

Constitution of
DePauw University Interfraternity Council

Article I: Name, Establishment, and Organization

Section 1. Name

- A. The name of this organization shall be known as the Interfraternity Council (IFC) of DePauw University. Within this document the organization shall be referred to as the Interfraternity Council, the Council, or IFC.

Section 2. Establishment

- A. The Interfraternity Council of DePauw University has been created to promote and perpetuate the best interests of all fraternities on the campus of DePauw University.
- B. The Interfraternity Council was established to be a positive liaison between the individual social fraternities, students, faculty, administration, and the community.
- C. Therefore, this constitution has been established to govern the DePauw University fraternity system.

Section 3. Organization

- A. The Interfraternity Council shall first and foremost comply with the standards of DePauw University and the standards of the North-American Interfraternity Conference second.

Article II: Philosophy, Objectives, and Mission

Section 1. Philosophy

- A. The Council, founded in the nature of a confederation, accepts its jurisdiction as set forth in this constitution and bylaws.
- B. Deriving the power from the participating fraternities, it is the responsibility of the Council to strengthen, represent, and serve the fraternities that form the DePauw University Greek System.

Section 2. Objectives

- A. The objectives of the Interfraternity Council are as follows:
1. To promote the definite values and fraternity experience in a manner that is a positive force in the development of the college man.
 2. To create and maintain a spirit of friendliness and cooperation between fraternities and their members.
 3. To support open avenues of cooperation and communication between fraternities and University administration.
 4. To put the fraternity system before the entire campus in a favorable light, both through good publicity and

through the intelligent handling of problems that involve fraternities or their members.

Section 3. Mission

- A. The mission of the Interfraternity Council is to promote all-fraternity and all-Greek unity, demonstrate the values of the Greek System, and serve as a catalyst for accomplishing the goals of the local IFC fraternities, their (Inter)National Headquarters, and DePauw University.

Article III. Membership

A. Fraternity Membership

In order to participate in IFC sanctioned events fraternities must follow the guidelines below.

1. The fraternity must be a nationally recognized fraternity.
2. The fraternity must have the approval of the DePauw Office of Student Life when colonized, and must remain in good standing with the University.
3. The fraternity must participate in at least one (1) philanthropic event or project in each semester of the academic year.
4. The fraternity must have, at minimum, a GPA requirement that satisfies University and IFC standards.
5. The fraternity must agree to follow the standards of Values Based Recruitment (VBR) as set by DePauw University and the Interfraternity Council.
6. The fraternity must agree to all Risk Management Policies established or supported by the University and/or the Interfraternity Council.
7. To achieve recognition, the fraternity must give a presentation for acceptance into the Interfraternity Council to the Council. The Council must then vote for acceptance. The fraternity must have the consent of three fourths (3/4) of Interfraternity Council, and the consent of three fourths (3/4) of the presidents council. In the case where the fraternity does not receive the adequate number of votes, the fraternity may ask for feedback from the Interfraternity Executive Board and call for a revote no sooner than one week following the meeting where the votes were cast.
8. The fraternity must remain financially active with the IFC Council, meeting all deadlines for annual dues and/or any fines which may be assessed to the chapter. Failure to pay by these can result in loss of membership recognition in IFC.

B. Rights of all Member Fraternities

All member fraternities of the Interfraternity Council have the right to the following:

1. The right to vote on all matters concerning the IFC regulation of the fraternities before the regulations is enforced.
2. The right to suggest new policies and/or amendments to the IFC constitution and bylaws.

3. The right to present a case of appeal for any punishment it has been given to by the Interfraternity Council.
- C. Individual Membership
1. Any man registered at DePauw University as a student and a member of a member fraternity of the Interfraternity Council is subject to the policies of the Interfraternity Council.
 2. No man registered at DePauw University and a member of a member fraternity of the Interfraternity Council shall be denied the rights of the Interfraternity Council on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, marital status, or sexual orientation.

- Article IV. Relationship between the IFC Executive Board and member fraternities
- A. What the IFC Executive Board gives to the member fraternities
1. The IFC Executive Board mission is to serve as a resource for the member fraternities, particularly the presidents.
- B. What the member fraternities gives to the IFC Executive Board
- To oversee the accomplishment of the ideals of the fraternity system at DePauw University, the IFC Executive Board is authorized by the fraternities it represents to carry out the following specific policies:
1. Creating and upholding a governing system to promote equitable and just handling of inter-fraternity concerns. These concerns may include, but are not limited to
 - a. Men's Recruitment
 - b. Scholarship
 - c. Member Education
 - d. Fraternity Expansion
 - e. Interfraternity Concerns
 - f. Public relations
 - g. Risk Management
- D. The IFC Executive Board must also work to represent the DePauw fraternity interests to outside groups and individuals, by acting as a liaison between the member fraternities and the faculty, administration, student body, alumni, and community.

