

University of Central Florida



Interfraternity Council Constitution

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ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Interfraternity Council or the IFC of the University of Central Florida.

ARTICLE II. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Interfraternity Council at the University of Central Florida is to provide a governing body to the undergraduate fraternity chapters and their members. We are there to provide service opportunities and leadership and development programming to all undergraduate fraternity men. We are focused on communicating all prevalent information and ideas to our chapter while making qualified suggestions for the better of fraternities at our institution. We inspire positive change to promote the betterment of our Greek community and of Greek life as a whole.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS

The members of the Council shall have the authority to enter into membership with those national, regional and state Interfraternity organizations whose programs and services are deemed to be valuable to the Interfraternity Council of the University of Central Florida.

ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE

The Interfraternity Council shall be the supervising, governing body for all men's Fraternities chartered by the University of Central Florida. The Council functions under the advisement of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and in accordance with University policies. The Council's specific purpose shall be to:

1. To establish and administer rules governing Recruitment, Pledging, Initiation, and general oversight of Fraternities.
2. To encourage scholastic achievement, greater cooperation, and harmony among its members.
3. To promote the best interest of the University of Central Florida.
4. To promote and maintain a University spirit and loyalty which will transcend an individual Fraternity's ambitions.
5. To provide services and additional support to its member chapters as needed.

ARTICLE V. COMPOSITION

Section 1. All undergraduate nationally chartered general Fraternities, as recognized by the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) or Fraternity Leadership Association (FLA) at the University of Central Florida are eligible for membership in the Interfraternity Council. There shall be two classes of membership: Regular and Associate.

Regular Members:

- a. Regular membership shall be those general NIC or FLA fraternities who have fulfilled the membership requirements set forth in *Section 2* of this Article.
- b. Regular Member Fraternities will consider the following to be the duties of a Regular Member:
 1. Pay all dues and fines owed to the Interfraternity Council as specified in rules and procedures.
 2. Abide by this Constitution and the rules and procedures and the regulations adopted by the Council.
 3. Cooperate with all administrative actions of the Executive Council.
 4. Maintain an updated list of all its current members, officers, advisor and corporation board members in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and with the Greek Council office.
 5. Abide by all of the University regulations and policies.
 6. Encourage Interfraternity cooperation among its members.
 7. Encourage scholarship and leadership among its members.
 8. Fully cooperate with the rules and regulations set by GAMMA.
- c. Regular member Fraternities shall have the following privileges:
 1. Have all privileges and rights under this constitution and the rules and procedures, except as limited by actions of the Judicial Board or the University.
 2. Receive coverage on a par with any other member in all Interfraternity Council publications that list or describe Member Fraternities.
 3. Participate in all Interfraternity Council sponsored programs.
 4. Vote at meetings of the Council when properly represented and in good standing.
 5. Participate in the Fraternity division of Intramural sports.
 6. Have its members, if they are eligible; hold elected and appointed offices in the Interfraternity Council.
 7. Participate in all awards given by the Interfraternity Council.

Associate Members:

- d. Associate membership shall be those nationally recognized general Fraternities, who are in the process of fulfilling the requirements in Section 2. An associate member shall have all of the rights and privileges of regular membership, except the right to vote in the Council and to hold an executive office. The rules and decision of the council shall bind them.
- e. Duties of an Associate Member Fraternity shall have all duties associated with a regular member.
- f. Privileges of an Associate Member Fraternity shall be limited to the following:
 1. Participate in all Interfraternity Council events.
 2. Attend and speak at all Interfraternity Council meetings.
 3. Participate in the Fraternity division of Intramural sports.
 4. Be eligible for Interfraternity Council awards.
 5. Have all privileges and rights under this Constitution and rules and procedures except as limited by actions of the University.
 6. Receive coverage on a par with any other member in all Interfraternity Council publications that list or describe Member Fraternities.

Section 2. An associate member Fraternity may gain regular member status in the Council providing they meet all of the following requirements:

- a. Total active membership of twenty undergraduate members for a period of two successive semesters.
- b. Attainment of an overall 2.0 minimum grade point average by the Fraternity for the above said period.
- c. Sound financial condition as determined by the Council, after a review of the Fraternities records for the above said period.
- d. Fully operated under the authorized advisor for the above said period.
- e. Must be a chartered organization by a National Fraternity.

