

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Preamble

In order to promote and perpetuate the best interest of Florida State University and the 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 and colonized at Florida State University establish high standards and lofty pursuits, and to foster cooperation among said fraternities, and the University community, we do ordain and establish this constitution of the Interfraternity Council of Florida State University. The Interfraternity Council of Florida State 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 known as the Interfraternity Council of Florida State 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:

1. Act as the governing and advising body of all North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference (NIC) recognized men's social fraternities and other fraternities recognized by inter/national organizations.
2. Organize, standardize and regulate the recruitment and new member activities of said fraternities.
3. Promote positive interfraternity competition in scholarship, service, athletics, and any other events that may be deemed advisable for the betterment of the participants, fraternities, the University, and the community.
4. Encourage cooperation and harmony among member fraternities.
5. Provide educational programs and services for the member fraternities.
6. Serve as the liaison between University administration and member fraternities in matters of common interest.
7. Act as the judicial body for violations of the Interfraternity Council policies.

Article II. Membership

Section I. Types of Membership

A. Upon IFC and University approval, all North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference and other fraternities recognized by inter/national organizations recognized social fraternities shall hold membership in the IFC.

The two (2) types of membership in the IFC shall be the following:

1. Associate Membership (pertaining to an inter/national affiliated organization that has not received the full charter from the inter/national organization but has University recognition).
2. Full Membership (pertaining to chapters which have a charter from their inter/national headquarters and University recognition).

Section II. Status of Membership

A. In order for any fraternity to continue as an active chapter on The Florida State University campus, said fraternity must be in good standing with the IFC.

B. To maintain good standing status, a chapter must meet the following requirements:

1. Meet the requirements set forth in the Scholarship Policy (Article II of the Bylaws).
2. Be in good standing with the University and the chapter's inter/national headquarters.
3. Be recognized through the Student Activities Center
4. 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 Programs, Updated Rosters, and any other documents required by the IFC or the University.
5. Be no more than ten (10) days delinquent on all financial obligations to the IFC.
6. Adhere to the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.
7. Follow all local, state, federal laws, and policies of The Florida State University.
8. Adhere to The Florida State University's Student Conduct Code.
9. All active members must be full-time registered students with Florida State University as their primary institution of education.
10. All chapters with a house must have Fire Inspection that is passed annually in conjunction with the Greek Life Office at Florida State University.
11. All chapters must maintain a minimum number of 20 brothers, unless otherwise approved by the IFC Executive Board.

C. Chapters not meeting the requirements in Article II, Section II B, will be informed of their failure to perform at an acceptable level. A meeting with representatives from the chapter, the IFC Advisor, and a representative of the IFC Executive Board will take place to determine an appropriate course of action for the chapter if deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

D. Both Associate and Full Members must meet the requirements set forth in Article II, Section II.

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 voting members: President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, Internal Vice President, Vice President of Finances, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Public Relations and the Vice President of Scholarship.

2. Qualifications

All student members of the IFC Executive Board must meet the following qualifications:

- a. Be a full-time undergraduate student at The Florida State University.
- b. Be in good standing with his fraternity and the University.
- c. May not hold an Executive office in his own fraternity.
- d. Must have and maintain a 2.5 semester and cumulative GPA while in office.
- e. Must carry a minimum of 9 credit hours for each semester in office.
- f. 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 Presidents Council, Delegate Council and IFC Executive Board meetings 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 Voting Council.
- d. Appoint and disband committees with the aid of the Executive Board.
- e. Provide an annual report for the members and chapters.
- f. Meet weekly with the IFC advisor.
- g. Maintain a minimum of ten (10) office hours in the IFC Office per week.
- h. Be the Presidents Council Chairman.
- i. Preside over all expansion activities.
- j. Serve as checks and balances to oversee all Fraternity League Intramural Sports decisions and declarations.
- k. Appoint the Chief Justice of the Judicial Board as delineated in Article III, Section III of the Constitution.

