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***INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS***

**CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL OF  
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**Preamble**

In order to promote and perpetuate the best interests of The Florida International University Greek letter social fraternities therein, to encourage the most complete intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development of the members of the fraternities, to ensure that the fraternities chartered by The Florida International University establish high standards and lofty pursuits, and to foster cooperation among said fraternities, University authorities and the community, we do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Interfraternity Council of The Florida International University.

The Interfraternity Council of The Florida International University does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, race, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

**Article I. Name and Purpose**

Section I. Name

This organization shall be shown as the Interfraternity Council of The Florida International University and may be referred to as the IFC hereafter in this document.

Section II. Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this Council to:

- A. Act as the supervising and advising body of all North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and other non National Pan-Hellenic Council recognized social fraternities.
- B. Organize, standardize and regulate the recruitment and new member activities of said fraternities.
- C. Promote positive Interfraternity competition in scholarship, service, athletics, and other events that may be deemed advisable for the betterment of the participants, fraternities, the University, and the community.
- D. Encourage cooperation and harmony among fraternities.
- E. Provide educational programs and services for the member fraternities.
- F. Serve as the liaison between the University authorities and member fraternities in matters of common interest.
- G. Act as a judicial body for violations of the FIU Student Conduct Code and the Interfraternity Council policies.

**Article II. Membership**

Section I. Types of Membership

Upon IFC and University approval, all NIC recognized undergraduate social fraternities shall hold membership in the IFC. The two (2) types of membership in the IFC shall be the following:

- A. Associate Membership (pertaining to an FIU/IFC affiliated organization that has not received the full charter from the Inter/National Organization - can not hold positions of President or Vice President).

- B. Full Membership (pertaining to chapters that have the charters from their General Headquarters and University recognition).

Section II. Status of Membership

- A. In order for a fraternity to continue as an active chapter/colony at The Florida International University, said fraternity must be in good standing with the IFC.
- B. To maintain Good Standing status, a chapter/colony must meet the following requirements:
  - 1. Meet the requirements set forth in the Scholarship Policy (Bylaw Article II, Section III).
  - 2. Be in good standing with the University and the Chapter's/Colony's General Headquarters.
  - 3. Be registered through the OSFLand Department of Campus Life.
  - 4. Be current with all document requests from the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life (OSFL) and IFC. This provision includes, but is not limited to Grade Release Forms, New Member Programs, Updated Rosters, and any other documents required by the IFC or the University.
  - 5. Adhere to all financial obligations to the IFC.
  - 6. Adhere to the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.
  - 7. Follows all local, International, federal laws, and the policies of the Florida International University.
- C. Chapters/colonies not meeting the requirements in Constitutional Article II, Section II B, will be informed of their failure to perform at an acceptable level. A meeting with representatives from the chapter/colony, the IFC Advisor, and a representative of the IFC Executive Board will take place to determine an appropriate course of action from the chapter/colony.
- D. Both Associate and Full members must meet the requirements set forth in Constitutional Article II, Section II.

Section III. Expansion/Colonization Procedures

- A. General Headquarters of a fraternity may petition for colonization with the IFC and The Florida International University as outlined in Bylaw Article XI, Section II.
- B. At the close of each semester, the IFC Voting Body will vote on the issue of expansion. With an affirmative majority, the IFC will send an expansion announcement to every national fraternity that is not recognized at The Florida International University.
- C. Each interested fraternity will have the chance to make a presentation to the IFC Voting Body. After all completed presentations, the Voting Body will choose the fraternity to which they want to offer colonization as outlined in Bylaw Article XI, Section II.
- D. Any reorganization of any fraternity must first be approved by a majority vote of the Interfraternity General Council. Reorganization consists of holding any meetings, events, and functions resembling the group under any name. Any fraternity considered by the Interfraternity Council/OSFLas reorganized prior to the approval of the Interfraternity Council will be not be permitted to petition for recognition for a minimum of three years following the last determined reorganization date.

1. Any reorganized group must then petition the Interfraternity Council for official recognition and is subject to the expansion policy.
2. No member of a chapter/colony removed from campus for disciplinary reasons may be actively involved in the operations or activities of a reorganized group and/or recognized chapter/colony.
3. The Inter/National Headquarters must contact The OSFL and start proper expansion procedures as explained in the Interfraternity Council Bylaws, Article XI, Section II.
4. The Interfraternity Council at Florida International University supports the decision of the Student Organization Council to not recognize any group that acts as a Greek-letter social fraternity or Greek-letter social fraternity interest group that is not at the time of registration approved by the Florida International University Interfraternity Council according to the Interfraternity Council's reorganization procedures.

**Article III. Organization and Vestment of Power**

The organization and governing powers of the IFC shall be divided as follows:

Section I. Executive Board

All executive and administrative powers shall fall under the IFC Executive Board.

