Florida Gulf Coast University
Interfraternity Council

Constitution

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1 - Name
This organization shall be named the Florida Gulf Coast University Interfraternity Council. The Interfraternity Council, a registered student organization of Florida Gulf Coast University, sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement, shall be referred to as the IFC.

Section 2 - Purpose
The Interfraternity Council is the advisory, supervisory, and governing body of all the NIC and other national governing council member fraternities at Florida Gulf Coast University. It shall strive for positive public relations between the individual fraternities, the Greek community, and the University. It shall promote scholarship among its members and uphold the standards and regulations of Florida Gulf Coast University. It shall promote the interests of its members and the University.

ARTICLE II: Membership, Recognition, and Composition

Section 1 - Organizational Membership
Membership in the IFC shall be restricted to all undergraduate nationally chartered and colonized social fraternities, as recognized by the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), or other national umbrella organizations.

A. Membership shall fall under two categories, full membership and provisional membership.

a. Full Membership constitutes full recognition by the organization’s national office and the IFC in accordance with the policies and procedures of the IFC, Greek Life Expansion Committee, and Florida Gulf Coast University.
b. Provisional Membership shall be offered to organizational colonies that have met the requirements of the Greek Life Expansion Committee and the Expansion procedures outlined in the IFC Bylaws.

Section 2 - Recognition

To be eligible for membership, an organization must have met all requirements of a registered student organization at Florida Gulf Coast University, receive a recommendation from the Greek Life Expansion Committee, and fulfill all requirements outlined in the IFC Constitution and Bylaws. Upon meeting all requirements, new membership shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Interfraternity Council; members cannot resign without the penalty of losing its recognition by Florida Gulf Coast University.

Section 3 - Individual Membership in Member Chapters

A. Participation in membership recruitment activities shall be open to all full-time undergraduate men in good academic standing with Florida Gulf Coast University, and who have maintained a 2.6 cumulative grade point average. First semester freshmen are allowed to affiliate with an IFC member chapter; however, they must have maintained a 2.6 unweighted high school grade point average. Transfer students who wish to affiliate must have achieved and maintained a 2.5 cumulative grade point average from their prior institution. Students, who currently attend Florida Gulf Coast University and are in good standing, must have a 2.6 cumulative grade point average in order to be eligible.

B. Probationary membership in the member chapters of the Interfraternity Council shall be open to all undergraduate men in good standing who have been extended invitations to join by member chapters; however:

1) Probationary membership shall be limited to 8 weeks in accordance with NIC Standards. (Changed from one calendar year).

2) Probationary membership may be removed from their chapter at the discretion of the chapter.

3) Probationary members must be registered as full-time undergraduate University Students.

C. Full membership in the member chapters of the Interfraternity Council shall be open to these probationary members who:

1) Fulfill the standards and requirements of the chapter to which the probationary member belongs,

2) Achieve a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average. If a member chapter has a scholarship requirement in excess of the minimum standard, then the higher standard shall apply.

3) Are registered as full-time undergraduate students.
Section 4 - Standards of Conduct

A. All member chapters, colonies, and individual members of chapters and colonies shall conduct themselves in accordance with the standards of conduct set forth by the members’ (inter)national organizations, and shall adhere to the NIC Statement of Fraternal Values and Ethics.

B. All member chapters, colonies, and individual members of chapters and colonies shall conduct themselves in accordance with the IFC Constitution, and rules and regulations contained in the Student Code of Conduct of Florida Gulf Coast University.

C. Failure to comply with these standards may result in judicial charges being filed against the chapter, colony, and/or individual member(s) by the IFC Judicial committee.
   a. All incidents and charges will be reviewed by the IFC Advisor or a representative in the Office of Student Conduct.
   b. The Office of Student Conduct may file additional charges against member chapters, colonies, and/or individual member(s) if a representative of the Office of Student Conduct deems in necessary.

