

The Constitution of the Interfraternity Council
at
The University of Michigan
-Effective September 9, 2021-

Preamble

We, the members of the Interfraternal Community at The University of Michigan, come together to promote and protect the interests of IFC fraternal organizations and to foster a shared vision of integrity, academic excellence, brotherhood, service to community and commitment to the highest ideals of Fraternity life. We hereby establish this Constitution of The Interfraternity Council to serve as the guiding document for our organization and our members. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of the Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities.

Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Interfraternity Council at the University of Michigan, henceforth referred to as the Interfraternity Council or IFC.

Article 2: Purpose

The Interfraternity Council serves as the primary governing body for active affiliated chapters at the University of Michigan. It will strive to promote the ideals of Fraternity & Sorority Life, as defined by this constitution, for all students regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

Article 3. Affiliation

Section 1. Statement of Affiliation

- A. The Interfraternity Council is affiliated with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Michigan through its Sponsored Student Organization agreement. The member organizations of the Interfraternity Council are institutionally-recognized fraternities which hold Voluntary Student Organization (VSO) agreements with the Center for Campus Involvement.

Article 4: Member Chapter Expectations

The Interfraternity Council will hold active chapters responsible for adherence to the following basic expectations:

- A. Chapters will respect the human dignity of all persons and will not physically, psychologically, or sexually abuse any human being.
- B. Chapters will strive for academic achievement and maintain academic integrity.
- C. Chapters will respect their own property and the property of others, and will not condone nor tolerate the abuse of property.
- D. Chapters will meet their financial and administrative obligations in a timely manner.
- E. Chapters will maintain chapter property so that it is properly cleaned, safe and in a condition befitting of the community of which it is a part.

- F. Chapters will not condone nor tolerate the use of illegal drugs or the misuse of alcohol.
- G. Chapters will challenge all members to adhere to these interfraternal expectations and will confront those who are in violation of them.
- H. Chapters will conduct themselves in a way that upholds the integrity and reputation of the IFC and the University of Michigan.
- I. Chapters must be SOAR (Student Organization, Advancement and Recognition) registered by the end of the first month of the semester. Failure to do so will result in suspension of voting rights in IFC and representation in all IFC-affiliated bodies (SRC, GARP, etc.) until SOAR registration is completed. If a chapter is not registered with SOAR, it is not entitled to any funding from IFC.

Article 5: Membership

Section 1. Classification of Membership

- A. *Active Chapter*. An active chapter is a chapter with all rights and privileges granted in the Constitution and Bylaws. An active chapter will be represented at all meetings and pay full dues.
- B. *Conditional Chapter*. A conditional chapter is a chapter seeking to become an active chapter as outlined in Chapter Expansion Guidelines outlined in the Bylaws. It will have a voice and vote in the Legislative body; however, its members will be ineligible for executive or judicial office. A conditional chapter is obligated to send a representative to all meetings and pay full dues.
- C. *Suspended chapter*. A suspended chapter is a chapter that has been suspended by IFC or the Greek Activities Review Panel. A suspended chapter loses certain rights and privileges of membership and may be required to satisfy terms or conditions associated with the suspension.
- D. *Affiliate Chapter*. An affiliate chapter is a chapter that does not wish to use the recruitment resources of IFC. It will not have a voice or vote in matters concerning recruitment. It will pay a percentage of full dues based on the resources utilized, as determined by the IFC VP of Finance. Other rights, privileges, and obligations will be the same as an active chapter.
- E. *Expansion Chapter*. An expansion chapter is a chapter that has been voted on to the IFC expansion calendar and must adhere to the guidelines of an expansion chapter as defined in the IFC Bylaws. The chapter will have no vote in the Legislative business and will not pay dues, except the designated expansion fee.

Article 6: The Executive Board

Section 1. Qualifications and General Duties

1. Officers will not have an expected graduation date before the completion of their term.
2. Officers will be active members in good standing of a full member chapter in the Interfraternity Council.
3. Officers will attend all IFC business meetings.
4. Officers will attend weekly Executive Board meetings.
5. Officers will assist with the organization and running of recruitment, programming and events coordinating.
6. Officers will spend time in the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office, as projects/activities require, but plan on a minimum of four hours per week.