- Article V. The Executive Board of the Interfraternity Council
- A. Structure
1. The executive board is composed of eight (8) officers elected on an annual basis to implement and continue the policies of the Interfraternity Council constitution and bylaws.
 2. The positions are as followed:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President of Operations
 - c. Vice President of Risk Management
 - d. Vice President of Recruitment
 - e. Vice President of Scholarship
 - f. Vice President of Finance

- g. Vice President of Member Education
 - h. Vice President of Communications and Public Relations
 - 3. In the case where the President is unable to be present the Vice President of Operations assumes the roles of the President followed by the Vice Present of Risk Management, then the Vice President of Recruitment, then the Vice President of Scholarship, then the Vice President of Finance, then the Vice President of Member Education, and finally the Vice President of Communications and Public Relations.
 - 4. The Greek Advisor and the Greek Life Coordinator assigned to advise the Interfraternity Council are granted ex-officio membership; therefore having the right to attend all meetings of the Interfraternity Council.
- B. Meetings
 - 1. The IFC Executive Board must have at least a meeting every two weeks.
 - 2. The meetings are to be closed. Only the eight officers, the IFC advisor, and consulting guests approved by the President.
 - 3. The president may call special meetings as he sees necessary. Also, any member of the executive board may submit a written request for a meeting to be called to the president. It is then the President's responsibility to call the meeting as he sees necessary.
 - 4. Attendance is expected at all meetings. If an executive council member has more than two unexcused absences during a semester, his position may be subject to review from the executive council.

Article VI. The Interfraternity Council

- A. Membership

The members that make up the Interfraternity Council are as followed:

 - 1. The eight officers of the IFC Executive Board.
 - 2. The Chapter Presidents of all member fraternities.
 - a. If the President of one of the member fraternities is also on the IFC executive he may appoint a member from his fraternity to serve on the Interfraternity Council in his place. This member will assume the voting privilege for his chapter president. The President of the executive board cannot also be the President of one of the member fraternities of the Interfraternity Council.
 - 3. One additional representative from each member fraternities.
 - a. The individual fraternities must elect these members to the Council. As this representative, along with the president, will be the primarily liaison between the council and the rest of the chapters.
 - 4. The Greek Life professional assigned to advise the Council.
- B. Meetings
 - 1. The Interfraternity Council must have at least a meeting every two weeks.

2. The eight officers of IFC Executive Board shall run the meetings.
3. Meetings shall be held at the same time and place established at the beginning of each semester by the IFC Executive Board unless an emergency arises.
4. Meetings are considered closed. Only elected individuals are allowed to attend. However, consulting guests may attend the meetings with the permission of the President of the IFC Executive Board.
 - a. If additional individuals from member fraternities would like to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion the IFC Executive Board must approve their attendance.
 - b. The Interfraternity Council and/or the IFC Executive Board reserve the right to completely close meetings that is of a sensitive nature.
5. The President of the IFC Executive Board has the power to call special meetings as necessary. He also may call them if he receives a written request of any member delegate of the Interfraternity Council.
6. Attendance is mandatory. If a chapter fails to send representation more than twice within a semester, they may be subject to loss of recognition within the council.
7. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Article VII. Additional Meetings

A. President's Council

1. When the IFC Executive Board believes it is necessary a special meeting of only the Presidents of all member Fraternities, the eight Executive Officers, and the Greek Advisor and/or Greek Life Coordinator are to meet.
 - a. During these meetings any IFC Executive Officer that is also a Chapter President must serve as his chapter Representative as he cannot appoint another individual in his place.
2. These meetings should be called with a minimum of two hours notice if applicable.
3. The President of the IFC Executive Board may bring in consulting guest only if it is an unanimous decision by all the Presidents of the member fraternities.

B. Meetings of selected officers

1. The Interfraternity Council may, at its discretion, call a meeting of specific chapter officers.
 - a. The Council, if said meetings are scheduled at least one week in advance, may make these meetings mandatory.
2. Such meetings may include, but are not limited to, meetings of treasurers, scholarship chairmen, pledge educators, social chairmen, etc.