Section 5 - Composition

The Interfraternity Council shall be composed of:

A. Executive Board
   1) The officers of the Florida Gulf Coast University Interfraternity Council shall be President, VP of Operations, VP of Finance, VP of Membership Development, and VP of Recruitment.
   2) The officers shall be delegates from fraternities holding regular membership in the Florida Gulf Coast University Interfraternity Council. Executive Board officers must have and maintain a 2.8 cumulative grade point average throughout his tenure in office.
   3) The officers shall serve for a term of one year, commencing in the beginning of the spring semester and terminating at the end of the fall semester.
   4) All Executive Board officers must have been in a fraternal organization for at least a year before eligibility of an Executive position.
   5) Any officer failing to perform his duties as outlined in the IFC constitution and bylaws shall be asked to resign and a successor shall be designated by election.

B. Legislative Council
   1) This body shall have vested in it the power to make laws concerning the governance of the fraternity system at Florida Gulf Coast University.
C. Standing Committees and Representatives

1) Such standing committees and special officers as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Florida Gulf Coast University IFC shall be appointed by its Executive Board to serve during the tenure in office of the Board which appoints them.

2) Committees, committee members, representatives, their duties, and the selection procedure will be as designated and stated in the Florida Gulf Coast University IFC Bylaws.

**ARTICLE III: Meetings and Voting Privileges**

Section 1 - Meetings

A. General Board Meetings will be held on a bi-weekly basis. The Executive Board will meet the opposite weeks at the same place and time to discuss any old business and new business needed before the next General Board Meeting.

B. The next meeting of regular business of IFC will be announced at each meeting as to time and place. Meeting dates and times will be handed out for the first General Board Meeting of the year for Presidents and Executive Board Members.

C. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Board.

D. All Interfraternity Council meetings shall be open to all initiated and probationary members. The rights to the floor shall be reserved for official chapter representatives, committees, conference chairmen, invited guests, and those given rights by the president.

E. All business will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.

Section 2 - Quorum

Quorum shall be established by a simple majority of the representatives being present at the time of roll call. Once quorum has been established, it shall hold throughout the entire meeting.

Section 3 - Voting

1) Executive Board Members cannot vote, nor can they vote in place of their chapter delegate on the legislative council.
2) The president or representative (designated by the president) from each member chapter shall have one vote. The President of the Interfraternity Council shall vote only in case of a tie.

3) Provisional Membership Representatives will have one vote.

ARTICLE IV: Advisor

The advisor of the Interfraternity Council shall be an employee of the Office of Student Involvement at Florida Gulf Coast University.

ARTICLE V: Amendments

A. A proposed amendment to this constitution must be presented with references to the proper sections and articles at the regular business meeting. They must be proposed verbally and in writing.

B. Voting will take place during the following business meeting.

C. Any amendment to the constitution of the Interfraternity Council will take effect immediately upon a two-thirds majority vote of the members present to ratify.

D. The Office of Student Involvement must approve the amendment to the constitution after the ratification by the Interfraternity Council in order for the amendment to become official.

ARTICLE VI: Dissolution

The Interfraternity Council may be dissolved at the request of the Office of Student Involvement.
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ARTICLE I: Executive Board

Section 1 - Officers of the Executive Board

A. President

1) To preside over all IFC meetings
2) To conduct the meetings of the Executive Board.
3) To call special meetings of the IFC and the Executive Board
4) To supervise all activities and operations of the IFC
5) To represent the IFC in all dealings with University administration and the general public
6) To create and appoint any special committees deemed necessary by the IFC and/or the Executive Board
7) To serve as an ex-officio member of all committees
8) To assume any duties which the office may require

B. VP of Operations

1) To assist the president
2) To preside over all IFC meetings in the absence of the president
3) To be responsible for the IFC Constitution and Bylaws reviews and changes to ensure IFC is in compliance with National Interfraternity Council (NIC) and FGCU policies and regulations.

4) To oversee the judicial process for the Interfraternity Council in compliance with the Student Conduct Office rules and regulations.

5) Must attend all IFC General Board as well as Executive Board Meetings during the duration of the position.

C. VP of Finance

1) To assess and collect dues

2) To receive, disburse, and keep accurate accounts of all IFC funds so that he can render an accurate financial report at any time

3) To submit to the IFC, at the beginning of each semester, a budget for the following semester to be approved by the IFC

4) To assume any other duties which the office may require

5) Must attend all IFC General Board as well as Executive Board Meetings during the duration of the position.

