



ΑΒΓΔΕΖΗΘΙΚΑΜΝΞΟΠΡΣΤΥΦΧΨ

## THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

### Constitution 2008

#### **PREAMBLE**

We, the men's social fraternities of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) at Syracuse University, in order to assume the responsibility and privileges of self-governance, maintain an appreciation and understanding of democratic values and processes; encourage, develop and maintain better understandings and closer communications between fraternities and alumni and the University community; represent student interests, need and welfare; and provide for the development of personal leadership. In promoting these responsibilities and privileges on self-governance, the men's NIC social fraternities at Syracuse University ordain and establish this constitution of the Interfraternity Council. This constitution shall be applied equally to all students and organizations of the IFC at Syracuse University without discrimination as to age, marital status, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, or political affiliation.

#### **ARTICLE I: NAMES AND DEFINITIONS**

1.1 The name of the organization shall be the Interfraternity Council of Syracuse University, hereafter referred to as the IFC.

1.2 When in this constitution, the following terms shall mean:

1.2.1 "University" means Syracuse University and collectively, those responsible for its control and operation.

1.2.2 "Member Fraternity" means a fraternity whose chapter has been approved by the IFC and recognized by the University.

1.2.3 "National Social Fraternity" means a fraternity that has received a charter from a national or international recognized fraternal organization affiliated with the National Interfraternity Conference, and which continuously fulfills the requirements of the charter to maintain affiliation with the national or international recognized organization.

#### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of the fraternity system is to serve as an important component in a well-rounded, educational experience in the university setting by:

2.1 Promoting and supporting the academic mission of the institution;

- 2.2 Encouraging cultural interchange with and through organizations such as Greeks Advocating Multicultural Education (GAME).
- 2.3 Providing a unique and complementary educational experience for the development of skills in leadership, scholarship, self-discipline, and social group interaction;
- 2.4 Providing beneficial programs for social and recreational activities;
- 2.5 To promote honor, scholarship, excellence, integrity, philanthropy and community service among all of its members.
- 2.6 The specific roles of the Interfraternity Council are:
  - 2.6.1 To be the governing body of the fraternity system.
  - 2.6.2 To promote unity within the fraternity system.
  - 2.6.3 To better utilize university, national fraternity, and alumni organizational resources, support, and assistance.
  - 2.6.4 To act as a liaison between the fraternity system and the University.
  - 2.6.5 To assist all fraternities in reaching their potential.
  - 2.6.6 To work cooperatively with the Panhellenic Council, NPHC, MGLC, and LGC.

### **ARTICLE III: SCOPE OF POWER**

- 3.1 By virtue of authority vested in it by this constitution, the IFC shall have power to:
  - 3.1.1 Represent fraternity interests in all matters involving the general welfare of Syracuse University;
  - 3.1.2 Regulate all matters with respect to Interfraternity interests and relations between the IFC and its constituent members;
  - 3.1.3 Act for the fraternity system in matters which involve fraternity interests and other agencies of the University or its constituency.

### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 Any social fraternity maintaining a chapter at Syracuse University and recognized by the proper University authorities shall be eligible for membership in the IFC.
- 4.2 Application for membership in the IFC shall be made in writing, through the Council on Greek Life, and presented to the secretary of the IFC.
  - 4.2.1 A statement signed by all active members of the applying fraternity subscribing to the Constitution and By-Laws of the IFC.
  - 4.2.2 A copy of the applying fraternity's constitution.

- 4.3 Fraternities applying for membership shall be elected by a majority vote of the entire membership of the IFC.
- 4.4 A member fraternity may withdraw from the IFC after its application for withdrawal has been presented at a regular or special meeting of the IFC. A chapter that withdraws from the IFC will lose its University recognition.
- 4.5 Any member fraternity who loses either national or university recognition, automatically loses IFC recognition.

