

University of Michigan Interfraternity Council

Articles of Expansion

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- I. Purpose
 - A. The Interfraternity Council (IFC) supports the expansion of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Michigan and believes that fraternal membership enhances the experience of the undergraduate student during his time at the university and later in life.
 - B. The Interfraternity Council believes that at no time should expansion impede the success and growth of current IFC member chapters.
- II. Deciding on Expansion
 - A. Process
 - 1. The IFC Executive Board can decide if expansion should be pursued at the start of a semester.
 - a) A majority vote by the board is needed to decide if expansion should be closed for a semester.
 - B. Factors to Consider
 - 1. [The Council Readiness Assessment](#)
 - 2. Overall community health based on recent activities and engagement
 - 3. Recent conduct issues and accountability pathway outcomes
 - 4. Historical outcomes of recent expansions
- III. Expansion Proposal Review Committee
 - A. Purpose
 - 1. The Expansion Proposal Review Committee (EPRC) will determine which chapters will be placed on the expansion docket for that semester.
 - B. Composition
 - 1. The EPRC will be composed of five voting members and four non-voting members
 - a) Voting members
 - (1) IFC Executive Vice President
 - (2) IFC Vice President of Internal Affairs
 - (3) One Ad-hoc member of the IFC Executive Board appointed by the IFC President
 - (4) Two members of the IFC Legislative Body appointed by the IFC Executive Board
 - b) Non-voting members
 - (1) IFC Advisor
 - (2) IFC Graduate Student Intern
 - (3) One Student Life representative from the Fraternity & Sorority Life Office
 - (4) One representative from a university campus partner office

2. The IFC Executive Vice President will serve as chairman of the EPRC.

C. Process

1. The Expansion Form (Article IV) will live on the FSL website and completed by partner chapters interested in joining our community.
2. The EPRC will determine a semesterly cutoff of completion of the Expansion Form for consideration for expansion that semester.
3. The EPRC should provide enough time for a period of review at their discretion and present their findings to the IFC Legislative body.
 - a) Example Review Timeline
 - (1) Fall Submission period closes Oct. 1
 - (a) Should consider proposals from the submission that missed the Winter semester Expansion Form deadline
 - (2) Review Period Oct. 2 - Oct. 14
 - (a) Any presentations should be scheduled in between this period
 - (b) Complete the Council Readiness Assessment.
 - (3) Submit findings to Executive Board & Legislative Body Oct. 15
 - (4) IFC Legislative Body votes on expansion partner Oct. 31
 - (5) Repeat a similar cycle for the Winter semester
4. The EPRC should develop a scoring rubric that evaluates expansion partners on the factors requested in the Expansion Form
 - a) This can be modified each semester to account for the current priorities of the council
5. During the EPRC review period, the IFC President & IFC Advisor should connect with the FSL Director to determine what, if any, additional University factors may need to be considered.

IV. Expansion Form

A. Purpose & Logistics

1. The Expansion Form will live on the FSL website and completed by partner chapters interested in joining our community.
2. Submissions will be automatically generated and available to all members of the EPRC, the FSL Director, and the IFC President.
3. The Expansion Form will be open at all times but reviewed based on semesterly deadline of exactly one month after the first day of classes.
4. The Expansion Form will attempt to collect all requisite material necessary for the EPRC to make an informed recommendation.

B. Outline

All fields are required unless otherwise noted

1. Name of the Organization
2. Preferred Term of Expansion
3. Has the organization ever been at the University of Michigan [yes / no]
 - a) If yes, detail why the organization no longer exists

(1) If Conduct related, the partner must detail what they have done to rectify / address the issue

4. Expressed interest and rationale for pursuing affiliation with the University of Michigan Interfraternity Council.
5. Detail why the organization will bring value to the IFC & University of Michigan
6. Detail their initial recruitment plan
7. Will they have individuals on-site for the duration of the expansion?
8. Risk Management Philosophy
9. DEI initiatives or related work for the development of the individual or the community
10. Recruitment Philosophy and Process
11. New Member Education Process
12. Philanthropy and Service Events
13. Financial structure
14. Dues rates for new members
15. Dues rates for actives
16. Proposal for chapter founding budget
17. Number of Active Alumni within a 50 Mile radius of Ann Arbor
18. Name of Chapter Advisor
19. List of Advisors & Alumni involved in the process
20. Expansion Consultant Name & Contact Info
21. Number of HQ Staff
22. Housing
 - a) Will the organization live in a designated chapter property
 - b) Detail the housing status - when can individuals move in, what is rent,
 - c) Will the organization have a live-in advisor
 - d) Does the organization or alumni own property in Ann Arbor
23. Overview of their reorganization process including relevant benchmarks and process from interest group to full chartered chapter
24. Resources needed from the IFC & FSL
25. Acceptance and adherence to all IFC, FSL, and University policies

V. Approving the EPRC Proposal

A. Process

1. A simple majority vote from the IFC Legislative Body is necessary to affirm the expansion recommendation proposed by the EPRC.
2. The EPRC can recommend as many partner chapters for expansion as they see fit. It is suggested that no more than two chapters a semester are considered for expansion. This, however, can be changed at the discretion of the EPRC (if, for example, chapters with existing networks seek re-entry into the community).

VI. Amending the Articles of Expansion

A. Voting

1. Any changes to the Articles of Expansion will require an affirmative two-thirds vote by the IFC Legislative Body.