

## **Constitution of the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University**

### **Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University.

### **Article II - Purpose**

**Section I.** The Interfraternity Council of Clemson University shall be the supervisory and governing body of all social fraternities recognized by their respective national organizations and Clemson University.

**Section II.** The specific purpose of the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University shall be:

- A. The establishment and administration of rules governing joining, associate membership, and initiation;
- B. The establishment and administration of rules governing the general conduct of fraternities;
- C. The encouragement of scholastic achievement;
- D. The general promotion of Fraternity and Sorority Life;
- E. The stimulation of greater cooperation and harmony among the members of the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University; and,
- F. The promotion of the mission of Clemson University.

### **Article III - Membership**

**Section I.** Membership in the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University shall consist of the chapters of the general fraternities herein named:

#### **Full Membership:**

Beta Zeta Chapter of	Alpha Gamma Rho
Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of	Alpha Sigma Phi
Eta Pi Chapter of	Alpha Tau Omega
Delta Nu Chapter of	Beta Theta Pi
Alpha Chi Delta Chapter of	Chi Psi
Clemson Chapter of	Delta Chi
Theta Mu Chapter of	Delta Tau Delta
Delta Omicron Chapter of	Kappa Alpha Order
Kappa Upsilon Chapter of	Kappa Sigma
Delta Omicron Chapter of	Lambda Chi Alpha
Zeta Alpha Chapter of	Pi Kappa Phi
South Carolina Gamma Chapter of	Phi Delta Theta
Upsilon Septaton Chapter of	Phi Sigma Kappa
Theta Zeta Chapter of	Sigma Nu
Sigma Psi Chapter of	Tau Kappa Epsilon

**Associate Membership:**

Alpha Eta Chapter of  
Clemson Chapter of  
Chi Alpha Chapter of  
Clemson Chapter of

Beta Upsilon Chi  
FarmHouse  
Phi Gamma Delta  
Triangle

**Section II.** There shall be two classes of membership in the Interfraternity Council, full membership and associate membership.

**A. Full Membership**

1. Full membership in the Interfraternity Council shall consist of the power to vote, to hold executive office, to deliberate issues, and to serve on committees.
2. Each full member fraternity chapter, in order to maintain good standing in the Interfraternity Council, shall meet the following requirements:
  - a. Maintain an overall semester grade-point ratio (GPR) of not less than 2.7 each semester.
  - b. Maintain a New Member grade-point ratio (GPR) of not less than 2.7 each semester.
  - c. Chapters that do not meet this criteria will be held accountable through Interfraternity Honor Court.
  - d. Have no outstanding balances owed to their respective national organizations, or the Interfraternity Council.
  - e. Failure to meet these requirements for full membership for two consecutive semesters shall subject the full member fraternity to a hearing before the Interfraternity Council Honor Court.

**B. Associate Membership**

1. Associate membership to the Interfraternity Council shall be granted to a national fraternity chapter upon receiving one-half (1/2) affirmative vote of the membership of the Interfraternity Council.
2. Associate membership shall consist of all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of full membership, except the right to hold executive office. The Associate member shall be bound by the rules and decisions of the Interfraternity Council.
3. Associate membership must be chartered to receive full membership within the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University.

**Section III.** Membership in the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University is at all times a privilege, a privilege which may be withdrawn by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of this Interfraternity Council.

### **Article IV - Representation**

**Section I.** Each full member fraternity and each associate member fraternity shall be represented in the Interfraternity Council by the chapter president

**Section II.** In the case of medical, school related, or other causes reasonably justifiable, the president may send any active member of the chapter to act as a representative in his stead.

**Section III.** As a representative, this member has all the same rights of representation as the other chapter presidents with the exception of voting.

**Section IV.** In order for a chapter to receive voting rights in case of a president's absence, the representative chosen must be another member of said chapters respective executive council.

### **Article V – Executive Council**

**Section I.** The officers of the Executive Council shall be President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Risk Management, Vice President of Public Relations, and Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Academics

**Section II.** No fraternity chapter shall have more than one officer on the Executive Council.

**Section III.** The officers of the Executive Council shall be elected from the voting membership in November of each year. To be elected to an office, an individual must be a full member of a chapter with full membership on the Interfraternity Council. The IFC president must also have served on IFC before or served as a chapter president.

**Section IV.** A majority vote of all voting members shall be required to elect a member of the Interfraternity Council to an office.

**Section V.** The term of office for officers of the Executive Council shall be from January 1 - December 31 of each year.

