

# The Interfraternity Council of The University of Texas Arlington

## BY-LAWS

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### Article I. OFFICER DUTIES

#### Section 1.01 General Duties

- (a) Attendance
  - (i) Attend all regular and special meetings of the IFC
  - (ii) Attend all executive committee meetings
  - (iii) Executive Officers who miss two (2) regular, special, or executive committee meetings without prior notice shall be issued a written reprimand by the IFC President.
  - (iv) Executive Officers who miss a third regular, special, or executive committee meeting without prior notice will be subject to removal from office.
- (b) Maintain at least two (2) office hours each week, failure to do so will result in removal from IFC executive council.
- (c) Meet individually with the IFC Advisor on a bi-weekly basis.
- (d) Develop a calendar of chapter events, all-Greek events, and major university events at least one semester in advance.
- (e) Formulate goals for the Interfraternity council and develop an action plan to achieve those goals.
- (f) Attend Greek Life retreats in May and January

#### Section 1.02 President

- (a) Be responsible for the performance of the duties of the IFC officers
- (b) Preside over all Interfraternity Council Meetings
- (c) Prepare an Agenda for all regular and special Interfraternity Council Meetings
- (d) Appoint Committee Members
- (e) Attend President's Student Advisory Council (PSAC) Meetings
- (f) Coordinate and present the SSFAC presentation for the Interfraternity Council
- (g) Exercise all powers and duties granted in the Constitution and Bylaws
- (h) Coordinate all Officer actions of the Executive Committee

#### Section 1.03 Vice President of Operations

- (a) Assume duties of President in his absence
- (b) Serve as Parliamentarian in Regular and Special Interfraternity Council Meetings
- (c) Protect the Security of all private affairs of the Interfraternity Council and its Member Fraternities
- (d) Be knowledgeable in Robert's Rules of Order
- (e) Coordinate all Standards matters of the Interfraternity Council
- (f) Serve as Chief Justice on the Standards Council
- (g) Investigate all charges and allegations of violations and report to the Executive Committee

#### Section 1.04 Vice President Membership & Recruitment

- (a) Coordinate and Execute the Recruitment Plan for each semester
- (b) Maintain and Distribute current prospective member lists
- (c) Collect, Edit, and Distribute IFC master Recruitment Schedules for all chapters
- (d) Present IFC Adviser and Executive Committee with a written report at the end of each formal recruitment period
- (e) Act as Chairman of the Recruitment Committee
- (f) Coordinate all campus expansion activities

#### Section 1.05 Vice President of Communications (Amendment as of 10/06)

- (a) Plan and coordinate publicity for all IFC events (including Recruitment, Greek Week, New Member Presentation, etc.)
- (b) Serve as an ambassador to other councils by attending and reporting on their meetings
- (c) Responsible for signing IFC up for University Events (including Activities Fair, Preview Days, Orientations, Display Cases, Banners, etc.)

- (d) Work to establish positive relationship with on-campus publications such as the Shorthorn and write press releases to get PR for IFC.

### **Section 1.06 Vice President of Programming (Amendment as of 10/06)**

- (a) Coordinate Greek Week Activities for IFC
- (b) Plan any all-Greek activities
- (c) Coordinate all Intramural Activities
- (d) Plan the Annual Greek Awards Ceremony
- (e) Prepare all award applications
- (f) Coordinate New Member Presentation with PHC

### **Section 1.07 Vice President of Finance & Administration**

- (a) Handle all regular financial matters of the Interfraternity Council in a timely manner including all fees, member dues, and fines
- (b) Submit a Financial Report once a month at Regular Meetings of the Council
- (c) Collect and Disburse all funds for the Interfraternity Council
- (d) Coordinate travel to annual leadership conference
- (e) Prepare a monthly statement of account for Member Fraternities
- (f) Call Official Roll at all Regular and Special Interfraternity Council Meetings
- (g) Record the Minutes of all Interfraternity Council regular and special meetings and distribute them to Member Fraternities and Representative Delegates
- (h) Maintain and Review the Constitution, Bylaws, and Other Policies of the Interfraternity Council
- (i) Maintain Files and Records of all Member Fraternities such as Rosters, Officer lists, Grade Reports, and Community Service Records
- (j) Act as Public Relations director and handle all official correspondence of the Council
- (k) Prepare Agendas for Executive Committee Meetings
- (l) Collect all administrative reports that are required by the Greek Advisor to support the mission of Greek Life
- (m) Maintain a historical record of all council and chapter activities, press reports, etc.