D. VP of Membership Development

1) To oversee the scholarship, leadership, development, and risk management initiatives of the Interfraternity Council

2) To keep all chapter rosters updated during the year.

3) To meet with all scholarship chairs each semester to ensure a detailed scholarship plan and how their active and potential new members are performing.

4) Work hand in hand with any leadership development speakers, events, or programs on campus that can benefit fraternity men.

5) Must attend all IFC General Board as well as Executive Board Meetings during the duration of the position.

6) To plan any programming events on/off campus that IFC is associated with.

7) To stay in contact with the other closely related Greek Organizations that we work with during the year (Greek Programming Council, Programming Board, Panhellenic Council, National Panhellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council).
E. VP of Recruitment

1) To plan and execute Fall and Spring Recruitment to the full degree.
2) To be an active voice for Rush chairman in all IFC Organization.
3) To keep a detailed account of minutes in General Board and Executive Meetings
4) Applicants must be available for summer recruitment at orientations. (No Exceptions)
5) Must attend all IFC General Board as well as Executive Board Meetings during the duration of the position.

Section 2 - Term

The term for the Executive Board officers shall be for one calendar year to commence with the beginning of the spring semester and concluding at the end of the fall semester.

Section 3 - Elections

A. Application and Selection Process

1) Candidate applications will be distributed in October at an IFC general meeting and be available in the Office of Student Involvement.
2) After completing and returning the Executive Board application, the candidates will have grade verification completed by the Interfraternity Council Advisor.
3) The election of the Interfraternity Council Executive Board shall take place at either a regular or specially called meeting of the Interfraternity Council in either late November or early December.
4) Votes will be cast by secret ballot.
5) Each chapter shall be allowed one vote. The IFC President shall vote only in the case of a tie.
6) Simple majority will pass the slate.

B. Eligible Candidates

1) Candidate must have and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8.
2) Candidate must be registered as a full-time student during the length of their term.
3) Candidate must be an initiated member of a chartered fraternity at FGCU.
4) Candidate must be present at time of election to be voted on.
C. The IFC President shall install the officers elect into their respective offices during the first meeting of the spring semester.

D. If any office is vacated before the last IFC meeting in the spring semester, a new election shall be held. If any office is vacated after the last IFC meeting of the spring semester, the Executive Board shall have the discretion to fill the vacancy, pending a majority approval of the Interfraternity Council Legislative Council. If the position of president is vacated, an election is required; in such case, the Vice President will assume the role of IFC President until said election can be held.

E. Officers may be removed from an office by a 2/3 vote of the Legislative Council. A motion for removal must be made in writing and tabled for a minimum of one week before a vote can be taken.

Section 4 - Executive Board Duties

A. The Board shall have the power to act in the absence of a convened delegation of the IFC Legislative Council.

B. Acting with the power of the IFC, it will exercise the privilege of that power so as to uphold the standards and regulations of Florida Gulf Coast University.

C. Two or more unexcused absences or failure/ neglect to accomplish the goals of the office of any Executive Board Member will result in the Executive Board's review of the position. At its discretion, the Executive Board will recommend to the legislative council that member be removed from office.

D. A simple majority vote of the legislative council will pass the removal.

ARTICLE II: Legislative Council and Chapter Responsibilities

Section 1 - Function

This body shall have vested in it the power to make laws concerning the governance of the fraternity system at the Florida Gulf Coast University.

A. Representation

1) One member of each active chapter or colony shall represent their organization in the Council. This person shall be the president of that chapter, who will act as the correspondent between his chapter and the IFC. In the event of absence or conflict, the president of each chapter will be responsible for providing a chapter delegate.
One member of each active chapter or colony shall represent their organization as a voting member of the legislative council. This person shall be the president or designee of that chapter. In the event of absence or conflict, the president or designee of each chapter will be responsible for providing a voting representative.

2) The IFC President will appoint a delegate who is responsible for reporting the business of each IFC meeting at their following chapter meeting. Each delegate must sit on one of the standing IFC committees as an active voting member. Each Delegate must shadow one IFC Executive Officer.