- f. Approval by the council of the application, containing the above five subsections at the end of a one semester period, by a three-fourths vote of the total Council membership.

Section 3. Current Membership List (See Appendix A)

ARTICLE VI. EXPANSION

Section 1 The purpose of the Interfraternity Council expansion Policy shall be:

- a. To provide guidance and support for new fraternities.
- b. To provide a colony membership period before granting full privileges of the Interfraternity Council.
- c. To provide guidance and support to fraternities who have lost membership to the Interfraternity Council for less than one year.
- d. To provide for the establishment of an Interfraternity Council Expansion Committee.

Section 2. The Interfraternity Council Expansion Committee shall consist of the Interfraternity Council Executive Board, the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office staff and one delegate from every fraternity. The duties of this committee shall be to study the applications and presentations of any group seeking Interfraternity Council Colony Member status at the University of Central Florida. Only the IFC Executive Board and the fraternity delegates shall have voting privileges in committee meetings. This committee shall meet and review on an as needed basis.

Section 3. All undergraduate general fraternities, as recognized by the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), Fraternity Leadership Association (FLA), or other national organization shall be eligible for membership in the Interfraternity Council, regardless of race or religion.

Section 4. Expansion shall be limited to the discretion of the Expansion Committee and the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office staff for the best interest of the existing fraternal community and the university.

Section 5. The expansion procedures for fraternities are as follows:

- A. Expansion Committee will publish an annual update (annual report) to be sent to the selected organizations. This report will include:
 1. University Information
 - a. Campus statistics for the past five years (undergraduate enrollment, number of male students enrolled, percentage living on campus)
 2. IFC Information
 - a. Reasons for adding a fraternities
 - b. List of current chapters on campus with current membership numbers of each
 - c. Any membership recruitment data
 - d. Any council scholastic data
 3. Housing Information
 - a. Current housing arrangements
 1. Ownership- university, fraternity, private
 2. Capacity of existing housing
 3. Current estimates for comparable housing
- B. The Expansion Committee will send out letters of inquiry to those organizations that have contacted the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office staff, or contact additional organizations at the discretion of the committee. This letter will request specific information, such as :
 1. Number of alumni in the area (50 mile radius of Orlando).
 2. Letter of confirmation of support for a chapter by area alumni.
 3. Written request and support for a chapter by the national office.
 4. Number of collegiate chapters nation-wide.
 5. Number of chapters in the State of Florida.
 6. Average chapter size nation-wide.
 7. National risk management and alcohol policies.
 8. Copy of the new member education program.
 9. Any membership leadership development programs.
 10. List of other institutions where organization recently colonized.

11. Financial support available to the colony from the national fraternity and alumni, to include a statement concerning how, and if, the national fraternity will handle any outstanding liabilities or other legal responsibilities incurred by the colony, in the event they are not successful in their attempt to colonize.
 12. A copy of the national constitution and by-laws, as well as all other rules, regulations, policies, etc., pertaining to colonies.
 13. Place of residence of the colony members and pledges (if applicable - a fraternity/sorority house is not required).
- C. The expansion committee will review all material and recommend at least two (2), but not more than four (4) organizations to the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office to make presentations to the IFC.
 - D. Each organization must receive a $\frac{3}{4}$ approval of the Expansion Committee.
 - E. Presentations are organized and scheduled. Invitations will go out to all fraternity chapter presidents, advisors, and sorority chapter presidents. All organizations selected to make presentations will be invited to colonize a chapter at UCF. It is a matter of deciding the order for colonization.
 - F. At the next regularly scheduled IFC meeting (after the expansion presentations) the Expansion Committee will make a recommendation to the Interfraternity Council on the order of the organization to colonize.
 - G. The Interfraternity Council votes on the Expansion Committee's recommendation.
 - H. Only chapters that attend 75% of the expansion committee meetings will be allowed to vote in the Expansion Committee recommendations, or the final IFC vote.
 - I. Recommendation of the order of each organization must pass by $\frac{3}{4}$ approval of the IFC.
 - J. Written information is then sent to those national organizations participating in the presentations. An invitation and preferred timeline for colonization is sent to the organization that will be the first in the order to colonize. No timelines or dates will be given to other participating organizations.

Section 6. Appeals and requests for acceptance may be made only once per academic year.