**Section VI.** The Executive Council shall be sworn into office at the last regular meeting of the fall semester and shall assume their duties at the first regular meeting of the Interfraternity Council of the Spring Semester.

**Section VII.** Any officer of the Executive Council may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the voting membership in the Interfraternity Council, and the Interfraternity Council Executive Board shall appoint a member to fill that office for the remainder of the term with the vote of approval from the voting membership of the Interfraternity Council.

**Section VIII.** In the event that any fraternity chapter is suspended or expelled from full membership or loses recognition from the University while one of its representatives is holding office on the Executive Council, such office shall be filled as prescribed in Section G.

**Section IX.** All executive officers of the Interfraternity Council must maintain a minimum 2.7 cumulative grade point ratio to serve on the Interfraternity Council. If an executive officer fails to do so their position will be deemed vacant and filled as prescribed in Section G.

**Section X.** The executive officers on the Interfraternity Council receive a stipend of \$250 per semester with the exception of the President who receives \$500 per semester.

### **Article VI – Duties of the Executive Council**

- Section I.** The duties of the President of the Interfraternity Council shall be as follows:
- A. To serve as Chairman of the Interfraternity Council.
  - B. To preside over all regular meetings and additional meetings as necessary
  - C. To call additional meetings as necessary.
  - D. To represent the Interfraternity Council in all committees designed by the University and to other special agencies and meetings of which the Interfraternity Council is a part.
  - E. To maintain relations and communication between the Office of FSL and other Greek councils.
  - F. To serve as the general supervisory officer and to see that all
    - a. Interfraternity Council projects and activities are efficiently carried out.
  - G. To perform other executive tasks that may present themselves.
  - H. To maintain the dignity of his office.
- Section II.** The duties of the Vice President shall be as follows:
- A. To fulfill the duties of the President in his absence.
  - B. To perform any other executive functions, which may be delegated to him by the President.
  - C. To be directly responsible for the organization, selection, and activities of the Honor Court.
  - D. To serve as chairman of the Honor Court and Appeals Courts.
  - E. To serve as chairman, and oversee the selection process of the Expansion Committee as necessary.
  - F. To keep and annually update the IFC Constitution and Bylaws as necessary.
  - G. To maintain the dignity of his office.
- Section III.** The duties of the Vice President-Recruitment shall be as follows:
- A. Responsible for the planning of formal recruitment for the Interfraternity Council.
  - B. To serve as to the Vice President on the expansion committee.
  - C. To see that formal recruitment regulations are known and adhered to by the member fraternity chapters.
  - D. To educate and help chapters with open recruitment.
  - E. To maintain the dignity of his office.
- Section IV.** The duties of the Vice President of Risk Management shall be as follows:
- A. To see that Risk Management regulations are known and adhered to by the member fraternity chapters.
  - B. To collaborate with the FSL office and host risk management seminars.
  - C. To preside over all IFC sponsored tailgating activities.
  - D. To maintain communication and positive relations with local police departments.
  - E. To maintain the dignity of his office.
- Section V.** The duties of the Vice President of Public Relations shall be as follows:
- A. To inform the community of all IFC events.
  - B. To assist the Vice President of Rush in creating publications and publicizing IFC Formal Recruitment.
  - C. Be responsible for the IFC portion of the FSL Newsletter.
  - D. To update and maintain the IFC website.
  - E. To accurately record and report the minutes of all Interfraternity Council meetings and Executive Committee meetings.

- F. To keep an accurate and complete roll of all member fraternities.
- G. To check attendance and enforce all attendance policies at all meetings of the Interfraternity Council.
- H. To notify all members of the Interfraternity Council of all meetings.
- I. To maintain the dignity of his office.

**Section VI.** The duties of the Vice President of Finance shall be as follows:

- A. To handle all financial matters pertaining to the Interfraternity Council.
- B. To present an annual financial report to the Interfraternity Council at the end of his term of office.
- C. To oversee the organization and collection of funds for the IFC Intramural League.
- D. To maintain the dignity of his office.

**Section VII.** Section G. The duties of the Vice President of Academics shall be as follows:

- A. To ensure that Fraternity chapter's grades and their rosters are kept up to date.
- B. To organize the new member speaker series following rush.
- C. To educate chapters on and enforce the IFC Academic standards
- D. To host training for newly elected academic chairs.
- E. To maintain the dignity of his office

### **Article VII – Meetings and Procedures**

**Section I.** There shall be one regular meeting every other week, and the day, time, and location for this meeting shall be set by Executive Council at the first meeting of the Interfraternity Council each semester. At the discretion of the Executive Council, weekly meetings may be suspended.