## **Article II. BASIC EXPECTATIONS**

Individuals who assume membership in a social Greek-letter organization do not surrender their rights or escape their fundamental responsibilities as a citizen, but acquire additional rights and responsibilities to the larger Greek Community. As such, members of IFC Fraternities are expected to abide by the NIC Nine Basic Expectations of Fraternity Membership:

- (1) To know and understand the ideals expressed in their ritual and to strive to incorporate those values into their daily life.
- (2) To strive for academic achievement and to practice academic integrity
- (3) To respect the dignity of all individuals by not engaging in behaviors that physically, mentally, psychologically, or sexually abuse or haze others.
- (4) To protect the health and safety of others.
- (5) To respect the chapter property and the property of others by not abusing or tolerating the abuse of property.
- (6) To meet all financial obligations in a timely manner.
- (7) To neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs, and to neither misuse nor support the misuse of alcohol
- (8) To acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health. Therefore, to do everything, within reason, to ensure that chapter and community property is properly cleaned and maintained.
- (9) To challenge all other fraternity members to abide by these basic fraternal expectations and to confront those who violate them.

In addition to these basic expectations, members of Greek organizations also agree to:

- (1) Not engage in conduct unbecoming a member of the Greek Community.
- (2) Not engage in disorderly conduct, disrupting activities of others, or rioting.
- (3) Not destroy or vandalize property.
- (4) Not trespass or forcefully enter a premise without authorization.
- (5) Not steal, possess, or encourage others to steal or possess property belonging to other fraternities, sororities, private citizens, the community, or the university.
- (6) Comply with all Greek Standards sanctions.
- (7) Take responsibility for the actions of chapter members, pledges, new members, associates, and guests.

## Article III. MEETINGS

### Section 3.01 Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings shall be held every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Student Congress Chambers

### Section 3.02 Executive Committee Meetings

Executive Committee meetings shall be held once each week prior to the General Body Meeting.

## Article IV. FINANCES

### Section 4.01 Dues

- (a) The chapter fee shall be \$50.00
- (b) The fee assessed for each chapter member shall be \$7.00. This fee shall be based on the official roster maintained by the IFC Advisor and should be due before the 30 days after the first day of classes.

## Article V. RISK MANAGEMENT

### Section 5.01 Alcohol & Drugs

- (a) The possession, use, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages while on chapter premises, during an official fraternity event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, county, city, university, and the Greek Alcohol Policy (Appendix B).
- (b) No chapter members, collectively or individually, shall at any time purchase for, sell to or serve alcoholic beverages to any person under the legal drinking age.
- (c) No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through the Chapter Treasury nor may the purchase of same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member, pledge, or alumnus in the name of or on behalf of the chapter.
- (d) The purchase and/or use of a bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages (e.g. kegs, party balls, trashcan punch) is prohibited. No chapter shall allow a tap system and/or keg to be present in the chapter house, or on chapter property, or at a chapter function (unless the keg or tap system is part of a cash bar operated by an approved licensed caterer).
- (e) The number of guests present at a fraternity function may not exceed the legal fire safety code set for that structure.
- (f) No signs, fliers, or advertisements may be posted announcing parties where alcohol is to be present.
- (g) No Chapter shall serve, or permit the use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages at Chapter rush functions. In addition, each chapter is expected to be an active proponent of "dry rush".
- (h) No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcoholic distributor, charitable organization, or tavern (tavern being defined as an establishment deriving more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise distributed to those present. Exceptions to this rule may apply for philanthropic events. Definition of a philanthropy is to be left up to the Greek Advisor. All known philanthropies affected by this section will be turned in to the Greek Advisor at the beginning of each semester.
- (i) No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups, or organizations.
- (j) Should any member or guest at a Chapter function or present in Fraternity facilities appear to be intoxicated, chapter members shall take reasonable steps to safely escort that person to his or her place of lodging. In particular, chapter members shall take all reasonable steps to prevent apparently intoxicated persons from operating a motor vehicle or walking themselves home. Such persons should be accompanied by a sober and responsible member who is capable of assisting as needed.
- (k) No chapter members shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in "drinking games" at any chapter function.
- (l) No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate member/novice program or activity of the chapter.
- (m) The illegal use, possession, sale, or distribution of any controlled substance at Chapter functions or on Chapter property shall be strictly prohibited.