Section 7. If either the Interfraternity Council President or the advisor to the Interfraternity Council determines that reconsideration is required, steps E, F, and G will be repeated.

Section 8. Whereas, initiating a founding pledge class without following the procedures set by the Interfraternity Council Constitution (Article VI) will result in denial of membership into the Interfraternity Council on the University of Central Florida's campus for 5 years.

Whereas, if an organization that wishes to join the Interfraternity Council from this date on manages to keep their founding pledge class covert, and that organization is accepted into the Interfraternity Council without the council's knowledge of such activity, they will be prohibited from participating in Interfraternity Council events for 3 years once that information is brought to light.

Whereas, no exceptions are to be made.

ARTICLE VII. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on a weekly basis, starting with the first full-week of the semester.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or at the request of thirty- three (33) percent of the total council membership. The Secretary of the Council must give notification of a meeting to each Council member at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the special meeting. This notification must state time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

Section 3. A majority vote of those members, with voting privileges, present shall be sufficient for the passage in all questions unless otherwise provided in the Interfraternity Council Constitution.

Section 4. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the total Council membership in good standing.

Section 5. Every fraternity must be represented in each Interfraternity Council meeting by the chapter president, vice president or pre-appointed delegate.

Section 6. A fraternity who is not represented by a member of their executive board or a pre-appointed delegate stated in Section 5 loses its power to vote at that meeting.

Section 7. A fraternity who is not represented at two consecutive Council meetings, or two consecutive GAMMA meetings, will lose voting privileges.

Section 8. Voting privileges shall be returned to a fraternity in bad standing upon a 2/3 majority of those in good standing at the next Council meeting.

Section 9. Quorum for voting on all motions shall be those members with voting rights at that meeting.

Section 10. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings in so far as it does not conflict with the constitution and the regulations enacted by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers of the Council shall be known as the Executive Council of the Interfraternity Council and their duties and order of succession are as follows:

- a. **The President.** The President shall preside over all meeting of the council. He shall enforce the Constitution and any regulations adopted by the Council. He shall represent the Interfraternity Council at all times as the official representative. He shall appoint all committee chairmen and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of this council. The President shall also serve as the IFC voting delegate on the Greek Council.
- b. **The Executive Vice-President.** The Executive Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the event of the President's absence. He shall preside over the Judicial Board of this Council, and service as an ex-officio member of all committees of this Council and he shall coordinate their activities. He shall serve as Director of Chairs, organizing and overseeing all committees organized by the Interfraternity Council.
- c. **The Vice-President of Risk Management.** The Vice-President of Risk Management shall be the Chairman of GAMMA and preside over these meetings. He shall provide accurate attendance records of these meetings to the Council Secretary. He shall enforce the rules of the Alcohol Policy in Appendix D of this Constitution.
- d. **The Vice-President of Recruitment.** The Vice-President of Recruitment shall preside over all Recruitment meetings. He shall inform all Fraternities of the current Recruitment rules, and shall enforce those rules. He shall coordinate all Recruitment activities for the upcoming semester, while in office, and perform activities to prepare this process for the next Vice-President of Recruitment.
- e. **The Vice-President of New Member Education.** The Vice-President of New Member Education shall promote the development of new member education programs in all NIC or FLA fraternities at the University of Central Florida. His chief responsibilities will include, but not limited to:
 - I. Pledge/New Member Educator Workshop- At least one per semester, an education seminar that addresses national and campus fraternity issues. This presentation must include a representative of each fraternity. If attendance is not complete the