## **ARTICLE V: COMPOSITION**

- 5.1 The officers of the IFC shall be as follows: President; Vice President for Internal Affairs (Judicial), Vice President for External Affairs (Programming), Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Recruitment, Chair of Special Events, Chair of Community Service Events, Chair of Philanthropy Events, Chair of GAMMA, and Chair of GAME. These positions shall comprise the Executive Board of the IFC.
- 5.2 Each chapter will be represented in the IFC by its President, and one (1) representative of each fraternity. The same representative elected to represent the chapter at IFC meetings must attend all meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI: VOTING**

- 6.1 Three-fourths (3/4) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 6.2 Each member fraternity shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The voting member must be the President or elected chapter representative.
- 6.3 In case of a tie the IFC President will cast the deciding vote.
- 6.4 A simple majority of members eligible to vote shall be necessary to pass a main motion unless otherwise specified in the Constitution.
- 6.5 Any action may be deferred to the next regular meeting by a simple majority vote of those present. Any further deferment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present.
- 6.6 All other voting procedures shall follow Robert's Rules of Order's parliamentary procedures

## **ARTICLE VII: ATTENDANCE POLICY**

- 7.1 Representation of member fraternities shall be fulfilled only by the specified elected IFC delegate and the Chapter President.
- 7.2 It is mandatory that each IFC affiliated fraternity is represented at IFC meetings by the fraternity's president as well as by its elected IFC representative.
- 7.3 Attendance records will be maintained on the basis of an individual president and delegate's attendance regardless of the presence of a representative. In the event that the president is unable to attend, the Vice President for that specific fraternity must attend.

- 7.3.1 Failure of a member fraternity to attend two (2) meetings, during the course of a Spring – Fall term of office, shall result in a \$100 fine. There will be no excused absences.
- 7.3.2 Failure to attend three (3) meetings, during the course of a Spring – Fall term of office, shall result in a fine of \$150 and that member fraternity losing all voting privileges for that semester.
- 7.3.3 Failure to attend four (4) or more meetings, during the course of a Spring – Fall term of office, shall result in a fine of \$300 and that member fraternity being placed on social probation for a specified period of time by the IFC.

7.4 The chapter President is required to notify the IFC Secretary acknowledging the voting authority of his replacement when the President is not attending either through oral or written communication. Without this notification, the President's replacement will be unable to vote.

7.5 The members of the Executive Board are expected to attend all IFC, Executive Board and other special meetings of this governing body.

- 7.5.1 In the event that a member of the IFC Executive Board cannot attend a meeting, that member must notify the IFC President and the IFC Secretary prior to said meeting.
- 7.5.2 Failure to attend one meeting, during the term of office, without proper notification shall result in a written reprimand from the IFC President.
- 7.5.3 Failure to attend two (2) meetings, during the term of office, without proper notification shall result in termination of office.

## **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

8.1 The IFC shall meet on a weekly basis. The schedule of meeting times and places shall be established by the President at the first meeting of every semester.

8.2 At least one regular meeting of the IFC shall take place each academic week of the school year at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

8.3 Special meetings of the IFC will be called by the president:

- 8.3.1 If an emergency exists.
- 8.3.2 At the written request of one-third (1/3), a sizable constituency, of the member fraternities.

## **ARTICLE IX: ADVISOR**

9.1 There shall be one official adviser to the IFC, which will be a representative of the Office of Greek Life and Experiential Learning and appointed by the Associate Dean of Students.

## **ARTICLE X: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

10.1 The Executive Board of the IFC shall consist of the officers of the IFC.

- 10.2 The President of the IFC shall be the chair of the Executive Board.
- 10.3 This Board shall have the power to appoint committees or task forces to administer decisions, and to serve as the IFC Peer Review Board.
- 10.4 The IFC Executive Board meetings will be called by the President whenever necessary.
- 10.4.1 At least one regular meeting of the IFC Executive Board shall be conducted each academic week of the school year prior to the regular IFC meeting.
- 10.5 The IFC Executive Board shall be the only body with the authority to waive IFC regulations when deemed necessary. Request for such a waiver must be made to the IFC President forty-eight (48) hours in advance of its exercise. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the IFC Executive Board will be required to waive any regulation.