### Section 5.02 Hazing

- (a) No chapter shall conduct hazing activities. Hazing activities are considered, but not limited to:  
"Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol, paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quest, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good tastes; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy, or the regulations and policies of the educational institution."

- (b) All new members must attend a hazing education seminar hosted by the Office of Greek Life. The seminar will be held at a time and location to be determined by the Greek Advisor.

### **Section 5.03 Fire, Health & Safety**

- (a) All chapter houses shall, prior to, during, and following occupancy, meet all local fire and health codes and standards.
- (b) All chapters must have posted by common phone, emergency numbers for fire, police, and ambulance, and must have posted evacuation routes from chapter houses posted on the back of the door of each sleeping room.
- (c) All chapters and housing corporations should comply with reasonable engineering recommendations, which are financially feasible to the chapter and housing corporation, as reported by the insurance company.

### **Section 5.04 Sexual Abuse**

IFC member chapters will not tolerate nor condone any form of sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional. This is to include any actions that are harmful to women, including but not limited to date rape, gang rape, or verbal or printed harassment.

### **Section 5.05 Education**

At the beginning of each Fall and Spring semester, each chapter shall educate every member and pledge in proper risk management practices and review the full contents of this policy at a chapter meeting. In addition, from time to time, the IFC shall hold a risk management seminar in which attendance will be mandatory for a percentage of each chapter, to be determined by the Greek Adviser.

## **Article VI. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

### **Section 6.01 Grade Point Average Calculation Procedure**

- (a) The Average will be calculated from those men listed on the Official Interfraternity Council Roster that is maintained by the Greek Advisor. The report shall include all initiated members and pledged members excluding all depledged members and other members that are dropped prior to the established drop date. Members of the chapter who are not currently enrolled at UTA will also be excluded from the calculation.
- (b) The average of Initiated members, newly pledged members, and an overall chapter average will be presented in a report to the chapter at the beginning of the following semester.
- (c) The report will be calculated listing the Initiated and Pledged members separately for recording purposes and the total GPA of the chapter will be listed at the bottom of said report. This will be the Official Grade Report recognized by the Interfraternity Council.

### **Section 6.02 Organization Scholastic Probation**

- (a) Any Member Fraternity not maintaining a chapter GPA of at least 2.25 will be on scholastic probation.
- (b) Member Fraternities not removed from scholastic probation after one (1) semester will lose all intramural league event points and Alcohol related events.
- (c) Member Fraternities on scholastic probation for a third (3) consecutive semester will be demoted to associate member status with the Interfraternity Council for a probationary term of one semester. This Member Fraternity will be brought up on review of the Executive Committee and may be sent to a Standards Committee hearing.
- (d) Member Fraternities that are on scholastic probation for a fourth consecutive semester will automatically be petitioned for removal from the Interfraternity Council, this petition will require a two-thirds (2/3) of eligible council membership to pass.

### **Section 6.03 Individual Member Scholastic Probation**

- (a) An individual member of a IFC member chapter will be put on IFC scholastic probation if the member has a cumulative GPA less than 2.00 or a semester GPA below 2.00
- (b) An individual member on IFC scholastic probation will be restricted from participation in any fraternity league intramural events and all-Greek social events excluding Greek Week.

**An individual member on IFC scholastic probation may not serve as an Interfraternity representative delegate.**

## **Article VII. RECRUITMENT POLICIES**

### **Section 7.01 Definition of Recruitment Periods**

- (a) Formal Recruitment is the period when Member fraternities formally open their doors for the recruitment of new members. During Formal Recruitment, the contact between Potential New Members and Member fraternities will be organized for the benefit of everyone who participates.