2. Executive Vice President

- a. Assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence.
- b. Organize and oversee the operations and membership of the Risk Management Board Chairman and Committee.
- c. Provide and make readily available to chapters all policies and procedures affecting said chapters, 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 semesterly with the President.
- f. Maintain a minimum of seven (7) office hours in the IFC Office per week.
- g. Review and sign-off on fraternity Social Registration Forms.
- h. Serve on the IFC Rush committee.

3. Administrative Vice President

- a. Assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence and the absence of the Executive Vice President.

- b. Oversee the operations of the IFC Committees and Chairmen unless otherwise noted in the Constitution and Bylaws
- c. Meet with philanthropy chairs for each fraternity annually and collect registration forms a minimum of two weeks prior to each philanthropic event.
- d. Assume responsibility of creating all council philanthropies.
- e. Provide a report of committee activities a minimum of once a semester.
- f. Maintain regular a minimum of five (5) office hours in the IFC Office per week.
- g. Refer to Article I, Section III, Part B; of the By-Laws.
- h. Serve on the IFC Rush Committee.

4. Internal Vice President

- a. Record all attendance, create agendas, and take minutes at all Executive Board and Presidents Council meetings.
- b. Maintain and distribute current phone lists of IFC and chapter officers.
- c. Handle all office correspondence and supply needs.
- d. Record all Fraternity League Intramural Sports game scores, update overall points as sport seasons come to an end, and declare an annual Intramural Champion.
- e. Work in conjunction with the Campus Recreation office for any disputes or appeals on scores while understanding the right to refer a fraternity to the Executive Vice President for any misconduct.
- f. Review the Constitution and Bylaws annually with the President.
- g. Maintain a minimum of three (3) office hours in the IFC office per week.
- h. Within 48 hours of all IFC meetings, distribute minutes to chapters and Office of Greek Life.
- i. Serve on the IFC rush Committee.

5. Vice President of Finances

- a. Preside over all billing and fining of fraternities, including dues and new member fees.
- b. Prepare an annual budget no later than the second meeting of the Fall and Spring 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 Board.
- e. Maintain a minimum of five (5) office hours in the IFC Office per week.
- f. Serve on the IFC Rush Committee.

6. Vice President of Membership

- a. Preside over all formal and informal fraternity recruitment activities.
- b. Provide programs and resources on recruitment for all chapter members.
- c. Preside over all summer orientation recruitment presentations.
- d. Review and update all Rush Rules governing the member fraternities.
- e. Schedule and organize MARC programming for every associate member class in each member fraternity
- f. Maintain a minimum of five (5) office hours in the IFC Office per week.
- g. Preside over the IFC Rush Committee.

7. Vice President of Public Relations

- a. Provide monthly newsletter regarding the Greek community to all of Florida State University.
- b. Work in conjunction with all fraternities to provide public relations for Greek philanthropic events.
- c. Maintain a minimum of five (5) office hours in the IFC Office per week.
- d. Maintain the IFC website: www.FSUIFC.com.
- e. Serve on the IFC Rush Committee.

8. Vice President of Scholarship

- a. Meet with scholarship chairman, chapter advisors, and Greek Life staff for any chapter who earned below 2.5 GPA the previous semester.
- b. Meet with scholarship chairman, chapter advisors, and Greek Life staff for any chapter whose new members earned below 2.5 GPA the previous semester.
- c. Meet with all scholarship chairman at least once a semester.
- d. Coordinate and promote IFC scholarship for new members of the community.
- e. Serve of the IFC Rush Committee.

C. Meetings of the Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall meet as deemed necessary by the President, but no less than once a week 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.

D. Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies

1. All applications for IFC executive board must be submitted 2 weeks before the election will be held to the IFC President to be reviewed by the slating committee.
2. The date of the election must be held within the month of November but is up the discretion of the IFC Executive Board.
3. The slating committee will be made up of the IFC President, IFC Advisor, and 4 IFC presidents.
 - a. The 4 presidents will be made up of a diverse group of chapter presidents, who have not served the previous year, who are picked by the IFC president and the IFC advisor
4. The IFC President must have previously served on the IFC Executive Board or as a chapter President.
5. Any applicant for Chief Justice must have at least one semester of justice experience and be in good Judicial standing.
6. The approved candidates will give no longer then a five minute speech detailing goals, ideas, and reasons he is qualified for this position.
7. An optional two minute pro session will follow each candidate if deemed necessary by the IFC President.
8. A majority vote by the Voting Council is needed to elect someone to office. Elected candidates are expected to serve one year as an Executive Board member.
9. In the event of a tie during the election process, the IFC Executive Board (including the IFC President) will conduct the tie breaking vote (this is only if a tie occurs, less than a majority vote received during the election process will result in another vote by the IFC Voting Body).

10. In the event of a vacancy of an office, other than that of the President, appointments for a new officer will be decided by the President with the consent of the IFC Executive Board.
11. In the event of vacancy of president, the Executive Vice President will assume that position.
12. There shall be no more than two (2) members from the same chapter to serve on the IFC Executive Board.
13. There shall be no member of the IFC Executive Board from the same chapter as the President, unless there is a position becomes vacant the member of the same chapter of the president is appointed under the condition that the new officer will not able to apply for the position of president in the following election.

E. Removal of Officers

1. Failure of an IFC Executive Board Officer to uphold the duties outlined in Article III, Section I, may result in the removal of the officer.
2. Any officer of the Executive Board may be removed by the IFC President and Executive Board. In the event the IFC President needs to be removed, the EVP will manage the process.

Section II. Presidents Council

A. Representation

1. All fraternity Presidents shall be a member of the IFC Presidents Council.
2. This Council shall meet no less than bi-weekly or to the discretion of the IFC President.
3. IFC President will serve as chairman of Presidents Council.
4. Each absence of a chapter representative will result in a fine of \$50 per absence.
5. Appeals for fines for absences for emergencies should be documented with the Internal Vice President within 24 hours of the incident.

B. Meeting Order

1. Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the procedure of all meetings of the Presidents 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.

C. The Presidents Council will serve as the Voting Council, the supreme legislative body of the IFC.

1. Meetings

- a. The IFC Voting Council shall meet at least once every other week during the fall and spring semesters. Special meetings can be called by the IFC President with 72 hours notice.
- b. The IFC Voting Council will vote on including but not limited to upcoming Executive Board elections and constitutional changes.

2. Voting

- a. Each chapter will have one (1) vote at the Voting Council meetings.
- b. Chapters with the Delegate absent from the Voting Council meetings will not be allowed to vote.
- c. With 48 hours notice to the IFC Vice President of Communication, a chapter 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 two thirds (2/3) of the voting membership of the Voting Council.
- e. In case of a tie, a second vote will be taken of the Voting Council, if a tie remains, a vote will be taken of the Executive Board. The majority vote of the Executive Board will break the tie.

3. Voting Procedure

All votes taken by the Interfraternity Council will follow the following guidelines:

- a. A five-minute [5] opening will be given to the petitioning party, plus two [2] minutes for questions.
- b. Two [2] rounds of pro statements. Each pro round will last one minute
- c. The petitioning group will get two [2] minutes for closing.
- d. The voting council can motion to extend debate, which then must be properly seconded. If objected a majority vote will take precedence.

Section III. Delegate Council

A. Representation

- 1. All fraternities shall be a member of the IFC Delegate Council.
- 2. This Council shall meet no less than bi-weekly or to the discretion of the IFC President.
- 3. IFC President will serve as chairman of the Delegate Council with additional representation by the entire Executive Board.

B. Meeting Order

- 1. Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the procedure of all meetings of the Delegate 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.

C. Absences

- a. Fraternities with no representative present at a Delegate Council meeting will be considered absent for that meeting.
- b. Each absence will result in a fine of \$25 per absence.
- c. Appeals for fines for absences for emergencies should be documented with the Internal Vice President within 24 hours of the incident.

