



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

### **Preamble**

In order to promote and perpetuate the best interest of Florida International University and the Greek letter social fraternities therein, to encourage the most complete intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development of the members of the fraternities, to ensure that the fraternities chartered and colonized at Florida International University establish high standards and lofty pursuits, and to foster cooperation among said fraternities, and the University community, we do ordain and establish this constitution of the Interfraternity Council of Florida International University. The Interfraternity Council of Florida International University does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, race, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

## **Article I**

### **Name and Purpose**

#### **1.01 Name**

- 1.01.1 This organization shall be shown as the Interfraternity Council of the Florida International University and may be referred to as the IFC hereafter in this document.

#### **1.02 Purpose**

- 1.02.1 It shall be the purpose of this Council to:
- 1.02.1.1 Preside and act as the representative and governing body of member fraternities of all North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) recognized men's social fraternities and other fraternities recognized by inter/national organizations at Florida International University.
  - 1.02.1.2 Organize, facilitate and regulate the open recruitment and new member activities of member fraternities.
  - 1.02.1.3 Promote positive interfraternal activity in scholarship, service, athletics, positive social interaction and other events that may be deemed advisable for the betterment of the participants, fraternities, the University, and the community.
  - 1.02.1.4 Ensure cooperation and harmony among member fraternities.
  - 1.02.1.5 Provide educational programs and services for the member fraternities.
  - 1.02.1.6 Serve as the liaison between the University authorities and member fraternities in matters of common interest.
  - 1.02.1.7 Act as a judicial body for violations of the Interfraternity Council policies.

## **Article II**

### **Membership**

#### **2.01 Types of Membership**

2.01.1 Upon Interfraternity Council and University approval, all North-American Interfraternity Conference and other fraternities recognized by inter/national organizations shall be eligible to hold membership within the Council. The two (2) types of membership in the IFC shall be the following:

2.01.1.1 Associate Membership - pertaining to an FIU IFC affiliated organization that has not received the full charter from the Inter/National Organization.

2.01.1.2 Full Membership - pertaining to chapters that have charters from their General Headquarters and University recognition.

#### **2.02 Status of Membership**

2.02.1 In order for a fraternity to continue as an active chapter/colony at The Florida International University, said fraternity must be in good standing with the IFC and the University. To maintain Good Standing status, a chapter/colony must meet the following requirements:

2.02.1.1 Meet the requirements set forth in the Scholarship Policy (Bylaw Article I, Section III).

2.02.1.2 Be in good standing with the University and the Chapter's/Colony's General Headquarters.

2.02.1.3 Be registered through the FSL and Department of Campus Life.

2.02.1.4 Be current with all document requests from the Fraternity and Sorority Life and IFC.

2.02.1.5 Adhere to all financial obligations of the IFC.

2.02.1.6 Adhere to the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.

2.02.1.7 Follow all local, International, federal laws, and the policies of the Florida International University.

2.02.1.8 Adhere to the FIU Student Code of Conduct.

2.02.2 Chapters/colonies not meeting the requirements set out in Article II, § 2.02 of this document will be informed of their failure to perform at an acceptable level. A meeting with representatives from the chapter/colony, the IFC

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Advisor, and representative(s) of the IFC Executive Board will take place to determine an appropriate course of action for the chapter/colony. Both Associate and Full members must meet the requirements set forth in Article II, § 2.02 of this document.

## **Article III**

### **Organization and Vestment of Power**

#### **3.01 Vestment of Power of the Executive Board**

- 3.01.1 All executive and administrative powers shall fall under the IFC Executive Board.
- 3.01.2 The FIU Interfraternity Council derives its authority from and must remain compliant with the rules and regulations of the NIC, FIU Administration, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

#### **3.02 Members of the Executive Board**

- 3.02.1 The Executive Board shall consist of the following voting members, listed in order of succession:
  - 3.02.1.1 President,
  - 3.02.1.2 Vice President of Operations,
  - 3.02.1.3 Vice President of Administration,
  - 3.02.1.4 Vice President of Management,
  - 3.02.1.5 Vice President of New Member Recruitment,
  - 3.02.1.6 Vice President of Membership Development and Scholarship.