3) The Interfraternity Council representatives must have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative average upon accepting his office and must be a full-time student in accordance with University regulations.

4) Each fraternity shall elect or appoint its delegate for a term of no less than one semester.

5) Failure to attend the meetings will result in a $25 fine that will be placed on the chapter account.

6) If a member or delegate does not arrive at a meeting by the agreed upon start time, a $10 fine will be placed on the chapter account.

B. Meetings

1) Meetings will be held on a bi-weekly basis whenever possible. There shall be no less than one meeting held each month during the school year, except with prior approval of the IFC Executive Board.

2) The next meeting of regular business of IFC will be announced at each meeting as to time and place.

3) Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Board.

4) All Interfraternity Council general board meetings shall be open to all active brothers and probationary members of recognized fraternities. The rights to the floor shall be reserved for official chapter representatives, committees, conference chairmen, invited guests, and those given rights by the president.

5) All business will be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised.

6) Quorum shall be established by a simple majority of the representatives being present at the time of roll call. Once quorum has been established, it shall hold throughout the whole meeting.

7) The dress code in IFC meetings for the IFC Executive Board, Chapter Delegates, Chapter Voting Representatives, and guests shall be business casual attire (slacks and a tucked in collared shirt, with a belt). Jeans, sandals, T-Shirts, hats, sunglasses, cargo shorts/pants, and/or tattered clothing are not permitted.
Section 2 - Voting

The president or representative (designated by the president) from each member chapter shall have one vote. The president of the Council shall vote only in case of a tie.

Section 3 - Rosters and Other Required Organizational Documents

A. Active Membership Rosters are due within the first two weeks of each semester to the IFC Advisor and IFC VP of Membership Development

B. New Member rosters are due 48 hours after bids have been accepted to the IFC Advisor and the IFC VP of Membership Development.

C. Any time that there is a change or an update to an active member or new member roster, the IFC advisor and IFC Secretary must be notified within 48 hours.

D. Any chapter that has not submitted an active membership roster or other required organizational documents by said date shall be excluded from all Greek activities (i.e. all activities in which fraternities participate as a member of the Greek community or in a Greek division).

E) Only active members, listed on the active member rosters, may participate in Greek activities.

E. No social events can be conducted until the active membership rosters or other required organizational documents have been submitted.

1) Only active members, listed on the active member rosters, may attend social events hosted by the chapter.

Section 4- InterFraternity Recruitment

A. Each IFC organization will have the right to recruit during the recruitment period.

B. Recruitment dates will be selected by the IFC executive board and made available during the previous semester.

C. The Vice President of Recruitment will be responsible for conducting and over seeing the recruitment period. The IFC President will over see the recruitment period.

D. In order to rush, a potential new member must have a minimum un weighted GPA of 2.8 on a 4 point scale.

E. A potential new member is defined as any student not in a IFC organization.

F. Any person interested in rushing must attend an IFC informational and pay a $25 fee.
G. The recruitment period will be dry (no alcohol allowed at events, handing out bids, or in social settings).

H. The dry period will be begin on May 1st and commence on the day after recruitment ends at 12:01 am.

I. Any violations of recruitment will be handled by the IFC judicial process.

ARTICLE III: Committees and Committee Chairmen

Section 1 - Committee Composition

The Interfraternity Council Executive Board shall, at its discretion, appoint committee coordinators Chairmen to assist in the daily operation of the Interfraternity Council.

Section 2 - Selection and Removal

Committee Chairmen and organizational representatives shall be appointed by the IFC president, subject to majority approval by the IFC Executive Board.

A. Committee chairmen may be removed by the recommendation of the Vice President, but subject to the majority vote by the Executive Board or the Legislative Council.

B. Committees may become permanent, standing committees of the Interfraternity Council with a recommendation by the Executive Board and a majority vote of the legislative council.

ARTICLE IV: Finance

Section 1 - Budget/Dues

A. Budget

1) The VP of Finance shall develop an annual budget for the operation of the IFC in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council President.

2) The budget shall recommend IFC dues and fees for the coming academic year.
3) The budget shall be presented with a motion to its adoption.

4) Upon adoption, amendments or major changes must be approved by the Legislative Council.

