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Florida Atlantic University Interfraternity Council Constitution

CONSTITUTION OF
THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Interfraternity Council of Florida Atlantic University, in order to promote and perpetuate the best interest of the Florida Atlantic University and the fraternal organizations therein, to encourage the most complete intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development of our fraternity men, to ensure that the fraternities establish high standards, and to foster cooperation among said fraternities, University authorities and our community, we do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Interfraternity Council of Florida Atlantic University.

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

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be “The Interfraternity Council at Florida Atlantic University” and hereinafter shall be abbreviated as “IFC”. All organizations that have fulfilled the requirements of one of the two types of membership in IFC shall hereinafter be referred to as “fraternities.”

ARTICLE II: SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

The IFC’s scope of authority will include both administrative and legislative policies. The scope will also include the course of action taken by the IFC. By the virtue of authority vested in it by the Constitution, the Council will have the authority to decide policy that is deemed necessary pertaining to the chapters represented by the Council. The Council has authority to administer these policies, adjudicate these policies, except those that are of institutional policy, by means of a judicial board, and administer the appropriate action of these policies. The Council will strive for the continued improvement of inter- and intra-relations, standards, and self-governance. The IFC shall abide by all University rules and regulations and state and federal laws. The IFC’s authority is derived from recognition by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

ARTICLE III: MISSION

We, the members of the IFC at Florida Atlantic University, join to promote each organization’s purpose, to reach community expectation and high standards, to create social and personal development, to exhibit responsibility to self and others, to develop intellectual growth and genuine learning, to foster global citizenship and engagement, to strengthen relationship building and to expand innovative thought and actions.

ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE

A. It shall be the purpose of this Council to:
   a. Act as the governing body of all North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) recognized men’s social fraternities and all other approved men’s fraternal organizations at Florida Atlantic University.
   b. Organize and market community wide recruitment initiatives.
   c. Promote positive Interfraternity competition in scholarship, service, and any other events that may be deemed advisable for the betterment of the participants, fraternities, the University and the community.
   d. Encourage cooperation and harmony among member fraternities.
   e. Provide educational and social programs and services for the member fraternities.
   f. Serve as the liaison between the University authorities and member fraternities in matters of common interest.
g. Act as the accountability body for violations of the IFC Constitution & Bylaws.

**ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP**

The Interfraternity Council shall be in full compliance with all Federal and State nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws, orders and regulations. The Interfraternity Council shall not discriminate against a Student Officer, member or prospective member on any basis identified in FAU Regulation 5.010, except if specifically exempted by law. The Interfraternity Council shall be open to all currently enrolled FAU Students, except if specifically exempted by law.

A. Upon IFC and University approval, all recognized undergraduate fraternal organizations, as defined in Article I Section A of the IFC bylaws, should hold membership in the IFC. The two (2) types of membership in the IFC shall be the following:
   a. Associate Membership
      i. Pertains to Fraternities that have been colonized, but not yet charted by their Inter/National organization
   b. Full Membership
      i. Pertains to charted fraternities, in good standing, with both their Inter/National organization and Florida Atlantic University

**ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

A. Delegate Meetings
   a. Delegate meetings of the IFC shall be held promptly at 2:00pm on Wednesdays, with the exception of fraternity recruitment, final examination period, Greek Week, Homecoming and designated University Holidays.
   b. Attire for all voting delegates and executive board is collared shirt.
   c. Delegate meetings are open meetings.
B. Special Meetings
   a. Special meetings may be called at any time by the IFC president
   b. The IFC president must call a meeting at the request of any two-member fraternities and/or the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life
   c. Notice of the special meetings shall be given in two forms of communication (phone, email, Facebook etc.) to the president of each fraternity at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
   d. Special meetings are closed meetings.
C. Executive Meetings
   a. Executive meetings of the IFC shall be once a week at a specified time, with the exception of fraternity recruitment, final examination period, Greek Week, Homecoming and designated University Holidays.
   b. Executive Meetings are open meetings.
D. Presidential Roundtables
   a. Presidential Roundtables of the IFC shall be held once a month, with all chapter presidents and the president of the IFC.
   b. Presidential Roundtables are closed meetings.
E. Officer Roundtables
   a. Officer Roundtables of the IFC should be held when needed.
   b. Officer Roundtables consist of an IFC executive board member and all chapter positions accordant with his governing jurisdiction (i.e. VP of Recruitment meets with all chapters recruitment chairs).
F. Order of Meeting
   a. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of all meetings of the IFC. In cases where a conflict exists between the Constitution or by-laws and Robert’s Rules of Order, the Constitution and by-laws shall take precedence.
   b. The below order of business may be changed at any time at the discretion of the president/presiding officer
c. The order of business at all regular meetings will be:
   i. Roll Call – the Vice President of Administrative Affairs will take Attendance
   ii. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – the approval will be asked for by the President
   iii. Guest Speakers – Any speakers having registered with the Vice President of Administrative Affairs will present his/her information to the delegation
   iv. Advisor’s Report – A member of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life or designee will report on issues pertaining to the IFC, Fraternity and Sorority Life Affairs, and the surrounding community. The Advisor will also list relevant activities since the last meeting.
   v. Officers’ Reports – Starting with the Vice President of Administrative Affairs and ending with the president, each officer will report on all issues pertaining to their position and list relevant activities since the last meeting
   vi. Old Business – Motions and/or legislation that were tabled from a previous meeting
   vii. Elections – If applicable
   viii. New Business – New motions and/or legislation to be considered by the delegation.
   ix. Announcements - Announcements must pertain to council, campus or community activities.
   x. Adjournment

G. Presiding Office’s Power
   a. The presiding officer shall cast the determining vote in the event of a tie on the motion requiring a simple majority vote.

H. Voting Privileges and Procedure
   a. Full members shall have one (1) vote during the delegate meetings. In order to vote, the full member must be in good standing.
   b. Associate members have a voice but no vote in all IFC official business, except for IFC executive board elections
   c. Only IFC delegates that are registered with the Executive Vice President shall have voting privileges
   d. IFC executive board members are entitled to an un-bias say but have no voting privileges
   e. All votes shall be counted via fraternity roll call

I. Attendance
   a. Any fraternity who has two (2) or more unexcused absences in a semester at an IFC delegate meeting will lose voting privileges for that semester. The chapter will be fined $50 per absence, unexcused, after, but not including, the first two (2) absences.
   b. An unexcused absence is defined as:
      i. Not contacting the IFC Vice President of Administration Affairs twenty-four (24) hours in advance about attendance (requires a phone call and an e-mail to their executive e-mail address)
      ii. An IFC delegate serving as an attendee who is not registered with the Executive Vice President of IFC
   c. Emergency situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the IFC President

J. Quorum
   a. A quorum shall be two thirds of Regular membership in good standing.

**ARTICLE VII: DELEGATES**

A. Each IFC fraternity must elect an individual IFC delegate and one (1) alternative to serve a term of one (1) year, parallel with the term of the IFC Executive Board
   a. Chapter must register their delegate and alternative delegate with the Executive Vice President of IFC and Vice President of Administration Affairs, by 2nd IFC meeting
   b. In the event of an excused absence of both delegates, then and only then shall the chapter President be able to serve as the delegate

B. IFC delegates will attend all IFC meetings and be the authorized voting member in all IFC formal business
C. IFC delegate and alternate shall be an initiated member of their respected fraternity
D. Only registered IFC delegates will be counted in IFC meeting attendance, unless in circumstances where communication between IFC and the fraternity has occurred 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Emergency situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis
   a. In the event of meeting attendance the chapter must contact Vice President of Administration of Affairs
E. Only IFC delegates can make a motion, pertaining to IFC formal business
F. IFC delegates must report back to their fraternities on the business of the IFC
G. Outside of the IFC delegate meetings, the IFC executive board will communicate to IFC delegates via email. The IFC delegate is responsible for checking email at least every 48 hours during any academic semester