#### **3.03 Qualifications**

- 3.03.1 All student members of the IFC Executive Board must meet the following qualifications:
  - 3.03.1.1 Be an undergraduate student at The Florida International University.
  - 3.03.1.2 Be in good standing with his fraternity and the University.
  - 3.03.1.3 Must have and maintain a 2.75 per semester and cumulative GPA to run for and to maintain office.
  - 3.03.1.4 Must carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours in office during the Fall and Spring semester at FIU.

- 3.03.1.4.1 In the semester of graduation, they shall be exempt from full-time enrollment requirements but must maintain a minimum of three (3) credit hours.
- 3.03.1.5 The President of any chapter/colony cannot be a member of the IFC executive board.
- 3.03.1.6 The Recruitment Director of any chapter/colony cannot be a member of the IFC Executive Board.
- 3.03.1.7 The Treasurer of any chapter cannot be Vice President of Management or President of the IFC Executive Board.
- 3.03.1.8 For the Position of President, the candidate must have served on the IFC Executive Board for at least one full term.
- 3.03.1.9 The offices of President and Vice President of Operations cannot be from the same Fraternity.
- 3.03.1.10 Any officer not meeting these requirements will be considered for removal from office.

### **3.04 Duties of the President**

- 3.04.1 Preside over all Executive Board and General Body Meetings.
- 3.04.2 Act as the official representative for all outside bodies.
- 3.04.3 Be responsible for carrying out the decision of the General Council.
- 3.04.4 Hold accountable all Executive Board, Directors, Ambassadors, and Judicial Board.
- 3.04.5 Appoint and disband committees with the aid of the Executive Board.
- 3.04.6 Maintain confidentiality regarding Chapter conduct.
- 3.04.7 Meet weekly with the IFC advisor.
- 3.04.8 Preside over all expansion activities.
- 3.04.9 Responsible for the formation of goals and the direction of the Executive Board and the Interfraternity Council.

- 3.04.10 Work with the Interfraternity Council Advisor(s) to coordinate the IFC Council Leadership Retreat and the Greek Leadership Retreat.
- 3.04.11 Work with the Interfraternity Council Advisor(s) to coordinate the IFC Executive Board Transition Retreat.
- 3.04.12 Work with Colony Leadership with transition into Greek / IFC Community.
- 3.04.13 Attend All Chapter Presidents Round Table Meetings.
- 3.04.14 Host IFC Presidents Round Table (Semesterly).
- 3.04.15 Attend All Council Presidents Meeting with FSL Staff.
- 3.04.16 Work with Other Council Presidents in Greek Community Partnerships.
- 3.04.17 Must be present and available during the Summer term.
- 3.04.18 May not hold an Executive Board Office, Recruitment, or Bid Committees in his respective organization.

### **3.05 Duties of the Vice President of Operations**

- 3.05.1 Assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence.
- 3.05.2 Oversee IFC Directors.
- 3.05.3 Is entrusted with any and all duties pertaining to programming and chapter relations.
- 3.05.4 Provide a report of committee activities at all Executive Board and General Council meetings.
- 3.05.5 Maintain confidentiality regarding Chapter conduct.
- 3.05.6 Oversee all IFC Programing and Events.
- 3.05.7 Work on Outreach with FIU community partners.
- 3.05.8 Work with Colony Leadership with transition into Greek / IFC Community.
- 3.05.9 Represent IFC on Greek Event planning committees.

- 3.05.10 Plans all IFC recognition programs and special events including but not limited to IFC Awards and Senior Recognition Events.
- 3.05.11 Must be present during summer term.

### **3.06 Duties of the Vice President of Administration**

- 3.06.1 Oversee the operations of the risk management policies as pertaining to IFC.
- 3.06.2 Serve as the Chief Judicial Officer regarding IFC rules and regulations.
- 3.06.3 Provide and make readily available to chapters/colonies all policies and procedures.
- 3.06.4 Provide training and education about IFC's policies and procedures when requested by the IFC Advisor(s) or a chapter President.
- 3.06.5 Maintains confidentiality regarding Chapter conduct.
- 3.06.6 Select, oversee, and meet with the Constitutional Review Committee semesterly.
- 3.06.7 Review the Constitution and all lower IFC Governing Documents annually with the President.
- 3.06.8 Type agendas and minutes for all meetings.
- 3.06.9 Email and post minutes of meetings to chapter and community in all available outlets.
- 3.06.10 Must be present during Summer term.

