

# ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

## INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

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### **PREAMBLE**

Sharing a primary loyalty to the University and seeking a close cooperation and spirit of goodwill among fraternities for their individual and mutual benefit, the fraternity chapters of Arizona State University at Tempe do establish this constitution as a charter for the exercising of a responsible self-government of their affairs with in the student body.

### **ARTICLE I -NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Interfraternity Council of Arizona State University at Tempe.

### **ARTICLE II -PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Interfraternity Council shall be to promote the best interests of the University, to assist and strengthen fraternities individually and collectively in the achievement of their worthy purposes, to provide a medium for the exercising of self-governance and the regulation of fraternity affairs, to offer opportunities for further development and expansion of fraternity life on campus, to act as a liaison between fraternities and the University administration, to offer a common meeting ground for all fraternities, and to foster fellowship and goodwill among the fraternities and the student body as a whole.

The Interfraternity Council supports a zero tolerance position on discrimination; and as such, extends membership privileges to any qualified individual without regard to race, color, creed or religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or mental or physical handicap.

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 106.14, makes an exception for social fraternities to select members based on gender.

### **ARTICLE III -DUTIES**

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Interfraternity Council to offer advice, council, and services to promote a non-alcoholic rush, pledging/associating, and initiating.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Interfraternity Council to encourage and aid in the forming of new fraternities and to establish methods and procedures for admitting new chapters to membership in the Council.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Interfraternity Council to establish and maintain a set of Bylaws, which shall include all current policies, and standing rules of conduct.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Interfraternity Council to hear cases involving violations of the Interfraternity Council Constitution or Bylaws. In the event the Interfraternity Council determines a violation has occurred, it shall take action as specified in the Interfraternity Council Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IV -MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Fraternity chapters rather than individuals shall be considered members of the Interfraternity Council.

Section 2. The regular membership of the Council shall consist of such fraternity chapters as are in good standing at the time of this Constitution shall be ratified and of such other chapters as may thereafter be admitted to membership by the Council.

Section 3. Membership in the Council is at all times a privilege, which may be withdrawn for good cause by the Interfraternity Council in accordance with the Interfraternity Council Bylaws.

Section 4. Interfraternity Council Representatives.

- (A) Each chapter shall be represented by its president and designated alternate.
- (B) At no time may a chapter cast more than one (1) vote. Each president or his designated alternate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. In the absence of a president or his duly appointed alternate, no vote shall be counted.

Section 5. Faculty and/or Alumni Advisors of member fraternity chapters shall have the privilege of discussion at Interfraternity Council meetings, but shall have no voting privileges.

#### **ARTICLE V -ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Interfraternity Council shall be the president, vice-president of fraternal relations, vice-president of internal affairs, vice-president of membership, secretary, and treasurer, whose terms shall run concurrently for one calendar year, December to December.

Section 2. Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president of judicial affairs, vice-president of internal affairs, vice-president of membership, vice-president of administration and vice-president of external affairs shall be held at the last regular meeting in October and elections shall take place at the following regular meeting.

Section 3. To be eligible for nomination and/or election as an Interfraternity Council Officer, and individual shall:

- (A) Be in good standing with the University and his respective fraternity.
- (B) Must be an active initiated member of a fraternity that is recognized by all of the following: ASU IFC, ASU, SORC and their respective national organization.
- (C) Must have a cumulative grade point average of two-point-two-five (2.25) or higher, and must be a full time student.

Section 4. Elections shall be by a simple majority.

Section 5. If, during his term of office, an Interfraternity Council officer fails to maintain a two-point-two-five (2.25) cumulative scholarship index, he shall be immediately submit a written resignation of his office to the Interfraternity Council.

Section 6. Vacancies of Office.

- (A) Elections for vacancies of the executive council shall take place at the IFC meeting following the official announcement to the council of a vacancy.
- (B) The term of office for those elected to fill vacancies on the executive coUllcil shall be until the next regularly scheduled election.

