Interfraternity Council Philanthropy Resolutions

Rationale: The request for philanthropic participation of Greek members is understandably high but it has created some undesirable effects on the Greek Community of Florida Atlantic University, including: (1) financially straining chapter members, (2) over-programming chapter members, (3) comprising the risk management policies of chapters, and (4) increasing competitiveness between chapters, compromising chapter, council, and community relationships.

We, as the members of the Florida Atlantic University Interfraternity Council establish the following for our member chapters’ participation in philanthropic programs, for the purpose of promoting positive philanthropic experiences and overall spirit of our Greek Community. We encourage other councils to consider these resolutions when planning philanthropic programs as well as when they determined how they will participate in others’ philanthropic programs.

1. Any chapter hosting or planning a philanthropy program shall notify the organizations they hope will participate by Friday of the second week of classes. Dates and details of the philanthropic events should be communicated to the Interfraternity Council President and Interfraternity Council presidents, as well as the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

2. Dates may not be changed after chapters are notified unless weather conditions or other uncontrollable circumstances prohibit the event(s) from occurring. Should dates change after chapters are notified, each participating chapter will determine their participation based on the new information and the consensus of their members.

3. Philanthropy programs shall be limited to seven (7) days, which may include only one attendance-for-points based event each day for four (4) days. Organizations must provide each chapter president and the IFC President with a detailed description of events with date, time, and place, stating the purpose of the attendance-for-points based event, specific rules, and the expectations of the participating chapters, including t-shirt prices, scoring of events, etc. at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.

4. A philanthropy event/competition should be benefiting a specific cause and focus on awareness of that cause.

5. The Interfraternity Council and its member organization will not support or participate in any philanthropy event/competition where the attire is inappropriate or objectifies any persons in any way. Additionally, hosts, participants, and supporters of a philanthropy event/competition are prohibited from using derogatory or stereotypical language directed towards any person.

6. Philanthropy events/competitions with pageants/talent portions must have a full dress rehearsal prior to the event. The act may not be changed after the dress rehearsal.

7. The Interfraternity Council and its member organizations will not support or participate in any philanthropy event/competition with a pageant of talent portion that is evaluated by anyone other than an organized, professional panel of judges. Current chapter members may not be judges.
8. T-shirt sales may count as **bonus points only**. Participating chapters shall not require chapter members to purchase t-shirts or any specialty items.

9. Chapters may not require that members attend events. Though participation is encouraged, chapters also are not required to participate in philanthropy programs.

10. If points are awards for dollar amounts, all forms of currency may only count as “positive” points. There may be no type of money worth “negative” points. Ex. “coins are negative points.”

11. Philanthropic program registration fees shall be limited to $100 per contestant/team.

12. Competitions with social media components should follow an incremental point system to curb drastic differences in the amount of points earned that may be unfair and offensive to individuals and chapter that are competing.

   **Example:**
   
   1<sup>st</sup> Place = 200 points  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 100 points  
   3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 75 points  
   4<sup>th</sup> Place = 50 points  
   5<sup>th</sup> Place = 25 points  
   6<sup>th</sup> Place = None

13. No kidnapping, shenanigans, or involvement without prior consent.

14. Chapters shall not host or participate in non-philanthropy based fundraising events unless approved with the university as well as their national organization and national by-laws.

15. Per the FAU Student Organization Manual and Regulation 4.006, philanthropic programs shall include no auctioning of members and/or scavenger hunts without prior approval from the Student Involvement Office. In regards to auctions, points awarded should follow the same incremental system as explained in Resolution #13.


17. If a participating individual or chapter hosts a fundraiser in support of another chapter’s philanthropic program, it must be registered on OwlCentral, approved by the Office of Student Involvement, and comply with the Student Organization Manual.

18. Interfraternity Council members and/or chapters thought to be in violation of these guidelines shall be referred to the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board.

   Respectfully proposed August 24, 2015 by the Interfraternity Council.