B. Dues

1) Each chapter is to be assessed $15 per initiated and probationary member each semester

2) GPC dues will account for $5 and IFC for $10 for a total of $15.

3) Dues must be submitted within one week of billing and shall be based upon the number of initiated and probationary members on the roster at the due date.

C. Fines

1) Failure to attend the regular meetings of the IFC will result in the fine of $25 unless a valid excuse for absence is presented within a seven-day period to the Executive Board. Waived fines are at the discretion of the Executive Board.

2) In the event of dues being not paid in full on or by the supplied date and time present on the dues bill, a fine will be levied on the chapter that will be equal to ten percent (10%) of their semester dues bill for everyday that payment is not received and could result in the chapter being placed on financial suspension.

2.a) If an organization is financially unable to pay the dues by the supplied date the organization must notify the IFC VP of Finance within 24 hours of receiving their bill.

2.b) A chapter will lose their voting privileges if they are delinquent on their semester dues for one or more weeks.

3) Other Fines

3.a) As shall be provided in relation to general business, fines may be levied against member fraternities and shall be in addition to the dues of the organization.

3.b) The fines can only be levied by a majority vote of the Executive Board and are subject to approval by Interfraternity Council Advisor.

D. Delinquency

2) Dues, fines, or other financial debts not cleared by the end of a semester can result in the loss of benefits such as, but not limited to, social events and intramural activity. Should it become necessary for delinquency to become a judicial issue, cases will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct (Change to “IFC Judicial committee”).

ARTICLE V: EXPANSION
Section 1 - Purpose

A. The purpose of the Interfraternity Council expansion Policy shall be:

1) To provide guidance and support for new fraternities.

2) To provide a colony membership period before granting full privileges of the Interfraternity Council.

3) To provide guidance and support to fraternities who have lost membership to the Interfraternity Council for less than one year.

4) To provide members to sit on the Greek Life Expansion Committee.

Section 2 - Greek Life Expansion Committee

A. The Interfraternity Council will be responsible to provide one delegate from each member chapter to serve on the Greek Life Expansion Committee, or GLEC. The duties of this committee shall be to study the applications and presentations of any and all groups seeking Provisional Member status at Florida Gulf Coast University. The Fraternity delegates shall have voting privileges in committee meetings. This committee shall meet and review on an as needed basis. For more information, refer to the Greek Life Expansion Committee Bylaws.

Section 3 - Expansion Eligibility

A. All undergraduate general fraternities, as recognized by the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), or other national organization shall be eligible for membership in the Interfraternity Council, regardless of race or religion.

Section 4 - Limitations

A. Expansion shall be limited to the discretion of the Greek Life Expansion Committee for the best interest of the existing fraternal community, Greek community, and the university.

Section 5 - Procedures

A. The expansion procedures for fraternities are as follows:

1) The IFC will vote to make a recommendation to the GLEC to open expansion within IFC.

2) IFC will submit a list of suggested organizations to the GLEC, in addition to the organizations that have previously contacted the Office of Student Involvement to express interest in expansion.
3) The GLEC will undertake the interview and final recommendation processes.

4) Upon approval by the Vice-President Student Affairs office, the final vote of approval of the selected organization will be presented to the IFC.

B. A simple majority vote of the legislative council will approve the proposed organization for expansion at Florida Gulf Coast University and colonization may begin.

Section 6 - Initial Violations

A. Whereas, initiating a founding pledge class without following the expansion procedures set by the Interfraternity Council will result in denial of membership into the Interfraternity Council on Florida Gulf Coast University’s campus for 5 years.

B. Whereas, if an organization that wishes to join the Interfraternity Council from this date on manages to keep their founding pledge class covert, and that organization is accepted into the Interfraternity Council without the council's knowledge of such activity, they will be prohibited from participating in Interfraternity Council events for 3 years once that information is brought to light, effective immediately.

C. Whereas, no exceptions are to be made.

ARTICLE VI: Hazing

Section 1 - Definition

A. Hazing is defined as an action or situation created on or off campus which recklessly or intentionally harms, damages or endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating within Florida Gulf Coast University. Such term includes, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, alcohol, drug, or other substance, or other forced activity which would adversely affect the physical or mental health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity which would subject the student to mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which would result in extreme embarrassment, or forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student, or any other activity which is inconsistent with the regulations and policies of Florida Gulf Coast University.
B. New Members and Active members, shall not be scheduled as designated drivers at their own expense of resources and time.

