

CONSTITUTION
Interfraternity Council
of
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
Valparaiso, Indiana
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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization is the Interfraternity Council of Valparaiso University, which may be abbreviated as IFC.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

- Section 1. The purpose of IFC is to:
- A. Create and maintain cooperation and coordinate interfraternal affairs among member fraternities.
 - B. Foster the development of scholarship and leadership among member fraternities and their members.
 - C. Promote a positive relationship between the community and member fraternities.
 - D. Act as a medium between member fraternities and:
 - 1. faculty and administration;
 - 2. the student body;
 - 3. other student organizations.
 - E. Institute policies and rules that will benefit the fraternity community and maintain the purposes of IFC.

Section 2. Mission Statement

- A. While members of the individual fraternities strive to attain chapter goals, it must be understood by all members of the fraternities that a standard of excellence for the fraternity community is the common goal. Harmony being the key to any successful organization, it should be further accepted that all fraternities must work together in striving toward constantly improving the fraternity community.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, national origin, or handicap. Social fraternities exist upon the invitation of the University and the approval of IFC.

Section 1. Classes of Membership

- A. There are two classes of membership in IFC: full and associate.

Section 2. Requirements to Become a Full Member

- A. A fraternity must be recognized by Valparaiso University as a student organization and be in good standing with the University.
- B. A fraternity must have been an associate member of IFC and during that time must have met all of the obligations of an associate member.
- C. Upon fulfillment of all obligations, a statement affirming full membership into the Interfraternity Council will be given. The Governing Council reserves the right to express concerns to the organization in question regarding their performance at this time.

Section 3. Privileges of a Full Member

A full member shall:

- A. Have all privileges and rights under this Constitution and Bylaws, except as limited by the actions of the Judicial Board or Valparaiso University.

Section 4. Duties of a Full Member

A full member shall:

- A. Pay all dues and fees owed to IFC.

Section 5. Requirements to Become an Associate Member

- A. Must be recognized by the University as a student organization.
- B. Must be in good standing with the University.
- C. Must be a social fraternity.
- D. Must, in a petition for associate membership, submit for review to the Executive Board:
1. its name;
 2. the names of its alumni advisors and patrons;
 3. a copy of its Constitution and Bylaws;
 4. a statement of its purposes.
- E. Must receive a two-thirds vote of the Governing Council to affirm associate status.
- F. Organizations who do not meet all of the above requirements may be granted the status of a non-voting member by the Governing Council and a non-voting member may only attend and speak at IFC open meetings.

Section 6. Privileges of an Associate Member.

An associate member may:

- A. Participate in all IFC-sponsored programs.
- B. Attend IFC meetings with non-voting status.
- C. Speak at IFC meetings.

- Section 7. Duties of an Associate Member.
- A. Must be an associate member for a period of no less than one semester.
 - B. Must pay one-half of the dues required of a Full member.
 - C. Abide by this Constitution and Bylaws.
 - D. Abide by all regulations of the Executive Board.
 - E. Must encourage interfraternity spirit among its members.

ARTICLE IV

Governing Council

- Section 1. Composition
- A. The legislative powers of IFC lie in the Governing Council, which shall be composed of two representatives per fraternity. One shall be the fraternity President and the other shall be a representative selected by each individual fraternity.

- Section 2. Voting
- A. Each senior member or his delegated representative shall have the right to cast one vote on any issue. Each president is entitled one vote, while each representative is entitled one vote.
 - B. A roll call will be granted at the request of a member of the Governing Council at any time except during elections.

- Section 3. Duties of Representatives
- A. Attend each regular and special session of the IFC.
 - B. Abide by this Constitution and Bylaws.
 - C. Formulate all regulations that are necessary to maintain and execute the purposes of IFC.
 - D. Vote upon proposals from the floor or from the Executive Board.
 - E. Elect Executive Board members, excluding appointed officers.
 - F. Make motions to amend this Constitution and Bylaws.

- Section 4. Definition of a Quorum
- A. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the eligible voting members of the Governing Council.