Article VIII. Voting and Quorum

A. Quorum

1. Quorum is defined as having two thirds (2/3) of the Interfraternity Council (Presidents and elected representatives).
- B. Voting
1. Once quorum has been met, a motion to vote may be made.
 - a. A motion can not be made by an IFC Executive officer or Greek Life Advisor.
 2. The President of the IFC Executive Council must then recognize this motion.
 3. Then there must be a second to the motion.
 4. Once there is a second, a simple majority of the present quorum shall decide all policies for the Interfraternity Council, excluding the election of IFC Executive Council officers.
 5. All votes must be made in writing, unless there is a motion for a roll call vote and it is deemed appropriate by the presiding officer.
 6. There shall be no voting by proxy or absentia. If a chapter is not represented at the meeting in which the vote will take place, then the chapter may not vote on the issue at hand.
 7. Each member fraternity is only allowed one vote, and the President should make it.
- C. Veto Power
1. The president of the IFC Executive board has the right to veto any decision made by the Interfraternity Council.
 2. This veto, however, may be overturned by three fourths (3/4) of the presidents council.

Article IX. Executive Officers

- A. Responsibilities of all officers
1. All officers must be in good standing with the University and a member of one of the member fraternities of the Interfraternity Council.
 2. All officers shall comply with the standards of DePauw University.
 3. All officers shall comply with this constitution and bylaws.
 4. All officers have the right to establish such committees as they see fit to help them carry out the responsibilities and obligations of the Interfraternity Council.
 5. Remain a neutral party during all IFC recruitment activities.
- B. President
1. Serve as the leader, organizer, representative, and overseer of the executive body.
 2. Monitor, interpret, and enforce IFC policies and constitution in order to properly advise the rest of the executive board.
 3. Serve as the primary representative of the IFC organization and as a liaison for the executive board.
- C. Vice President of Operations
1. Oversee elections and election preparation.
 2. Plan transition retreats and ensure proper transition of all candidates.

3. Plan discussion topics for council meetings and form necessary committees
 4. Plan and lead an IFC community-wide service project each semester.
 5. Regularly review and rewrite, as necessary, the governing documents of the Interfraternity Council.
 6. Plan and lead all programming for IFC
 7. Act as a liaison to NPC, NPHC, and MGC Councils.
- D. Vice President of Risk Management
1. Be responsible for establishing and implementing a risk management program in accordance with the University and IFC Executive Board
 2. Work with the VP of recruitment to ensure formal recruitment bylaws are enforced.
 3. Assist any member fraternity with establishing and maintaining local risk management procedures.
 4. Work with Panhellenic and other councils to develop and promote any joint risk management initiatives.
 5. Serve as IFC representative for all risk management related campus events, including Alcohol Task forces
- E. Vice President of Recruitment
1. Plan semester schedule for Fall and Spring and inform all of the chapters of the recruitment schedule in a timely manner at the beginning of each semester.
 2. Guide the Interfraternity Council on issues concerning First-year Students on Greek property.
 3. Establish penalties for recruitment violations in consultation with the IFC Executive Board.
 4. Plan, execute, and lead formal recruitment.
- F. Vice President of Scholarship
1. Work with the Interfraternity Council member fraternities to carry out the scholarship policies of the National IFC governing body.
 2. Be aware of each chapter's (Inter)National Headquarter scholarship policies, and work with chapters to help them uphold their academic standards in regards to recruitment, membership, and live-in/live-out policy.
 3. Award scholarships at the beginning of each semester.
 4. Develop academic programming for the Greek Community for fall and spring semester.
 5. Assist the Vice President of Operations with the academic component of "Greek Week" along with other cross-council programming.
 6. Work with the Vice President of Communication to effectively market the academic viability of the Greek Community.
- G. Vice President of Finance
1. Create and steward the annual budget.
 2. Oversee accounts payables.
 3. Oversee accounts receivables.
 4. Manage purchasing for the IFC Executive Council.