Section 2 - Policy

A. The aforementioned practices shall be termed hazing by the Interfraternity Council and will not be tolerated.

Section 3 - Violations

A. A violation of this article shall be immediately reported to the IFC president, the Assistant Director of Greek Life, and/or Assistant Director of Judicial Affairs who shall then refer the matter to the Director of Judicial Affairs’ Office. Said office will then undertake the investigation. If a violation is found to exist, punishment of all involved will be governed by the procedure outline in the aforementioned disciplinary policies.

Article VII: IFC Standards Process

Section 1. Purpose

A. The goal of the IFC Standards Process is to adhere to internal IFC policies, to resolve conflicts within the Greek community, and to improve the public image of the Greek community by promoting high standards.

Section 2. Judicial Review Board

A. The Chairman of the Standards Board shall be the IFC Vice President of Operations. He serves as a nonvoting member of the Board.

B. The Standards Board voting body shall consist of one (1) voting Delegate from each of the member organizations and the members of the IFC Executive Board.

C. The Delegate representing the member organization in question of the violation is exempt from the voting body of the Judicial Review Board.

D. The Delegates must be in good standing with the University both academically and in conduct.
E. If a Delegate becomes ineligible to serve, then their organization is responsible for notifying the IFC President and VP of Operations and replacing the Delegate.

Section 3. Submission of Judicial Review

A. A complaint or inquiry of violations of internal IFC policy must be formally submitted in writing with all available evidence to the IFC Vice President of Operations within 30 days of the alleged offense and no less than twenty four (24) hours prior to the scheduled IFC Executive Board meeting.

B. Any violation of IFC internal policy that also constitutes a violation of the FGCU Student Code of Conduct will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for proper handling.

C. The IFC VP of Operations will set the time for the IFC Standards meeting outside of the regular IFC meeting time. The Executive Board reserves the right to investigate the legitimacy of the claim and dismiss it if insufficient evidence is provided. The Judicial Review Board meeting will be a closed meeting only open to the delegates and accused/complaining party.

Section 4. Powers

A. Notice of Violation

A. The President of the member organization accused of the violation will be notified in writing and/or by email by the IFC Vice President within five (5) school days after the Executive Board meeting in which the standards inquiry was reviewed. The organization will be notified that this violation will be taken to mediation or a standards hearing during a scheduled meeting for discussion.

B. The IFC Advisor will serve as the mediator of the meeting.

A. Mediation shall be closed to the public. The participants in the mediation shall be representatives from the accused fraternity (President, Recruitment Chairman, Advisor), the complaining fraternal (President, Recruitment Chairman, Advisor), the IFC Vice-President and IFC Secretary. The role of the IFC Secretary will be to take accurate minutes of the mediation.

B. The complaining fraternity will have three (3) minutes to present their case.
C. The accused fraternity will then have three (3) minutes to present their defense.

D. Mediation will last no longer than one hour. If resolution is not reached in that time period, the mediation will be considered failed.

E. In the case where mediation fails, the violation will be deferred to the Standards Board.

D. **Judicial Review** Meeting Process

A. A quorum of the voting Delegates must be present in order to proceed.

B. In the event that the [Judicial Chairman’s (IFC VP of Operations)](mailto:JudicialChairman@IFC.com) organization is in violation, the IFC President shall serve as the Chairman for that hearing.

C. The Chairman will begin by reading the formally submitted written standards inquiry. At that time questions may be asked by the voting Delegates only to clarify the charges or evidence submitted.

D. The accused organization will then be given five (5) minutes to present their argument by an active member in good standing of their choice.

E. Upon conclusion of the accused fraternity's statement, the Chairman may allow questions to clarify any presented information.

F. Upon conclusion of the Standards Hearing, the accused fraternity will be dismissed and the voting delegates will decide on the outcome of the hearing and any sanctions, if appropriate.