A. Members of the Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the following members: The President, Vice President, Chief Justice, Recruitment Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. Qualifications  
All student members of the IFC Executive Board must meet the following qualifications:
  - a. Be an undergraduate student at The Florida International University.
  - b. Be in good standing with his fraternity.
  - c. Must have and maintain a 2.5 per semester and cumulative GPA to run for and to maintain office.
  - d. Must carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours in office during the Fall and Spring semester at the Florida International University.
  - e. The President and second in command of any chapter/colony cannot be a member of the IFC executive board.
  - f. The Recruitment Director of any chapter/colony cannot be a member of the IFC Executive Board.
  - g. The Treasurer of any chapter/colony cannot be Treasurer or President of the IFC Executive Board.
  - h. For the Position of President, the candidate must have served on the IFC Executive Board for at least one semester.
  - i. The offices of President and Vice President cannot be from the same Fraternity.
  - j. Any officer not meeting these requirements will be immediately removed from office.

B. Duties

The duties of the Executive Board officers will include but not be limited to the following:

1. President

- a. Preside over all General and Executive Board meetings (non-voting member, except in the case of a tie) and prepare all agenda items.
- b. Act as the official representative for all outside bodies.
- c. Be responsible for carrying out the decision of the General Council.

- d. Appoint and disband committees with the aid of the Executive Board.
  - e. Provide an annual report for the member chapters/colonies.
  - f. Meet weekly with the IFC advisor.
  - g. Preside over all expansion activities.
  - h. Maintain a minimum of 2 office hours per week in the IFC Office throughout the academic year.
  - i. Be available upon request.
2. Vice President
- a. Assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence.
  - b. Oversee all cabinet members and IFC Committees and Directors unless otherwise noted in the Constitution and Bylaws.
    - 1. Scholarship
    - 2. Athletics/Intramurals
    - 3. New Member Educator
    - 4. Philanthropy/Community Service
    - 5. Public Relations
  - c. Provide a report of committee activities at all Executive Board and General Council meetings.
  - d. Conduct a meeting along with all the IFC chapter/colony delegates at least twice a semester outside of regularly scheduled IFC meetings.
  - e. Maintain a minimum of 2 office hours per week in the IFC Office throughout the academic year.
  - f. Be available upon request.
3. Chief Justice
- a. Serve as the Chief Judicial Officer regarding IFC rules and regulations as delineated in Constitutional Article III, Section III.
  - b. Oversee the operations of the Risk Management policies as pertaining to IFC.
  - c. Provide and make readily available to chapters/colonies all policies and procedures affecting said chapters/colonies, and provide training and education about these policies and procedures.
  - d. Ensure compliance of all IFC policies and procedures.
  - e. Review the Constitution and Bylaws annually with the Secretary and a committee of Delegates from each Chapter/Colony.
  - f. Maintain a minimum of 2 office hours per week in the IFC Office throughout the academic year.
  - g. Be available upon request.
4. Vice President of Recruitment
- a. Preside over all formal and informal fraternity recruitment activities.
  - b. Provide programs and resources on recruitment for all chapter/colony members.
  - c. Preside over all orientation recruitment presentations.
  - d. Review and update all Rush Rules governing the member fraternities, must be approved by the executive board and maybe revoked by  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of entire IFC General Council.
  - e. Maintain a minimum of 2 office hours per week in the IFC Office throughout the academic year.
  - f. Be available upon request.
5. Treasurer
- a. Preside over all billing and fining of fraternities.
  - b. Prepare a semester budget for approval of the General Council no later than the second meeting of the semester.
  - c. Regulate the expenditures of the IFC in accordance with the budget.
  - d. Prepare and distribute a monthly written statement of the finances to the Executive

- e. Board, General Council, and the IFC advisor.
  - f. Oversee the operations of the Finance Board as delineated in Bylaw Article IV.
  - g. Maintain a minimum of 2 office hours per week in the IFC Office throughout the academic year.
  - h. Be available upon request.
6. Secretary
- a. Record all attendance and take minutes at all Executive Board and General Council meetings.
  - b. Maintain and distribute current phone lists of IFC and chapter/colony officers.
  - c. Handle all office correspondence and supply needs.
  - d. Type agendas for all meetings
  - e. Review the Constitution and Bylaws annually with the Chief Justice and a committee of Delegates from each Chapter/Colony.
  - f. Distribute minutes after all meetings to chapters/colonies and Office of Greek Affairs.
  - g. Maintain a minimum of 2 office hours per week in the IFC Office throughout the academic year.
  - h. Be available upon request.
- C. Officer Accountability
- 1. Officers are required to attend all General Council Meetings and Executive Board Meetings, must be on time and remain for the duration of the meeting.
  - 2. If and when a meeting cannot be attended, it is the responsibility of that officer to notify the IFC President at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. This constitutes as an excused absence at the discretion of the President.
  - 3. After four (4) unexcused absences in a single semester – of the Council and Executive Board Meetings combined – the officer will go under review by the IFC Judicial Board following nomination of IFC Fraternity or any IFC member in good standing.
- D. Meetings of the Executive Board
- 1. The Executive Board shall meet as deemed necessary by the President, but no less than once every two weeks during the Fall and Spring semesters.
  - 2. The President may call special meetings of the Executive Board with 72 hours notice to all Executive Board members.
  - 3. With a majority vote, the Executive Board may call special meetings.
- E. Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies
- 1. Nominations for the six (6) Executive Board positions shall take place during a regularly scheduled meeting of the General Council between the second and last week of November. Nominees must be present at the time of their nomination to accept, or must submit a written and signed testimony of acceptance.
  - 2. Executive Board elections shall take place at the first (1st) regularly scheduled meeting of the General Council immediately following nominations no later than the last week of November.
  - 3. Nominees must present to the General Council his goals, ideas, and qualifications for the position he is running for at the meeting, designated for elections.
  - 4. A majority vote (50% + 1) is needed from the General Council to elect someone to office. Nominees are elected to serve one (1) year terms on the Executive Board.
  - 5. If there are no nominees for an Executive Board position at the time of election, nominations from the floor shall be accepted.
  - 6. In the event of a vacancy of an office, other than that of the President, the Executive Board may appoint an interim officer until the next General Council meeting when a special nomination and election meeting will take place.
- F. Removal of Officers