### **3.07 Duties of the Vice President of Management**

- 3.07.1 Preside over all billing and fining of fraternities.
- 3.07.2 Prepare a semester budget for review of the General Council no later than the second meeting of the semester.
- 3.07.3 Regulate the expenditures of the IFC in accordance with the budget.
- 3.07.4 Prepare monthly written statements of the finances.
- 3.07.5 Collect all violation fine(s).



- 3.07.6 Be responsible for distributing fines to chapters and follow up on payments.
- 3.07.7 Work with Director of Membership Development on Leadership Development Fund.
- 3.07.8 Manage IFC Budget, Ledger, and Fine sheets.
- 3.07.9 Update Executive Board on Chapter Fines and outstanding Payments.
- 3.07.10 Create a list of fine-able items and price associated with violations.
- 3.07.11 Must be available during summer terms.

### **3.08 Duties of the Vice President of New Member Recruitment**

- 3.08.1 Oversees all formal and informal fraternity recruitment activities.
- 3.08.2 Provide programs and resources on recruitment, and membership development, for all chapter/colony members.
- 3.08.3 Oversees all orientation recruitment presentations.
- 3.08.4 Review and update all Recruitment policies governing the member fraternities.
- 3.08.5 Assist colonies in developing recruitment activities.
- 3.08.6 Host Recruitment Roundtable.
- 3.08.7 Update recruitment policies as needed.
- 3.08.8 Complete and distribute Recruitment Information Packet.
- 3.08.9 Set deadlines and required dates for upcoming recruitment period.
- 3.08.10 Be the point of contact for all IFC Recruitment efforts.
- 3.08.11 Plan all IFC recruitment events.
- 3.08.12 Review and Approve or Deny all Chapter planned recruitment events.
- 3.08.13 Must be present during Summer term.

### **3.09 Duties of the Vice President of Membership Development and Scholarship**

- 3.09.1 Oversees the academic development of the members of the fraternity system at FIU.
- 3.09.2 Works with the Vice President of Management on Leadership Development Fund.
- 3.09.3 Coordinates Great Greeks Forum in Fall semester.
- 3.09.4 Maintain accurate fraternity rosters on the University computer.
- 3.09.5 Meet with the Scholarship Chairman of each chapter/colony two (2) times a semester.
- 3.09.6 Provide programs for chapters/colonies and Scholarship Chairs to enhance academics among members.
- 3.09.7 Identify and promote members of the fraternity community who have achieved high academic standing.
- 3.09.8 Oversees IFC Olympian Scholarship program.
- 3.09.9 Run grade reports and hold members accountable to non-eligibility.
- 3.09.10 Must be present during Summer term.

## **Article IV**

### **Executive Directors and Ambassadors**

#### **4.01 General Requirements of Executive Directors**

- 4.01.1 IFC programing shall fall under the Executive Directors with oversight from the Vice President of Operations.

#### **4.02 Members of the Executive Directors**

- 4.02.1 The Executive Directors shall consist of the following permanent\_members: Director of Philanthropy and Community Service, Director of Intramural Sports, and Director of Public Relations.

- 4.02.1.1 The IFC President may, at their discretion, create, appoint, and dissolve temporary Director positions that shall exist so long as the President sees it fit.

#### **4.03 Qualifications**

- 4.03.1 Be an undergraduate student at The Florida International University.
- 4.03.2 Be in good standing with his fraternity.
- 4.03.3 Must have and maintain a 2.75 cumulative and semester GPA to apply for and to maintain office.
- 4.03.4 Must carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours in office during the Fall and Spring semester at FIU.
  - 4.03.4.1.1 In the semester of graduation, they shall be exempt from full-time enrollment requirements but must maintain a minimum of three (3) credit hours.
- 4.03.5 The Philanthropy/Community Service Chairman of any chapter/colony cannot be the Director of Philanthropy and Community Service.
- 4.03.6 Must be able to attend IFC General Body meetings.

#### **4.04 Duties of the Director of Intramural Sports**

- 4.04.1 Oversee All Intramural Sports and Sports Cup initiatives.
- 4.04.2 Plan, Organize, and Supervise all All-star games for each respective Intramural sports.

- 4.04.3 Meet with Wellness and Recreation Intramural sports representative at the direction of the IFC President.
- 4.04.4 Maintain statistics, records, and reports, as well as any other necessary information for appropriate determination of Sports Cup Winners.
- 4.04.5 Attend all Intramural Sporting events and hold violations accountable.