G. The charged fraternity will be notified of the outcome of the hearing, including any sanctions imposed, in writing by the [IFC Vice President of Operation](mailto:IFCVicePresident@IFC.com) within 48 hours of the hearing.
E. Sanctions

Directly following a vote of “responsible” by the Standards Board, the Delegates must agree upon a sanction(s) for the offense

A. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

1) Educational activity at discretion of the IFC advisor
2) Suspension of Voting Privileges at IFC meetings
3) Event hosted by charged fraternity for the benefit of the IFC community (non-alcoholic)
4) Monetary Fine
5) Probation, including loss of privilege to hold events for a specified amount of time.

F. Rights of the Accused

A. Right to be informed in writing of all violation charges within forty eight five (5) school days after the IFC Executive meeting in which the standards inquiry was reviewed.

B. Right to waive, in writing, their mediation with the IFC Executive Board and proceed directly to a Standards Board meeting and also the right to waive their standards board meeting and accept their sanction.

C. Right to reasonable access to the inquiry information upon request; this shall be maintained by the Chairman.

D. Right to have an advisor present during the meeting. An advisor may not address the IFC Standards Board, represent the organization, or directly question evidence; his/her role is simply to advise the chapter.

E. Right to review all evidence.
F. Right to a written statement of the outcome of the Standards Board meeting within five (5) school days for the hearing.

G. Right to appeal the decision.

G. Appellate Process

A. An organization found responsible for violating internal IFC policy wishing to appeal their sanction must submit in writing their appeal to the Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life or designee within three (3) school days of receipt of the decision letter.

B. The appeal will be heard within one week of submission by A staff member of the Dean of Students Office.

H. Appropriate reasons for the responsible organization to appeal their charges:

1) Due process errors involving violations of the charged organization’s rights that substantially affected the outcome of the standards board meeting.

2) The sanction(s) is (are) extraordinarily disproportionate to the violation.

3) New information can be provided that was not available at the time of the original proceeding.

4) The decision of the appellate officer is final.

**Article VIII. Alcohol Policy**

Greek letter organizations strive to ensure the safety of their members and guests, as well as to provide an opportunity for responsible social interaction. The Florida Gulf Coast University Inter-Fraternity Council Alcohol Policy serves to complement and require compliance with all federal, state, local and University policies, and to provide parameters for the social events of Greek letter organizations. The Greek community also expects alcohol education from their chapters and recognizes abstinence from alcohol as a healthy choice for its members.
The Inter-Fraternity Council also recognizes the importance of chapter inter/national headquarters and their alcohol policies, and remind fraternities at Florida Gulf Coast University that they are responsible for following their respective inter/national policies dealing with risk management and alcohol as a supplement to the Inter-fraternity Alcohol Policy.

Section I. Registration of Events

A. All chapter social events where alcohol is present, both on or off campus, must be registered with the Office of Student Involvement.

B. Social Event Registration Forms must be turned in to Cohen Center 259 at least 2 weeks prior to social functions.

C. Event registration forms must be completed in their entirety and include the following information:

   a. Completed alcohol supplement form

   b. Confirmation from the host venue of permission to hold the event as well as proof they are licensed to sell alcohol

   c. A copy of the Security Guard contract stating how many security guards will be in attendance and what their responsibilities will be

   d. A copy of the guest list. If the function is a date function or formal, the guest list must include which member is the host of each guest

   e. If a professional transportation company is being utilized, a copy of the contract must be submitted. This contract must state that no alcohol may be consumed in any rented vehicles.

D. All social events are required to have professional security at their events. Security may be contracted through private security companies or through the host venue if available.

Section II. Events where alcohol is present must conform to the following guidelines:

A. Third party vendor guidelines: [Review FIPG Guidelines]

   1) A licensed, insured company caters and serves the function and alcohol. The company must be licensed and insured as required by the state and local ordinances.

   2) Chapters are prohibited from entering into arrangements with the catering company to provide them a set amount of alcohol. This is the same as purchasing alcohol with chapter funds. The catering company must be paid for services only, not the purchase of alcohol in any manner.