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

A. In order to be eligible or an officer position, candidate must meet requirements as specified by Regulation 4.006. All officers must be registered degree-seeking FAU students who meet the University’s minimum qualifications for student officers, which is a 2.5 cumulative GPA and be registered for 6 credit hours for undergraduate students, and a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3 credit hours for graduate students. Officers have to be in good academic standing and not on probation. Students serving as President must have earned at least 12 college credits. A student may serve in the same position or office for a maximum of two terms during his/her academic career at FAU. A student’s academic career includes his/her undergraduate, graduate, and professional course work.
B. The IFC Executive Board shall be elected at a regular meeting during the fall semester. IFC Executive Board Applications will be due no later than the last IFC meeting of October. Elections for the IFC Executive Board will take place no later than the last IFC meeting in November.
C. The election of these officers shall follow the presiding order defined in Article IX.
D. Rules of IFC executive board elections shall be followed as stated below:
   a. Candidates shall go in alphabetical order based on their last name.
   b. Each candidate will be given 3 minutes to speak on their behalf.
   c. Following the speech the candidate will leave the room, as questions are submitted to the presiding officer, and will be asked by the presiding officer to the candidate.
   d. All chapters voting rights, stated in Article VI, and shall be given one vote, casted by ballot.
   e. The Executive Vice President and Vice President of Administrative Affairs, under the supervision of the IFC advisor, as deemed in Article X, will count votes.
E. In the event of losing an election a candidate can drop down to any other position he selected on the IFC application.

ARTICLE IX: INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The administrative powers of the IFC lie in the Executive Board, which shall enforce this Constitution, and Bylaws and any regulations passed by the Council. The IFC Executive Board shall:
   a. By administrative action not contrary to the authority granted to the Delegate Council, the Judicial Board, facilitate on a daily basis the smooth operation of the IFC in accordance with its purpose and role.
   b. Submit annually to the Delegate Council a proposed operating budget.
   c. Oversee the function of any committee placed into its custody by the Delegate Council.
   d. Set the date for the Election Meeting.
   e. Publish an end-of-year report of accomplishments and concerns and distribute copies to chapters, chapter advisors, key university officials and faculty members, media contacts, community leaders, general fraternity headquarters, and the National Interfraternity Conference.
   f. Apply for Awards, including the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values.
B. Composition
   a. In presiding order, the IFC executive board shall consist of:
      i. President
      ii. Executive Vice President
      iii. Vice President of Recruitment
      iv. Vice President of Membership Development
v. Vice President of Administrative Affairs  
vi. Vice President of Community Outreach  

C. Officer Standards  
a. Remain an unbiased member of the fraternity community.  
b. Support the success of the fraternity community.  
c. Must be in good standing with their chapter, Interfraternity Council and Florida Atlantic University.  
d. Develop, maintain, and uphold goals and budgetary needs for their particular office.  
e. Attend every meeting of the IFC, except in the cases of excused absence as approved by the IFC President, 24 hours in advance as per Article 5, Section I, Subsection b, Subsection i.  
f. Uphold the constitution and by-laws of the IFC.  
g. Maintain a 2.8 (4.0) cumulative GPA.  
h. Must be registered for at least 9 credit hours at FAU, during the Spring and Fall Semester.  
i. Must not be graduating at the end of the Spring or Summer Semester, of their term year.  
j. No IFC Executive Board Member shall be the Chapter President of his fraternity during his term of office.  

D. Officer Dismissal/Impeachment  
a. Any officer failing to maintain a 2.6 cumulative GPA, inclusive of transfer grades, will be automatically dismissed  
b. A member of the IFC Executive Board may be removed from office for poor officer performance or conduct  

E. Officer Vacancy  
a. When an officer vacancy occurs, a new officer will be elected per the current IFC election process.  

ARTICLE X: ADVISOR  
A. A staff member from the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, or their designee, shall be the advisor to the IFC  
B. At least one advisor MUST be a full time faculty, AMP or SP staff member of FAU.  