7. Officers will promote a positive Fraternity Life image and serve as true role models on campus and within the general community.
8. Officers are responsible for setting an example within the community and following all IFC policies and procedures in their individual actions.
9. Officers will not serve in the position of President within their chapter.
10. Officers will have and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher during the term of office.

Section 2. Officer Positions

The IFC Executive Board will consist of the following positions and their specific duties are outlined in the IFC Bylaws.

1. President
2. Executive Vice President
3. Judicial Vice President
4. Vice President of Social Responsibility
5. Vice President of Recruitment
6. Vice President of Public Relations
7. Vice President of Programming
8. Vice President of Service
9. Vice President of Internal Affairs
10. Vice President of Finance

Article 7: The Legislative Body

Section 1. Definition of Legislative Body

- A. The Interfraternity Council will consist of the presidents or elected delegates from each chapter. If the president or delegate is unable to attend, another member of the chapter's Executive Board will represent the chapter.

Section 2. Duties of the Legislative Body

- A. To develop all policies and regulations necessary to fulfill the purposes of the IFC.
- B. To elect the Executive Board and Standing Committee members of the IFC at the annual elections.
- C. To conduct all business appropriately before it under the Constitution and Bylaws.
- D. To report the business discussed to their respective individual chapters.

Section 3. Powers of the Legislative Body

- A. To establish and enforce the policies and regulations of the IFC and the decisions of the Greek Activities Review Panel.
- B. To create, direct, and disband such subsidiary councils, organizations, and committees as it deems necessary.

Section 4. Meetings

- A. Regular meetings of the Legislative Body will be scheduled weekly during the academic year, or at the discretion of the IFC President.
- B. The meetings will be conducted according to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise stipulated.

Section 5. Quorum

- A. Quorum at a meeting of the Legislative Body will be set at two-thirds of the active members.

Section 6. Voting

- A. Each active chapter will have one vote on matters pending before the Legislative Body.

- B. A delegate must be present in order to vote unless a proxy vote has been left with the Vice President of Internal Affairs before the beginning of the meeting.

Article 8: Finance

The Executive Board will assess chapter dues on a per member basis. Chapter member rosters will be distributed at the first Interfraternity Council meeting of each semester for the presidents to update the status of all members. These rosters must be returned by the next IFC meeting in order for the chapter to be invoiced for the updated number of active members. Chapters will then be given a final dues invoice and will be required to pay within a reasonable amount of time, no greater than 30 days, as determined by the Vice President of Finance. Members who are studying abroad or are not registered for classes at the University will not be included in the number of active members. In addition, only members who have been officially deactivated with the chapter's national organization will be considered "deactivated" within the Interfraternity Council.

Article 9: Standing Committees

The Executive Board will be responsible for the creation and supervision of the standing committees of IFC. Each committee will take office at the beginning of the calendar year or academic semester and the term will last until either the end of that calendar year or academic semester. New committees may be created at the discretion of the IFC Executive Board.

Article 10: Agreement, Rules, Policy

All active chapters of the Interfraternity Council will act in accordance with the policies and regulations established by this Constitution and Bylaws. It is also expected that chapters conduct themselves in accordance with their chapter's national policies. In the event of conflicting policies, the stricter policy should be followed.

Article 11: Violations

A violation will be defined as an act that contradicts the policies and regulations set forth in the Constitution and/or its Bylaws. The chapter in violation of said policies will be subject to review by the Greek Activities Review Panel and will further be obligated to abide by the G.A.R.P. ruling and sanctions.

Article 12: Amendment/Ratification

- A. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the member chapters of the IFC. The proposed amendment will be submitted in writing to the Legislative Body at least one IFC meeting prior to the vote.
- B. The Constitution is to be reviewed annually by the Executive Board at the beginning of every Fall semester. The executive board will make any and all changes they see fit to keep the constitution up to date. These changes will be presented to and voted on by the legislative body. Three-fourths vote by the legislative body is needed to approve the changes and ratify the Constitution.
- C. This Constitution will become effective upon the approval of three-fourths of all member chapters. Upon ratification of this document, any and all previous Constitution and Bylaws will be null and void.

Amended 9/28/2006; again 11/7/2007; again 1/9/2008; again 1/23/08, again 3/5/08; again 10/29/08; again 11/18/09; again 1/27/2010; again 11/10/10; again 10/31/2012; again 11/7/2012; again 3/18/2015; again 10/4/2017; again 11/04/2020; again 9/1/2021