(i) Member fraternities are expected to hold recruitment events each night during formal recruitment, with the exception of IFC Orientation Day/Evening and Tour of Homes. No additional events are to be held after these IFC events.

(ii) Lunches for Member fraternities and potential members are encouraged. During Recruitment lunches, females are permitted to attend.

(1) Lunch events must be held in a public eating establishment for females to attend, and must end by 3:00pm each day during Formal Recruitment.

(iii) All contact with Potential New Members will end each day at 11:00pm and begin no earlier than 8:00am during formal recruitment.

(iv) The IFC VP Membership and Recruitment will recommend the period of formal recruitment to the IFC, and it must be ratified by a majority vote from the IFC Chapters to be official.

(b) Continuous Open Bidding Periods are periods when **bids may be extended by member fraternities through the office of Greek life and either the IFC Vice President of Recruitment, or the Greek Advisor** in a more informal manner. The dates for these periods are as follows:

(i) Summer Phase shall begin on the first Monday following finals week as designated by UTA, and conclude at the end of business on July 31, or the Friday before July 31, if that day should fall upon a weekend.

(ii) Fall Phase shall begin the Monday after the Fall Formal Bid Day and conclude on the last Friday before dead week of the fall semester.

(iii) Spring phase shall begin the Monday after Spring Formal Bid Day and conclude on the last Friday before dead week of the spring semester.

(iv) All phases begin when the Greek Life office opens for business hours on the first day of each phase and conclude at the end of business hours on the last day of each phase.

(c) Dark Periods shall be other periods and each of the Continuous Open Bidding Phases.

## Section 7.02 Recruitment Dates

(a) The Formal recruitment period, the Continuous Open Bidding (C.O.B.) phases and dates of any/all Greek recruitment events will be determined by the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment unless otherwise enumerated in these bylaws.

## Section 7.03 All IFC Recruitment Events

(a) All member fraternities shall be required to participate in designated Greek Recruitment events to be determined by the Vice President of Membership & Recruitment. Failure to participate in more than two (2) of these designated events per rush period will result in an automatic \$100 fine. There are two designated rush periods, fall and spring period. Fall period starts at the end of Spring COB and ends on the last day of Fall COB, this includes Summer COB and Fall Formal and COB rush. Spring period starts at the end of Fall COB and ends on the last day of Spring COB; this includes Winter Break, Spring Formal Rush, and Spring COB periods. These events will include, but are not solely limited to:

(i) Preview Days

Chapters are required to have tables at University Preview Days. Chapters are encouraged to have prospective members provide their name at the Greek Information Table for distribution to all chapters. Only approved materials may be handed out at this event.

(ii) Activities Fair Day

The date of this event is set by the Office of Student Governance & Organizations. Chapters may hand out approved recruitment materials.

(iii) Summer Greek Information Sessions

This event is set by IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment in coordination with the Office of Admissions and is to follow Freshman Preview Days. All IFC Chapters are required to have at least one representative there, and no more than the limit set by the Office of Admissions.

(iv) Information Tables

The IFC may periodically set up information tables to distribute information about Greek life and to collect names of potential members. The IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment may assign chapters to work at the tables during designated periods. All names collected from the Information Tables will be entered into the database and distributed to all chapters. This is an optional event for all IFC Chapters and not a required event.

(b) Summer Orientations

The IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment shall have the primary responsibility of creating a program, in conjunction with the other Greek Councils, for the University Summer Orientations. The program will involve students from all councils and will be designed to generate interest and to distribute information about Greek Life at UTA.

(c) During Summer Orientations, chapters will not be allowed to host any chapter recruitment events.

(d) All names collected during Summer Orientations will be entered into the database and distributed to all chapters.

## Section 7.04 Chapter Recruitment Events

(a) The IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment will hold a formal recruitment meeting before each formal recruitment period to discuss all aspects of that formal recruitment period including:

- (i) Dates for all formal recruitment events
- (ii) Rules & Regulations of the Formal Recruitment Period
- (iii) Duties & Rules for Rush Monitors and Recruitment Chairs from each Chapter.

(b) Each Chapter is required to have all Rush Chairs at the formal recruitment meeting.