## **ARTICLE XI: PLEDGING OR ASSOCIATING**

- 11.1 A pledge's or associate's activities in preparation for his initiation shall take place when they do not interfere with his active participation in the curricular or extracurricular program supported by the University.
- 11.2 Hazing shall not be permitted by the IFC. The IFC defines hazing as any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort. Such activities and situations include creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shock; kidnapping which creates a potentially dangerous situation; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies under the Syracuse University Student Handbook and the State of New York.
- 11.3 Judgment of an infraction shall be the responsibility of the University's judicial system.
- 11.4 Member fraternities should determine their own procedures in regards to selectivity of pledges and/or initiates. These procedures should comply with University and IFC regulations regarding minority group discrimination.

## **ARTICLE XII: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUES**

- 12.1 The semester dues of the IFC shall be decided by the Treasurer and approved by a 3/4 vote of the chapter Presidents. The Treasurer shall determine dues by establishing a budget and assessing this amount per active members and pledges where applicable. For each member fraternity, the paid dues shall be payable by October 1 of the Fall semester, and February 1 of the Spring semester.
- 12.2 IFC dues for each member fraternity shall consist of a \$200 fee plus a fee of \$5.00 per member over twenty-five (25) per semester. Dues will be due by October 1 of the fall semester, and February 1 of the spring semester.
- 12.3 Fines are payable within seven (7) days of the date of the letter advising the chapter of the fine.

12.3.1 If the fine is not paid by the date specified, the fraternity will incur an additional penalty of \$50.00 for each 24-hour period payment is past due until the fine is paid.

12.4 Failure to have a representative of the chapter to attend committee meetings including, but not limited to, Chairs of Recruitment, GAME, GAMMA, Community Service, Philanthropy, Special Events, and Treasurers will result in a \$50.00 fine per absence.

## **ARTICLE XIII: ELECTIONS**

13.1 The President, Vice President for Internal Affairs, and the Vice President for Activities shall be elected two meetings before the Thanksgiving Break. The Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Recruitment, Chair of Special Events, Chair of Community Service, Chair of Philanthropy, GAME Chair, and GAMMA Chair shall be elected at the last meeting before the Thanksgiving Break, but shall not take office until the first week of the second semester. They shall use this time to become better acquainted with their positions, define their goals for their up-coming term and observe the incumbent officer so that the transition of office will be smooth.

13.1.1 The Vice President for Internal is in charge of all IFC elections.

13.1.2 The President of the IFC is in charge of officer transition.

13.2 All candidates for positions of the Executive Board shall be of at least sophomore standing in the University, and shall be an active member of a recognized national social fraternity as specified in Article 4.1. Candidates for the positions of President, Vice President for Internal Affairs, Vice President for External Affairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Community Service, Chair of Philanthropy, and Chair of Recruitment shall be of at least junior standing in the University, and shall be active members of a recognized social fraternity.

13.3 Any member who holds an Executive Board office in his respective fraternity may not hold an Executive Board office of the IFC. If an Executive Board officer at any time decides to hold an office within his respective chapter, he must resign from his Executive office and that office must be re-elected as provided for in the Constitution.

13.3.1 No Executive Board Officer shall hold the position of Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Recruitment, or Chair of Social Events of his respective fraternity, regardless of whether it is an Executive Board position within his fraternity.

13.4 No member of the IFC will hold more than one office on the Executive Board at any one time.

13.5 No more than two (2) members of one fraternity may be elected to positions on the Executive Board

13.6 The elections of all officers shall be by secret ballot from nominations.

13.7 Nominations for all officers shall be made in writing within one week preceding the election. The nominations will be placed on a ballot prepared by the Vice President for Internal Affairs. A candidate may not run for office if he has not applied one week in advance of the election, nor may he run for a position for which he has not submitted an application.