Any officer of the Executive Board may be brought up to IFC Judicial Board by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the IFC General Council or a majority vote of 50% + 1 of the IFC Executive Board for violation of officer accountability and duties (Article III, Section 1) or on the basis of malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance. A vote of removal may be called at any time during a General Council Meeting by a member in good standing. The officer in question will then be sent to the Judicial Board for review and removal if so deemed by the Judicial Board.

## Section II. Interfraternity General Council

The Interfraternity General Council will serve as the supreme legislative body of the IFC.

### A. Delegates

1. Membership
2. The Interfraternity Council shall be composed of an Executive Board, one delegate, and one alternate delegate from each IFC chapter and colony at FIU
3. Selection of Officers  
IFC delegates shall be selected by the respective chapters to serve for one calendar year.
4. Delegate Vacancies  
When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the chapter concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the IFC Secretary of his name and contact information. When a meeting of the IFC occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the chapter concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate.

### B. Qualifications

All student members of the IFC Council must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be a fully admitted, enrolled and registered undergraduate student at Florida International University.
2. Be in good standing with his fraternity.
3. Must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and a 2.25 semester GPA.
4. Must carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours for each semester (Fall/Spring) while in office.

### C. Meetings

1. Meeting Times  
The IFC Council shall meet at least once every two weeks during the Fall and Spring semesters. Any Summer General Council meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board. Special meetings can be called by the IFC President with 72 hours notice.
2. Meeting Order  
Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the procedure of all meetings of the General Council. In case of a conflict between the IFC Constitution and Bylaws and Robert's Rule of Order, the Constitution and Bylaws will take precedence.
3. Voting
  - a. Each chapter/colony will have one (1) vote at Council meetings.
  - b. Chapters/colonies with the President or Delegate absent from the General Council meetings will not be allowed to vote.
  - c. With 24 hours notice to the IFC Secretary and his approval, a Delegate or chapter/colony president may send an alternate in his place. This alternate will serve in the role of the absent member in voting circumstances.
  - d. Votes may only take place at meetings where there is a quorum. Quorum shall be (50%+1) of the voting membership of the Council.
  - e. The President or designee may cast a determining vote in case of a tie on a motion requiring a majority vote.
4. Absences

- a. Fraternities with no voting representatives present at a Council meeting will be considered absent for that meeting.
  - b. A fine of \$25.00 will be assessed to a fraternity for each absence after the second absence of a delegate.
  - c. Each chapter/colony is allowed a maximum of two absences per semester. Any additional absences will result in a loss of voting privileges, and participation in fraternity intramurals for the Sports Cup and IFC events, beginning the day of the third absence and ending thirty days after the first day that the organization's delegate returns to his next full General Council meeting.
5. Additional Fines/Sanctions
- a. A fine of \$25.00 will be assessed to a fraternity for failure to provide any documents requested by IFC or OSFL by a specified time. An additional \$10.00 late fee will be assessed for every additional day the documentation is not submitted.
  - b. Failure to turn in IFC membership dues will result in a fine of \$10.00 per week. After two (2) weeks the fraternity will lose: all privileges as a voting member of the General Council, registration/recognition by the OSFLand IFC, use of University facilities or funds, and participation in Fraternity Intramural Sports.
  - c. Failure to turn in Greek Registration Packets by the specified date will result in a loss of all privileges as a voting member of the General Council, registration/recognition by the OSFLand IFC, use of University facilities or funds, and participation in Fraternity Intramural Sports.

Section III. Judicial Board

All formal judicial powers and interpretations of the Constitution and Bylaws shall come under the jurisdiction of the IFC Judicial Board.

