

TROY University
Inter-Fraternity Council Bylaws
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ARTICLE I

All former bylaws are hereby voided and superseded upon an annual vote to accept the existing and any new bylaws at the first meeting of the Interfraternity Council each fall semester.

ARTICLE II - VOTING

Section 1.

Each fraternity in the IFC shall have one (1) vote representing the fraternity.

Section 2.

A majority vote of all fraternities of the IFC present shall be sufficient for passage of all questions unless specified otherwise in the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3.

A vote by secret ballot shall be held when called for by a fraternity.

Section 4.

The IFC President shall have a vote only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1.

The Executive Council shall be composed of the elected officers of the IFC. The officers of the Troy Interfraternity Council shall be as follows: President, Vice-President for Administration and Internal Affairs, Vice-President for Academic Achievement and Membership Development, and Vice-President for Recruitment and Public Relations.

Section 2.

- a. The Executive Council shall be charged with the responsibility of directing the day to day functions of the IFC.

- b. Plan and coordinate the activities of the IFC.
- c. Make recommendations to the IFC.
- d. Act as an interview board for all persons wishing to represent the IFC in any capacity.
- e. Establish committees when necessary and to define the responsibilities of each committee based on a majority vote among all IFC delegation.
- f. Perform all other duties that shall be delegated to it by the IFC.
- g. Serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the IFC.

Section 3.

The President of the IFC shall be the Chairman of the IFC Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1.

Standing committees of the IFC, are any position for an IFC member on University Committees.

Any committee may be formed at the discretion of the IFC Executive Council.

ARTICLE V - RECRUITMENT

Section 1.

The official period of Recruitment and all Recruitment dealings for the Fall and Spring Semester shall be set aside by the Recruitment chairman.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted for use in any Recruitment function, until the end of formal recruitment.

Section 2.

No social function shall be approved for any fraternity the calendar week preceding Recruitment for the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Section 3.

A man who has been initiated into any North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) recognized fraternity is prohibited from joining any other fraternity which is a recognized of IFC.

Section 4.

Members of a fraternity shall not visit another fraternity house or function during the official period of Recruitment, with the exception of the Recruitment Counselors and/or the IFC Executive Board members.

Section 5.

Fraternities found responsible for violating rules of recruitment as they pertain to pledging/associating or alcoholic beverages are subject to referral to the IFC Judicial Board for the appropriate sanctions.

Section 6.

For general recruitment rules and policies, refer to the recruitment handbook.

ARTICLE VI – PLEDGING/ASSOCIATING

Section 1. Eligibility for Pledging/Associating

- a. A prospective member who has been admitted to and who has completed registration at Troy University must have a 2.5 GPA to be eligible to pledge or associate. Current Troy students or transfers must have a 2.0 GPA.
- b. A completed and signed Troy University Hazing Policy –Grade Release Form (Buckley) and official IFC Bid Card must be filed in the IFC Office for the a prospective pledge/associate by a fraternity Recruitment Chairman. The IFC Advisor will determine eligibility for pledging/associating.

Section 2. Depledges/Disassociates

- a. All financial obligations with the former fraternity must be met before a person can pledge/associate with another fraternity.
- b. If a person is pledged/ associated to a fraternity and that fraternity or that person breaks the pledge/association, the secretary of the fraternity involved must submit to the IFC Office within twenty-four (24) hours a written pledge/associate release.
- c. No person may pledge/associate for more than two consecutive semesters.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Membership Rosters

Each fraternity secretary must submit the final roster update at the end of formal recruitment. The rosters are subject to change. The last day to report roster changes may be made after the last day to drop classes without financial penalty. This date will be determined by Troy University. No roster changes shall be made after this date, unless a chapter removes a person's membership or if a member voluntarily revokes his membership from his chapter. If the member removed is a new member, then the new member will be able to enter recruitment the following semester. If the member removed is an initiated brother, the brother must be removed from the chapter for a semester. The roster at that time will be the list, which the GPA of the fraternity will be computed. In order to add/remove a name, the fraternity secretary must submit to the IFC Office a letter to as the fraternity's desire to add/delete a name.

Section 2. Officers

Each fraternity secretary must submit in writing by the fourteenth day of the start of each semester an accurate, complete and up-to-date list of names of all fraternity officers and advisors to include phone numbers and email address.