#### **4.05 Duties of the Director of Philanthropy and Community Service**

- 4.05.1 Plan Community service events for IFC participation.
- 4.05.2 Plan and coordinate events to promote unity and good relations among the different Greek Organizations.
- 4.05.3 Identify community service opportunities and announce them to fraternity members at IFC meetings.
- 4.05.4 Create, update, and disburse a calendar of community service events of all fraternities.
- 4.05.5 Work with campus resources in the planning of various philanthropic events.

#### **4.06 Duties of the Director of Public Relations**

- 4.06.1 Promote upcoming IFC events and activities through the media, report coverage to IFC.
- 4.06.2 Maintain all IFC social media sources (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.).
- 4.06.3 Coordinate promotion and publication of IFC sponsored programs and events.
- 4.06.4 Act as the IFC contact to the Greek Life Newsletter or any other publications.
- 4.06.5 Provide programs and events to encourage positive interactions among fraternity members and other Greek members.

#### **4.07 IFC Ambassadors**

- 4.07.1 Each chapter shall be required to put forth two (2) members to serve as IFC Ambassadors at recruitment events at the request of the Vice President of Recruitment.

- 4.07.1.1 With approval from the IFC President, the Vice President of New Member Recruitment may waive a chapter's IFC Ambassadors' attendance requirement for an event.
- 4.07.2 IFC Ambassadors shall be selected through an application administered by the Executive Board, and IFC Advisor.
  - 4.07.2.1 The IFC Executive Board shall vote to approve each chapter's nominees at the Executive Board meeting following the closing of applications.
  - 4.07.2.2 When deemed necessary, the IFC Advisor may choose to veto the appointment of a candidate.
- 4.07.3 Qualifications for Ambassadors must meet the following requirements:
  - 4.07.3.1 Must have and maintain a 2.5 semester and cumulative GPA while serving on the Board.
  - 4.07.3.2 Must be in good standing with their fraternity chapter/colony.
  - 4.07.3.3 Must be in good judicial standing with the University.
  - 4.07.3.4 The Members must not have a conflict of interest with the organization in question.

## **Article V**

### **Judicial Board**

#### **5.01 Membership**

5.01.1 The Judicial Board shall be composed of members from active chapters of the IFC Fraternities who will serve as board members and chaired by the Vice President of Administration.

#### **5.02 Qualifications**

5.02.1 Justices of the IFC Judicial Board must meet the following requirements:

5.02.1.1 Must have and maintain a 2.6 semester and cumulative GPA while serving on the Board.

5.02.1.2 Must be in good standing with their fraternity chapter/colony.

5.02.1.3 Must be in good judicial standing with the University.

5.02.1.4 Must not be a member of their Chapter / Colony Executive Board.

5.02.1.5 The Members must not have a conflict of interest with the organization in question.

5.02.1.6 With the exception of the IFC Judicial Board Chair, no member of the IFC Executive Board or Committee Chairs may serve on the Judicial Board during their term in office.

#### **5.03 Organization of the Judicial Board**

5.03.1 The number of seats on the Judicial Board shall not exceed the number of active members in the Interfraternity Council.

5.03.1.1 There may be no more than one Justice on the Judicial Board from each organization.

5.03.2 The justices shall be selected through an application and interview process by the Vice President of Administration, Executive Board, IFC Advisor and / or Judicial and Mediation Services Representative.

5.03.3 Applicants will be reviewed on criteria including, but not limited to: the applicant's leadership experience, ability to be impartial and unbiased, past experiences with peer accountability, knowledge regarding the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board Constitution, and the student handbook.

- 5.03.4 When selected, the Executive Board of the Interfraternity Council must be in congruence. When so all appointed Justices must then sign the Confidentiality Agreement.
- 5.03.5 At the following Council meeting the President of the Interfraternity Council shall deliver the oath of office to the justices in “New Business” of that same meeting.
- 5.03.6 As a condition of continued service on the Judicial Board, all Justices must enroll and complete training with the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution within four school weeks of being sworn in.
- 5.03.7 All information learned through the course of any hearing is considered confidential. Any release of confidential information, prior to public release by the Interfraternity Council Executive Board, will constitute a violation of this Constitution, in addition to other potential violations.