- 13.8 Speeches by candidates for each office will occur before the election of each officer on the night of elections.
- 13.8.1 Presidential speeches may be no more than fifteen (15) minutes in length.
- 13.8.2 All other speeches may be no more than ten (10) minutes in length.
- 13.9 If more than four (4) people apply for a position, the IFC Executive Board will slate four (4) people for final consideration.
- 13.10 At the end of the election of the President, Vice President for External Affairs, and Vice President for Internal Affairs, the winners of those elections will be immediately announced in case a person running wishes to run for another position that he has previously applied for. This same procedure will be used for the election of the rest of the Executive Board the following week.
- 13.11 During the election process, chapter Presidents may speak on behalf of a nominee from his chapter only once. Members of the IFC Executive Board should not speak on behalf of nominee who is a member of his fraternity. IFC Executive Board members must maintain an unbiased attitude toward all candidates for office.

#### ARTICLE XIV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, THE ADVISOR AND REPRESENTATIVES

- 14.10 The duties of the Adviser shall be to act in an advisory and consultative capacity to the Executive Board and the IFC as a whole. The advisor also interprets the IFC Constitution to provide for consistency.
- 14.11 The duties of the **Chapter President** shall be:
- 14.11.1 To cast the chapter's vote at all IFC meetings which he attends.
- 14.12 The IFC delegate shall be defined as a duly initiated member or pledge or associate of the chapter who is elected or appointed. The duties of an IFC **Delegate** shall be:
- 14.12.1 To attend meetings, take part in debate, and serve as a chair or a member on standing and special committees when appointed.
- 14.13 The duties of the **President of the Interfraternity Council** shall be to:
- 14.13.1. Have overall responsibility for the operation of the Interfraternity Council.
- 14.13.2 Preside at all regular meetings of the Interfraternity Council and call and preside at its special meetings.
- 14.13.3 Call and preside at all meetings of the Interfraternity Council Executive Board.
- 14.13.4 Review and approve all Interfraternity Council checks and contracts involving the IFC.
- 14.13.5 Serve as member ex-officio of all Interfraternity Council Committees with voice but not vote.

- 14.13.6 Serve as a member for the Recruitment Committee during formal Recruitment.
  - 14.13.7 Report to the IFC Advisor by scheduling weekly meetings to establish meeting agendas, determine the work of the Interfraternity Council, and review information and material appropriate to the position.
  - 14.13.8 Maintain a complete and up-to-date President's file which will include a copy of the current Interfraternity Council Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, and the current IFC budget.
  - 14.13.9 Appoint Special Committees as needed.
  - 14.13.10 Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
  - 14.13.11 Represent the Interfraternity Council on other campus committees as necessary.
  - 14.13.12 Attend all regular meetings of the Panhellenic Council.
- 14.14 The duties of the **Vice President for Internal Relations** shall be to:
- 14.14.1 Perform all the duties of the President in his absence, inability to serve, or at his call.
  - 14.14.2 Serve as Chair of the Interfraternity Council Peer Review Board.
  - 14.14.3 Serve as Chair of the By-Laws Revision Committee.
  - 14.14.4 Serve as member of the Recruitment Committee during formal Recruitment.
  - 14.14.5 Maintain a complete and up-to-date Vice President's file which will include a copy of the current IFC Constitution, IFC Review Board Bylaws, and all correspondence and adjudication materials pertaining to these committees.
  - 14.14.6 Represent the IFC on other campus committees as necessary.
- 14.15 The duties of the **Vice President for External Relations** shall be to:
- 14.15.1 Serve as a liaison between the Interfraternity Council and the University and community.
  - 14.15.2 Be responsible for publicity of all IFC sponsored programs and events.
  - 14.15.3 Be responsible for all Greek publications.
  - 14.15.4 Represent the IFC on other campus committees as necessary.
  - 14.15.5 Work in conjunction with the Panhellenic Council Vice President for External Affairs.
  - 14.15.6 Represent the IFC as a member of the Council on Greek Life.

