



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 Executive Officer, voting delegate, alternate delegate, and the chapter's president, or reasonable substitute. This list represents rank order.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- A. The IFC shall be made up of four officers known as the Executive Council: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- B. Currently active, full-time fraternity members that are in good standing with the University are eligible to serve in the IFC executive offices.
- C. The Executive Officers will be selected on an academic year rotation basis. The annual transition shall be made no later than third meeting of each Fall term.
- D. The rotation of offices shall be
 - President
 - Vice President

Treasurer
Secretary

- E. The rotation of chapters shall be
Kappa 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.

- F. The four executive officers of the IFC shall not be allowed to hold more than two terms, consecutively or non-consecutively.
- G. Any Officer failing to perform his duties or unable to complete his term shall resign and a successor shall be designated by his chapter.
- H. Duties of Executive 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 VI.
 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 and/or IFC Advisor for expenditures from the IFC account.
 8. He shall act as the Judicial Board Chairman, in the case of a conflict of interest by the IFC Vice President, and shall serve as a non-voting member to the Board.
 9. 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 every general meeting.
 3. He may co-sign with the President and/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 act as the Judicial Board Secretary and shall serve as a non-voting member.
 5. He shall perform other executive duties as assigned by the IFC.
- I. In the absence of the President, the highest ranking officer present in the order of the Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary shall conduct the meeting.
 - J. 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 and respective fraternity chapter.

ARTICLE VI. VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

- A. Voting Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the IFC shall be selected by their respective fraternity chapter to serve at least one academic term.
- B. Each Voting Delegate member carries one vote for his respective fraternity chapter.
- C. For voting order, see ARTICLE VIII.
- D. Delegate Succession
 - A. If it is necessary for a Voting Delegate or Alternate Delegate to resign before his stated term of office, his chapter shall nominate a replacement from chapter members in good standing with the University and respective fraternity chapter.

ARTICLE VII. 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 semi-weekly (every two weeks) 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-fourths (3/4) of the IFC voting delegates.
- C. Any special meeting can be called by the IFC President and/or IFC Advisor upon 24 hours notification to member fraternity chapters.
- D. Any emergency meeting may be called by the IFC President and/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 VIII. 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 Executive Officer, excluding the IFC President.
- B. The presence of a three-fourths (3/4) 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 IX. APPOINTED OFFICERS

- A. The IFC Executive Council shall appoint officers to execute the work of the IFC.
- B. Currently active, full-time IFC members that are in good standing with the University and their respective chapters are eligible to serve in the IFC Appointed Offices.
- C. The Appointed Officers will be appointed to serve at least one academic term (i.e. Fall and/or Spring). The transition shall be made no later than the third meeting of each academic term, as needed.
- D. The Appointed Officers of the IFC shall not be allowed to hold more than two terms, consecutively or non-consecutively.
- E. The duties of the Appointed Officers of the IFC shall be as follows:
 - A. 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 IFC.
 - 3. He shall design, maintain, and regulate any multi-media used to promote fraternity life with IFC approval.
 - 4. He shall perform other duties as assigned by the IFC.
- F. Any Officer failing to perform his duties or unable to complete his term shall resign and a successor shall be designated by the IFC.
- G. If needed, any Appointed Offices may be created by the IFC.

ARTICLE X. JUDICIAL BOARD

- A. The Judicial Board shall consist of the IFC Vice President as Chairman and one representative from each respective fraternity chapter who are not currently sitting on the IFC.

ARTICLE XI. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The IFC Executive Council shall appoint standing committees with equal member chapter representation to execute the work of the IFC.
- B. Currently active, full-time IFC members that are in good standing with the University and their respective fraternity chapters are eligible to serve on any IFC standing committees.
- C. The standing committee members will be selected to serve during term(s) designated by the IFC Executive Council.
- D. The duties of the standing committees of the IFC shall be as follows:
 - A. Duties of the Recruitment Committee
 - 1. The Committee shall consist of the IFC Vice President as Chairman, and equal representation of all IFC fraternity chapters.
 - 2. The Committee shall review and develop Recruitment Bylaws, found in the IFC Bylaws, and submit them for discussion and approval to the IFC.
 - 3. The Committee shall present a full report, including recommendations, to the IFC based on analysis of recruitment statistics, and recruitment evaluations by new members, each fraternity chapter Recruitment Chairman, fraternity chapter Advisor, and the IFC Advisor.
 - 4. Respective fraternity chapter Recruitment Chairman and Advisor(s) may attend Committee meetings, and shall have a voice, but no vote.
- E. Any member failing to perform his duties or unable to complete his designated term shall resign and a successor shall be appointed by the IFC Executive Council.
- F. If needed, any standing committees may be created by the IFC Executive Council.

ARTICLE XII. ADVISOR

- A. The IFC shall have one advisor designated by the administration, usually the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- B. The Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the IFC and shall have voice, but no vote, in meetings of the IFC and IFC Executives.

ARTICLE XIII. HAZING

- A. The IFC, as a student organization, fully supports the hazing policy stated in the Student Organizations Handbook and all University policies, including rules and regulations of the Student Handbook.

ARTICLE XIV. 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 Bylaws.

ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS

- A. Amendments to the Constitution shall be accepted only by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Voting Delegates at the meeting following its submission to the IFC.

ARTICLE XVI. 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.