

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE  
INTER FRATERNAL COUNCIL  
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I                   NAME

SECTION I                   The name of this organization shall be the Inter Fraternal Council.

ARTICLE II                  PURPOSE

SECTION I                   The purpose of this organization shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and inter-fraternity life at a high level and in doing so to:

- (1) Coordinate the fraternity program.
- (2) Cooperate with member fraternities and the University Administration.
- (3) Set and enforce appropriate rules, policies and guidelines.
- (4) Provide programs and services to member fraternities.
- (5) Act in a way so as not to violate the sovereign rights and privileges of member fraternities.
- (6) Encourage growth and development of the Greek System.
- (7) Cooperate with the Panhellenic Council, the Order of Omega, and the Black Greek Alliance and Greek Council.
- (8) Promote Greek Unity.
- (9) Act as the representative of the Fraternity System.
- (10) Encourage academic achievement.
- (11) Encourage appropriate behavioral standards.
- (12) Employ non-discriminatory practices.

ARTICLE III                 VOTING MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I                   Every authorized social fraternity at the University of Delaware shall be a member of the Council.

SECTION II                  Each fraternity shall be represented by their president or delegated representative.

SECTION III                 Each fraternity shall be entitled to one vote.

SECTION IV                 Each elected or appointed officer shall be entitled to one vote.

SECTION V                   Colonies of fraternities shall participate actively in the Council and shall have a choice, but not a vote. After one semester as a colony, the Council may grant full voting rights by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members.

- ARTICLE IV                    OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES
- SECTION I                    (a) The officers of the Council shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rush Chairman, Co-Program Directors, Public Relations, and Expansion Director.
- (b) Collectively, the officers shall be known as the Executive Board.
- SECTION II                    (a) Nominations for officers shall be held during the first week in December and the first week in May. Elections will be held the following week.
- (b) Any active initiated member that is a full time matriculated undergraduate student is eligible to serve as an officer.
- (c) Any active colony member whose colony has been granted full voting rights is eligible to serve as an officer.
- (d) The vote will be taken by secret ballot. There must be a majority vote to elect an officer.
- SECTION III                    (a) A vacancy in any elected office, as a result of resignation or impeachment, shall be filled at the next Council meeting by a special election.
- (b) A vacancy in any appointed office, as a result of resignation or impeachment, shall be filled at the next Executive Board meeting.
- ARTICLE V                    MEETINGS
- SECTION I                    Regular meetings of the Council shall be held weekly.
- SECTION II                    Meetings shall be held at the time and place designated by the President.
- SECTION III                    Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of two fraternities.
- SECTION IV                    Notice of a special meeting shall be given to the President of each fraternity by phone or mail at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. These notices must state time and place of the meeting.
- ARTICLE VI                    ADVISER
- SECTION I                    A representative from the Office of the Dean of Students shall serve as adviser to the Council.
- ARTICLE V                    QUORUM
- SECTION I                    A quorum shall exist when one half plus one of the fraternities are represented, and a body so constituted may

enact rulings and transact business which may properly be presented to the Council.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF MEMBERS

SECTION I It shall be the duty of member fraternities to uphold and abide by the constitution, rules, and regulations of the Council.

SECTION II It shall be the duty of each fraternity to have the president or delegated representative present at every regular and every special meeting of the Council.

SECTION III It shall be the duty of every member to do all in their power to aid in achieving the objectives and purpose of the Council.

ARTICLE IX

RULES OF ORDER

SECTION I Robert's "Rules of Order" shall govern all matters not specifically covered by the constitution, rules or policies of the Council.

SECTION II Robert's "Rules of Order" may be instituted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members.

ARTICLE X

PRINTED CONSTITUTION

SECTION I The Constitution shall be printed and copies distributed to each fraternity president at the beginning of each semester.

SECTION II The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members.

SECTION III A copy of the amendments shall be printed and distributed to each fraternity president as amendments are passed.

ARTICLE XI

VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTION OR REGULATIONS

SECTION I In case of disagreement between two fraternities an alleged violation of the Constitution, or rules and regulations of this Council, it may be referred to the Executive Board to determine appropriate sanctions.