## **ARTICLE VI -OFFICERS**

Section 1: President

The President shall provide supervision over all affairs of the Interfraternity Council and shall preside at all general and Executive Board meetings. The President shall serve as the Interfraternity Council liaison to the university and other campus organizations. He shall convene a Roundtable of chapter Presidents at least once per month and shall be empowered to appoint any committees commissioned by the Council.

Section 2: Vice-President of Internal Affairs

The Vice-President of Internal Affairs shall manage the internal operations of the Interfraternity Council. He shall be responsible for providing the Council with programming and development opportunities including but not limited to guest speakers, community service events and educational workshops. He shall be responsible for the approval, scheduling and supervision of all chapter philanthropies in a manner consistent with the Council Bylaws and he shall manage Interfraternity Council intramural program. He shall be responsible for the design and purchase of all trophies bestowed by the Interfraternity Council.

Section 3: Vice-President of Judicial Affairs

The Vice-President of Judicial Affairs shall enforce all rules and regulations of the Interfraternity Council. He shall serve as the chairman of the Greek Relations Board and will be responsible for the selection of qualified Board members in a manner consistent with the Council Bylaws. He shall be responsible for conducting an annual Total Quality Management review of all chapters.

Section 4: Vice President of Membership

The Vice-President of Membership shall coordinate the formal recruitment of the Interfraternity Council. He shall be responsible for compiling a database of all prospective new members, collecting recruitment fees, and managing the distribution of chapter bids. He shall set and enforce recruitment regulations and he shall oversee the Council Rush Marshal program.

Section 5: Vice-President of Administration

The Vice-President of Administration shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of all general and Executive meetings of the Interfraternity Council. He shall manage the finances of the Council and will be responsible for the collection and enforcement of all provisions of Article XIV of the Council Bylaws.

Section 6: Vice-President of External Affairs

The Vice-President of External Affairs shall manage the public relations efforts of the Interfraternity Council. He shall be responsible for the development and production of all advertising and promotional materials, the creation and maintenance of the Council website and for the publication of the Council newsletter. He shall serve as the spokesperson for the Interfraternity Council and shall be responsible for the creation and distribution of all Council press releases.

Section 8. PROVISIONS FOR REMOV AL OF AN OFFICER (VOTE OF CONFIDENCE)

- (A) Defined -an attempt for removal of an executive officer by a vote of the Interfraternity Council.

- (B) Procedure -A complaint must first be filed with the fraternity advisor as least one week before bringing the motion up in an Interfraternity Council meeting. The complaint also must be filed by at least two chapters in conjunction.
- (C) After the complaint is filed, the chapters will be allowed to call a vote of confidence of the executive member. A motion will be brought up and seconded in a regular Interfraternity Council meeting and then tabled for a vote until the following meeting.
- (D) The vote of confidence will then take place in Old Business of the following week's meeting. In old business there will be three opportunities for people to speak for and against the executive officer. Before the vote is called, the executive officer will be given a chance to make any closing statements. The officer will then leave the room and a secret ballot vote will be held. A two-thirds vote (2/3) will be required for the removal of the officer.

## **ARTICLE VII -AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments to this Constitution or its Bylaws shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting. Proposed amendments shall be printed and circulated to the member-fraternity chapters and then voted upon at the next regular meeting.

- (A) Should a proposed amendment supersede an existing part of the Constitution, that portion must be repealed before the proposed amendment may become valid.
- (B) A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required for adaptation or repeal of any amendment to this Constitution or its Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII- RATIFICATION**

This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon ratification by all members-in-good- standing of the Interfraternity Council.

## **ARTICLE IX -MEETINGS**

Section 1. There shall be a regular meeting of the IFC at regular intervals during the academic year as called for by the Executive Board. In order to conduct business a quorum must be present. A quorum consists of two-thirds (2/3) of the Interfraternity Council's voting members.

Section 2. Any questions of parliamentary procedure not included in these Bylaws and Constitutions shall fall under the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. The Interfraternity Council President may call special meetings, by a petition of one-third (1/3) of the member-fraternity chapter representatives, or by the fraternity Advisor, provided a twenty-four (24) hour advance written notice is given.