#### **5.04 Removal of Officers**

- 5.04.1 Any officer of the Executive Board may be brought up to IFC Judicial Board by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the IFC General Council or a simple majority vote of the IFC Executive Board for violation of officer accountability and duties or on the basis of malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance. A vote of removal may be called at any time during a General Council Meeting by a member in good standing. The officer in question will then be sent to the Judicial Board for review and removal if the Judicial Board deems it appropriate.

#### **5.05 Officer Accountability**

- 5.04.1 Executive Board and Directors are required to attend all General Council Meetings, must be on time, and remain for the duration of the meeting.
- 5.04.2 Executive Board members are required to attend all Executive Board Meetings, must be on time, and remain for the duration of the meeting.
  - 5.04.2.1 The Executive Board shall meet as deemed necessary by the President, but no less than once every two weeks during the Fall and Spring semesters.
  - 5.04.2.2 The President may call special meetings of the Executive Board with at least 72 hours notice to all Executive Board members.

#### **5.06 Meeting Absences**

- 5.05.1 If and when a meeting cannot be attended, it is the responsibility of that officer to notify the IFC President at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. This constitutes an excused absence at the discretion of the President.

- 5.05.2 After four (4) unexcused absences in a single semester, of the Council and Executive Board Meetings combined, the officer will go under review by the IFC Judicial Board following nomination of IFC Fraternity or any IFC member in good standing.

**5.07 Organization Status**

- 5.06.1 Members of the Executive Board, Directors, Judicial Board, and Ambassadors hold the same status as their Chapter. If the Chapter is placed on Organizational Probation / Suspension, the Executive Board, Directors, Judicial Board, and Ambassador members of that organization will also be on probation / suspension.
- 5.06.2 At that time the member may face removal from their position. If the member is removed from their position, the IFC President will open applications and hold interviews until the position is filled.



## **Article VI**

### **Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies**

#### **6.01 Executive Board Elections**

- 6.01.1 Nominations for the five (5) Executive Board positions shall take place during a regularly scheduled meeting of the General Council between the second and last week of October.
- 6.01.2 Nominees must be present at the time of their nomination to accept or must submit a written and signed testimony of acceptance.
- 6.01.3 Each fraternity shall be eligible to nominate men for Executive Board positions from their initiated members. Each male nominated must submit his name and qualifications on the form provided by IFC.
- 6.01.4 Executive Board elections shall take place at the first (1st) regularly scheduled meeting of the General Council immediately following speeches but no later than the last week of November.
- 6.01.5 Nominees must present to the General Council his goals, ideas, and qualifications for the position he is running for at the meeting, designated for speeches.
- 6.01.6 A majority vote (50% + 1) is needed from the General Council to elect someone to office. Nominees are elected to serve one (1) year terms on the Executive Board.
- 6.01.7 If there are no nominees for an Executive Board position at the time of election, nominations from the floor shall be accepted.
- 6.01.8 In the event of a vacancy of an office, other than that of the President, the Executive Board may appoint an interim officer until the next General Council meeting when a special nomination and election meeting will take place.

#### **6.02 Executive Director Elections**

- 6.02.1 Applications for the four (4) Director Positions shall take place directly after the election of the Executive Board.
- 6.02.2 Active and Initiated Fraternity members must submit his name and qualifications on the form provided by IFC.

- 6.02.3 Eligible applicants will be invited to an interview with the incoming and outgoing Vice President of Operations, Presidents, and IFC Advisor.
- 6.02.4 Concluding interviews, the Vice President of Operations and President will make their recommendations for positions and will be approved by the Executive Board.
- 6.02.5 In the event of a vacancy of an office, the Executive Board may appoint an interim officer until the next General Council meeting when a special nomination and election meeting will take place.

## **Article VII**

### **Interfraternity General Council**

#### **7.01 Purpose**

- 7.01.1 The Interfraternity General Council will serve as the Supreme Legislative body of the IFC.

#### **7.02 Members of the General Council**

- 7.02.1 The Interfraternity Council shall be composed of an Executive Board and the President of each chapter and colony at FIU.
- 7.02.1.1 Should the President of a chapter or colony be unable to attend, they shall send a delegate from their chapter to attend in their place. Any chapter President that decides to send a delegate in their place must inform the IFC President and the IFC Vice President of Administration no later than 24 hours prior to the General Council meeting.