(c) Each chapter must submit a list of formal recruitment activities at the Formal Recruitment meeting date established by the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment. Failure to submit a list of events by the established date will result in:

- (i) An automatic \$100 fine
- (ii) Chapter's formal recruitment events being omitted from published materials

(d) All events will be finalized after the Formal Recruitment meeting. Events can only be changed if extenuating circumstances arise and must be approved by the IFC Advisor. Chapters canceling or relocating scheduled formal recruitment activities without providing written notification to the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the cancellation or relocation shall be subject to a \$250 fine.

(e) Chapters having any unscheduled recruitment activities during Formal Recruitment will be subject to an automatic \$500 fine and referral to the IFC Standards Board.

(f) Formal Recruitment Orientation

This shall be the kick-off event for the formal recruitment period. General information will be provided to all prospective members. Prospective members will also be required to fill out a Student Data Card and attend the formal information session. The amount of chapter members at this event will be set by the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment.

(g) Tour of Houses/ Chapters

Chapters are required to participate in this event. Chapter may show or hand out approved recruitment materials at Tour of Houses. Member chapters shall be restricted to a maximum of 15 members; this includes alumni and/or one (1) female.

## Section 7.05 Recruitment Alcohol Policy

(a) All formal recruitment functions will be alcohol free.

(i) A formal function is defined as any event that would be considered a chapter activity by your individual fraternity's insurance policy.

(ii) A formal recruitment function is a function where potential members (non-members) are in attendance.

(b) Any formal event where alcohol is present with one (1) potential member present is a violation.

(i) The first violation will result in an automatic \$500 fine.

(ii) Subsequent violations will be referred to the IFC Standards Board.

(c) IFC recognizes that chapter functions during COB period may contain alcohol and that potential members may appear at these chapter functions. IFC strongly encourages that events during COB period with the potential of drawing potential members be dry. Also, all function during COB period fall under all IFC Bylaws (specifically all of Article V) and the UTA Greek Alcohol Policy, and will be strictly monitored and enforced.

## Section 7.06 Informative Recruitment Meetings & Review Committee Meetings

(a) Informative Recruitment Meetings shall be held as necessary and chaired by the IFC Vice President for Membership & Recruitment.

(b) Each member fraternity is responsible for having one (1) representative, preferably the chapter Recruitment Chair, at each Informative Recruitment Meeting. Any chapter absent from two Formal Informative Recruitment Meetings may not be allowed to participate in the formal recruitment week activities until meeting with the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment.

(c) During COB periods of rush, a bid will not be allowed to be extended to Potential Members if their chapter representative was absent from the last COB Informative Recruitment Meeting called to order, until meeting with the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment.

(d) The IFC Vice President for Membership & Recruitment shall form a Review Committee to review all recruitment bylaws and rules to make recommendations to policy that will ensure this body's recruitment procedures and policies are fair to both member fraternities and potential new members. At least one (1) Review Committee must be called per long semester to ensure a satisfactory rush and recruitment for all IFC chapters.

## Section 7.07 Recruitment Monitors

(a) All member fraternities shall submit the names and contact information of four (4) men who will serve as the recruitment monitors during Formal Recruitment. Monitors must meet the following eligibility criteria:

(i) Monitors must have been an initiated member for at least one long semester.

(ii) A long semester is defined as one full Fall or Spring school semester enrolled at UTA.

(iii) Monitor must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 and a semester GPA of not less than 2.00

- (b) Recruitment monitors will be present at all Formal IFC Recruitment events as assigned by IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment.
- (c) Recruitment monitors shall be knowledgeable of all IFC Recruitment Rules and Policies.
- (d) Recruitment monitors will not be denied access to any areas that are open to prospective members.
- (e) Member fraternities will incur all costs of the recruitment monitors at their events.
- (f) Recruitment monitors who fail to appear at a scheduled chapter event will be assessed a fine of \$50 payable by the chapter.
- (g) IFC Exec will also act as Rush Monitors and are required to perform random inspections of Formal Recruitment Events throughout the Formal Recruitment period to ensure all IFC parties are following all recruitment regulations.
- (h) Recruitment monitors must report any infractions of the IFC Recruitment Rules & Policies in writing to the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment within forty-eight (48) hours of the known infraction.