ARTICLE XII

FINES

SECTION I Any president or delegated representative who is not present at a regular or special meeting shall be fined Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars unless notice is given to a member of the Executive Board forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

- SECTION II FINES
- SECTION III Any Chapter not paying its dues within the twenty (20) day period set up by Article XIV, Section I, shall also be charged a fine of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars, assessed weekly, until dues are paid to the treasurer.
- ARTICLE XIII COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL
- SECTION I Committee membership shall be open to all member fraternity brothers.
- SECTION II Ad Hock committees may be established as seen appropriate by the Executive Board.
- SECTION III Committee chairman shall be selected by the Vice-President from applications submitted by any active member of a fraternity.
- ARTICLE XIV DUES
- SECTION I A six (\$6.00) dollar per semester shall be made for each fraternity and colony member, according to membership records of the Office of Greek Affairs. This assessment must be paid within twenty (20) days of the start of each semester or the assessment will increase to seven (\$7) dollars per member.
- SECTION II In determining the amount of dues owed, a colony member shall be defined as any individual who has been a member of a colony for one full semester or more.
- SECTION III A two (\$2.00) dollar per semester assessment shall be made for each fraternity or colony pledge, according to the membership records of the Office of Greek Affairs. This assessment must be paid within thirty (30) days of induction into pledgeship or the assessment will increase to three (\$3.00) dollars per pledge.
- SECTION IV At the end of each semester, the Council may decide to refund sixty (60) percent of the ending balance to each fraternity based on their individual membership contribution (but pledges are not included in the refund). The remaining portion of the ending balance will be invested through the University.

ESTABLISHED: SPRING, 1985

AMENDMENTS

COUNCIL OF FRATERNITY PRESIDENTS

AMENDMENT I

No first semester freshman, or upper classman may be initiated into the Brotherhood of any member Fraternity until they have achieved a 2.000 cumulative grade point average. A chapter may hold a person, who has completed pledging, over for two (2) semesters and at that time it will be assumed that he will not attain the required grade point average for initiation into the Brotherhood. 3/21/85

ADOPTED: SPRING, 1985

INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RUSH

1. Rush shall only be held during the approved times, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. All chapters should begin clearing their houses or rooms in the Student Center by 11:00 p.m. All houses must be vacated by Rusher's from 11:30 p.m. the nights of weekday rush and Sunday of the weekend rush till 8:00 a.m. the next morning. A fine of \$100.00 will be levied against any fraternity that does not abide by this rule.
2. There are to be no parties or social events from Monday, February 22 through Thursday, March 3. A fine of \$250.00 will be levied against any fraternity that does not abide by this rule.
3. There are to be NO alcoholic beverages served at ANY rush function. A fine of \$250.00 per event will be levied against any fraternity that does not abide by this rule.
4. No formal rush functions will be held before Monday, February 22, 1988, although informal rushes and bidding may occur through the semester.
5. No bids shall be extended before 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 4, 1988. Bids will be handed out in each fraternity's mailbox by Thursday, March 3, 1988. If additional bids are needed, they may be obtained at the Sig Ep House on 30 East Main Street. A violation of this rule will result in a \$150.00 fine.
6. There may be no more than four (4) rush posters per University of Delaware bulletin boards (per side). Any organization observed destroying rush materials will be referred to the Judicial System. All out-dated materials are to be removed by Monday, March 7, 1988.
7. No first semester freshman, upperclassman, or transfer students may be initiated into the Brotherhood of any member Fraternity until they have achieved a University of Delaware 2.000 cumulative GPA. A chapter may hold a person, who has completed pledging, over for two (2) semesters and at that time it will be assumed that he will not attain the required GPA for initiation into the Brotherhood.
8. No fraternity shall display, advertise, or show explicit sexual materials (rush flyers, movies, strippers, pictures) during the duration of the rush period. A violation of this rule will result in a \$250.00 fine.

NOTE: These are the rules and regulations that have been adopted by the Inter Fraternity Council from its founding until end of the Spring Semester, May, 1988.

Proposal to amend the By-Laws of the University of Delaware's  
Interfraternal Council

The IFC adopts this 11 point plan as its guidelines for operation of social functions among its member Fraternities.

1. Plan parties without alcohol.
2. All chapter functions at which alcoholic beverages will be made available shall be by individual invitation only. If a question is raised, the chapter must be prepared to demonstrate that an individual invitation system was in place and was enforced. The "by invitation only" policy must be adhered to for functions held in the chapter house and should be adhered to for functions held off-campus.
3. All social events will have a theme and the emphasis will be on the event, not alcohol. Alcohol will never be displayed on any invitation.
4. A guest who is not of legal drinking age will be designated as such, and denied alcoholic beverages. A system at the door for identifying minors should be in place. Stamp hands or use another non-transferable means of identifying legal drinkers.
5. Alcoholic beverages shall never be taken outside the chapter house during social functions.
6. The sale of alcoholic beverages in any manner by the chapter is prohibited.
7. A significant amount of non-alcoholic beverages, together with unsalted food and coffee should be made available.
8. Avoid drinking games that promote excessive drinking.
9. Set a good environment and atmosphere for the function.
10. Buses should be utilized to transport members and their guests to off-campus functions at which alcohol will be served.
11. The chapter shall provide a written and operational "Safe-Rides-Program" that shall be in operation for all chapter functions at which alcohol is served.

Revised April 22, 1988.