Section IV. Mediation

All violations of IFC constitution and bylaws will be handled by mediation between the Chapter President and the Executive Vice President, and the IFC President will be the mediator. In the case the IFC President's chapter is a part of the mediation, the IFC Advisor will serve or appoint the mediator (See Mediation Guidelines Supplement)

A. Fines

- a. Chapters can be fined for attendance, open house parties, open containers, poor sportsmanship, vandalism or theft by a chapter member, and other items as a result of a mediation
- b. Fines shall not exceed \$500 per item

B. Probations

- a. Social Probation (includes all events with alcohol)
- b. Intramural Probation (includes all Campus Recreation sports)
- c. Other probations can be assigned on an as needed basis with approval from the IFC Advisor

Section V. Greek Judicial Board

Please refer to Student Rights and Responsibilities for all information on the Greek Judicial Board.

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BY-LAWS OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL OF THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Article I. Committees

Section I. Vested Powers

- A. The Executive Board shall establish standing committees to assist them in the administrative duties of the IFC.
- B. Unless otherwise noted, Committee Chairman shall be interviewed by the Administrative Vice President and appointed by the Executive Board.
- C. The Risk Management Board Chairman shall be interviewed by the Executive Vice President and appointed by the Executive Board.

Section II. Qualifications

All Committee Chairmen must:

- A. Be an undergraduate student at Florida State University.
- B. Be in good standing with his fraternity and the University.
- C. Have and maintain a 3.0 semester and cumulative GPA while in office.
- D. Carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours for each semester in office.

Section III. Duties

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

- A. Submit a monthly report of activities, expenditures, and upcoming events to the Executive Board.
- B. Plan all committee meetings and maintain open lines of communication with all committee members.

Section IV. Removal

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

Section V. Contractual Obligation

- A. No Committee Chairman may contractually obligate the IFC without the approval of the Executive Board.

Section VI. Standing Committees

The following are established committees of the IFC:

- A. Philanthropy Committee
 - a. The Philanthropy Committee will be overseen by the AVP
 - b. The Philanthropy Committee will be in charge of collecting Philanthropy registration forms and keeping a running calendar of all Greek Philanthropies
 - c. Philanthropy Forms will be due 2 weeks before the event and can be printed off greeknole.com
 - d. Philanthropy Committee will be in charge of following up with the organizations and keeping a file with amount of money raised and how many people attend.
- B. Risk management
- C. Public Relations
- D. Recruitment
- E. Scholarship
- F. Intramural Sports
- G. Any other committee created by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article II. Scholarship Policy

Section I. Grade Point Calculation

The Office of Greek Life will compile the grade point average for chapter each Fall and Spring semesters. It is the chapters' responsibility to make sure that the rosters are accurate with the Office of Greek Life before the designated deadline.

Section II. Awards and Recognition

The IFC shall recognize academic achievement in the following ways:

- A. Post recognition on IFC website showing all members and new members on the University's Deans List.
- B. IFC shall award the chapter with the highest GPA a 25% discount on dues for the following semester.
- C. Scholarships will be awarded to all IFC Executive Board members who maintain high academic standing at the beginning of each semester.
- D. Scholarships can be lowered at the discretion of the IFC president based on lack of performance or failure to meet position requirements.
- E: Scholarship amounts per semester are the following:
 - President-700
 - EVP-650
 - AVP-550
 - IVP-550
 - VP of Finance- 550
 - VP of Membership-550
 - VP of PR-500
 - VP of Scholarship- 450

Section III. Scholarship Requirements

- A. Maintain an organizational GPA of 2.5 each semester.
- B. Maintain a new member GPA of 2.5 each semester.

Section IV. Sanctions

- A. Chapters not meeting the organizational GPA of 2.5 each semester will be limited to four (4) social events and an intramural sports ban for the following semester.
- B. Chapter not meeting the new member GPA of a 2.5 each semester must meet with the IFC Advisor, the Vice President of Scholarship, and the Vice President of Recruitment. The chapter's President, Scholarship Chairman, New Member Educator, and Advisor must attend this meeting.

