

**Bylaws of the
Interfraternity Council of Clemson University**

Article I - Attendance

- Section I.** If a chapter fails to send a representative for two meetings or more the organization will be fined \$25. Every following absence will result in an additional fine of \$25.
- Section II.** Any unexcused absence from a meeting of the Honor Court shall result in a mandatory minimum fine of fifty dollars (\$50), and a second unexcused absence during a semester shall result in hearing the case in absentia at the discretion of the Court.
- Section III.** Only the chairman of the Honor Court may excuse absences from the meetings of the Board, and the excuse must be obtained prior to the meeting.
- Section IV.** Allowances may be made at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Article II - Participation

- Section I.** To be eligible to participate in Interfraternity Council activities, a person must be:
- A. Currently enrolled at Clemson University;
 - B. Listed on his fraternity chapter's roll which has been submitted to the Greek Life Office.

Article III – Financial Obligations

- Section I.** Each fraternity shall pay dues to the Clemson University IFC.
- Section II.** All IFC dues (brother and new member) will be paid during the first IFC meeting following Bid Day every spring
- A. Brother dues will be \$10 per brother.
 - B. New member/Associate member dues will \$10 per person.
 - C. Rush Fees will be proposed by the VP of Finance every semester and voted in by the IFC chapter presidents
 - 1. This fee must be paid using the online registration system, with registration closing one (1) week before the first night of Smokers.
 - D. Dues will be turned into the IFC Vice President of Finance, late dues may result in fines and suspension at the discretion of the executive council
 - E. Dues may only be turned into the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life or members of the Interfraternity Council

Article IV - Rush

Section I. Formal Rush

- A. Formal Rush shall be held one week per semester designated by the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University.
- B. All undergraduate males currently enrolled at Clemson University with a minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA are eligible to participate in Formal Rush.
- C. No fraternity shall serve alcohol or allow alcohol to be present during the week of Formal Rush or any Rush event.
- D. Formal Rush shall consist of the following:
 - 1. A Rush Forum(s) shall be held some time prior to the start of Formal Rush at a time and place designated by the Executive Council
- E. The Vice President of Rush shall maintain a list of registered rushees.
- F. Bids must be turned in on the last day of Formal Rush before 8:00 a.m. to the IFC Executive Council at the location designated.
- G. Formal Rush will close after the rushees have received their bids.
 - 1. Rushees shall pick up bids at a time and place specified by the executive council.

Section II. Open Rush

- A. Open Rush for the first and second semesters shall begin at 12:00 noon one day following the close of Formal Rush for that semester and shall end following the conclusion of said semester
- B. The same requirements for formal rush apply to Open Rush.
- C. A fraternity chapter may not extend an open bid to a rushee during the formal Rush period. There is no requirement for a chapter to participate in open rush

Article V – Probation and Penalties

Section I. A member fraternity chapter placed on social probation shall not engage in any organized activity, formal or informal, for the prescribed time, beginning the day on which the penalty is levied.

Section II. Any fine levied, whether in accordance with the Constitution or the By-Laws, shall be paid in full within seven days or work out a payment plan with the IFC Vice President - Finance. Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed seven days shall result in the chapter being referred to the IFC Honor Court and Appeals Court there after.

Section III. If a fraternity chapter earns social probation and the period of fourteen consecutive days is interrupted by the ending of a semester or an official University holiday, the remainder of the penalty period will be served commencing the first day classes are resumed after the holiday or at the beginning of a semester, whichever is applicable.

Article VI – Social Policy

Section I. IFC expects all member chapters to abide by the risk management standards set forth by the university and their respective headquarters. Also, those member chapters will take the responsibility of knowing that they represent themselves, their national fraternity, fellow Clemson IFC fraternities, and Clemson University itself in all of their actions.

Section II. All chapters are prohibited from having a Little Sister program. Such a program would include extending a second tier membership to women in which they would be considered a faction of your organization. Any found in violation of this rule will be subject to a hearing by the Honor Court.

Section III. All chapters are prohibited from having social events with fraternities and other organizations that are not recognized by Clemson University. The list of these organizations will be updated on the IFC website.

Article VII – Expansion

Section I. General Philosophy

- A. The IFC and the University jointly reserve the right to invite specific national fraternities to colonize at the University.
- B. Expansion is a step by step process and the completion of one or more steps in no way guarantees a commitment to extend an invitation to colonize.
- C. The University does not recognize local fraternities. All men's fraternities who desire membership in the IFC at Clemson University must have affiliation with a national organization.

Section II. Expansion Committee

- A. It is the responsibility of the IFC executive officers to hold a vote for the opening of the expansion committee
- B. Opening the expansion committee will determined by a simple majority vote on part of the IFC chapter presidents. The IFC President votes only in the case of a tie.
- C. The IFC Vice President will act as the Expansion committee chairman.
- D. The committee will consist of 10 members including one representative from the most recently colonized fraternity and one representative from the most recently chartered fraternity and no more than one member from a single chapter on the committee
- E. The Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and IFC Vice President of Recruitment will act as ex-officio committee members.
- F. The committee chairman shall request that the Vice President for Student Affairs appoint a Student Affairs staff members to serve as ex-officio committee members.