A. Membership

- 1. The IFC Judicial Board shall be composed of members from active chapters/colonies of IFC Fraternities who will serve as board members, and the Judicial Board Chair of IFC.
- 2. Qualifications
 

Justices of the IFC Judicial Board must meet the following requirements:

  - a. Judicial Board members must have and maintain a 2.25 semester and cumulative GPA while serving on the Board.
  - b. Judicial Board members must be in good standing with their fraternity chapter/colony.
  - c. Must be in good judicial standing with the University.
  - d. Must meet any additional requirements as set forth in Article III, Section II.
- 3. With the exception of the IFC Judicial Board Chair, no member of the IFC Executive Board or Committee Chairs may serve on the Judicial Board during their term in office.

B. Selection

- 1. The justices shall be selected through an application and interview process by the IFC J-Board Chair, IFC President, IFC Advisor and/or Judicial and Mediation Services Representative.

C. Procedures

- 1. A Signed, written notice of a violation of the IFC Constitution and Bylaws or the FIU Student Council Conduct Code by a fraternity may result in a formal hearing of the IFC Judicial Board.
- 2. Upon receipt of a signed, written notice of a violation, the IFC Judicial Chairman, IFC Advisor and/or Director of Judicial and Mediation Services shall meet to determine the following:
  - a. Whether there is enough information to warrant formal charges.

- b. Whether formal charges should be brought forward against the organization as an organizational event, or individuals.

Determining questions may include but are not limited to:

- 1. Would it appear like an organizational event to an outsider?
- 2. Was there a substantial amount of membership involved?
- 3. Did the officers have knowledge of the event?
- 4. Was the event announced in chapter/colony?
- 5. Were chapter/colony funds collected?
- 6. What specific charges, if any, should be brought forward?

- c. The date of the hearing, if formal charges for an organization are being brought forward.

- 3. If formal charges are being brought forward, a charge letter is sent to the organization specifying the charges and the date and time of the hearing.
- 4. An information session will be made available for the chapter's/colony's use through the IFC J-Board Chair and Judicial Director.
- 5. The IFC Judicial Board hearings will be heard by a minimum of three board members and the Chair. A representative from the OSFL or the Office of Judicial and Mediation Services must also be present.
- 6. IFC hearing procedures will follow the steps delineated in the FIU Student Conduct Code.
- 7. All deliberations are to be kept strictly confidential.
- 8. After the hearing and deliberation, findings and sanctions will be given to the charged fraternity by the IFC Judicial Board and/or by Judicial and Mediation Services.
- 9. Upon the request of the chapter/colony, and the agreement of the IFC Judicial Chair and the IFC Advisor, a chapter/colony may have their case heard through a Summary Resolution as delineated in the Student Conduct Code.
- 10. Appeals may be made to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs within seven (7) calendar days after receiving notification of a decision. All appeal procedures will be in accordance to the Student Conduct Code.
- 11. The Vice President of Student Affairs reserves the right to take direct jurisdiction at any stage of the judicial process.

#### D. Rights of the Charged Fraternity

- 1. To have in writing the specific offenses and rule(s) and regulation(s), which have allegedly been violated.
- 2. To have an advisor present at the hearing. The advisor may not represent the chapter/colony before the Judicial Board. The representative of the chapter/colony must speak for himself.
- 3. To receive notice of a formal hearing at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing date.
- 4. To know the accuser(s) charges, witnesses, and board members, at least three days before said hearing.
- 5. Cross examine any and all witnesses.

6. Know that the formal hearings will be tape-recorded.
7. Call witnesses and present evidence in the chapter's/colony's behalf.
8. Waive the right to a formal hearing as noted in Article III, Section III-C (5) of the IFC Constitution.

E. Penalties

The following is a list of possible sanctions, which may alone or in combination, be recommended by the Judicial Board. The Judicial Board is not limited to the recommended sanctions in the following list.

1. Expulsion from the University - a permanent dismissal from the University as with no opportunity for re-chartering.
2. Dismissal is a separation from the University for a definite period of time of no more than three (3) years. Re-chartering is possible.
3. Suspension is a separation from the University for a specified period, not to exceed two years. A suspension restricts all fraternity activities for the specified period of time. A limited suspension may allow specific fraternity activities that will be determined by the Judicial Board.
4. Conduct Probation is a period of time during which further violations may result in more serious sanctions. Restrictions that may be placed on the fraternity during this period may include, but are not limited to: participation in or exclusion from student activities, social events, intramural sports, alcohol functions, or use of FIU facilities.
5. Fines-with a maximum fine of \$500.
6. Projects deemed educational and constructive by the Judicial Board.
7. Any other sanctions as specified in the Student Code of Conduct.

**Article IV. Amendments**

1. Additions or amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws may be made by a (50%+1) vote of the General Council.
2. The Constitution and Bylaws must be reviewed by the end of each of IFC Executive Board's term.
3. All Constitution amendments must be tabled for one regular IFC meeting and must be in written form for final vote.
4. All rules, regulations and amendments require final approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee.

**BYLAWS OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL OF  
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**Article I. Committees**

Section I. Vested Powers

- A. The Executive Board shall establish standing and ad hoc committees consisting of one member per fraternal organization to assist them in the administrative duties of the IFC.
- B. Unless otherwise noted, committee Directors shall be interviewed, in conjunction with the Executive Board and appointed by the Vice President.

