

# **The University of West Alabama InterFraternity** **Constitution**

## **Article I - Name**

This organization shall be known as the InterFraternity Council of The University of West Alabama.

## **Article II - Purpose**

The purpose of the InterFraternity Council is to advance The University of West Alabama and its spirit. Furthermore, is the intention of this council to foster better relations among the member fraternities and to insure cooperation between them and University officials.

## **Article III - Membership and Personnel**

The InterFraternity Council of The University of West Alabama shall consist of the fraternities:

1. Delta Chi
2. Sigma Pi
3. Tau Kappa Epsilon

Each fraternity above mentioned shall be represented by two members of this council as follows: (A) Two official representatives chosen by the fraternity in any way it may see fit, with the stipulation that they must have been members of said fraternity for at least one semester. If any fraternity within the InterFraternity Council should fall below eight active members for two consecutive semesters, excluding summer semester, they shall become subject to review by the Judicial Board.

## **Article IV - Admission of New Fraternities**

Before any new fraternity can organize at The University of West Alabama, the group seeking to organize must first get the approval of the IFC and the President of the University; the group must appoint a faculty advisor and an alumni advisor, subject to the approval of the IFC. The new group must exist on the campus as a local or a colony of an N.I.C. fraternity for at least two semesters before it can seek membership in this council.

1. Throughout the probationary period the prospective new fraternity must send one non-voting delegate to each of the IFC meetings. This delegate may be removed from the meeting at any time and for any reason subject to the wishes of the President of IFC.
2. A prospective new fraternity must maintain at least eight members in good standing during their probationary period.
3. Upon completion of the probationary period, the prospective new fraternity must make formal application for membership to the IFC.
4. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote shall be required for the admission of a new fraternity into IFC.

## **Article V - Officers**

The officers of the IFC shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a historian/public relations officer, and an attorney general.

1. The following rules shall govern the election of officers:
  - A. Each fraternity will nominate one member to run for all offices at the appropriate time for elections. Each nominee will run for President through Treasurer until elected or all offices are taken. No organization will be allowed to hold the office of President for consecutive terms. Terms are defined as one (1) school year.
  - B. Each fraternity will receive one vote for all eligible representatives present.
  - C. The qualifications to run for office are as follows.
    - i. President: G.P.A. 2.5 Can-not be a current president of any other organization. Must have been a representative for at least two meetings of IFC.
    - ii. Vice-president through Historian: G.P.A. 2.5 Must have been a representative for at least two meetings of IFC.
2. Among the duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- A. The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian/public relations' officer, and attorney general shall perform the usual duties incident to their respective offices.
  - B. It shall be the duty of the president and officers of the IFC to enforce all regulations set forth in this Constitution, the By-Laws, and Rushing Rules.
  - C. Should an officer have more than two (2) unexcused absences he will be removed from office.
3. The duties of the president shall include the following:
- A. At a meeting of the Council in the spring semester the president shall appoint a By-Laws Committee, which must include one or more members of each fraternity whose duty shall be to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the IFC. This committee shall be required to make a report during the spring semester to present their changes for the approval of the Council. If no changes are needed the committee will report, "no changes needed" to the Council.

## **Article VI - Meetings**

1. Regular meetings shall take place at least every other week set by IFC. The secretary shall notify the representatives by e-mail of the time and place before each regular meeting or special meeting.
2. Special meetings may be called at the direction of the IFC president, or upon the request of any fraternity member.
3. A majority of the members of the IFC shall constitute a quorum.
4. The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows.
  - A. Roll Call

- B. Minutes
- C. Old business
- D. New business
- E. Presentations and Announcements
- F. Adjournment

5. The following regulations shall apply to voting:

- A. In all questions put before the IFC each fraternity shall have one (1) vote per official representative present, but there shall be no voting by proxy.
- B. Except as where stipulated, a simple majority shall determine the action of the IFC.
- C. Voting shall be by roll call.

6. A fine of \$10.00 on the first offense, \$20.00 on the second and \$30.00 on the third shall be levied against each fraternity who does not have a voting delegate present at any regular meeting, and the fines shall be read at the next meeting.

## **Article VII - Committees**

1. Committees will be established by the IFC executive board as deemed necessary; i.e. Academic Committee, Public Relations Committee.

2. It will be the IFC vice-president's responsibility to oversee the work of all committees and to replace the chairman if satisfactory progress is not being made. It will also be the president's responsibility to appoint more committees if the need arises.

## **Article VIII - Infractions**

Infractions of this Constitution, by-laws or by the judicial board shall be punished in such a manner as provided in the By-Laws or Judicial Board

### **Article IX - Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended at any time by a vote of 2/3 of the voting membership of IFC, each fraternity being entitled to two votes. Copies of all amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be kept by the Secretary of the Student Life.

### **Article X - Officer Replacement**

If an officer resigns his position on the IFC council or forfeits his position due to not being enrolled in school the person(s) in positions already elected to the council will be given first option to be promoted to the position. Elections will be held for positions made vacant by the promotions.

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# **THE IFC BY-LAWS**

## **Article I - Initiation Requirements**

Section 1. All fraternities will hold initiation when they so choose. For a potential member to be able to go through initiation, he must have been pledged for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the semester or meet the minimum requirements set by the organizations national office.

Section 2. In order for a potential member, who is attending The University of West Alabama to be initiated into any fraternity which is a member of this council, he must have an overall average of 2.5, or must have achieved a 2.5 the semester preceding initiation or meet the minimum requirements set by the organizations national office.

Section 3. A student who transfers from another college and is officially enrolled at The University of West Alabama may be initiated at any time the fraternity sees fit upon his record at the former college equivalent to that required by this Council, and provided he was a student at said college one semester or the equivalent.