- Interfraternity Council's Judicial Board must impose sanctions on the absent fraternity.
- II. Junior Interfraternity Council- Per semester, the Standing Vice-President shall oversee an organization, of fraternity new members, that will fulfill the following objectives:
 - A. Promote Interfraternalism among new members of the Greek community at the University of Central Florida.
 - B. To create a Council of new members, in which, leadership can be fostered and diplomatic relations may be understood.
 - C. To plan and implement a variety of social services projects, goal setting, and educational workshops.
 - D. To encourage active and effective leadership in the fraternity, Interfraternity Council, and the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference (SEIFC).
 - III. Plan and conduct a new member orientation
- f. **The Vice President of Public Relations.** The Vice-President of Public Relations shall be responsible for all the relations of the Interfraternity Council. He will work with counterparts in Panhellenic, NPHC and the Diversified Greek Council in order to publish a bi-semesterly newsletter for the university community. He shall work in conjunction with the University of Central Florida public relations department and each individual fraternity's public relations chair to establish a strong line of communication between all fraternities and the media (i.e. university newspapers, city newspapers, and all television and radio stations). He shall also create and publish a calendar of Greek events for each semester.
 - g. **The Vice-President of Finance.** The Vice-President of Finance shall record the income and expenses of the Council. He shall enforce dues requirements by informing the Council of all delinquencies. He shall be in charge of all expenses and funds within the Council's accounts. He shall provide the Council with the reports described in Article XII.
 - h. **The Vice President of Administration and Communication.** The Vice-President of Correspondence shall record the minutes of the Council meetings. He shall be responsible to the President for correspondence, distribution of materials, maintaining attendance records, keeping records of Judicial meetings, and is responsible for documenting all revisions made into the Constitution and the rules and procedures.
 - i. **The Vice President of Scholarship.** The Vice President of Scholarship of the Interfraternity Council oversees the academic progress of the entire fraternity community. This individual upholds university and national policies as well as the IFC constitution. He presides over all scholarship meetings and sets scholarship goals and objectives for all IFC chapters. Enforces scholarship requirements as set forth in the IFC Constitution and/or the UCF Golden Rule.
 - j. The officers of this Council shall have any and all duties which are outlined in Robert's Rules of Order for each respective office provided they do not conflict with any portion of the Constitution.

Section 2. Eligibility for officers shall be those fraternity members in good standing with their fraternity, the Interfraternity Council, and the University of Central Florida. No Interfraternity Council Executive Council Member shall be an officer in his fraternity (including Recruitment Chairman and Pledge and or New Member Educator) during his term of office.

Section 3 All IFC Officer candidates must meet a 2.5 or higher overall UCF grade point average in order to be eligible.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall be elected at the regular meeting of the tenth week of the fall semester. Nominations shall be accepted during the two regular meetings prior to elections. Nominations shall be closed at the second meeting where nominations are allowed. Elections will be held at the next regular meeting. If needed, a runoff will be held to narrow the field of nominees to two. A simple majority vote on secret ballot shall constitute the election of the Executive Council. The election of these officers shall follow the order of creation defined in Section 1 of this article.

Section 5. The new officers shall be installed and assume their duties at the regular Council of the twelfth week of the fall semester.

Section 6. The term of office shall be one year for all members of the Executive Council, and one semester for all chairmen.

Section 7. If a vacancy in the office of the President occurs, there will be nominations taken at the next two regular meetings and elections will be held at the following regular meeting. If needed, a runoff will be held to narrow the field of nominees to two. The Executive Vice-President shall serve as interim president until the election.

Section 8. Should a vacancy occur in any other position in the Executive Council, the President shall appoint the new officer and the appointee will be confirmed by a majority vote of the Council.

Section 9. The Advisors to the Interfraternity Council shall be known as the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Fraternity and Sorority Life Graduate Assistants.

ARTICLE IX. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE AND SUSPENSION

Section 1. A motion “for the removal of an officer” shall be presented to the Council through the secretary of the Interfraternity Council, and it shall be read on the floor one regular meeting prior to the meeting where the consideration of the motion is to be given.

Section 2. “Removal from office” shall be conducted as a non-judicial hearing with the maker of the motion having the option of one person representing him, and the subject of the motion having the option of one person representing him. If the President be the subject of the motion, the next officer in seniority shall occupy the President’s position in presiding over the hearing.

Section 3. A fraternity may be suspended from the Council by a three-fourths (3/4) vote upon recommendation from the Judicial Board for violation of any State, University, or Interfraternity Council rules and regulations.

Section 4. Suspensions may be for no less than one semester and no longer than two semesters, unless indefinite suspension may be appealed after two semesters by the procedures for membership outlined in Article V.

Section 5. A member of the Council which falls below twelve (12) undergraduate members for a period of one semester, shall have its status reviewed by the Executive Council and Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Fraternity and Sorority Life Graduate Assistants. The fraternity must show just cause and extenuating circumstances as a basis for continued recognition.