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS  
A. This Constitution may be amended by a ¾ vote of the voting members of the IFC, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.
BYLAWS OF THE
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I: CHAPTERS

A. The following are the Fraternities at Florida Atlantic University that are a part of the Interfraternity Council:
   a. Full membership
      i. Alpha Epsilon Pi
      ii. Alpha Tau Omega
      iii. Delta Tau Delta
      iv. Phi Delta Theta
      v. Pi Kappa Alpha
      vi. Sigma Phi Epsilon
   b. Associate membership
      i. Sigma Chi
      ii. Triangle Fraternity

ARTICLE II: OFFICER DUTIES

A. The President shall:
   a. Call and preside at all regular, executive board, and special meetings of the IFC.
   b. Maintain communication with the IFC Advisor, executive board members, and all IFC member organizations.
   c. Represent the interests of the IFC and its member fraternities and manage all initiatives related to the development and/or improvement of resources for member fraternities.
   d. Maintain a complete and up-to-date President's file, which will include a copy of the current FAU IFC Constitution; the current IFC budget; and other pertinent materials.
   e. Meet weekly with Advisor.
   f. Hold four (4) officer hours weekly, in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
   g. Perform all other duties as assigned.

B. The Executive Vice President shall:
   a. Perform the duties of the President in his absence, inability to serve, or at his call.
   b. Assist the IFC President, in the oversight of officer duties and responsibilities.
   c. Coordinate all IFC Judicial Procedures.
   d. Coordinate IFC Constitutional & Bylaw revisions as appropriate.
   e. Provide resources to chapters for scholarship improvement.
f. Work with the IFC Executive Board to promote scholarship among member fraternities.
g. Work with the appropriate Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Staff member on any programs, forums, or events as related to academic enrichment.
h. Work with all other Fraternity/Sorority council counterparts on community wide scholarship initiatives.
i. Meet weekly with Advisor as needed.
j. Hold two (2) officer hours weekly, in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
k. Perform all other duties as assigned.

C. The Vice President of Recruitment shall:
   a. Be responsible for the overall coordination of the IFC organized recruitment
   b. Facilitate the approval of fraternity recruitment materials.
   c. Coordinate all IFC expansion initiatives.
   d. Meet weekly with Advisor as needed
   e. Hold two (2) officer hours weekly, in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
   f. Perform all other duties as assigned.

D. The Vice President of Membership Development shall:
   a. Serve as a liaison between the Interfraternity Council and areas of campus programming (student development & activities, intramural sports, etc).
   b. Plan and coordinate all IFC educational initiatives and activities/programs.
   c. Coordinate a minimum of one (1) hands-on community service project of assistance each semester for the Interfraternity Council community.
   d. Coordinate all Interfraternity Council, community wide, campus activities.
   f. Meet with Advisor as needed
   g. Hold two (2) officer hours weekly, in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
   h. Perform all other duties as assigned.

E. The Vice President of Administrative Affairs shall:
   a. Call the role at all meetings of the IFC
   b. Reserve rooms for all meetings.
   c. Keep full minutes of all meetings of the IFC and a record of all action taken by the Executive Board.
   d. Send minutes of meetings of the IFC to every IFC delegate and President, the Executive Board members, and IFC Advisor.
   e. Maintain the necessary office supplies.
   f. Maintain a list and the contact information of IFC officers & delegates.
   g. Conduct and file all correspondence of the IFC.
   h. Meet with advisors as needed
   i. Hold two (2) officer hours weekly, in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
   j. Perform all other duties as assigned.
   k. Be responsible for the general supervision of the finances of the IFC.
   l. Be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and, following its approval by the IFC, for providing a copy to each IFC member fraternity.
   m. Receive all payments due to the IFC, collect all dues and give receipts.
   n. Be responsible for the prompt payment of the annual dues and all bills of the IFC.
   o. Maintain up-to-date financial records; give a financial report at each regular meeting of the IFC and an annual report at the close of his term of office.