**Section II.** Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or must be called by the President upon the request of two (2) full member fraternity chapters or any member of the executive council. Notification of the time, the place, and the purpose of the special meetings must be given to each Interfraternity Council member through notification by the Vice President of Public Relations of the Interfraternity Council.

**Section III.** A quorum for conducting business shall consist of a majority of the total voting membership of the Interfraternity Council.

**Section IV.** The order of business for all meetings of the Interfraternity Council shall be as follows: a) call to order, b) announcements from third party representatives if applicable c) roll call, d) reports of the Executive Officers, e) advisor and chapter announcements, f) open floor following departure of advisors g) adjournment.

### **Article VIII - Voting**

**Section I.** In all questions put before the Interfraternity Council, full and associate members have one vote per representative assuming said representative is either the chapter president or another members of the chapter's executive council.

**Section II.** Except when stipulated otherwise, a simple majority shall determine the action of the Interfraternity Council. In the case of a tie, a majority shall be reached by the vote of the council president.

## **Article IX – Interfraternity Council Advisor**

- Section I.** The advisor shall consult with the Executive Council on matters relating to University policy and regulations and shall be responsible to the University for the maintenance of a sound fraternity program consistent with the best interests of the University.
- Section II.** The advisor shall not cast a vote in any Interfraternity Council decision.
- Section III.** The advisor shall attend Interfraternity Council meetings and those activities which are sponsored by the Interfraternity Council unless specified otherwise by the executive council.

## **Article X – Judicial Process**

- Section I.** The judicial responsibility of the IFC shall be carried out by the IFC Honor Court.
- Section II.** The purpose of the IFC Court shall be to:
- A. Interpret and enforce IFC policies, guidelines, and Constitution;
  - B. Interpret and enforce other official decisions of the IFC officers or the IFC Council of Presidents as may be appropriate for the Court;
  - C. Hear and decide violations of this Constitution or other IFC policies or guidelines;
  - D. Enforce policies of Clemson University as may be delegated to the IFC by Clemson Office of Community and Ethical Standards or the Division of Student Affairs.
- Section III.** Membership on the IFC Judicial Board shall include seven (7) persons who are voted in by the IFC exec and three (3) alternates who are appointed by IFC Vice President. The IFC Vice President shall serve as the Chairman and will only vote in case of a tie
- Section IV.** Decision of the IFC Court shall be rendered in writing and shall be made public at the next regular meeting of the IFC Council of Presidents. Summer incidents will be handled at the start of the new semester.
- Section V.** To reach quorum the Court shall be five (5) students and at least faculty member.
- Section VI.** It is the responsibility of the IFC Vice President to determine which cases warrant a gathering of the IFC Honor Court.
- Section VII.** IFC Court Hearing Process
- A. Pre-Hearing Procedures:
    1. Upon receiving a complaint, the FSL Office is charged with investigating the alleged incident employing any means they deem necessary to find the facts. These means may include but are not limited to investigations of members and new members and or police reports.
    2. The Vice President will compile all resulting information and
      - a. documentation following the investigations. This information will be provided to the all Court members and the president of the alleged fraternity, if the fraternity is formally being charged then the case will be heard by the court.