### Section 7.08 Definition of Bids

- (a) A bid is an invitation given to a potential new member; either written, verbal, or electronic to join a fraternity.

### Section 7.09 Extension of Bids

- (a) During Formal Recruitment
  - (i) Bids may only be extended on the two Bid Days (fall and spring) whose dates shall be determined by the IFC Vice President of Membership and Recruitment
  - (ii) All prospective members must fill out a Student Data Card before they are eligible to go through Formal Recruitment in order to be extended a bid. It is the responsibility of the member fraternity to verify that a card is on file prior to extending a bid
  - (iii) Member Fraternities will not be allowed extend bids, either by physical, verbal, or electronic means during Formal Recruitment prior to Bid Day. Prospective members will be informed that until Bid Day they are not bound to any Member Fraternity.
  - (iv) Chapters must submit a complete list of all bids extended to the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment at the required time, set by IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment, on Bid Day. Chapters failing to submit a list will be prohibited from participating in any Formal Bid Day activities unless approved by the IFC advisor.
  - (v) Prospective members who have not filled out this card will not be allowed to participate in Formal Bid Day Activities unless approved by the IFC Advisor.
  - (vi) Prospective members who have not attended either the Formal IFC Orientation or Open House will not be allowed to participate in Formal Bid Day Activities unless approved by the IFC Advisor.
- (b) During Periods of Continuous Open Bidding
  - (i) Bids may be extended to potential new members during the designated phases of COB as outlined in Section 7.01.
  - (ii) A Bid will not be official until the following processes are fulfilled:
    - (1) The bidding fraternity gives the Greek Life Advisor a written bid for a potential member during a COB phase.
    - (2) The potential member is verified by the IFC Greek Life Advisor as being eligible to receive a bid.
    - (3) The potential member retrieves the bid from the Greek Life Advisor and is informed that bids are non-binding until accepted, he fills out a Student Data Card, and the Greek Life Advisor informs the potential new member about hazing and other university policies.
  - (iii) Potential members, upon accepting a bid will be considered associate members of the fraternity whose bid they accepted, but reserve the right to de-pledge for any reason up through their initiation.
  - (iv) Summer bids may be extended only to UTA students who are currently enrolled, **were previously enrolled in UTA for one (1) long semester, are enrolled in the upcoming semester, and meet Greek Life eligibility requirement.**
    - (1) Summer bids for incoming freshman, incoming transfer students, transient students, or summer school enrollees who have not been enrolled for one (1) long semester shall not be permitted.
  - (c) During Dark Periods no bids, verbal, written, or electronic, shall be extended to potential new members under any circumstances.

### Section 7.10 Advertising & Publications

- (a) All chapter recruitment materials must be approved, in advance, by the IFC Vice President of Membership & Recruitment.
- (b) Chapters may chalk sidewalks, post signs, banners, and flyers in accordance with policies established by the Office of Student Governance and Organizations.
- (b) Chapters will not steal, desecrate, or in any other way interfere with recruitment signs of another chapter posted around the campus.

### Section 7.11 Miscellaneous Restrictions

\*Failure to adhere and abide by any of the following rules and procedures will be considered a violation of these rules and will be subject to punishment by the Executive Committee or the Standards Council.

(a) Member Fraternities cannot state anything negative about another Member Fraternity either in writing, verbally, electronically, nor can it mention another Member Fraternity in its literature in any form or fashion.

(b) No prospective members are allowed to wear or possess fraternity paraphernalia; i.e., T-shirts, hats, buttons, pledge pins/books, cups. This excludes Recruitment flyers and brochures.

(c) Only one woman will be allowed at any Formal Recruitment Events with the exception of Formal Recruitment Lunches.

## **Section 7.12 Violations**

Anyone witnessing an infraction or violation of these rules is obligated to inform the Interfraternity Council Executive Committee or IFC Advisor in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the violation. The Executive Committee reserves the right to pursue any charges based on severity of violation. The following violations shall not be tolerated and will be subject to the following punishments and referral to the Standards Council

(a) All inappropriate bid extension practices including, but not limited to telling a potential member a bid is binding, that a decision on a bid must be made immediately or it will be withdrawn, that a potential member is only eligible to receive bids from one fraternity, or who pressures or intimidates a potential member into accepting a bid shall be considered "hotboxing" Furthermore, "hotboxing" may be determined by the Executive Committee or the Standards Council to include other inappropriate bid extension practices.

