC Executive Council's duties pertain to governing and advising member and associate member organizations with the goal of encouraging cooperation and interfraternalism and sustaining the longstanding tradition of IFC brotherhood at Florida State University.

The Executive Council is to consist of the following seven (7) members:

- A. President
- B. Executive Vice President
- C. Vice President of Development
- D. Vice President of Internal Affairs
- E. Vice President of Membership
- F. Vice President of Public Relations
- G. Vice President of Scholarship

ARTICLE VI - LEGISLATIVE

The IFC Presidents' Council will serve as the principle legislative body of the IFC. Each member and associate member organization shall be represented on the IFC Presidents' Council by its Chapter President, who possesses one vote on all matters presented to the IFC Presidents' Council.

ARTICLE VII - JUDICIAL

The IFC Judicial Board will serve as the judicial branch of the IFC. The IFC Judicial Board has the power to interpret and enforce IFC policies, rules, and regulations in accordance with the IFC Constitution, Bylaws, Judicial Board operating procedures, and Florida State University's Student and Student Organization Conduct Code. The rulings reached by the IFC Judicial Board are superseded by the rulings of the Florida State University's Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards, as well as the rulings of any local, state, and federal courts.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote by the IFC Presidents' Council. Any unstated policies, requirements, duties, and guidelines of the IFC shall be clarified by the IFC Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - NON-DISCRIMINATION

The IFC community shall be one in which no one is discriminated against on the basis of age, race, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.