Section II. Qualifications

All Committee Directors must:

- A. Be a fully-admitted, registered and enrolled student at the Florida International University.
- B. Be in good standing with his fraternity and the University.
- C. Have and maintain a 2.5 semester and cumulative GPA while in office.
- D. Carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours for each semester (Fall/Spring) in office.

Section III. Duties

Aside from their specific job descriptions, all Committee Directors must fulfill the following responsibilities:

- A. Submit a monthly report of activities, expenditures, and upcoming events to the Executive Board, and IFC delegates.
- B. Attend General Council meetings.

Section IV. Removal

Any Committee Director can be removed from his position by the majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section V. Contractual Obligation

No Committee Director may contractually obligate the IFC without pre approval of the Executive Board and IFC Advisor.

Section VI. Standing Committees

The following are established committees of the IFC:

A. Scholarship

The duties of the Scholarship Director shall be to:

- 1. Maintain accurate fraternity rosters on the University computer.
- 2. Meet with the Scholarship Chairmen of each chapter/colony two (2) times a semester. Any absence will count as an absence toward IFC meetings.
- 3. Provide programs for chapters/colonies and Scholarship Chairs to enhance academics among members.
- 4. Identify and promote members of the fraternity system who have achieved high academic standing.

B. Athletics/Intramurals

The duties of the Athletics Director shall be to:

1. In conjunction with IFC Advisor, be responsible to submit ineligible players to the Intramurals Office.
2. Act as the liaison between the Intramurals Office and the Interfraternity Council.
3. Announce schedules, deadlines, and meetings for all intramural sports to representatives or IFC delegates.
4. Identify and promote intramural champions through awards and recognition.
5. Meet with the athletic chairman at least twice a semester.

C. Public Relations

The duties of the Public Relations Director shall be to:

1. Identify community service opportunities and announce them to fraternity members at IFC meetings.
2. Promote upcoming IFC events and activities through the media, report coverage to IFC Promotions and Publications.
3. Act as the IFC contact to the Greek Life Newsletter or any other publications.
4. Provide programs and events to encourage positive interactions among fraternity members and other Greek members.
5. Inform the Interfraternity council of all Greek organization events.

D. Philanthropy

The duties of the Philanthropy Director shall be to:

1. Plan community service events for IFC participation.
2. Plan and coordinate events to promote unity and good relations among the different Greek organizations.
3. Create, update and disburse a calendar of community service events of all fraternities.
4. Work with the Volunteer Action Center in the planning of various philanthropic events.

**Article II. Scholarship Policy**

Section I. Grade Point Calculation

The University will complete the grade point average for each chapter/colony each Fall and Spring semesters. The calculation will take place no longer than three (3) weeks after the end of the said semesters. It is the chapters/colonies' responsibility to make sure that the rosters are accurate with the University before the computer runs their grades.

Section II. Awards and Recognition

The IFC shall recognize academic achievement in the following ways:

- A. Awards to chapters/colonies and new member classes with the highest GPA for each semester.
- B. Awards the chapter/colony with the most improved GPA for each semester.
- C. Each semester IFC will give \$100 to the IFC member with the highest semester grade point average with 12 credits or more. This money will be given directly to the chapter to be used for chapter dues.

Section III. Requirements

- A. Maintain an organizational GPA of 2.7 each semester.
- B. Maintain a new member GPA of 2.5 each semester.
- C. Individual must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

- D. Individual must be enrolled for at least nine (9) credit hours in the fall and spring, unless graduating.

**Section IV. Sanctions**

Chapters/colonies not meeting the requirements in Article II, Section III (A, B) will face the following sanctions:

- A. Chapters/colonies failing to meet said requirements for one semester must meet with the Greek Advisor, the IFC President, Scholarship Director and the Chapter/colony Faculty Advisor to create an IFC program that addresses the scholarship and/or new member education needs for the chapter/colony. This meeting is to take place no later than two (2) weeks into the following semester.
- B. Chapters/colonies failing to meet said requirements for two (2) consecutive semesters shall be given the following sanctions:
  - 1. The chapter/colony must meet with the Greek Advisor, the IFC President, Scholarship Director and Chapter/Colony Faculty Advisor to create an IFC program that addresses the scholarship and/or new member needs for the chapter/colony. This meeting is to take place no later than two (2) weeks into the following semester.
  - 2. The chapter/colony will only be allowed two (2) social functions per semester until an organizational GPA of 2.7 is reached.
  - 3. The chapter's/colony's Inter/National Headquarters will be notified.
- C. Individual fraternity members who do not maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and/or a 2.0 semester GPA shall not be allowed to participate in fraternity Intramurals or be eligible for Sports Cup.