Article III. New Members

Section I. Eligibility

In an effort to establish Rush Policies that all fraternities are able to abide by, the member chapters of The Florida State 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 new member must be a currently enrolled Florida State University student that is "degree seeking." Degree seeking is defined as a student seeking either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science Degree.
- B. The new member can also be enrolled or registered in The Florida State University/ FAMU/ TCC co-op program with a six (6) credit hour minimum at Florida State University.
- C. Auditing a class at FSU without the before mentioned six (6) credit hour requirement will not qualify any man for new member status.
- D. If any member of your organization was initially registered at Florida State University but is no longer a current FSU student they must be taken off the Fraternity roster.
- E. At the beginning of every fall and spring semester, each organization of the Interfraternity Council at FSU must submit a roster and grade release form to the Office of Greek Life for all currently initiated and active members.

Article IV. Finances

Section I. Guidelines

- A. All Student Government funds are to be used in accordance with SGA Finance Code.
- B. The President or Vice President of Finance must sign all checks to disperse funds.
- C. Dues should be paid by the end of Rush week. Chapters who are not able to pay their dues should meet with the IFC Vice President of Finance.
- D. Dues increases and decreases are to be approved by a majority vote of quorum of the Voting Council present for the vote.

- E. Dues are currently twelve (12) dollars per active member in full and associate member chapters from the end of the previous semester's roster.
- F. New Member Fees are applied to all new members in both full and associate member chapters for both formal recruitment periods in the fall and spring semesters. This fee is currently twenty (20) dollars per new member.
- G. All funds dispersed are to have proper receipts to verify IFC funds.
- H. IFC officers are the official representative of the IFC at the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference (SEIFC); The IFC Executive Board is responsible for applying for money from SGA's Resource and Travel Committee (RTAC) for assistance with Registration and Hotel fees.
- I. At the President's and Vice President of Finances discretion, funds may be used for executive council meetings, committee meetings, and Judicial Board hearings to provide food and refreshments, provided the expenditures are approved by the IFC Executive Board.
- J. Any chapter unable to pay dues because of financial delinquency must petition to the IFC Executive Board for relief in writing, Prior to the fourth regular IFC meeting.
- K. An end of the semester budget must be presented by the last IFC Presidents Council meeting. Any deviation from the original budget should be made public at the next meeting.
- L. In the event that the Vice President of Finance recommends a dues increase, the proposed increase must be presented to the President's Council at a special session before the next Interfraternity Council Voting Meeting.

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 being recruited.
- B. Any fraternity found in violation of Article II. Sec (B). 9, will have a recommended sanction of one year Social, Philanthropic, Intramural, Homecoming, and Dance Marathon suspension from the University.
- C. There will be no alcoholic beverages at any recruitment function; therefore, for the duration of the Official Rush Week, which is determined by the Interfraternity Council, all fraternity activities will be dry.
- D. Women may not be used as entertainment.
- E. Recruitment advertisements may not have any pictures or references to alcohol and may not be offensive and/or degrading.
- F. References to specific sororities will be prohibited
- G. The use of professional/live entertainment (i.e. Bands, DJ, or a performance) will be allowed only on the last day of Rush.
- H. All IFC recognized fraternities and colonies are subject to these policies regardless of place of residence or location of sponsored activity.
- I. Any individual who signs his name on more than one fraternity bid acceptance card will not be allowed to continue in any new member process until the upcoming semester.

Section II. Violations

Any fraternity in violation of the recruitment policy is subject to a mediation with the Executive VP.

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 State University Interfraternity Council Alcohol Policy serves to complement and require compliance with all federal, state, local and University policies, and to provide parameters for the social events of Greek letter organizations. The Greek community also expects alcohol education from their chapters and recognizes abstinence from alcohol as a healthy choice for its members.

