

Interfraternity Council
Delta State University

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I. NAME

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Interfraternity Council, hereinafter referred to as IFC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this organization shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment at Delta State University.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY

- A. This Constitution shall be compatible with the statutes of federal, state, and local laws, and university rules or regulations.
- B. This Constitution and Bylaws when approved by the administration shall be in effect for all member fraternities.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any social fraternity, after filing petition with the University and being recognized by the Student Organizations Committee shall be accepted only by a three-fourths majority of the Council, and be entitled to membership in the Interfraternity Council and be subject to the rules and regulations thereof.
- B. This council shall be composed of four representatives from each member fraternity, to be designated as an IFC officer, voting delegate, alternate delegate, and the chapter's president, or reasonable substitute. This list represents rank order.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- A. The IFC shall be made up of five officers known as the Executive Council: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and public relations.
Currently active, full time fraternity members that are in good standing with the University are eligible to serve in the IFC executive offices.
- B. The executive officers will be selected on an annual rotation basis. The annual transition shall be made no later than the first meeting in February.
- C. The rotation of offices shall be
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Public Relations
- D. The rotation of chapters shall be
 - Kappa Alpha
 - Phi Mu Alpha
 - Kappa Sigma
 - Sigma Alpha Epsilon
 - Pi Kappa Alpha

New fraternities accepted into IFC membership will be added to the rotation in the order of acceptance, unless otherwise designated by the IFC voting at the time of acceptance.

- E. The five executive officers of the IFC shall not be allowed to hold more than two terms (consecutively or non-consecutively).
- F. Any officer failing to perform his duties or unable to complete his term shall resign and a successor shall be designated by his chapter.
- G. Duties of Executive Council Officers
 - A. Duties of the President
 - 1. He shall preside over all meetings, serve on appointed University Committees, uphold the IFC Constitution & by-laws, and properly represent the best interest of the fraternity system.
 - 2. He shall preside over all regular and special meetings and shall be responsible for enforcing all decisions.
 - 3. He shall call emergency or special meetings, per Article.
 - 4. He shall serve as an *ex-officio* member of all committees.
 - 5. He shall appoint all committees.
 - 6. He shall only vote in the case of a tie.
 - 7. He may co-sign with the Treasurer or IFC Advisor for expenditures from the IFC account.
 - 8. He shall perform other executive duties as needed.
 - B. Duties of the Vice President
 - 1. He shall preside over all meetings and address other duties of the President in his absence.
 - 2. He shall serve as the chairman of the Recruitment Committee and the Judicial Board, except in a case where there is a conflict of interest.
 - 3. He shall perform other executive duties as assigned by the IFC.
 - C. Duties of the Treasurer
 - 1. He shall be responsible for assessing and collecting all monies due to the Council, as outlined in the bylaws.
 - 2. He shall prepare and present financial reports to the IFC.
 - 3. He may co-sign with the President or IFC Advisor for expenditures from the IFC account.
 - 4. He shall be responsible for maintaining the good financial standing of the IFC.
 - 5. He shall perform other executive duties as assigned by the IFC.
 - D. Duties of the Secretary
 - 1. He shall record and maintain complete and accurate minutes of all IFC meetings.
 - 2. At each meeting, he will distribute the minutes to all IFC members and Advisor. Then, he shall read the minutes from the previous meeting(s) for approval. He will make additions and/or corrections as needed.
 - 3. He shall keep an accurate and complete roll of all IFC members and call roll at each meeting.
 - 4. He shall perform other executive duties as assigned by the IFC.
 - E. Duties of the Public Relations Officer
 - 1. He shall direct all public communication in advertising for official Interfraternity events in accordance with the University policies for advertising and IFC approval.
 - 2. He shall promote Greek Life on campus and in the local community through means approved by the Interfraternity Council.

3. He shall design, maintain, and regulate with IFC approval any multi-media used to promote fraternity life.
 4. He shall perform other executive duties as assigned by the IFC.
- H. In the absence of the President, the highest ranking officer present in the order of the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Public Relations shall conduct the meeting.
- I. Officer Succession
- A. If it is necessary for an officer to resign before his stated term of office, his chapter shall nominate a replacement from chapter members in good standing with the University.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- A. The IFC shall convene at a time and place designated by the President of the IFC, unless member fraternities are notified to the contrary. In any event, this Council shall convene at least once a month during the academic year, unless otherwise determined by the Council.
- B. A quorum must be present in order to conduct official IFC business. A quorum shall be defined as three-fifths of the IFC voting delegates.
- C. Any special meeting can be called by the IFC President or IFC Advisor upon 24 hours notification to member fraternity chapters.
- D. Any emergency meeting may be called by the IFC President or IFC Advisor immediately upon notification of member Fraternity Chapters.
- E. In case of special or emergency meetings, decisions are considered temporary for the immediate situation until a quorum is present for a discussion and vote to make the decision permanent.

ARTICLE VII. VOTING

- A. Each member fraternity shall each be entitled to one vote, with the vote cast by the voting delegate. If absent, he is to be succeeded in the following order by the alternate delegate, chapter president, or IFC officer, excluding the IFC President.
- B. The presence of a three-fifths (3/5) majority of the voting power shall constitute a quorum sufficient and necessary to carry on any business for this Council.
- C. In the case of a tie vote, the IFC President shall cast the deciding vote.
- D. Any fraternity not in good standing as defined by the University or the IFC Judicial Bylaws shall not have a vote on the council until good standing is reinstated.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The Interfraternity Council Executive Board shall appoint standing committees with equal member chapter representation to execute the work of the Interfraternity Council.

ARTICLE IX. ADVISOR

- A. The IFC shall have one advisor designated by the administration and approved by the IFC.

ARTICLE X. HAZING

- A. The Interfraternity Council, as a student organization, fully supports the hazing policy stated in The Handbook for Student Organizations and the University Policy.

ARTICLE XI. VIOLATIONS

- A. Violations of the Delta State University IFC Constitution & Bylaws shall be adjudicated through the IFC Judicial Procedure as presented in the Judicial Bylaws section of the IFC Constitution & Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS

- A. Amendments to the Constitution shall be accepted only by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the voting delegates at the meeting following its submission to the IFC.

ARTICLE XIII. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

- A. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Eleventh Edition shall determine any such procedural matters not specifically mentioned in the IFC Constitution or Bylaws.

For the bylaws.....

ARTICLE V. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

- A. Regular dues are to be computed in the following manner:
 - 1. During the fall semester, each fraternity shall pay to the IFC three (3) dollars per active on the roll.
 - 2. During the spring semester, each fraternity shall pay to the IFC three (3) dollars per active on roll.
 - 3. Any man who has been a pledge any part of either of the two semesters of the preceding school year and is re-pledged will be subject to these dues.
- B. Each fraternity shall pay all assessments, dues, and fines within two weeks after the date set by the Treasurer, or the President in the Treasurer's absence, as this Council may require. The IFC Advisor shall approve no social activity until assessments are paid.
- C. Any fraternity that does not pay such dues, assessments, or fines within thirty days shall be automatically suspended, this suspension to remain in effect until said dues, fines, or assessments are paid.