(i) Hotboxing shall be strictly forbidden.

(ii) Member Fraternities accused of engaging in "hotboxing" shall be referred to the Standards Council and suspended from extending bids for a period of 16 bidding weeks, where a bidding week is defined as any week in which bids could be extended either through formal or COB recruitment.

(b) Any Member Fraternity which extends a bid during a dark period, hereby referred to as "dark bidding" shall be referred to the Standards Council and suspended from extending bids for a period of 16 bidding weeks, where a bidding week is defined as any week in which bids could be extended either through formal or COB recruitment.

## **Article VIII. PLEDGING & INITIATION**

### **Section 8.01 Pledging Eligibility**

To be eligible to pledge a Fraternity a man must currently be enrolled as a half time student, which is no less than six (6) hours in the fall and spring semesters and three (3) in the summer semesters, have a College cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0, and follow all other requirements expressly written in these bylaws.

### **Section 8.02 Initiation practices**

The Interfraternity Council mandates that all its Member Fraternities will follow the recognized initiation practices of their respective National/International Organizations as long as they are not in violation of any part of these Bylaws and the Interfraternity Council Constitution.

### **Section 8.03 Depledging**

Any man depledging a Member Fraternity is ineligible to pledge another Member Fraternity until he has completed the semester during which he pledged the first Member Fraternity. Additionally, any man who depledges a fraternity from whom he accepted a COB bid will not be eligible to participate in the next formal recruitment period or pledge any fraternity during the next formal recruitment period.

## **Article VII. CHAPTER RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Section 7.01 Duty of both Standing Member Chapter and Associate Member Chapter**

- (a) Abide by all the Interfraternity Council, Bylaws, rules, and procedures and as well must abide and accept all University Policies and Procedures.
- (b) Pay all dues and fines owed to the Interfraternity Council according to its rules and procedures
- (c) Cooperate with all Standards proceedings and follow rulings which may or may not involve its own chapter.
- (d) Cooperate with all administrative actions of the Executive Committee
- (e) Encourage interfraternal cooperation, scholarship, and leadership among its individual members.
- (f) Maintain accurate up to date records with the Interfraternity Council Office and Advisor. This includes but is not limited to: Rosters, Chapter Information Forms, Grade Release Cards, etc.
- (g) Complete the Chapter Expectations, Awards, and Standards Review (C.E.A.S.R) packets each year.

### **Section 7.02 Rights and Privileges of Standing Member Chapters**

- (a) Vote on all motions brought on the floor of regular and special meetings of the Council.
- (b) Participate in recruitment activities and extend bids to potential members.
- (c) Delegates of member chapters that are eligible are permitted to hold elected or appointed Officer positions.
- (d) Participate in all Interfraternity Council programs and activities, which include, but are not limited to: Intramural Sports, Greek Week, Greek Awards, or any University and IFC sponsored programming.
- (e) Receive coverage in all official Interfraternity Council correspondence and or other materials it distributes.

### **Section 7.03 Rights and Privileges of Associate Member Chapters:**

- (a) Vote on all motions brought on the floor of regular and special meetings of the Council except those motions and petitions mentioned in Article III Section 3 Paragraph B of the Interfraternity Council Constitution.
- (b) Participate in recruitment activities and extend bids to potential members.
- (c) Participate in all Interfraternity Council programs and activities, which include, but are not limited to: Intramural Sports, Greek Week, Greek Awards, or any University and IFC sponsored programming.
- (d) Receive coverage in all official Interfraternity Council correspondence and or other materials it distributes.

## **Article VIII. AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 8.01 Presentation**

Bylaw amendments shall be presented in writing to the IFC Vice President of Finance & Administration and proposed in a regular meeting after its presentation. Voting shall be held at the next official meeting of the Interfraternity Council.

### **Section 8.02 Passing Amendment**

Bylaw amendments will pass with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible council membership. The amendment will take effect at the next regular meeting.