#### **7.03 Qualifications of the General Council**

- 7.03.1 All student members of the IFC Council must meet the following qualifications:
- 7.03.1.1 Be a fully admitted, enrolled and registered undergraduate student at Florida International University.
- 7.03.1.2 Be in good standing with his fraternity. Must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and a 2.25 semester GPA.
- 7.03.1.3 Must carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours for each semester (Fall/Spring) while in office.
- 7.03.1.3.1 In the semester of graduation, they shall be exempt from full-time enrollment requirements but must maintain a minimum of three (3) credit hours.

#### **7.04 Meeting Times**

- 7.04.1 The IFC General Council shall meet at least once every two weeks during the Fall and Spring semesters. Any Summer General Council meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board. Special meetings can be called by the IFC President with 48 hours' notice.

#### **7.05 Meeting Order**

- 7.05.1 Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of all meetings of the General Council. In case of a conflict between the IFC Constitution and Robert's Rule of Order, the Constitution shall take precedence.

## **7.06 Voting**

- 7.06.1 Each chapter/colony will have one (1) vote at Council meetings.
- 7.06.2 Chapters/colonies with the President or Delegate absent from the General Council meetings will not be allowed to vote.
- 7.06.3 Votes may only take place at meetings where there is a quorum.
- 7.06.3.1 Quorum shall be (50%+1) of the voting membership of the Council.
- 7.06.4 The President or designee may cast a determining vote in case of a tie on a motion requiring a majority vote.

## **7.07 Absences**

- 7.07.1 Fraternities with no voting representatives present at a Council meeting will be considered absent for that meeting.
- 7.07.2 A fine of \$75.00 will be assessed to a fraternity for each absence of a delegate.
- 7.07.3 Each chapter/colony is allowed a maximum of two absences per semester.
- 7.07.3.1 Any additional absences a fraternity will be put in bad standing which consist of losing voting privileges and participation in fraternity intramurals for the Sports Cup and IFC events until the end of the semester.
- 7.07.3.2 Beginning the day of the third absence and ending thirty days after the first day that the organization's delegate is permitted to return to his next full General Council meeting.

## **Article VIII**

### **Finances**

#### **8.01 Purpose**

8.01.1 The Interfraternity Council Finance Code is designated to provide a set of guidelines for the financial management of the organization in accordance with the Florida International University policies and procedures and the Student Government Association rules and bylaws establish and agreed upon by the IFC members.

#### **8.02 Guidelines**

- 8.02.1 The Finance Board of the Interfraternity Council shall be composed of its Executive Board members.
- 8.02.2 All Student Government funds are to be used in accordance with SGA Finance Codes and SGA Accounting procedures. All self-generated funds are to be used in accordance Campus Life Accounting procedures.
- 8.02.3 The President and Vice President of Management must sign all checks to disperse funds.
- 8.02.4 Dues should be paid by the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) General Council meeting of the semester or by a deadline given by the Vice President of Management.
- 8.02.5 Chapters/colonies who are not able to pay their dues should meet with the Vice President of Management.
- 8.02.6 Dues increases and decreases are to be approved by a majority vote of quorum of the IFC delegates present for the vote.
- 8.02.7 All funds dispersed are to have proper receipts to verify what IFC funds are used for.
- 8.02.8 All funds are to be dispersed by the end of the semester to ensure IFC credit in the community.
- 8.02.9 A savings account is to be established and maintained as a reserve for fixture IFC operations. A minimum of 2% of self-generating funds must be contributed to the savings account per semester.
- 8.02.10 At the Treasurer's discretion, funds may be used for executive council meetings, committee meetings, and Judicial Board hearings to provide food and refreshments, provided the expenditure is approved by the IFC Executive Board and IFC Advisor.

- 8.02.11 Chapters/colonies are to provide a list of all active brothers and new members to the IFC every semester to verify membership.
- 8.02.12 Any chapter/colony unable to pay IFC dues because of financial difficulty must petition IFC Executive Board for relief in writing. The Executive Board will make a decision concerning the matter.
- 8.02.13 During regular IFC meetings, a member may call for an audit of the IFC funds. This must be voted on and passed by a simple majority vote, and this must be voted on during the meeting the audit has been requested.
- 8.02.14 An audit must be reviewed by (2) fraternity members (not a part of IFC General Council or E-Board), two (2) Executive Board members, IFC Advisor and SGA Comptroller.
- 8.02.15 A budget of self-generated funds must be presented to the IFC by the third (3rd) General Council meeting.
- 8.02.16 An end of the semester budget must be presented by the last regular IFC meeting. Any deviation from the original budget should be made public at the next meeting.
- 8.02.17 In the event that the Treasurer recommends a dues increase, the proposed increase must be presented to the Executive Board prior to a General Council meeting.