F. The Vice President of Community Outreach
   a. Publicize IFC and F/S Life events and provide information about F/S Life actions of current campus issues.
   b. Inform all necessary publics, including faculty and staff, of IFC achievements and related activities.
   c. Arrange and be responsible for promoting interaction between IFC and the rest of the
community.

d. Serve as liaison and assure good public relations with the local media.

e. Coordinate all special events of IFC as directed by the Executive Board.

f. Work with member fraternities to assist with any publicity and marketing issues, as deemed appropriate by the IFC Executive Board Committee.

g. Perform all other duties as assigned.

h. Directly manage all aspects of the IFC social media outlets and contributing and keeping up to date content on said outlets.

ARTICLE III: FINANCES

A. Budget

a. The Vice President of Administrative Affairs in consultation with the Interfraternity Council Executive Board shall establish the budget and expenses for IFC.

b. The Vice President of Administrative Affairs will present a semester budget for approval of the IFC by the fifth meeting of the Spring & Fall academic semesters, after which a copy will be provided to each IFC member fraternity.

B. Fiscal Year

a. The Interfraternity Council fiscal year will run from February 1st to January 31.

C. Dues

a. Interfraternity Council Member Dues will be:

i. $10 per active member

b. Interfraternity Council New Member Dues will be:

i. $15 per new member

c. Fraternity balances will be calculated based on the numbers reflected on the official fraternity roster, within the ICS roster program. It is required that each fraternity update this information prior to the 4th meeting of the Interfraternity Council, each semester.

d. Invoices will be distributed to fraternities at the 4th meeting of the Interfraternity Council each semester, with dues payment being required by the 5th meeting.

D. Delinquency

a. Any fraternity delinquent in payments shall be subject to a $10 per member fine.

b. After dues are delinquent 15 days the fraternity will be automatically placed on Interfraternity Council probation; this does not include the dues penalty as defined in Article VIII.

c. After dues are delinquent 30 days the fraternity's national headquarters will be contacted.

d. If dues have not been paid by the end of the semester in which they were assessed the fraternity will be automatically placed on Interfraternity Council Probation for the next consecutive academic semester, excluding summer.

E. Official Withdrawal

a. Upon official withdrawal of a fraternity from FAU or IFC any payments due to the IFC must be paid.

ARTICLE IV: SCHOLARSHIP

A. Fraternities must maintain an overall FAU GPA of 2.8 (4.0). If a fraternity fails to maintain a 2.8, it will be automatically placed on Interfraternity Council Probation for the following semester. (i.e. 2.79 overall in the Fall = IFC Probation in the Spring). Fraternities are not permitted to include summer grades for the following fall semester. Summer grades will be included with the fall semester grades for the status in the spring semester.

B. Any fraternity with an overall FAU GPA of a 3.0 or higher will have a 25% reduction in IFC dues the following semester (i.e. 3.1 overall in the Spring = 25% reduction of IFC dues in the Fall).

C. Any fraternity with an overall FAU GPA of All Males Average to a 2.99 will have a 15% reduction in IFC dues the following semester (i.e. 2.98 overall in the Spring = 15% reduction of IFC dues in the Fall).

D. Any fraternity whose new member class with an overall FAU GPA of a 3.0 or higher will have a 15% reduction in those members IFC dues the following semester (i.e. 3.1 overall in the Spring = 15% reduction of IFC dues in the Fall).
ARTICLE V: RECRUITMENT

A. The Interfraternity Council fully supports year-round open recruitment.

B. Alcohol
   a. Alcohol is prohibited at any and all fraternity recruitment functions.
   b. A recruitment function is defined as any event for the purposes of affiliation into a fraternity.
   c. A function is defined as any event that would be considered a fraternity activity by your individual fraternity’s insurance policy.
   d. Any violation of the policies listed in this section will result in an automatic $500 fine to be paid to the Interfraternity Council and an automatic referral to the IFC Judicial Board and Dean of Student Affairs.