**Article III. New Members**

**Section I. New Member Eligibility**

In an effort to establish Rush Policy that all fraternities are able to abide by, the member chapters/colonies of the Florida International University IFC will adhere to the following guidelines in commencing any activity that would lead toward active membership status (either pledging or initiating):

- A. The rushee or new member must:
  - 1. Be a currently enrolled and registered Florida International University student that is "degree seeking."
  - 2. Maintain and be currently enrolled for a minimum of nine (9) credit hours during Fall and Spring semester.
  - 3. Have and maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA for freshman, and a 2.5 GPA for sophomore, junior, and senior students.
- B. If any member of your organization was initially registered with Florida International University and transfers to another university/college, he must be taken off the fraternity roster as a new member.
- C. At the beginning of each academic semester, each organization of the FIU Interfraternity must submit a roster to the OSFL listing of all currently initiated and new members.

**Article IV. Finances**

**Section I. Purpose**

The Interfraternity Council Finance Code is designated to provide a set of guidelines for the financial management of the organization in accordance with the Florida International University

policies and procedures and the Student Government Association rules and bylaws establish and agreed upon by the IFC members.

## Section II. Guidelines

### A.

- A. All Student Government funds are to be used in accordance with SGA Finance Codes and SGA Accounting procedures. All self-generated funds are to be used in accordance Campus Life Accounting procedures.
- B. The President and Treasurer must sign all checks to disperse funds.
- C. Dues should be paid by the second (2nd) General Council meeting of the semester. Chapters/colonies who are not able to pay their dues should meet with the IFC Treasurer.
- D. Dues increases and decreases are to be approved by a majority vote of quorum of the IFC members present for the vote.
- E. All funds dispersed are to have proper receipts to verify what IFC funds are used for.
- F. All funds are to be dispersed by the end of the semester to ensure IFC credit in the community.
- G. A savings account is to be established and maintained as a reserve for fixture IFC operations. A minimum of 2% of self-generating funds must be contributed to the savings account per semester.
- H. At the Treasurer's discretion, funds may be used for executive council meetings, committee meetings, and Judicial Board hearings to provide food and refreshments, provided the expenditure is approved by the IFC Executive Board and Greek Advisor.
- I. Chapters/colonies are to provide a list of all active brothers and new members to the IFC every semester to verify membership.
- J. Any chapter/colony unable to pay IFC dues because of financial difficulty must petition IFC Executive Board for relief in writing. The Executive Board will make a decision concerning the matter.
- K. The Finance Board is the IFC Executive Board.
- L. During regular IFC meetings, a member may call for an audit of the IFC funds. This must be voted on and passed by a simple majority vote, and this must be voted on during the meeting the audit has been requested.
- M. An audit must be reviewed by (2) fraternity members (not a part of IFC General Council or E-Board), two (2) Executive Board members, Greek Advisor and SGA Senior Fiscal Accountant.
- N. A budget of self-generated funds must be presented to the IFC by the third (3rd) General Council meeting.
- O. An end of the semester budget must be presented by the last regular IFC meeting. Any deviation from the original budget should be made public at the next meeting.
- P. In the event that the Treasurer recommends a dues increase, the proposed increase must be presented to the Executive Board prior to a General Council meeting.

## Section III. Chapter/colony Membership Dues

The dues of each IFC member shall be an assessment per member and associate member/pledge. The amount of each dues shall be \$7.00 per brother and new member/associate member/pledge.

**Article V. Recruitment Rules**

Section I. Recruitment Policy

- A. A recruitment function is any activity sponsored by an IFC fraternity in which potential members are invited with the intent of rushing and six (6) or more brothers are present and any event that would appear to a casual observer, a recruitment event, will be deemed as such.
- B. A potential new member is any FIU student who is not affiliated with a fraternity.
- C. There will be no alcoholic beverages at any informal or formal recruitment function; therefore, for the duration of Official Rush Week periods, which is determined by the Interfraternity Council, all fraternity activities will be dry. Fraternities will be held responsible for any member or guest who violates any IFC or FIU rules or consumes alcohol within the vicinity of the event. (I.e. parking lots, bathrooms, cars, etc.) Anyone who is visibly intoxicated may not be present at a recruitment event.
- D. Women may not be used as entertainment (i.e., strippers, etc.).
- E. Recruitment advertisements may not have any pictures of or references to alcohol, sexually suggestive material, and may not be offensive and or degrading.
- F. All recruitment advertisements must be truthful and verifiable by the Office of Greek Affairs.
- G. References to specific sororities will be prohibited (this request is in support of Panhellenic Recruitment rules).
- H. All IFC recognized fraternities are subject to these policies regardless of place of residence or location of sponsored activity.
- I. For the fall and spring semester, in order to participate in recruitment and join a fraternity, the student must be an undergraduate FIU student and have a minimum GPA of 2.7 from high school or a 2.5 from FIU and be currently enrolled in at least nine (9) credit hours.
- J. Graham Center Rules must be followed. This includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Fraternities may not use equipment, which amplifies music, to promote their organization between 12 pm and 2 pm. A DJ will be provided by IFC instead. Such equipment throughout the day is prohibited.
  - b. Banners/Flags can only be hung on hooks provided by the Graham Center. Do not put holes in the walls, posts or ceilings. If you need additional hooks, the GC will provide upon request.
  - c. All fraternities must follow the FIU Interfraternity constitution/Bylaws and the FIU Student Code of Conduct.
- K. Recruitment tables will be provided for the fraternities within the Graham Center and can be setup in the designated areas. Reservations for other locations in GC can be made in GC104. Any other reservation must be arranged and approved 48 hours prior to the event by the IFC advisor and the IFC VP of Recruitment.
- L. No fraternity may use the GC forum "pit" during formal recruitment week from 9am-6pm.
- M. Table setup will be selected by random lottery and designated by the VP of Recruitment during an IFC meeting before formal recruitment begins.