- 14.16 The duties of the **Chair of GAME (Greeks for the Advancement of Multicultural Education)** shall be to:
- 14.16.1 Serve as the co-chair, with the Panhellenic Council chair, of the Greeks Advocating Multicultural Education (GAME) committee,
  - 14.16.2 Act as a liaison between the Interfraternity Council with the Office of Multicultural Affairs.
  - 14.16.3 Schedule and conduct regular meetings of the chapter GAME representatives in conjunction with the Panhellenic Council GAME Chair.
  - 14.16.4 Notify the IFC Adviser of the names of any chapter GAME chair who failed to attend a scheduled meeting of chapter GAME chairs so that appropriate fine letters can be prepared. The notification should include the name of the representative, the name of the fraternity, and the date of the missed meeting. A fine of \$50.00 is instituted for each missed meeting.
  - 14.16.5 Report to the IFC at weekly meetings regarding issues and activities on campus involving relevant education/seminars.
- 14.17 The duties of the **Chair of GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol)** shall be to:
- 14.17.1 Serve as the co-chair, with the Panhellenic Chair chair, of the GAMMA committee.
  - 14.17.2 Act as a liaison between the Interfraternity Council and other campus committees as necessary.
  - 14.17.3 Schedule and conduct regular weekly meetings of the chapter GAMMA representatives in conjunction with the Panhellenic Council GAMMA Chair.
  - 14.17.4 Notify the IFC Advisor of the names of any chapter GAMMA chair who failed to attend a scheduled meeting of chapter GAMMA chairs so that appropriate fine letters can be prepared. The notification should include the name of the representative, the name of the fraternity, and the date of the missed meeting. A fine of \$50.00 is instituted for each missed meeting.
  - 14.17.5 Report to the IFC at weekly meetings regarding issues and activities on campus involving alcohol and drug education.
- 14.18 The duties of the **Chair of Community Service** shall be to:
- 14.18.1 Serve as the coordinator of all fraternity community service projects and events.
  - 14.18.2 Establish an Interfraternity Council Community Service Committee consisting of the community service chairs from each member fraternity.
  - 14.18.3 Establish an Interfraternity Council Community Service Committee consisting of the community service chairs from each member fraternity.

- 14.18.4 Monitor all chapter community service projects by scheduling and conducting regular meetings of all chapter community service chairs.
  - 14.18.5 Notify the IFC Advisor of the names of any chapter community service chair who fails to attend a scheduled meeting of chapter community service chairs so appropriate fine letters can be prepared. The notification should include the name of the representative, the name of the fraternity, and the date of the missed meeting. A fine of \$50.00 is instituted for each missed meeting.
- 14.19 The duties of the **Chair of Philanthropy** shall be to:
- 14.19.1 Serve as the coordinator of all fraternity philanthropy projects and events.
  - 14.19.2 Establish an Interfraternity Council Philanthropy Committee consisting of the community service chairs from each member fraternity.
  - 14.19.3 Establish an Interfraternity Council Philanthropy Committee consisting of the community service chairs from each member fraternity.
  - 14.19.4 Monitor all chapter philanthropy projects by scheduling and conducting regular meetings of all chapter philanthropy chairs.
  - 14.19.5 Notify the IFC Advisor of the names of any chapter philanthropy chair who fails to attend a scheduled meeting of chapter philanthropy chairs so appropriate fine letters can be prepared. The notification should include the name of the representative, the name of the fraternity, and the date of the missed meeting. A fine of \$50.00 is instituted for each missed meeting.
- 14.20 The duties of the **Secretary/Treasurer** shall be to:
- 14.20.1 To keep minutes of all meetings of the Interfraternity Council and the Executive Board and to publish those minutes, via email, by 12:00 noon the day after the scheduled meeting.
  - 14.20.2 Keep an up-to-date roll of the member of Interfraternity Council and call it at all Council meetings.
  - 14.20.3 Keep current statistics concerning the number of initiated members, pledges, associates and deactivates of each IFC member fraternity.
  - 14.20.4 Develop a calendar of events for the semester sponsored by the members of the IFC.
  - 14.20.5 Maintain a complete and up-to-date file that will include the minutes of the meetings of the Interfraternity Council and the Executive Board from date of its organization; copies of all contracts made by the IFC, and current correspondence.
  - 14.20.6 Be responsible for the official correspondence of the IFC unless provided for otherwise.