C. Official IFC Recruitment Week
   a. The Interfraternity Council will set dates for the official IFC Recruitment Week.
   b. All IFC fraternities must actively participate in IFC Recruitment Week, unless given preapproval by the Interfraternity Council.
   c. Individual fraternities must submit a schedule of events for IFC Recruitment Week, to the IFC Executive Board at least 14 days before IFC Recruitment Week.
   d. Trophies, awards, composites, presentations, etc… will be allowed and as always “good taste” must be observed with any material that is distributed.

D. Publications and Advertising
   a. Any depiction of the Interfraternity Council, Florida Atlantic University, or the recruitment process must be in “good taste”, which will be defined and determined by the Interfraternity Council Executive Board.
   b. Any fraternity that fails to adhere to the standards associated with “good taste,” will be referred to the IFC Judicial Board.

E. Bids
   a. Fraternities may extend member invitations (bids) at their discretion.
   b. Bids can only be given to those men who are in good standing and are enrolled at Florida Atlantic University.
   c. IFC encourages its member fraternities to continue recruitment all year long, not just during formal/organized recruitment.
   d. Fraternities must update their official fraternity roster, through the ICS Roster Program, within one week of a new member accepting a bid.
   e. Members seeking admission into a fraternity must be registered through ICS Roster Program

F. Miscellaneous Recruitment Infractions
   a. Fraternities will not steal, desecrate, vandalize or in any other way interfere with the recruitment of any other fraternity.
   b. No uninvited active members of a fraternity will be permitted to enter another fraternity’s recruitment functions.
   c. Any violation of the policies listed in this section will result in Referral to the IFC Judicial Board.
   d. No woman, affiliated or unaffiliated shall participate in men’s recruitment events or membership selection.

ARTICLE V: RISK MANAGEMENT

A. The Risk Management Policy of FIPG, Inc. includes the provisions, which follow and shall apply to all Interfraternity Council fraternity entities and all levels of membership, at Florida Atlantic University. Any violation of these risk management policies will result in referral to the IFC Judicial Board and Dean of Student Affairs.

B. The Interfraternity Council will follow the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Policy Statement on Alcohol and the Student Code of Conduct. Every member chapter of the Interfraternity Council will be held accountable to the policy and the Student Code of Conduct.

C. Hazing
   a. The Interfraternity Council will follow the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Policy on Hazing.
b. The Interfraternity Council will abide by all Federal, State and Local laws and FAU Regulations and policies, including but not limited to the Student Code of Conduct, Code of Academic Integrity, Regulation 4.006, Alcohol and Drug Policy, and all requirements as outlined in the Student Organizations Manual.
c. The Interfraternity Council agrees to abide by the Florida Anti-Hazing Law in the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Organization Manual.

D. Personal Abuse
a. No fraternity, colony, or student shall conduct nor condone acts of personal abuse.
b. Acts of personal abuse are defined as:
c. Verbal abuse of any person including lewd, indecent, or obscene expressions of conduct.
d. Physical abuse or threat of physical abuse to any person.
e. Harassment:
   i. Defined as behavior directed at a member of the university community which would cause severe emotional distress, intimidation, or coercion to a reasonable person in the victim’s position, or would place a reasonable person in the victim’s position in fear of bodily injury or death. This definition, however, shall not be interpreted to abridge the right of any member of the university community to freedom of expression protected by the 1st amendment of the United States Constitution and any other applicable law.
f. Failure to respect the privacy of other individuals.
g. Retaliation against or harassment of complainant(s) or other person(s) alleging misconduct.

E. Sexual Abuses & Harassment
a. Florida Atlantic University will not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions which are demeaning to women or men, such as verbal harassment.
b. Florida Atlantic University will not tolerate sexual assault in any form.

F. Education
a. Each fraternity shall annually instruct its members and alumni on this policy

ARTICLE VII: EXPANSION

A. The Interfraternity Council will work in conjunction with the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, on all IFC expansion endeavors.

ARTICLE VIII: INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

A. Investigative Powers
a. The Interfraternity Council Executive Board shall have the power to investigate infractions of the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.
b. The IFC Executive Board shall refer any violation of the IFC Constitution and Bylaws to the IFC Judicial Board, by way of the Executive Vice President.