- N. Posting of Recruitment materials (flyers, banners, cards, etc) will be allowed only on designated posting areas upon approval of the IFC advisor and the IFC VP of Recruitment.
- O. All recruitment flyers distributed on or before Monday of formal recruitment must include “Meet the Fraternities sponsored by the Interfraternity Council” with the appropriate time and date and be approved by the IFC advisor and the IFC VP of Recruitment.
- P. All recruitment schedules must be turned into the OSFL by the date set by the IFC VP of Recruitment.
- Q. The VP of Recruitment and the IFC advisor must approve any recruitment function planned after the submission of the chapter’s recruitment schedule. Notification of change must be given in writing by the chapter 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.
- R. The IFC Executive board and Greek advisors reserve the right and privilege to be present wherever a potential member may be.
- S. Potential members will not be permitted to wear recruitment t-shirts or any paraphernalia from a chapter.
- T. Alumni are also responsible for following these guidelines.
- U. A Bid List will be turned into the IFC office on the last day of the official Recruitment Week at a time specified by the VP of Recruitment. All new members must sign a bid card for IFC. Any organization that extends bids after formal recruitment must still turn in bid acceptance forms to the Office of Greek Affairs.
- V. Additional rules will be set forth by the Recruitment Director at least three (3) weeks prior to the formal Rush period.
- W. Violations of any recruitment guidelines may be referred to the IFC Judicial Board.

**Section II. Violations**

Any fraternity in violation of the recruitment is subject to be brought up before the IFC Judicial Board.

**Article VI. Alcohol Policy**

Greek letter organizations strive to ensure the safety of their members and guests, as well as to provide an opportunity for responsible social interaction. The Florida International University Social Function Policy for Fraternities and Sororities (this document exists as a Greek Affairs policy) serves to complement and require compliance with all federal, International, local and university policies, and to provide parameters for the social events of Greek letter organizations. The Greek system also expects alcohol education from their member chapters/colonies and recognizes abstinence from alcohol as a healthy choice for its members.

The Interfraternity Council also recognizes the importance of chapter/colony National headquarters and their alcohol policies, and reminds fraternities and sororities at Florida International University that they are responsible for following their respective national/international policies dealing with risk management and alcohol in addition to The Florida International University Social Function Policy for Fraternities and Sororities.

**Article VII. Hazing**

‘Hazing’ means any action, activity or situation which recklessly, negligently, or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a person for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any Organization operating under the sanction of the University, hereinafter referred to as “university organizations.”

Please reference the Chad Meredith Act, HB 193.

Section I. All NIC Chapters/colonies in good standing with the Interfraternity Council will abide by the Florida International University Hazing Policy as delineated in the Student Code of Conduct.

1. Any person suffering or witnessing a hazing activity is encouraged to report the incident to the appropriate University Officials and to the IFC Judicial Board Chair.
2. Pledge education or new member programs and activities must not interfere with the rights and activities of others and should always reflect the best interests of the members of the organization it represents and the University community as a whole.
3. Initiation week activities should be scheduled in a way so as to not interfere with or be detrimental to academic performance of organization members or prospective members. Initiation week activities shall not be scheduled during the week prior to or the week of final exams.
4. The principle officer of each university organization shall be responsible for informing new members/pledges and initiated members of the University Hazing Policy.

**Article VIII. Posting/Promotion Policy**

- A. Solicitation on campus, including the residence halls, without prior approval is prohibited.
- B. Posting of flyers, posters, banners, cards or any promotional/informational material on University property, including, but not limited to: the exterior and interior of residence halls, buildings, trees, sidewalks, walkways, vehicles, windows, doors, vending machines, classrooms, departmental and unauthorized bulletin boards, railings, elevators, bathrooms, and art/sculptures is prohibited.
- C. "Chalking" of any nature, using any substance (i.e., paint, chalk, flour, gravel, etc.), on any University property is prohibited.

**Article IX. IFC Review Committee**

Section I. Purpose

The IFC Review Committee is the IFC General Council and the Greek Advisor. The purpose of the IFC Review Committee is to review and regulate proposed Greek sponsored activities in order to assure that they have been properly planned and that they follow the guidelines specified in the Constitution and Greek Handbook. This includes making sure that these events are fair, tasteful, non-discriminatory and only serve to uphold and promote the prestigious image of the Greek community here at Florida International University.