Section 4. In order to initiate a man it shall be necessary for a fraternity to have his average approved by the Director of Student Life and by the Office of the Registrar. (A complete list of associate members must be submitted before the end of the examination period and sign the University's non-hazing policy).

Section 5. No member of a fraternity represented in the Council shall directly or indirectly approach the pledge of another fraternity of this Council with the intention of breaking the

pledge of that fraternity or to talk fraternity matters with him after the official opening of registration.

Section 6. If a student is pledged to a fraternity and that fraternity or that student breaks the pledge, it shall be the duty of the fraternity involved to announce the breaking of the pledge at the first regular meeting of this Council occurring after he has broken his pledge, stating whether or not the pledge is financially free from that fraternity.

Section 7. When the pledge becomes financially free from that fraternity to which he has pledged, it will be announced at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Section 8. No fraternity shall be allowed to retain any pledge who has failed to attain the required scholastic average necessary for initiation within two semesters. After at least one full semester, a man may be re-pledged by this fraternity or if he has made the required scholastic average during the semester in which any other fraternity does not pledge him to any fraternity.

Proposal for Rush - Any male that is interested in any fraternity should be encouraged to attend a social on the first Monday before Formal Rush begins so that he can get a better interpretation of other fraternities as well.

Section 9. After the student has been pledged by a fraternity represented in this Council and the pledge is broken for any reason whatsoever other than scholastic as described in Section 7, they may be approached by any fraternity with the object of pledging him in view, but he may not be pledged until six weeks after such action has been announced as prescribed in Section 5 and the student has been declared free from all financial obligation to the fraternity to which he was pledged.

Section 10. Forty-eight hours after a man is pledged, his name must be placed in the file in the Office of Student Life, by the fraternity he has pledged. (Refer to Section 4, of Article I.)

Section 11. The vice-president of the IFC shall make a note on the cards of men whose pledges have been broken, within forty-eight hours after the announcement of the broken pledge.

## **Article II - Dues and Assessments**

Section 1. Each fraternity represented in the Council shall be required to pay dues to the amount of five dollars per member (\$5) per semester, to be paid before the third regular meeting of the semester.

Section 2. When necessary, pro rata assessments may be made among the fraternities of the Council to cover expenses, provided said assessments are sanctioned by a vote of the Council. (2/3 majority)

Section 3. All fines are to be paid within two (2) weeks of assessment. After 2 weeks organizations will be referred to the Council.

## **Article III - Activities**

Section 1. The IFC shall offer as a reward for scholarship each year, a trophy to be presented to the fraternity having the highest scholastic average for the previous year.

The previous year will consist of the Spring and Fall.

1. The average shall be derived from the averages as shown on the student record cards in the Registrar's Office.
2. The fraternity winning said cup must have been a member of the Council for the scholastic year in which said fraternity competed.
3. The fraternities winning trophies must have been members of the IFC for the required time said trophies are awarded.
4. The averages will be figured on the active members during the semester they were active.
5. This trophy will be awarded on Honors Day or at another appropriate function, and will become the permanent property of the fraternity that wins it.
6. The advisor for I.F.C. will send the semester G.P.A. and their standing with the other fraternities to each fraternity's advisor and their national office.

Section 2. All members and associate members who are recorded and enrolled in school may represent their fraternity.

## **Article IV - Judicial Board**

Section 1. The IFC Judicial Board will decide all infractions.

## **Article V - Fraternity Committee**

Section 1. A fraternity will be responsible for the conduct of visitors and quests as well as its own members at fraternity functions, on or off the premises of the fraternity, which have been approved by the brotherhood.

Section 2. Although social behavior cannot be entirely legislated, any of the following morally degrading activities such as: the use of exotic dancers, strippers, pornography, and other immoral activities during rush functions or other social activities by a fraternity will result in a fine and probation of the offending fraternity.

## **Article VI - Rush Regulations**

Section 1. No social gathering other than actives, and alumni will be held while other fraternities are holding a rush party during rush week from Monday 8:00 a.m. to Friday 8:00 a.m. (No pledges are to be present)

Section 2. Any organization that violates these rules will be fined \$75.00 and two weeks social suspension from all social activities other than their rush party.

Section 3. No bids are to be given until 7:00 a.m. following the last formal Rush party that is held.

Section 4. "Dry Rush" is the official rush party of each semester. There shall be no alcohol whatsoever on the premises of your fraternity houses, parking areas and properties directly adjacent to property claimed by your fraternity. This rule will strictly be enforced and goes into effect from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next morning

Section 5. Any organization who violates Section IV of the "Rush Regulations" will be fined as The University of West Alabama IFC Judicial Board decides, using the following guidelines:

- a) Flagrant violation - (willfully serving, advocating, or having alcohol) \$250.00 fine, loss of vote in IFC for 1 semester, loss of Intramurals for 1 semester (or until fine is paid).
- b) Willful violation - consumption or allowing consumption of alcohol \$200.00 fine, loss of vote in IFC for 1 semester.
- c) Incidental violation - unknowing consumption of alcohol by an individual. The
- d) Committee will decide with maximum penalty of \$75.00 fine minimum penalty of reprimand

Section 6. Posters cannot advertise follow up parties

- a) Violation of such will result in a \$50.00 fine.

## **Article VII - Posters**

Section 1. Posters may be put up no sooner than one (1) week in advance of formal and open Rush (Dry Rush) and must be taken down within 24 hours of the organization's event.

Section 2. Posters advertising band parties or parties where alcohol is present are prohibited on campus

\* Rush signage may be placed up to a month in advance of events but should be down by 5pm on Friday of Rush week.

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