Section 3. Inactive Status

1. Inactive status is not recognized by IFC.

Section 4. IFC Dues

- a. Each fraternity will be required to pay IFC dues in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per member, pledge and associate each semester during the academic year—fall and spring semesters.
- b. Each fraternity secretary must pay the IFC dues of his fraternity when he submits his fraternity Membership Roster.

Section 4. Auxiliary Groups

Fraternities are to comply with the resolutions and recommendations of the National Interfraternity Conference as they pertain to auxiliary groups. Therefore, any auxiliary group not recognized by the University will not be permitted to operate on the campus. Furthermore, fraternity members are not to affiliate with nor participate in any non-recognized auxiliary groups such as "little sister/big brother" group.

ARTICLE VIII – JUDICIAL PROCESSES

Section 1. Authority

In the interest of efficient University operation and consistency and for the protection of personal information and confidence, the Dean of Student Services handles disciplinary decisions at the administrative level when deemed appropriate. The Dean of Student Services is responsible for coordinating all disciplinary procedures and determines when disciplinary authority may be delegated to student judiciaries or courts. (The Oracle).

- a. The Judicial board will be made up of a delegate as appointed by each IFC fraternity and the Vice-President for Administration and Internal Affairs.
- b. The Vice-President for Administration and Internal Affairs will lead the meetings.
- c. The Vice-President for Administration and Internal Affairs will not have a vote.
- d. The Judicial Board is to handle all issues deemed appropriate by the IFC executive committee.
- e. A vote can be held with the present members, the 2/3 quorum is not valid during a judicial meeting.

Section 2. Purpose

The Judicial Board is established to establish precedent and maintain continuity regarding judicial actions while offering fraternities increased self-governance with the ultimate goal of improving Interfraternity relations.

ARTICLE IX – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Section 1. Definition

Each fraternity is expected to maintain a 2.5 overall grade point average each semester for fall and spring in order to remain in good standing with the IFC and/or the University. Groups failing to meet this minimum standard are subject to penalties handed down by the judicial board.

Section 2. Determining Grade Point Average

The GPA's for each fraternity for the academic semester will be computed by the Office of Student Involvement from grades furnished by the Records Office through the University computer system.

Section 3. Sanctions for Academic Standard

If a fraternity fails to maintain the overall grade point average (2.5) as defined, the following sanctions shall be placed on said fraternity:

- a. First semester- the fraternity will not be able to hold any social function on or off campus, excluding two (2) one-day philanthropic social events and swaps.
- b. Second consecutive semester- the fraternity will continue social probation, excluding a one (1) one-day philanthropic social event and swaps, as well as, lose all voting rights in IFC matters and will not be allowed to participate in any IFC sponsored events, excluding formal recruitment.
- c. Third Consecutive semester- The fraternity shall lose all privileges as outlined in the IFC Constitution under Article III section 1. The fraternity will be allowed to participate in formal recruitment.

ARTICLE X – ADVISORS

Section 1. Requirements

Each IFC organization at Troy University is required to have an active faculty/ staff advisor and an active alumni chapter advisor.

Section 2. Role of Advisor

The following include some of the duties of advisors:

- a. Knowledgeable about all university policies and procedures in Greek Life such as risk management, space reservations, special event contracts, etc.
- b. Attend all chapter sponsored events that are hosted by the organization being advised or ensure that proper procedures have been followed in preparation of the event.
- c. Provide academic leadership to members who are not achieving academic expectations of Greek membership.
- d. Actively communicate with the university IFC advisor, chapter officers, headquarters, etc.
- e. Assist with new membership pledge class study hall (all Greek).
- f. Regularly attend at least two IFC advisor meetings on Troy campus.

- g. Actively participate in Greek alumni associations, if it exists.
- h. Serve on the chapter advisory board.
- i. Faculty/ Staff Advisors should be a member of the Troy campus faculty or staff and reside in the Troy area.

ARTICLE XI – PHILANTHROPY EVENTS

Section 1.

Each fraternity may have one day solely reserved for their respective philanthropic event. If said day is conflicted by a social event, the fraternity holding the social event will be subject to a punishment decided by the IFC executive board and the current IFC advisor. The punishment may include possible fines or restrictions.

Section 2.

In reference to Section 1 of this article, a fraternity shall not be permitted to reserve their respective philanthropic day on the same day of a celebrated holiday.