B. Duties of the Executive Vice President
a. The Executive Vice President or temporary chair shall vote only as a tie-breaker in the case of a tie vote being reached by the Judicial Board.

C. Authority of the Judicial Board
a. The IFC Judicial Board shall hear cases pertaining to rule violations of the IFC (i.e. recruitment violations, constitution violations, etc.).

D. Judicial Board
a. The IFC Judicial Board shall be composed of Chapter Presidents of the Interfraternity Council member fraternities.
b. The IFC Judicial Board may make rulings and take punitive action in cases where the IFC Constitution or Bylaws have been violated.
c. 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.

E. Quorum for Judicial Proceedings
a. Quorum must be met to hold an IFC judicial proceeding
b. Quorum for any IFC judicial proceeding shall be 3/4 of the total number of justices who serve
on the board and are eligible for that particular hearing.

F. Judicial Procedure
   a. Upon receipt of an official complaint against an organization, individual matters shall be referred to the Dean of Student Affairs Office. This does not preclude the possibility of action being judged to be both the organization as well as individual.
   b. 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.
   c. 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, as stated above, has been given to the fraternity president and the fraternity president has not provided to the Executive Vice President in advance a satisfactory reason for not being able to meet or reason for absence.
      i. 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.
   d. 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 hearing.
   e. Judicial proceedings may only include the Executive Vice President, justices, the accused fraternity, accusing fraternity, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
   f. Any alleged violations of the IFC Constitution & Bylaws require a judicial proceeding, unless otherwise outlined in this document.
   g. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, or their designee, may overturn a decision in any judicial proceeding in which it has been determined that decision was based on factors not related to the matter at hand.

G. Sanctions
   a. 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:
      i. A monetary fine commensurate with the amount of physical damage incurred.
      ii. Some measure of community service.
      iii. Removal from or mandatory attendance at campus activities, programs, or services.
   b. Interfraternity Council Probation: Under this probation, a Fraternity will be held to the following sanctions:
      i. Fraternity will have no vote in IFC formal business.
      ii. Fraternity will be required to pay 200% of their required dues for the semester (i.e. “double dues”).
      iii. Fraternity will not be able to co-sponsor events/programs with other organizations, with the exception of programs that have an educational, risk management, service and/or philanthropic purpose/programs. These events must not take place in venues where alcohol would be present, as well as need to be sponsored through FAU.
      iv. Fraternity would not be able to participate in Greek Week.
      v. Fraternity may participate in homecoming but may not be paired with any other organizations.
   c. Before being placed on any form of probation Fraternities will receive a letter from the Executive Vice President.
   d. Any probation levied by the IFC Judicial Board may not last longer than 365 days.
   e. Any Fraternity, which is found in violation of an offense while on pre-existing sanction, will be immediately referred to the IFC Judicial Board.
   f. 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.

H. 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:
   i. Unfair hearing (procedure of the hearing that affected the outcome).
   ii. New evidence (which could not be presented at the time of the hearing).
   iii. Harsh judgment (the sanction is extraordinarily disproportionate to the violation).
   iv. A typewritten appeal must be submitted to the IFC Executive Vice President.
   v. The IFC Executive Vice President, Greek Life Coordinator, and the IFC President will meet to decide if the appeal is justified.
   vi. If an appeal is found to be justified, the IFC Executive Board will make a final ruling on the matter.
c. A fraternity cannot appeal an automatic sanction, as defined in the IFC Constitution & Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: SCHEDULE

A. By the second (2) Interfraternity Council Meeting of the semester, each organization is required to turn in a calendar of events to the Vice President of Administration Affairs.
   a. Included in the calendar, each event must have a NAME, DATE, DESCRIPTION and CONTACT INFORMATION.
B. The Interfraternity Council’s goal is to provide a master calendar of events for the organization to have, along with the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, and to other various sources.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

A. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the voting members of the Interfraternity Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.