- G. The committee shall deal with all matters pertaining to expansion of the IFC fraternity community. All action in the area of colonization must be approved and sanctioned by this committee.
- H. As their primary mission, the committee shall review the current climate of the IFC fraternity community at Clemson University. This review should focus on the interest of unaffiliated male students on campus and their interest in a new opportunity for fraternity membership.
- I. The Expansion Committee's concerns should be for the long-term benefit of all male students to have the opportunity to join a fraternity. They need also to focus on whether or not additional chapters would benefit the Clemson University IFC.

Section III. Inquiry Stage

- A. The Expansion Committee Chairman shall compose a letter to specific NIC-affiliated fraternities not established on campus extending the invitation for each to submit a letter of interest of expansion to the University. The invitation should include a copy of pertinent campus policies, including the Expansion Policy.
- B. Any organization not invited by the expansion committee We encourage any inter/national organization with an interest group hoping to start a colony at the UConn Storrs campus to first contact the OFSL to begin discussions about colonization before coming to campus and attempting to recruit or attract new members.
- C. Upon invitation, any interested fraternity must provide to the Expansion Committee the
- D. following information:
 - 1. Number of alumni within a 50-mile radius of Clemson;
 - 2. Number of colonization attempts in the last five (5) years, their respective status, and the names of the institutions at which they are located;
 - 3. Number of colonization attempts presently pending and the names of the respective institutions;
 - 4. Name of the institution housing the nearest chartered chapter of the fraternity and its status;
 - 5. The ratio of field staff/consultants to chapters/colonies and the set visitation program;
 - 6. Description of what the national chapter will supply the colony with during startup;
 - 7. And reason for interest in colonizing at Clemson University.
- E. In order to be considered for membership on campus, the fraternity, its constitution and its governing laws shall be in compliance with the latest edition of the Student Code of Conduct: Rules, Procedures, Rights and Responsibilities.
- F. It will be up to the discretion of the committee to decide what chapters will be given consideration.
- G. All members of the committee shall take time to review the materials received in order to familiarize themselves with all the respective fraternities' programs and philosophies prior to any discussion on such information.

Section IV. Selection Stage

- A. Upon review of submitted information, the Expansion Committee, through open discussion and dialogue, shall develop a small fixed group no larger than three candidate fraternities per expansion opening. These groups will be invited to visit the campus and make presentations regarding philosophies and programs before the full IFC and interested Student Affairs staff for the purpose of mutual evaluation.
- B. The visits by the fraternities shall be individual and distinct for each invited fraternity.
- C. Following the final presentation of the national fraternities, the committee will vote on which chapters to hold a vote on for colonization by the IFC. The VP will vote only in the case of a tie.
- D. The invited group must attain a 2/3 vote by the IFC. If multiple chapters make the presentation, they each must receive a 2/3 vote.
- E. If the IFC no longer wishes to expand following the campus presentations of finalists, a simple majority must be reached to close the committee.
- F. IFC approval authorizes the IFC President and Expansion Chairman to present to the Vice President for Student Affairs the recommendation and desire to extend an invitation to the selected fraternity. A letter shall be sent to the Vice President for Student Affairs advising him/her of the IFC approval of a particular fraternity's colonization. With his/her agreement, a joint invitation will be extended to the approved fraternity.
- G. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall have the opportunity to discuss the IFC decision in an open forum and share their thoughts.
- H. After University approval is granted, the Expansion Chairman shall compose a letter of invitation to the selected fraternity to expand on campus.
- I. If the invited fraternity declines, the committee shall then, with the approval of a 2/3 IFC vote, invite the next fraternity on the priority list.

Section V. Petition/Colonization Stage

- A. Upon receipt of the fraternity's acceptance, the IFC and Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life shall work with the appropriate fraternity staff member(s) to offer any assistance possible to ensure the success of the colonization.
- B. The beginning date of the colonization will be decided by the IFC in consultation with the respective fraternity.
- C. The approved fraternity will submit to the IFC and the Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life a plan/program for their colonization at Clemson University within 30 days of approval.
- D. Upon receiving permission of colonization, the new colony shall be a non-voting member of the IFC, recognized as a "petitioning status" member.
- E. The rights afforded and obligations owed by the colony shall include all those of a full IFC Member with the exception of the right to have a member serve on executive council.

Section VI. Full Status Membership

- A. Petitioning status chapter or colony may petition the IFC for full membership after meeting the colony requirements and being granted a

charter from the national fraternity. A petition for recognition as a full status member must be made no later than one month after the chartering of the chapter.

- B. The petition shall be presented at any official IFC meeting and voted upon at the next meeting.
- C. Acceptance of the petition by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the total membership of the Interfraternity Council shall admit the chapter as a full status member of the IFC. D. Full membership is contingent upon approval.

Section VII. Policy Re- Examination

- A. The procedures and policy on expansion shall be reviewed, and if necessary, revised as necessary by the Expansion Committee with the approval of the IFC