The Constitution of the Interfraternity Council The University of the South

Article I: Purpose

Section I: Council Goals

The goals of the Interfraternity Council are as follows:

1. To promote harmony and goodwill among the fraternities;
2. To create an efficient working relationship among fraternities and the administration of the University of the South;
3. To foster a program of service to the local and greater community;
4. To promote and sponsor educational programs to increase awareness on issues relevant to fraternities;
5. To recognize outstanding fraternities for their service to the University of the South and the local community.

Section II: Philosophy and Commitment Clause

Fraternities at the University of the South are expected to support the general purpose and mission of the University. Both the University and the fraternities seek to encourage excellence in various areas of personal and interpersonal development. To maximize the effectiveness of this effort, it is important that the relationship between the institution and the fraternities be based on trust, cooperation, and mutual support. Both parties in the relationship are obligated to promote programs and activities, which support their common goals.

Article II: Membership
The IFC shall consist of representatives from each fraternity. The president is to be the representative of their chapter, except in cases where the president is unable to attend IFC functions. In such cases, the president shall appoint a chapter officer to attend in their place.

Article III: Executive Officers

Section I: Structure

The IFC shall have four officers, elected from the various fraternities to fill the following positions, President, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Community Service, and Vice President of Public Relations. These officers shall be known as the Executive Officers of the Interfraternity Council.

Section II: Officer Duties

The duties of these officers are as follows:

1. Interfraternity Council President:
   - Serve as the presiding officer of the council.
   - Preside over council meetings.
   - Meet regularly with the staff member who oversees fraternity life.
   - Serve as administrator of all council funds.
   - Work with the Intersorority Council (ISC) President to promote the Greek system.
   - Collaborate with administration and student leaders to improve the student experience.
   - Appoint an IFC representative to the Student Title IX Board.

2. Vice President for Recruitment:
   - Serve as an executive officer of the IFC.
   - Meet regularly with the staff member who oversees fraternity life.
   - Serve as fraternity contact for all potential new members and recruitment chairs.
   - Maintain a calendar and publicize recruitment events.
   - Host recruitment chair meetings each semester.
   - Host recruitment training workshops each year.

3. IFC Vice President for Community Service:
   - Serve as an executive officer of the IFC.
● Meet regularly with the staff member who oversees fraternity life.
● Serve as the fraternity contact for community service and philanthropic events.
● Meet with Community Engagement staff regularly.
● Assist in establishing service opportunities for fraternities.
● Host community service chair meetings each semester.
● Track and help chapters report fraternity service hours to the IFC.
● Collaborate with the Vice Presidents of Public Relations to coordinate and host an annual Greek week.

4. Vice President for Public Relations
   ● Serve as an executive officer of the IFC.
   ● Create an agenda for all IFC meetings.
   ● Take and maintain minutes of all IFC meetings.
   ● Serve as custodian of all IFC records and papers.
   ● Maintain a calendar and publicize fraternity activities.
   ● Meet regularly with the staff member who oversees fraternity life.
   ● Encourage interfraternal collaboration and healthy competitions.
   ● Publicize Greek events through appropriate media.
   ● Collaborate with the Vice Presidents of Community Service to coordinate and host an annual Greek week.

Section II: Officer Terms

Each officer shall hold their position for a term of one academic year. No individual shall hold the same office for more than one academic year. An individual may be elected for a new position on the council after their first term is completed.

Article IV: Nominations and Elections

Section I: Election Date

Nominations and election of the IFC Executive Officers for the upcoming term shall occur at a time predetermined by the Interfraternity Council and the staff member who oversees fraternity life.

Section II: Eligibility to Hold Office

1. No student will be allowed to serve as the president of their fraternity while serving as an IFC Executive Officer.
2. No student will be allowed to serve as recruitment chairman of their fraternity while serving as the IFC Vice President for Recruitment.
3. Students may not hold IFC Executive Office if their cumulative and last semester GPA is below 2.35.
4. Students may not hold IFC Executive Office if they are on any disciplinary status greater than Limited Probation. Students who earn the Institutional Probation standing will not be eligible to hold IFC Executive Office until at least one year after they are removed from Institutional Probation.
5. Students who have earned the Suspension, Indefinite Suspension, or Expulsion standing at any point while at the University will not be eligible to hold IFC Executive Office.