### **8.03 Chapter / Colony Membership Dues**

- 8.03.1 The dues of each IFC member shall be an assessment per member and newly initiated member per semester. The amount of each dues shall be \$15.00 per active member and \$30.00 newly initiated member.

## **Article IX**

### **Responsibilities of Member Organization**

#### **9.01 Basic Expectations of Fraternity Membership**

The IFC recognizes the need for Basic Expectations of Fraternity Membership and includes these as expectations for conduct of every fraternity member at FIU. Member fraternities of the IFC will be held accountable for the conduct of their individual members, new members (pledges), and associates. In an effort to lessen the disparity between fraternity ideals and individual behavior and to personalize these ideals in the daily undergraduate experience, the following Basic Expectations of fraternity membership have been established:

- 9.01.1 I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my fraternity ritual and will incorporate them in my daily life.
- 9.01.2 I will strive for academic achievement and practice academic integrity.
- 9.01.3 I will respect the dignity and worth of all persons. I will not physically, mentally, psychologically, sexually abuse, or haze any human being.
- 9.01.4 I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.
- 9.01.5 I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore, I will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.
- 9.01.6 I will meet my financial obligations in a timely manner.
- 9.01.7 I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither abuse nor support the abuse of alcohol.
- 9.01.8 I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health; therefore, I will do all in my power to see that the chapter property is safe, properly cleaned, and maintained.
- 9.01.9 I will challenge my members to abide by these fraternal expectations and confront those who violate them.

#### **9.02 Financial Responsibility**

##### **9.02.1 Active Member Dues**

- 9.02.1.1 Each Chapter will be charged \$15.00 per active member per semester. Dues will be calculated based on number of active members listed on the roster submitted to FSL. The invoice will be distributed the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) General Council meeting of the semester.

9.02.2 New Member Dues

- 9.02.2.1 Each Chapter will be charged \$30.00 per newly initiated member per semester. New Member dues will be based on number of new members listed on the roster submitted to FSL. The invoice will be distributed the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) General Council meeting of the semester.

**9.03 Fines**

- 9.03.1 Failure to turn in IFC membership dues will result in a fine of \$50.00 per week.
- 9.03.2 After two (2) weeks the fraternity will lose all privileges as a voting member of the General Council, recognition by the FSL, Campus Life, and IFC, use of University facilities or funds, and participation in Fraternity Intramural Sports. A fine of \$25.00 will be assessed to a fraternity for failure to provide any documents requested by IFC or FSL / Campus Life by a specified time.
- 9.03.3 An additional \$10.00 late fee will be assessed for every additional day the documentation is not submitted.
- 9.03.4 Any fraternity that allows an outstanding balance to the Interfraternity Council to exceed \$100 will be placed on probation.
- 9.03.5.1 While on probation, the chapter must establish a payment plan with the Vice President of Management, subject to approval of the IFC Executive Board and Advisor. This payment plan must include amount and number of payments, and date by which account must be paid in full.
- 9.03.5.2 If a payment is missed or the account does not reach a zero balance by the established due date, that chapter will be placed on suspension until a zero balance is reached. While on suspension, the chapter will lose voting privileges and the opportunity to participate in Fraternity Intramurals, a limit on socials/mixers may also be imposed until the outstanding balance is paid in full.



**Article X**  
**Amendments**

**10.01 Amendment Process**

- 10.01.1 Additions or amendments to the Constitution may be made by a supermajority vote of the General Council contributing to the quorum of the meeting during which the vote on such additions or amendments is held.
- 10.01.1.1 Additions or amendments to the IFC Bylaws may be made by a simple majority vote of the General Council contributing to the quorum of the meeting during which the vote on such additions or amendments is held.
- 10.01.2 The Constitution and Bylaws must be reviewed by the end of each of IFC Executive Board's term.
- 10.01.3 All Constitution amendments must be tabled for one regular IFC General Council meeting and must be in written form for final vote.
- 10.01.4 All rules, regulations, and amendments require final approval by the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs or their designee.