ARTICLE X. JUDICIAL BOARD

Section 1. Authority of Judicial Boards

- A. The IFC Judicial Board shall hear cases pertaining to rule violations of the IFC (i.e. recruitment violations, constitution violations, etc.).
- B. All cases that are violations of university policy (i.e. Golden Rule) shall be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Section 2. Duties of the Chief Justice

The Executive Vice President of the IFC shall serve as the Chief Justice and Chair of the IFC Judicial board.

- A. The chairperson shall confirm in good standing all members of the judicial board.
- B. In the case of the chairperson’s organization is brought up on charges or is involved in the case, a temporary Chief Justice shall be elected from among the participating Justices by a majority vote. This person will be nominated by the participating justices.
- C. The Chief Justice or temporary chair shall vote only as a tie-breaker in the case of a tie vote being reached by the Judicial Board.

- D. The IFC Judicial Board shall be composed of one member from each fraternity.
 - 1) Each member organization shall nominate one member to be approved as a Justice on the judicial board.
 - 2) This individual must be in good standing with the university and its organization must be in good standing with the IFC.
 - 3) The term in office shall be one year from the time of approval.
 - 4) All members must complete a judicial training workshop.
 - 5) In the case of a vacancy on the IFC Judicial Board the affected fraternity shall nominate another member for approval of the IFC Executive Vice President.

Section 3.

Quorum for Judicial Boards

Quorum for any judicial board hearing shall be 75% of the total number of Associate and regular members considered in good standing with the IFC, less any non-participating justices affected (see section below). If quorum is not met, then the proceedings shall be postponed until such time quorum can be established.

- A. The IFC Judicial Board member whose organization is being formally charged or is bringing up charges shall not participate as a Justice in any part of the hearing proceedings.

Section 4.

Judicial Procedure

- A. IFC Judicial Board will follow judicial procedures, rules and regulations as outlined in the University of Central Florida Golden Rule.
- B. Upon receipt of an official complaint against an organization. Individual matters shall be referred to the Director for Student Conduct. This does not preclude the possibility of action being judged to be both the organization as well as individual.
- C. Formal charges must be submitted as a typed statement to the Executive Vice President. That statement shall include a complete description of the charges being filed, who the charges are against, the names and affiliations of those involved, and the date of the incident.
- D. All parties shall be afforded reasonable written notice, at least 7 calendar days prior to the hearing. The IFC Judicial Board may elect to proceed with a hearing without the presence of the accused organization, provided, however, the required notice state above has been given to the chapter president and the chapter president has not provided to the Executive Vice President in advance a satisfactory reason for not being able to meet or reason for absence.
- E. Written notice shall include:
 - 1) A statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing.
 - 2) A statement of the alleged violation (s) and the jurisdiction (the specific judicial council) under which the charges are to be adjudicated.
 - 3) A brief statement of matters asserted.
- F. The organization may choose to have an advisor present at the hearing. Such advisor (s) however, may only discuss matters directly with the organization and may not actively participate in the conduct of the hearing.

Section 6.

Proceedings (See Appendix B for complete description.)

Section 7.

Appeal Procedure

- A. All appeals must be made within seven calendar days following written notification of the sanction.
- B. Appeal considerations shall be limited to:
 - 1) Unfair hearing (procedure of the hearing that affected the outcome).
 - 2) New evidence (which could not be presented at the time of the hearing).
 - 3) Harsh judgment (the sanction is extraordinarily disproportionate to the violation).
- C. A typewritten appeal must be submitted to the IFC Executive Vice President.
- D. The IFC Executive Vice President, Director for Greek Affairs, and the IFC President will meet to decide if the appeal is justified.
- E. If an appeal is found to be justified, the IFC Executive Board will make a final ruling on the matter.