Section III: Election Procedures

1. During elections, each nominee will have an opportunity to present a brief statement to the Council. All nominees will remain outside of the meeting room while nominees present their statement. After all nominees for a given position have spoken, the IFC members will discuss before holding a vote. Each fraternity in good standing is entitled to one vote after discussions are over, IFC Executive Officers do not have a vote.
2. In the event of a tie, there will be a run-off election of the two nominees who received the most votes. Run-off votes will continue until there is a nominee who receives a majority of the votes.
3. Should a scenario arise where the University is closed, the IFC Executive Officers and the staff member who oversees fraternity life will determine the method to be used in elections.

Section IV: Interfraternity Council Affiliation

The newly elected Executive Officers will not be considered representatives of their own fraternity. All Executive Officers must be present at all council events.

Section V: Removal from Office

An IFC Executive Officer may be removed from office for a due cause by a 3/4 vote of the fraternities in good standing with the IFC, provided that he shall have been given the reasons for his removal in writing and afforded fair opportunity to rebut them before the IFC.

Article VI: Meetings
Section I: Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the IFC shall be held weekly according to the schedule established by the Interfraternity Council. Joint meetings with the IFC and ISC Councils shall also be held as specified by the Executive Officers of the IFC and ISC.

Section II: Unscheduled Meetings

Unscheduled meetings may be called by the President of the IFC, the staff member who oversees fraternity life, or at the request of any fraternity chapters.

Section III: Attendance

Each member of the IFC is expected to be present at all IFC meetings. Attendance will be recorded by the Vice President for Public Relations. Organizations may choose to have a member from their Executive Board attend a meeting in case the President is unable to attend. After exceeding five unexcused absences, the organization will not be eligible to vote in the next election. Members of the Council cannot count as representatives of their respective organizations. Absences may be excused by the President of the IFC or the staff member who oversees fraternity life.

Article VIII: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the member fraternities, provided that the proposed amendment is submitted in writing and notice of such intended action is given to the IFC President, the staff member who oversees fraternity life and each IFC fraternity at least two weeks before the vote is taken.
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Article I: Recruitment

Section I: The Council shall determine the dates for all formal recruitment periods.

Section II: Fraternities may host events throughout the year to engage potential new members (PNM). These events must remain substance-free and are subject to the Undergraduate Student Social Host Policy. The IFC Vice President for Recruitment will oversee each semester’s recruitment event schedule. All recruitment events held outside of formal recruitment periods must end by 11:00 PM.

Section III: The rules for formal recruitment are as follows:

1. Formal recruitment is defined as the 7-day calendar week, starting on Sunday, and ending on the following Saturday (Shake Day).
2. All formal recruitment events are mandatory to receive a bid.
3. PNMs must have a 2.35 GPA in the previous semester, and cumulatively, to participate.
4. Alcohol is strictly forbidden in recruiting new members.
5. PNMs may not leave the Domain with fraternity or sorority members during formal recruitment periods.
6. No events with alcohol are permitted during formal recruitment periods.
7. PNMs may only enter fraternity or sorority houses during official recruitment functions during formal recruitment.
8. Passing hello period applies from the start of formal recruitment and concludes on Shake Day. During this time members of organizations authorized to issue bids are allowed to extend only a passing “hello” to PNMs.

Section IV: All fraternities are required to follow the procedures for extending bids as specified by the IFC Executive Officers and the staff member who oversees fraternity life. Violations of the bid process may be subject to disciplinary action.

Section V: Returning students interested in joining a fraternity may participate in Advent semester formal recruitment as specified by the IFC calendar.

Section VI: An accepted bid is non-binding. If a student decides they do not want to initiate with the fraternity they originally pledged, they may join another organization in the next formal recruitment cycle after the semester has passed.
Section VII: Violations of these policies and rules will result in disciplinary action for fraternities or individual members.

Article II: Standing Committees

Such standing committees and special officers as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Interfraternity Council shall be appointed by the IFC Executive Officers or the staff member who oversees fraternity life to serve during the tenure for which they are appointed.

Article III: Member Education

Section I: The IFC and the staff member who oversees fraternity life shall be responsible for setting the time frame for the eight-week new member period and ensuring that the end date of the new member period is recognized and upheld by all sororities. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Section II: Each chapter shall host at least one educational program each semester designed to engage all chapter members in a positive, developmental experience related to their fraternity membership.

Article V: Amendment

These bylaws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of IFC member fraternities, provided that the proposed amendment is submitted in writing and notice of such intended action is given to the staff member who oversees fraternity life, the IFC Executive Committee, and each Council member at least two weeks before the vote is taken.

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