- Section 5. Meetings.
- A. Meetings of IFC will be held once a week on a specified day, or special meetings may be held at the request of the President.

ARTICLE V
Executive Board

- Section 1. Authority
- A. The administrative power of IFC lie in the Executive Board.
- Section 2. Requirements to be a member
- A. In order to be a member of the Executive Board, a candidate must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better.
- B. Must be elected by the Governing Council.
- Section 3. Composition
- A. The Executive Board of IFC shall be elected positions:
1. Elected officers: President, Vice President/Recruitment, Treasurer/Secretary and Director of Public Relations.
 2. These nominations must be approved by a majority vote of the Governing Council.
- Section 4. Terms of Officers
- A. The term of office of a member of the Executive Board shall last for one year.
- B. These officers shall not be representatives of their fraternity to the Governing Council for the duration of their term, i.e. shall not serve as Executive Board of their fraternity.
- Section 5. Duties of Officers
- A. Attend regular and special sessions of IFC.
- B. Attend Executive Board meetings.
- C. Carry out his duties as specified by this Constitution and Bylaws.
- D. Must by administrative action not contrary to the authority granted to the Executive Board, facilitate the smooth operation of IFC in accordance with its purpose.
- E. Cooperate with the Panhellenic Council, the Assistant Dean, and any other member of the University community for the advancement of the purposes of IFC.
- F. Maintain accurate records of all activities and programs for which he is responsible.
- G. Participate in the transfer of files to and a training session with his successor.

- Section 6. Removal of Officers
- A. Officers of the Executive Board may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of the Governing Council. The vote must be called for by a petition of three-fourths of the Governing Council.

ARTICLE VI
Judicial Board

- Section 1. Judicial Board
- A. See Greek Judicial Board document

ARTICLE VII
Advisor to the Interfraternity Council

- Section 1.
- A. The Assistant Dean of Students is appointed by the University.
- B. The Assistant Dean of Students may attend all sessions of IFC and all Executive Board meetings and shall remain informed of IFC business.

ARTICLE VIII
Suspension, Expulsion, Readmission

- Section 1. Suspension and Expulsion
- A. Violations of this Constitution, Bylaws, or established policies of IFC may result in suspension or expulsion from the IFC.
- B. Suspension or expulsion of a member fraternity may be carried out by a three-fourths vote of the Judicial Board.
- C. Motions to expel a member fraternity must be submitted in written form to the members of the Governing Council at least two weeks prior to the Judicial Board hearing.
- D. Member fraternities suspended or expelled from IFC will lose recruitment and social events privileges for the period of suspension or expulsion.
- E. One calendar year shall be the maximum period for suspension.

- Section 2. Readmission
- A. Member fraternities suspended for a stated period of time are to be automatically readmitted at the end of that period.
- B. Expelled member fraternities may apply for readmission as associate members.

- Section 3. Inactivity
- A. If a member fraternity should become inactive on campus, then it shall automatically lose its membership in IFC.
- B. To be readmitted in IFC, the inactive member must reapply for admission as an associate member.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

- Section 1. Right to Introduce Amendments
- A. Any IFC member may introduce an amendment to the Constitution.
 - B. Any Executive Board member may introduce an amendment to the Constitution.
- Section 2. Procedure for Proposing Amendments
- A. After an amendment is introduced, the Governing Council must determine when to vote on it; it can be voted on immediately or at a later date; the exception is that a special meeting may be called specifically to vote on an amendment, but the meeting must be called two weeks in advance.
- Section 3. Ratification and Adoption
- A. This Constitution must be ratified by a three-fourths vote of the Governing Council.
 - B. An amendment that receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the Governing Council is adopted as a part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE X
Bylaws

- Section 1. Right to introduce a Bylaw Amendment
- A. Same as Article IX, Section 1.
- Section 2. Procedure for Proposing Amendments
- A. Same as Article IX, Section 2.
- Section 3. Ratification and Adoption
- A. The Bylaws of IFC must be ratified by a three-fourths vote of the Governing Council;
 - B. An amendment that receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the Governing Council is adopted as a part of this Constitution.