- F. After charges have been filed against a Fraternity, and the Fraternity charged has been found in violation of the offense by the IFC Judicial Board, the IFC Judicial Board has the power to impose any one of the following sanctions:
- 1) A monetary fine commensurate with the amount of physical damage incurred.
 - 2) Some measure of community service which may not be used toward the overall Chapter Excellence Award or any other Interfraternity Council award.
 - 3) Probation from Intramural competition, Greek Week, Homecoming, or other activities.
 - 4) Interfraternity Council Warning. Any Fraternity which is found in violation of an offense while on warning will be placed immediately on the Interfraternity Council Probation for a period determined by the Judicial Board.
 - 5) Interfraternity Council Probation. The Fraternity can receive no credit towards any Interfraternity Council award during the probationary period. No Probation may be longer than one year.
 - 6) Expulsion from the Interfraternity Council. If the Judicial Board states the a Fraternity is to be expelled from the Interfraternity Council then this decision must be passed at the next Interfraternity Council meeting in which two-thirds (2/3) of the fraternities represented and the vote must pass by a unanimous vote of those present minus the fraternity being charged.
 - 7) If any sanctions imposed by the Judicial Board cross over the terms of office the new Interfraternity Council Judicial Board must honor the old Interfraternity Council Judicial Board's decision and enforce it.
 - 8) Other sanctions which may be developed by the Judicial Boards. These rules shall be used in conjunction with the Golden Rule.

ARTICLE XI. HAZING

Section 1. Any pre-initiation activity must not be in violation of University regulations or civil law.

Section 2. No form of "Hazing", such as physical, mental abuse or activity or morally degrading or humiliating activities may be carried on by the Fraternity.

Section 3. The individual fraternity will be held responsible for any deviation of the rules set forth in the preceding sections of this Constitution and rules and procedures and will be subject to any disciplinary action taken by the Judicial Board of this Council.

ARTICLE XII. FINANCES

Section 1. The Vice President of Finance shall record the revenues and the expenses of the Interfraternity Council. Also, he shall enforce the dues requirement by informing the Council of all delinquencies and shall be in charge of all expenses and disbursements within the Council's accounts.

Section 2. All money collected by the Interfraternity Council shall be receipted and deposited in the Interfraternity Council checking account.

Section 3. Dues necessary for the operation of the Interfraternity Council shall come from the following funds projected in the budget for the fiscal year:

- a. In the Spring semester; an assessment of \$8.00 per pledge or associate member and \$8.00 per brother. The amount will be based upon the fraternities' Spring roster. Rosters are to be presented by the first regular Council meeting after the completion of fraternity recruitment. Dues are to be paid by the second regular Council meeting after the completion of fraternity recruitment.
- b. In the Fall semester; an assessment of \$8.00 per pledge or associate member and \$8.00 per brother. The amount will be based upon the fraternities' Fall roster. Rosters are to be presented by the first regular Council meeting after the completion of fraternity recruitment. Dues are to be paid by the second regular Council meeting after the completion of fraternity recruitment.

Section 4. A fraternity that is delinquent in its accounts to the Interfraternity Council by more than a week will be placed in bad standing and that fraternity will lose all voting rights in the Council and shall receive a 20% penalty. The fraternity shall be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board.

Section 5. Each Executive Board member shall, by the second week of each semester, submit a budget for the semester to the Vice President of Finance. The Vice President of Finance shall then submit a final budget to the Council for a 2/3 approval vote by the second meeting after the completion of fraternity recruitment.

Section 6. The Vice President of Finance shall prepare a Revenue and Expense statement to be submitted at the end of each semester.

Section 7. Expenditures greater than \$100.00 that are not budgeted shall be approved by the Interfraternity Council by a 2/3 vote.

Section 8. The Vice President of Finance shall submit any discrepancies within the IFC Budget to the Interfraternity Council.

Section 9. Only the IFC President and the Vice President of Finance shall be authorized to expend funds from any IFC account.

Section 10. No additional dues shall be required by the Interfraternity Council in addition to those outlined in Article XII Section 3.

Section 11. No official University of Central Florida staff members (Graduate Assistants or Advisors) shall be paid from revenue generated by Interfraternity Council.

Section 12. A documented copy of all finances must be available upon request to any IFC member

ARTICLE XIII. ENDORSEMENTS

All endorsements brought before the Executive Council for consideration. The endorsements shall be brought before the Council at the next regular meeting and tabled for one week. Endorsements shall pass by a two-thirds vote (2/3) vote of the Council at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be read, discussed and tabled at the Council meeting at which they are submitted. The proposed amendments will be read, discussed and voted upon at the next regular meeting. Three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Council membership shall be required for passage.

ARTICLE XV. HOUSING

Section 1. All fraternities which occupy a building that is in some manner designated a Chapter House, shall submit to the Interfraternity Council the address of the Chapter House to be kept on file in the Greek Council office, and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Interfraternity Council Constitution rules and procedures, the University of Central Florida, and the State of Florida for any functions that take place on said premises.