The Interfraternity Council also recognizes the importance of chapter inter/national headquarters and their alcohol policies, and remind fraternities at Florida State University that they are responsible for following their respective inter/national policies dealing with risk management and alcohol as a supplement to the Inter-fraternity Alcohol Policy.

Section I. Registration of Events

- A. All chapter social events where alcohol is present, both on or off campus, must be registered with the Interfraternity Council.
- B. Social Event Registration Forms must be turned in the IFC office at least 48 hours prior to social functions.
- C. For Date Function, Formal, or Crush event where alcohol is present, a guest list must be submitted into the IFC office 24 hours prior to the event.
- D. For any events where alcohol is present, an attendance list must be turned into the IFC office by 5:00 p.m. on the first school day after the event.

Section II. Events where alcohol is present must conform to one of the following guidelines:

- A. Review FIPG Guidelines at <http://fipg.org> and individual inter/national policies, guidelines, etc.
- B. BYOB Guidelines.
 - 1. All glass products allowed to enter the function must be poured into a plastic cup before distribution. The chapter collects and controls the dispersion of each individual's alcohol through a check in/ticket system.
 - 2. The host organization(s) or hired security is responsible for the identifying those participants who are of legal drinking age (banding, stamping, etc..).
- C. Third party vendor guidelines:
 - 1. A licensed, insured company caters and serves the function and alcohol. The company must be licensed and insured as required by the state and local ordinances.
 - 2. Chapters are prohibited from entering into arrangements with the catering company to provide them a set amount of alcohol. This is the same as purchasing alcohol with chapter funds. The catering company must be paid for services only, not the purchase of alcohol in any manner.

Section III. Use/Purchase of Alcohol

- A. No organization shall furnish any alcoholic beverage(s) to any person.
- B. Common sources of alcohol such as kegs, alcoholic punch, unmonitored bulk containers of alcohol, etc. are prohibited.

- C. Alcohol may not be directly or indirectly purchased by chapter funds (no slush funds, pass the hat, etc.).
- D. No individuals under the legal drinking age will be permitted to bring alcohol to a function, to consume alcohol at the function, or be allowed to remain at a function if found in possession of alcohol.
- E. Social events which encourage drinking, drinking games, drinking contests, and/or drunkenness are prohibited.
- F. If a person chooses to leave the function and wishes to claim their remaining alcohol, they may do so only upon exiting the premises and turning in all their remaining tickets or an equivalent action in line with risk management policies.

Section IV. Alcohol is prohibited from the following events:

- A. Any new member events.
- B. Any formal or informal recruitment events.

Section V. Pre-parties and post-parties for events are strictly prohibited

- A. An event that occurs directly before or after a fraternity function.
- B. A substantial amount of chapter membership is in attendance.
- C. Chapter funds or passing of the hat have been used to prepare for this function.
- D. Chapter event where alcohol is present that has not been registered with the Inter-fraternity Council.

Section VI. Entrances/Exits

- A. There shall be only one non-emergency entrance/exit to the event

Section VII. Monitoring the function

There shall be a minimum of one licensed security guard at all fraternity house events where alcohol is present that is responsible for monitoring the function and checking identification of all people who enter the function. In addition, there must be security at all fraternity events, when alcohol is present. For the purposes of this section, the monitoring process shall be defined to be the physical activity of walking through all areas of the function performing a visible check in order to look for: underage drinkers, persons in distress, the presence of illegal drugs, and/or any other activity believed to be illegal or a risk to the proper functioning of the event. The sponsoring fraternity shall be responsible for informing the security guard of his duties.

Section VIII. All social events where alcohol is present must be closed (invite only) events.

- A. The total number of guests at a social event, excluding functions held at a third party vendor, may not exceed three (3) times the membership of the sponsoring organization. Alumni of the local chapter and parents of current chapter members must be signed in at the door and are excluded from the guest limit of 3 times the membership.
- B. Unrestricted invitational advertisement of social events where alcohol will be present is prohibited, except for events that take place at a third party vendor. The presence or reference to alcohol in any advertisement of a function is also prohibited.
- C. Host organizations are responsible for all guests at the function.
- D. All functions must end by 2:00am.