- 14.20.7 To keep an accurate attendance record of all meetings, and make a report of improper representation to the Treasurer during each meeting, and to advise chapters, in writing, when fines are due.
- 14.20.8 To give notice of all unscheduled meetings.
- 14.21 The duties of the **Chair of Recruitment** shall be to:
  - 14.21.1 Prepare the IFC Recruitment Manual.
  - 14.21.2 Organize and implement all aspects of the IFC New Member Recruitment process, including formal recruitment.
  - 14.21.3 Serve as Chair for the IFC New Member Recruitment Committee.
  - 14.21.4 Serve as Chair of the New Member Recruitment Council during formal recruitment.
  - 14.21.5 Work in conjunction with the Vice President for External Affairs during formal recruitment.
  - 14.21.6 Schedule and conduct regular meetings of all chapter recruitment chairs.
  - 14.21.7 Notify the IFC Advisor of the names of any chapter recruitment chair who failed to attend a scheduled meeting of chapter Recruitment chairs so that appropriate fine letters can be prepared. The notification should include the name of the representative, the name of the fraternity, and the date of the missed meeting. A fine of \$50.00 is instituted for each missed meeting.
  - 14.21.8 Work with the Panhellenic Council Recruitment Chair in developing recruitment schedule and bid day guidelines for submission to the Office of Greek Life and Experiential Learning.
  - 14.21.9 Work in conjunction with the Panhellenic Council Recruitment Chair on all other issues pertaining to recruitment.
- 14.22 The duties of the **Chair of Special Events** shall be to:
  - 14.22.1 Be responsible for planning and coordinating all special events of the Interfraternity Council such as, but not limited to:
    - 14.23.1.1.1 Greek Week.
    - 14.23.1.1.2 Special forums.
    - 14.23.1.1.3 Speakers.
  - 14.22.2 Working in conjunction with the Vice President for External Relations, the Chair of Community Service, the Chair of Philanthropy, and the Chair of Recruitment in assisting them in their completing their responsibilities of office.

- 14.22.3 Performing other duties and tasks assigned by the IFC President and/or IFC Advisor.
- 14.23 The duties of the **Treasurer** shall be to:
  - 14.23.1 Be responsible for the general supervision of the finances of the Interfraternity Council
  - 14.23.2 Be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and following its approval by the IFC, for providing a copy to each IFC member fraternity.
  - 14.23.3 For presenting the annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the Syracuse Student Association Finance Board for consideration and approval.
  - 14.23.4 For appearing before the Student Association Finance Board in the case of an additional request for funding.
  - 14.23.5 Receive all payments due to the IFC, collect and deposit all dues, and give receipts.
  - 14.23.6 Be responsible for the prompt payment of all bills of the IFC.
  - 14.23.7 Maintain up-to-date financial records, give a financial report at each regular meeting of the IFC and an annual report at the close of his term of office.
  - 14.23.8 Represent the IFC on other campus committees as necessary.

## **ARTICLE XV: COMMITTEES**

- 15.1 The Peer Review Board of the IFC shall consist of the following:
  - 15.1.1 All elected members of the IFC Executive Board.
  - 15.1.2 The chair of the Peer Review Board shall be the IFC Vice President for Internal Affairs.
  - 15.1.3 The Peer Review Board shall have the power to determine by majority vote of its members the guilt of any member fraternity or member of a member fraternity brought before it, and to impose suitable penalties for violations as prescribed elsewhere in the Constitution of the IFC and/or Risk Management guidelines of the IFC.