Specifically pertaining to Article XVIII, Section 1

Section 2. All fraternities seeking on campus housing must meet all requirements of the University of Central Florida. *See Appendix C, Bench Mark Procedures*

ARTICLE XVI. RISK MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The Interfraternity Council at the University of Central Florida, shall resolve that it is the duty of each fraternity at the University of Central Florida to develop a Risk Management program within the individual chapter. The Interfraternity Council believes that this will not only provide a safer environment for members and guests, but it will also reduce the liability of the chapter and the University. The Interfraternity Council further resolves that risk management programs will bring greater respect and admiration for the University of Central Florida Greek community

Section 2. The Alcohol Policy of the University of Central Florida Interfraternity Council is as listed in Appendix D, Alcohol Policy, of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XVII. RECRUITMENT

Section 1. Recruitment Meetings

- A. Recruitment meetings will be held at the discretion of the IFC Vice President of Recruitment with at least 48 hours notice.
- B. Each fraternity chapter is responsible for having one (1) representative at each of these meetings. Any chapter absent from two consecutive meetings may not be allowed to participate in the formal recruitment week activities, until after meeting with the VP of Recruitment.
- C. Tent assignments shall be determined through a lottery by the VP Recruitment. The lottery will be held, at the discretion of the council, with at least 48 hours notice of the date and time given to all members.

Section 2. Dry Recruitment

- A. Alcohol is prohibited at Any and All fraternity recruitment functions.
 1. A recruitment function is defined as any event for the purposes of affiliation into a fraternity chapter.
 2. a: A function is defined as any event that would be considered a chapter activity by your individual fraternity's insurance policy (i.e. two or more members at a local bar).

b: A recruitment function is a function where potential members (non-members) are in attendance. Potential members will be defined as any male, non-affiliated student enrolled at the University of Central Florida.
- B. Any event where alcohol is present with one (1) potential member is present will result in a flagrant violation.
 1. The first violation of the Alcohol Policy will result in a \$500.00 fine.

Section 3. Greek Forum

- A. All 19 IFC member fraternities must be in attendance all days of Forum (unless approved by the IFC VP of Recruitment).
- B. Greek Life Consultants are not allowed to participate in Greek Forum for their respective chapter.
- C. Table spaces will be first come, first serve. Any discrepancy should be directed to the VP of recruitment.

- D. Forum will be many individuals first impression of the Greek system. Remember, present your chapter and UCF well.
- E. Trophies, awards, composites, etc...will be allowed and as always, University and National standards must be observed with any material that is distributed.

Section 4. Recruitment Week Kick-Off

- A. Kick-off will be used to promote Greek and Fraternity life at UCF.
- B. Each fraternity can have up to, but not more than 7 representatives during Kickoff.
- C. Trophies, awards, composites, etc... will be allowed and as always University and National standards must be observed with any material that is distributed.

Section 5. Greek Life Consultants

- A. The major responsibility of the Greek Life Consultant will be to promote Greek and Fraternity life at UCF during orientation.
- B. GLC's are mandated to disaffiliate, beginning with the first day of the UCF summer term (during new student orientations), during Greek Forum, and during recruitment Kick-off. They will aid in the facilitation of recruitment.

Section 6. Publications and Advertising

- A. All chapter recruitment publications must be approved by the IFC Executive Board.
- B. Each chapter may put up two (2) billboard signs to be placed on campus. One of the signs must be designated to advertise Fraternity Recruitment Kick-off. Assignments will be at the discretion of the VP of Recruitment. The sign should include the date, time, and location of the event. (See separate sign rules from the university). Chapters must get stickers from the Office of Student Involvement in order to place their signs on campus.
- C. It is each chapter's obligation to approve locations with the UCF Physical Plant or Student Union.
- D. Any depiction of IFC, UCF, or the recruitment process must be in accordance with University and National standards. Note: Chapters should promote leadership, etc. (rather than alcohol or non-related themes).

Section 7. Bidding

- A. Official bids recognized by IFC can be extended at any time to those men who are enrolled at UCF.
- B. A list consisting potential new members printed names, signatures, and PID's will be collected and turned in to the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office one (1) week after the end of the formal recruitment week.
 1. If this list is not submitted on the date given, they will be immediately placed in bad standing and placed on social probation until such time the list is submitted.