Section II. Jurisdiction

All IFC fraternities must adhere to the guidelines stated in the Greek Handbook, IFC Constitution and University Student Code of Conduct.

**Article X. Intramurals**

Section I. Guidelines

A. Guidelines

1. Any member on the Membership list meeting the following criteria is eligible to participate in fraternity Intramurals.
  - a. Students must be taking a minimum of nine (9) credit hours to participate for the fraternity.
  - b. Students must maintain a 2.25 cumulative GPA and a 2.25 semester GPA to be eligible.
  - c. Alumni, defined as students who have been enrolled at FIU, but are not currently taking classes are not eligible to play intramurals.
  - d. A maximum of two (2) credit exceptions are eligible per semester. Exceptions must be currently enrolled undergraduate fraternity members at FIU, but must at least have a 2.0 cumulative and semester GPA to be eligible.
2. First place trophies will be awarded for each sport.
3. IFC, in conjunction with the Intramurals Office, shall award the overall division champions (Sports Cup).
4. All protests must go through the Intramural Office.
5. Seven business days prior to the start of each sport (i.e. softball, soccer, baseball, etc.) each chapter will submit a roster for each sport that will consist of 23 men from each chapter (new members and brothers). After the roster for each sport is submitted there will be no alternations and only those members listed on the particular sports roster will be permitted to play.
6. All violations of the IFC Constitution will result as follows:
  - a. Participation of an illegal player will result in a forfeit loss of the game in question and a loss of sportsmanship points.
  - b. Participation of illegal players during the playoffs will result in a loss and disqualification from the playoffs.
7. IFC Sports Cup Point Scale:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
Champion	100
Runner-up	80
3rd Place	60
4th Place	50
5th – 8th Place	40*

\*40 Points for participation, if no forfeit

B. Special Cases Clause:

1. People with “special cases” will be brought before the General Council on a case-by-case basis and settled during the same meeting. If there is no General Council meeting, then the Executive Board can be petitioned.
2. Each fraternity will be allotted 2 special cases per semester, regardless of the outcome.

**Article XI. Expansion Policy**

Section I. The Interfraternity Council will have an expansion policy directed toward inter/national organizations.

- A. At the end of each semester or whenever deemed necessary by the President, the Interfraternity General Council will vote on entertaining the issue of expansion.
- B. With a 50%+ 1 vote of quorum, IFC E-Board and Greek Advisor will draft a letter of invitation to selected organizations not represented at Florida International.
- C. At that time, each interested organization will have the opportunity to make a presentation to the Interfraternity General Council.
- D. Upon completion of the presentations, each presenting organization that receives a 50% + 1 majority vote will then be recognized for colonization by the national organization.

Section II. Inter/National Organization Interest

Inter/National Fraternities interested in colonizing at the FIU campus must follow the following process:

- A. Write a letter of interest in colonization to the IFC President and the Greek Advisor.
- B. Meet with the IFC E-Board and Greek Advisor to petition IFC for membership.
- C. Upon the approval of the IFC E-Board, the General Council will be presented for the approval at the next meeting.
- D. A majority vote (50%+1) is needed to approve the new organization as an associate member of the IFC.
- E. Must be recognized by the OSFL and the IFC, unless recognized by the NPHC.
- F. Social Fraternities not formally invited by the IFC and the OSFL must meet the following prerequisites for colonization:
  - a. Must have and maintain a student interest group of twenty-five (25) men for two (2) semesters.
  - b. Must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75.
  - c. Must have a basic financial budget semesterly, and have a minimum budget of \$2000.

**Article XII. Constitution and Bylaws**

Section I. Distribution

The Constitution and Bylaws shall be distributed to all IFC Officers, delegates, chapter/colony President, and filed with the OSFL and Department of Campus Life each year.

**Article XIII. Greek Wide Academic Assistance Program**

Section I. Guidelines

This amendment will become active with the start of the fall semester in 2007.

It is hereby that:

Any member of any chapter/colony who has a *semester* GPA of 2.0 or below will be required to attend at least two (2) hours per week of the Greek Wide Academic Assistance Program, hereafter referred to as GWAAP. Any member who receives a *cumulative* GPA of 2.0 or below will be required to attend at least four (4) hours of GWAAP per week. Any member who is unable to attend GWAAP during the designated times will be able to make up their hours at the learning

centers located in the Graham Center, Primera Casa, or Biscayne Bay Campus with written approval from the Greek Advisor. Any members failing to complete all of their required hours will be held accountable by their respective organization. Any organization with members failing to attend GWAAP will be held accountable by their respective council.

*Friendly amendments:*

*If it is the wish of any council (a) to increase the minimum required GPA for GWAAP, (b) to add provisions that further delineate the powers of each council to hold their member organizations accountable, or (c) to increase the required hours of attendance [so long as they do not exceed 9 hours per week] they may do so. Any friendly amendment will be automatically accepted with the approval of the executive board representing their particular council.*

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