## **ARTICLE XVI: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

### **The Peer Review Board**

- 16.1 A member fraternity is held responsible for the actions of its members and pledges or associates.
- 16.2 Any member of the University community may charge that a fraternity has violated a Interfraternity Council policy or regulation, or a University policy.
  - 16.2.1 Charges can be filed based on a violation of the University Policies concerning the serving and consumption of Alcohol, the Risk Management policy, the Recruitment and/or Bid Day guidelines and policies, and the policy concerning Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities.

- 16.2.2 Charges can be filed based on a violation of IFC Policies and Statements concerning, but not limited to the Risk Management Policy, the Risk Management Enforcement Policy, and the Recruitment and Bid Day Rules.
- 16.3 The University may press charges on behalf of a member of the University community or, if it is the injured party, on behalf of the institution.
- 16.4 The charges are to be filed in writing with the Vice President for Internal Affairs of the IFC, who serves as chair of the IFC Peer Review Board.
- 16.4.1 If the charge/s that are filed are against the IFC Vice President for Internal Affairs, the Vice President for External Affairs will chair the Committee.
- 16.4.2 Members of the Executive Board who are members of the charged fraternity must excuse themselves from the hearing and leave the room.
- 16.5 Upon receipt of the charge(s), the IFC Vice President for Internal Affairs will notify the fraternity who has been charged. A copy of the notification of charges also will be sent to the accused. The notification will include a statement of the charge(s).
- 16.6 The IFC Vice President for Internal Affairs will submit pertinent information gained as part of the investigation to the Peer Review Board. The accused fraternity shall be given an opportunity to present its case and to submit evidence on its behalf. Members of the Peer Review Board will have the opportunity to ask questions of the Vice President for Internal Affairs and of the accused fraternity, and witnesses.
- 16.6.1 The vote of the Peer Review Board shall be taken immediately upon conclusion of the hearing and the subsequent deliberation.
- 16.7 The decision of the IFC Peer Review Board will be conveyed in writing to the IFC Advisor by the IFC Vice President for Internal Affairs within 24 hours after the completion of the hearing.
- 16.7.1 The IFC Peer Review Board's decision will be conveyed to the chapter president verbally after the hearing and in writing via email within 48 hours. The fraternity may appeal the decision of the Peer Review Board to the IFC Advisor by submitting a written letter of appeal with five (5) business days from the date of the hearing.

## **ARTICLE XVII: SCHOLASTIC AND CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR FRATERNITY INITIATION**

- 17.1 The minimum grade point average for pledging and being initiated into a fraternity at Syracuse University is 2.3.
- 17.1 The minimum class standing for pledging and/or being initiated into a fraternity at Syracuse University is second semester, first year,

## **ARTICLE XVIII: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 18.1 Roll Call

- 18.2 Officer Reports
- 18.3 Old Business
- 18.4 New Business
- 18.5 Announcements
- 18.6 Adjournment