Section III. Use/Purchase of Alcohol [Review FIPG Guidelines]
A. No organization shall furnish any alcoholic beverage(s) to any person

B. Common sources of alcohol such as kegs, alcoholic punch, unmonitored bulk containers of alcohol, etc. are prohibited

C. Alcohol may not be directly or indirectly purchased by chapter funds (no slush funds, no passing the hat, etc.)

D. No individuals under the legal drinking age will be permitted to bring alcohol to a function, to consume alcohol at the function, or be allowed to remain at a function if found in possession of alcohol

E. Social events which encourage drinking, drinking games, drinking contests, and/or drunkenness are prohibited

Section IV. Alcohol is prohibited from the following events:

1) Any new member events

2) Any formal or informal recruitment events

Section V. Pre-parties and post-parties for events are strictly prohibited [Review FIPG Guidelines]

A. An event that occurs directly before or after a fraternity function

B. A substantial amount of chapter membership is in attendance

C. Chapter funds or passing of the hat have been used to prepare for this function

D. Chapter event where alcohol is present that has not been registered with the Office of Student Involvement

Section VI. Entrances/Exits [Review FIPG Guidelines]

A. There shall be only one non-emergency entrance/exit to the event, and the chapter is responsible for creating temporary boundaries for the function when none exist. The entrance must be staffed by a professional Security Guard, as well as a sober monitor at all times.

Section VII. Monitoring the function [Review FIPG Guidelines]

A. There shall be a minimum of two licensed security guard at all social events where alcohol is present that is responsible for monitoring the function and checking identification of all people who enter the function
B. In addition, there must be security at all fraternity events, when alcohol is present. For the purposes of this section, the monitoring process shall be defined to be the physical activity of walking through all areas of the function performing a visible check in order to look for: underage drinkers, persons in distress, the presence of illegal drugs, and/or any other activity believed to be illegal or a risk to the proper functioning of the event. The sponsoring fraternity shall be responsible for informing the security guard of his duties.

C. The fraternity must have a minimum of 10 sober monitors (or should it be a percentage of the active membership?) who are responsible for monitoring the event, based on the definition listed above. These sober monitors must be active members of the organization and must not consume any alcohol before or during the event. According to FIPG policy, new members may not be included as sober monitors.

D. If the fraternity is utilizing a professional transportation services, sober monitors must monitor every guest and member entering the bus. The monitor must also ensure there is not alcohol consumption during the transport.

Section VIII. All social events where alcohol is present must be closed (invite only) events. [Review FIPG Guidelines]

A. The total number of guests at a social event may not exceed three (3) times the membership of the sponsoring organization. Alumni of the local chapter and parents of current chapter members must be signed in at the door and are excluded from the guest limit of 3 times the membership. B. Unrestricted invitational advertisement of social events where alcohol will be present is prohibited, The presence or reference to alcohol in any advertisement of a function is also prohibited.

B. Host organizations are responsible for all guests at the function.

C. All functions must end by 2:00am.

Section IX. Alternative Consumables (stated in the FSU Alcohol Policy)

A. Non-Alcoholic beverages must be available for the duration of the BYOB function.

B. Non-Salty foods must be available for the duration of the BYOB function.

Section X. Education

A. All chapters must have the required number of officers attend the Responsible Hosting Training offered by the Office of Student Involvement and Prevention & Wellness each year before that chapter may host any social events with alcohol.

Section XI. House Party Ban
A. All fraternity open-house parties are hereby banned, including parties held in the private residence of a member that may be viewed as a fraternity-sponsored event.

Section XII. Violations

A. Any violation of the IFC Alcohol policy will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action.

Article IX: Amendments

Section 1 - Policies and Procedures

A. Amendments to the Interfraternity Council Bylaws must be proposed in writing.

B. Before presentation to the IFC, all amendments must be approved by the IFC Executive Board and the IFC Advisor, in conjunction with the Office of Student Involvement.

C. Amendments to the bylaws can be made at any time with a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the legislative body.

D. All approved amendments will be considered effective immediately, unless otherwise defined in the amendment.

1) One member of each active chapter or colony shall represent their organization as a voting member of the legislative council. This person shall be the president or designee of that chapter. In the event of absence or conflict, the president or designee of each chapter will be responsible for providing a voting representative.

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