3. The Vice President will choose the earliest possible date for the court hearing that allows for a minimum of 72 hours of preparation that shall begin when the alleged fraternity receives the appropriate documentation.
    - a. It is the responsibility of the IFC VP to contact all necessary parties via email, or other means, to determine a time and date allowing for a case to be heard.
- B. Hearing Procedures:
1. The hearing shall be closed to all individuals other than the following:
    - a. Court members, IFC Vice President, The Associate Director of FSL or other qualified member of the FSL staff his absence, and the representatives of the accused party. Following the approval of the Vice President, other individuals may be present.
  2. A member of the court shall be designated at the start of the meeting to record detailed minutes throughout the entire hearing, which will be provided to the accused and the Vice President immediately following adjournment.
  3. All hearings will begin after the following is stated by the Court Chairman: "Thank you for attending this hearing of the IFC Honor Court. It is essential that all information presented in this hearing remain completely confidential. This hearing must be conducted in an orderly manner and anyone violating that directive will be asked to leave. All those participating are obligated to tell only the truth. Other action(s) may be pursued against anyone found to be misrepresenting the truth in this hearing." The chairman will then read the charge(s).
  4. The accused party shall be allowed to make an opening statement to the Court.
  5. The floor will then be given to the Associate Director of FSL or whoever holds the evidence present the findings of any investigations, police reports, and comments relevant to the case.
  6. The Court Chairman will state the following: "(Name and fraternity), you have heard the testimony against you. Would you like to make a statement or present any evidence on your behalf?"
  7. The accused party will have the opportunity to question the FSL staff member or body bringing forth evidence.
  8. The court has the opportunity to question the FSL staff member or whoever brought the evidence for the case.
  9. The court will have the opportunity to question the accused party and clarify any information presented in the case.
  10. After this, the Associate Director of FSL or other FSL staff member in
    - a. attendance will be excused at the either bodies request.
  11. Following his or her dismissal, the Court will have the opportunity to question the accused party and clarify any information presented in the case.
- C. Post Hearing Deliberation
1. The Court Chairman will close the hearing by stating: "Is there any additional information or questions? If not, I would like to excuse all persons except the Court members so that we can deliberate. Thank you for your time and appreciate you being a part of this process. There will be an opportunity in the email to provide feedback. Our decision will be forwarded to you when the Court has come to a resolution and the case is closed." Following the dismissal of the accused parties, deliberation will begin.
  2. The floor will be opened for discussion for length of time left to the discretion of the Vice President.
  3. When he believes sufficient time has been given to deliberation, the Vice President can call for a vote. The first vote will be one of simple guilt or innocence on behalf of the accused party and determined by a simple majority of the court. The VP votes only in case of a tie.

4. If the accused party is found to be innocent no further action is taken and the court is adjourned. If the accused are found in violation, the floor will be reopened for the proposal and discussion of disciplinary action.
5. The appropriate disciplinary action will be determined by the court and should be suitable to the offense. Potential punishments include but are not limited to Warnings, Sanctions, Fines, Requiring letters of apology, Social probation, replacing or repairing lost or damaged property, Membership review from National fraternity, Educational programming, Community service, Intramural Probation from fraternity league, Rush limitations, Restricted participation in IFC events, and recommendations for university suspension, etc.
- D. Relevant precedents, and past offenses (within a year of the start of this court's term, between 1 and 2 years) of chapters found in violation should all be considered by the court when voting on disciplinary action and it is the responsibility of the Vice President to make these facts known to the court.
- E. The responsibility of enforcement of disciplinary action is to be shared jointly between the IFC and Office of FSL.

### **Section VIII.** Appeals

- A. Any sanctions rendered by the IFC Court will be in full effect while the case is going through the appeals process.
- B. Appeals of the IFC Court shall be accepted only if one or any combination of the following conditions exist:
  1. Improper procedure was followed by the IFC Court
  2. Due process was denied
  3. Further evidence is found after the case is heard
  4. Upon request an appeal will be granted if IFC recognition is suspended
- C. Procedure:
  1. The final decision of appeal rests with the IFC Executive, unless they served on the IFC Honor Court.
  2. Appeals must be sent to the IFC VP within one week following the accused party receiving the court's decision from the VP of IFC. The first decision is final if this period expires before an appeal is made unless further evidence is discovered following this period's expiration.
  3. The IFC Honor Court will have an opportunity to present the relevant facts of the case and how they reached their decision.
  4. The fraternity's representative will have an opportunity to appeal their case.
  5. Appealed decisions will be determined by a simple majority vote on part of the IFC Executive. The IFC Vice President votes only in the case of a tie.
  6. This appeal decision is final and must be reported via email by the IFC Vice President to the FSL office and accused party.

### **Section IX.** Enforcement

- A. IFC and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life are jointly responsible for the enforcement of sanctions. The IFC Vice President must state the court's decision at the chapter following the court's meeting. If the court's decision and subsequent sanctions are not followed by the guilty party, the IFC VP reserves the right to hold an additional hearing to vote on supplementary sanctions.

## **Article XI - Bylaws**



**Section I.** The Bylaws of the Interfraternity Council shall consist of rules governing expansion, recruitment, financial, and all other regulations enacted by the Interfraternity Council.

**Section II.** It shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting membership of the Interfraternity Council to pass a Bylaw to this constitution.

### **Article XII - Amendments**

**Section I.** Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any regular or special meeting of the Interfraternity Council, provided two-thirds of the members are present.

**Section II.** Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Interfraternity Council. Section C.

**Section III.** It shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of chapters present to pass an amendment to this Constitution.

### **Article XIII - Adoption**

**Section I.** This constitution will take effect upon the day of adoption and any revisions will supersede all previous constitutions of the Interfraternity Council of Clemson University.

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