Section IX. Alternative Consumables (stated in the FSU Alcohol Policy)

- A. Non-Alcoholic beverages must be available for the duration of the BYOB function.
- B. Non-Salty foods must be available for the duration of the BYOB function.

Section X. Education

- A. Beginning the first day of each Spring and Fall semester, fraternities are prohibited from having a social function until:
 - 1) Their President, Social Chairman and Risk Manager have attended the in-depth semesterly Risk Management Workshop provided by the IFC and
 - 2) Their New Member Educator, New Member Class, and twenty (20) percent of their registered chapter have attended the semesterly Risk Management Seminar provided by the IFC.
- B. After completing the previously stated semesterly Seminar and Workshop, fraternities will then be certified, able to hold social functions, through the last academic day in each university Spring and Fall semester.

Section XI. House Party Ban

- A. All fraternity open-house parties are hereby banned.
- B. For the purposes of clarification of this Section, the only fraternity house BYOB function which is permitted is one where only fraternity members and their dates (three per active member) are present.

Article VII. Hazing

Note: The Interfraternity Council recognizes Student Rights and Responsibilities definition of hazing shown below:

Any group or individual action or activity that inflicts or intends to inflict physical or mental harm or discomfort or which may demean, disgrace, or degrade any person, regardless of location, intent, or consent of participant(s). Although hazing is related to a person's initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, any student group or organization, it is not necessary to have direct proof that a person's initiation or continued membership is contingent upon participation in the activity for a charge of hazing to be upheld. The actions of either active or associate members (pledges) of an organization may be considered hazing. Hazing includes, but is not limited to:

1. Interference with a student's academic performance.
2. Forced consumption of any food, alcohol, other drugs, or any other substance.
3. Forced physical activity, such as calisthenics.
4. Deprivation of food or sleep.
4. Kidnapping.
5. Any activity that would subject the individual to embarrassment or humiliation.

For more information please see <http://hazing.fsu.edu>

Article VIII. Auxiliary Organizations

Section I. Statement Against

A. The Interfraternity Council may not allow any of its fraternities to have little sister organizations and/or other auxiliary organizations. Fraternities may not take little sisters either.

Article IX. Expansion Policy

Section I.

The Interfraternity Council will have an expansion policy directed towards inter/national organizations.

A. The President of the Interfraternity Council shall execute the right to appoint an expansion committee at any time that he may deem necessary.

B. The Expansion Committee shall be comprised of representatives from various chapters, including chapter advisors and the IFC Advisor.

C. The Expansion Committee is tasked with reviewing requests for expansion at Florida State University and making recommendations to Interfraternity Council Voting Council for organizations to have the opportunity to make on campus presentations.

D. Upon completion of the presentation, each presenting organization that receives a 50% + 1 vote will then be recognized for colonization by the inter/national organization.

E. Petitions received when the expansion committee is not in effect will be reviewed by the Executive Board and then forwarded to the IFC Voting Council.

F. If petitioning group is voted down by the IFC Voting Council of the Interfraternity Council, then that group must wait a total of three semesters (not including summers) following their presentation before applying for re-colonization. (Three semesters means that if the presentation occurs in the fall semester at any time, then the group cannot petition again until three semesters have passed, i.e. spring, fall and a second spring semester, the fraternity would be eligible again in the following fall). There is no limit as to how many times a group can petition for re-colonization.

Section II. Inter/National Organization Interest

A. Inter/national fraternities interested in colonizing at the FSU campus must follow the following process.

1. Write a letter of interest in colonization to the IFC President and the IFC Advisor.
2. Meet with the IFC Expansion Committee to petition IFC for membership.
3. Upon the approval of the Expansion Committee, the organization will be given the opportunity to present at a voting council meeting.
4. A majority vote by the Voting Council (50%+1) is needed to approve the new organization as a member of the IFC.