5. Collect annual dues from Interfraternity Council member fraternities.
- H. Vice President of Member Education
1. Create and implement anti-hazing programming.
 2. Facilitate new member educatory meetings in fall semester.
 3. Oversee new member activities in Spring Semester.
 4. Responsibly assist in reporting, investigating, and enforcing any and all hazing allegations.
 5. Educate membership on campus initiatives and issues, while serving as a liaison to other student organizations and various University offices at DePauw.
- I. Vice President of Communications and Public Relations
1. Manage the day-to-day internal communication within the executive and general council.
 2. Compile and distribute minutes from all executive and general council meetings.
 3. Assist with external communication and marketing for the Interfraternity Council.
 4. Serve as a liaison for the Interfraternity Council to the student government and other organizations.
- J. Elections
1. Elections of officers shall be held at least two weeks before finals.
 2. Election packets should be due at least one week before elections are to take place.
 3. The Vice President of Operations should run the elections. If the Vice President of Operations is running for an office, then the President of the Executive Board should run the election.
 4. Each candidate for a position should be allowed two (2) minutes to present a platform. Following the two minutes, there will be up to two (2) minutes for questions. This process will be continued for all the candidates for each position.
 5. Following the last candidate, the floor may be opened for discussion by a motion and a second from the floor. During the discussion, no member of the IFC Executive Council or the Greek Life Advisor may participate in the discussion unless a question is directed to them from a representative or president.
 6. Once the discussion has ended, each president must cast a written ballot.
 7. There shall be no voting by proxy or absentia.
 8. A simple majority of the total number of member fraternities is required to elect an officer.
 9. If there are more than two candidates for a position and a simple majority is not reached, then there should be a runoff vote between the top two candidates.
 10. If there is a tie between two candidates or if there is not a simple majority reached between two candidates, then each candidate, one at a time, will be brought into the room for up to two minutes (2) of

additional questions. Once both candidates have had the opportunity, the room may have discussion and/or vote.

11. If there is a tie between two candidates or if there is not a simple majority reached between two candidates after the second round of voting by the presidents then the IFC executive council officers, minus the president, will cast their votes.
12. If there is still a tie or if there is not a simple majority reached between two candidates after the executive council has voted then the President of the IFC Executive Council will cast the deciding vote.

K. Impeachment

1. Any executive officer may be impeached by a motion proposed by a President of a member fraternity of the Interfraternity Council.
2. There must be a simple majority vote for the Interfraternity Council to hear the case against the officer in question.
3. If the motion for hearing carries, the President's Council will hear the charges.
4. Once the charges have been heard, the officer in question has the right to present his defense.
5. A vote will be called and a three fourths (3/4) vote by the President's council is required for an officer's removal from office.

L. Vacancies

1. A formal election for replacement of any vacated office should be held at least one week after the vacancy is created.
2. The election procedures of a normal officer election should be used to fulfill any vacant office.
3. The President of the IFC executive board has the right to appoint a temporary officer to fulfill the duties of the vacant office between the time of the vacancy is created and the time of the election.

M. Terms of offices

1. All officers shall be elected at the end of the fall semester.
2. Installation of officers is to occur following the end of formal recruitment and after the start of the spring semester.
3. Officers will then hold their office for one year.

Article X. The Interfraternity Council Advisor

A. Role and obligations

1. The Interfraternity Council Advisor serves as an ex ex-officio member.
2. She/he should attend all meetings of the Interfraternity Council, IFC Executive Council, and President's Council.
3. He/she should have an individual meeting with all members of the IFC Executive Council once every two weeks.
4. She/he should have an individual meeting with all presidents of members of the Interfraternity Council once every two weeks.
5. He/she should serve as a liaison between the University and the Interfraternity Council.

Article XI. Ratification and Amendments

A. Ratification

1. The Ratification process for this constitution is as follows.
 - a. First the Vice President of Operations must run it by the IFC Bylaw committee and it must be approved unanimously.
 - b. Then the Vice President of Operations must present it to the IFC Executive Board and IFC Advisor where it must be approved unanimously.
 - c. Next, it must be presented to the Interfraternity Council. The Council must then have at least one week to read over and discuss with their fraternity.
 - d. Then there must be a motion and a second to approve.
 - e. Ratification of this constitution will pass with a three fourths (3/4) vote of the presidents from the Interfraternity Council member fraternity.

B. Constitutional Amendments

1. Any president of a member fraternity of the Interfraternity Council may submit a Constitutional Amendment for review and ratification.
2. Upon having a submitted amendment, the Interfraternity Council will have at least one week to read over and discuss the amendment.
3. Then there may be a discussion before there is the required motion and a second.
4. The constitutional amendment will be approved with a two thirds (2/3) majority of the presidents from the Interfraternity Council member fraternity.

Article XII. Statements of Position

A. Non-Discrimination

1. Based on the belief that all forms of discrimination are wrong and contrary to the principles of fraternities, the DePauw University Council adheres to appropriate federal, state, and university regulations.
2. Membership and activates of Interfraternity Council and its member fraternities will not be restricted or limited due to race, religion, creed, color, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

B. Alcohol

1. The Interfraternity Council follows and supports all federal, state, and local laws regarding alcohol consumption.
2. The Interfraternity Council also supports the University policy and position on alcohol.

C. Hazing

1. The Interfraternity Council follows and supports all federal, state, and local laws regarding hazing.
2. The Interfraternity Council also supports all University policies that pertain to hazing.

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