## **ARTICLE XIX: IMPEACHMENT AND SUCCESSION**

- 19.1 Any member of the IFC Executive Board may be subject to impeachment and succession.
- 19.2 Causes for impeachment
  - 19.2.1 The failure to perform his duties as described in Article XIV of the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the IFC.
  - 19.2.2 Pursuing actions contrary to the goals of the IFC as outlined in the Preamble of this Constitution.
  - 19.2.3 An officer who fails to perform his duties as outlined, becomes disqualified, and/or refuses to resign may be removed from office by impeachment proceedings.
- 19.3 Causes for Immediate Dismissal
  - 19.3.1 Failure to maintain eligibility as defined in the appropriate sections of this document, including GPA and disciplinary requirements.
  - 19.3.2 Two (2) unexcused absences from a meeting of the IFC Executive Board at which the member in question is required to attend. Absences are excused by the President of the IFC.
  - 19.3.3 Conduct unbecoming of an IFC Executive Board member as determined by the Interfraternity Council
- 19.4 Impeachment Process
  - 19.4.1 Any member of the IFC has the power to initiate impeachment procedures against an officer.
  - 19.4.2 Charge(s) must be presented to all members of the IFC, as well as the member to be impeached, and shall be made a minimum of one (1) meeting before a vote is taken.
    - 19.4.2.1.1 Charges and statements articulating the grounds on which the impeachment is based must be submitted, in writing, to the IFC Secretary.

- 19.4.2.1.2 If the charge(s) that are filed are against the IFC Secretary, the charges must be submitted to the Vice President for Internal Affairs.
- 19.4.2.1.3 The charged member(s) of the Executive Board and any other member of that individual's fraternity must excuse themselves from the impeachment proceedings and leave the room.
- 19.4.2.1.4 A quorum of the fraternities in good standing must be present to bring charges.
- 19.4.3 A 2/3 majority of the Executive Board or a majority vote of the IFC shall be necessary to initiate impeachment proceedings against a member of the IFC Executive Board.
- 19.4.4 If the charge(s) against an officer are justified, the case is automatically turned over to the University Advisor to the IFC.
- 19.4.5 The University Advisor to the IFC will submit pertinent information gained as part of his investigation to the Peer Review Board. The accused officer shall be given an opportunity to present his case and to submit evidence on its behalf. Members of the Peer Review Board will have the opportunity to ask questions of the IFC advisor and of the accused officer.
- 19.4.6 The officer charged shall have his due process rights upheld. Following the decision of the Peer Review Board, the Peer Review Board will submit a report to the IFC.
- 19.4.7 An officer shall be removed from office by not less than a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the member-fraternities present at a meeting of the IFC provided that a quorum is present.
- 19.5 Succession
  - 19.5.1 In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of his term.
  - 19.5.2 In the event of a vacancy in any other position, the President will appoint a replacement until an election can be held for the position.
  - 19.5.3 In the event that the President and Vice President seats are simultaneously vacant, or if the Vice President declines to assume the Presidency, the IFC will have another election.

## **ARTICLE XX: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS**

- 20.1 Amendments may be proposed by delegates of member-fraternities, IFC officers, and/or the University Advisor to the IFC.
  - 20.1.1 Proposed amendments to this Constitution or its By-Laws shall be submitted to the IFC Secretary, in writing, at a regular meeting.

- 20.1.2 Proposed amendments shall be printed and circulated to the member-fraternity chapters and within 24 hours of submission, the sponsor shall forward an electronic copy of the proposed amendment to all IFC officers and member-fraternity chapters.
- 20.1.3 Proposed amendments shall then be debated in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and voted upon at the next regular meeting, provided a quorum is present.
- 20.2 A By-Law shall be defined as any bill specifically designated in its body as a By-Law and adopted by not less than two-thirds (2/3) total membership of the IFC.
- 20.3 During the next regular meeting, the sponsor of the proposed amendment shall have five minutes to present, which will be followed by debate to occur in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
- 20.4 The Executive Board members and the official advisor for the IFC shall only make recommendations of the proposed amendments.
- 20.5 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of member-fraternities in attendance at a regular meeting subsequent to the proposal, provided a quorum is present.

#### **ARTICLE XXI: CONSTITUTIONAL RATIFICATION**

- 21.1 This Constitution shall be ratified by not less than a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the member-fraternities. This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon its ratification and supersede any previous Constitution of the IFC at Syracuse University.

#### **ARTICLE XXII: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS**

- 22.1 Any portion of this constitution may be eliminated, revised, or supplemented at a regular or special meeting upon a simple majority vote of the member fraternities, provided that the proposed change has been presented in writing at the previous meeting.

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