Section III. Petition for Recognition

A. Formal Presentation:

1. Inter/National Fraternity
 - a. Size and age of the inter/national fraternity
 - b. Number and location of chapters

- c. Plans for future expansion
 - d. In the case of re-colonization, include a history of the group on campus, explaining the reason for the chapter's leaving campus, and what actions will be taken to ensure that the group will be an asset to the Interfraternity Council.
2. Academics
 - a. Copy of the National Scholarship Program
 - b. Requirements to pledge, to be initiated, to hold office, and to be in good standing
 - c. Scholarships, if any, awarded by the inter/national fraternity
 3. Required Documents
 - a. Recruitment Policy and standards
 - b. Hazing Policy
 - c. Risk Management Policy and programs
 - d. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policies and programs
 - e. Constitution
 - f. Marketing Publications
 4. All presentations are limited to no more than thirty minutes. Following this thirty minute formal presentation, there will be an additional thirty minutes of time for the members of the Interfraternity Council to ask questions of the petitioning group.

Article X. Philanthropy and Service

Note: Whereas, a philanthropy/sweetheart competition should instill a feeling of community among the members of the Interfraternity Council by helping each other. And, it should contribute to an overall greater purpose rather than ourselves.

1. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not promote or support any philanthropy or sweetheart competition where alcohol is being served or consumed.
2. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not promote or support any philanthropy or sweetheart competition where the attire is inappropriate or undignified in any way.
3. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not promote or support any philanthropy or sweetheart competition where the supporters, host, and/or contributors use inappropriate or stereotypical language is being displayed.
4. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not require chapters of the Panhellenic Association to reference their organization, but, they may do so if they wish.
5. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not promote or support any philanthropy or sweetheart competition that lasts longer than a total of seven days.
6. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not allow any gifts of illegal or unethical status to be exchanged during the competition.
7. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not promote or support a competition that forces a member of their Panhellenic Organization to represent their candidate in social media. Nor will they be rewarded for the advertisement of such representation. Also, the candidate must detach the name of the Panhellenic Organization they are apart of when using such representation.
8. The Interfraternity Council Executive Board ventures to be proactive, unprecedented, commissioning, and consistent when addressing events that are counterproductive with this resolution.

Article XI. IFC Veterans

Section I. Exemption of IFC Dues

Each member of an organization that is a military veteran will be excluded from each organization's IFC dues.

Section II. Qualifications

All veterans that are members of active IFC chapters that are in good standing with the IFC, university, and their national organization will have their IFC dues waived on a semesterly basis.

Note: A military veteran is any member that has been honorably discharged from the military or is a current member of the armed forces with valid proof and presentation of a DD Form 214 to the IFC President.

Article XII. Brotherhood/Sisterhood Event

All assigned member organizations must have one (1) brotherhood/sisterhood event per semester.

Note: A brotherhood/sisterhood event will be defined as an event where no alcohol is to be consumed at an organizationally sanctioned event before, during, or after the event.

1. A brotherhood/sisterhood event will not take place at a bar.
2. The pairings will be randomized by the Panhellenic Vice President of Programming and the IFC EVP.
3. Pairings can have more than one (1) event together if they so choose.
4. Brotherhood/sisterhood events will require that 5% of their respective chapter along with 5% of the newest New Member class be in attendance.
5. If a chapter does not meet the one (1) brotherhood/sisterhood event per semester, disciplinary action will be taken at the IFC Executive Board by placing said chapter on two weeks social probation.

Article XIII. Constitution and By-laws

Section I. Distribution

A. The Constitution and By-laws shall be distributed to all IFC officers, chapter presidents, and filed with the Office of Greek Life each year.

Section II. Amendments

- A. Additions or amendments to the Constitution and/or By-laws may be made by a 2/3 vote of the Voting Council.
- B. The Constitution and Bylaws must be reviewed by the end of each of IFC Executive Board's term.
- C. All Constitution amendments must be tabled for one regular IFC Presidents Council meeting and must be in written form for the final vote in the Voting Council.