- C. The “Formal IFC” recruitment week officially begins at the start of the kickoff event and ends the Friday after formal recruitment at midnight.
- D. The “Formal IFC” recruitment week must occur during the third week of each semester.

Section 8. Reporting Recruitment Infractions

- A. If a chapter or GLC believes there has been an infraction, a written report must be submitted to the IFC VP of Recruitment within twenty-four hours after knowledge of the alleged infraction, but not more than ten days after it has occurred. The report must be signed by a chapter Executive member and include specified time, place, and witnesses to the alleged infraction. This report shall be forwarded to the IFC Executive Vice President.
- B. Penalties for infractions
 - 1. All penalties of these rules will be at the discretion of the IFC Judicial Board.
 - 2. Any monetary fines will be at the discretion of IFC depending on the severity of and frequency of the infraction.

Section 9. Summer Recruitment

- A. Chapters will not interfere with any aspect of new student orientation times.

Section 10. Miscellaneous Recruitment Infractions

- A. Chapters will not steal, desecrate, or in any other way interfere with recruitment signs posted on campus.
 - 1. If a chapter loses a sign to any type of vandalism (and it is believed that this was done by another fraternity), all chapters will be required to remove one of their recruitment signs.
- B. Neither uninvited active members of a fraternity nor individuals that have accepted bids to a fraternity will be permitted to enter another chapter’s house or tent area during the week of recruitment. This is a serious infraction punishable by a \$500.00 fine.
- C. Any Chapter, that has been assigned a spot at Lake Claire, will be not be allowed to place their tent anywhere other than the spot they were assigned to, unless given permission by the IFC VP of Recruitment. This is a serious infraction punishable by a 500.00 fine.

ARTICLE XVIII. NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

Section 1. Junior Interfraternity Council (JIFC) meetings will begin two weeks after the completion of the formal recruitment period.

Section 2. All chapters are required to have a delegate of their new member class attend each Junior Interfraternity Council (JIFC) meeting, in addition to any new member elected to serve as an officer of the JIFC. If this requirement is not met, it is at the discretion of the Interfraternity Council Executive Board to assess a penalty.

ARTICLE XIX. SCHOLARSHIP

Section 1. Any chapter that earns a semester average GPA lower than a 2.3 will be put on social probation for the following semester.

Section 2. Any chapter that earns a semester average GPA above the all-men's average will receive a 10 percent discount on their IFC dues the following semester.

Section 3. Any chapter that earns a semester average GPA lower than a 2.5 will be required to have their Chapter President or that chapter's Scholarship Chair hold monthly meetings with the IFC VP of Scholarship, and the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Section 4. The chapter with the highest percentage of their new member class in attendance at the Greek Student Success Workshops shall receive a 5% discount on their following semester dues.

ARTICLE XX. PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Section 1. The President's Council shall consist of all of the fraternity presidents recognized by the Interfraternity Council and the Interfraternity Council President will preside over the meetings.

Section 2. The President's Council shall meet at least once per month

ARTICLE XXI. ACTIVITIES REVIEW

Section 1. All large-scale events involving (member organizations from at least two of the four councils) the entire Greek Community, including philanthropy projects, must be scheduled through an Activities Review Form (ARF) which must be submitted to the Greek Council.

Section 2. The purpose of the form is to ensure that large events do not occur during the same time period and to maintain an overall calendar of Greek events.

Section 3. Priority will be given to those forms submitted at the earliest time.

ARTICLE XXII. ADVERTISEMENTS

Section 1. It shall be the full desire and intent of the Interfraternity Council and its members to promote the positive image of the Greek Community to the UCF and greater Orlando Communities.

Section 2. All promotional items depicting the Interfraternity Council or the University of Central Florida must be considered acceptable by university and national chapter standards. Promotional items may include, but are not limited to:

1. All T-shirts
2. Banners
3. Signs
4. Flyers
5. Posters

Section 3. If any chapter finds a questionable promotional item, the issue should be brought before the IFC Executive Board. The IFC Executive Board will then ask for the item's approval by the fraternity's national office or the university, before taking any further action.

Section 4. Any organizations found to be in violation of this policy shall face sanctions determined by the IFC Executive Board.