

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All former bylaws are hereby voided and superseded upon an annual vote to accept the existing bylaws and any new bylaws at the first meeting of the Interfraternity Council each fall semester.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

Temporary or permanent standing committees may be formed to research, investigate, study, oversee, or to give suggestions for any topic or idea.

Section 2.

Temporary or permanent standing committees may be formed by the call of the IFC President or by a majority vote of the Council.

Section 3.

As described in ARTICLE VIII of the Constitution, any standing committee may propose and sponsor legislation and resolutions, but a standing committee shall not have voting privileges on the Council.

Section 4.

The IFC President shall appoint members to standing committees.

Section 5.

Members on permanent standing committees shall sit on the committee until they graduate or no longer want to serve on the committee.

ARTICLE V – RECRUITMENT

Section 1.

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a) Potential New Member (PNM)/Rushee- Any male student of Troy University who is registered with the Interfraternity Council and is going through the recruitment process.
- b) Event- Any social or formal function that is sponsored by the IFC or any individual fraternity, and the purpose of the function is for recruitment purposes.

- c) Fraternity House- Any structure, residence, or university facility that an individual fraternity may use for its general purposes and operations.
- d) Prospective Member- Any male student, or incoming student, of Troy University who is interested in going through the recruitment process.

Section 2.

The Official Period of Recruitment for fall and spring recruitment shall be determined by the Vice President of Recruitment and Public Relations and the IFC Advisor. Once the Official Period of Recruitment is determined by the Vice President of Recruitment and Public Relations and the IFC Advisor, the dates shall then be presented to the Interfraternity Council for a final approval.

Section 3.

In reference to Section 2 of this article, the final approval made by the Interfraternity Council may be voted on at the same meeting the dates are presented.

Section 4.

In reference to Section 2 of this article, a simple majority vote of the member fraternities present shall constitute a final approval.

Section 5.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed, or possessed, at any event during the Official Period of Recruitment by potential new members/rushes, fraternity members, guests of fraternity members, and alumni.

Section 6.

During the Official Period of Recruitment, if an event is not taking place, and no potential new members/rushes are present, members of a fraternity, and their guests, may consume and/or possess alcoholic beverages at their respective fraternity houses.

Section 7.

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

Section 8.

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 by the Interfraternity Council.

Section 9.

During the official period of recruitment, members of fraternities are prohibited from visiting another fraternity house.

Section 10.

The IFC executive officers and advisor may visit any fraternity house or event at any time during the official period of recruitment to ensure the sections of this article are upheld and enforced.

Section 11.

The Vice President of Recruitment and Public Relations and IFC Advisor shall have the power to put in place other recruitment procedures and policies, as long as the said procedures and policies do not contradict any sections within this article.

Section 12.

The Vice President of Recruitment and Public Relations shall compose a list of all recruitment procedures and policies, in addition to the IFC Bylaws governing recruitment, at least four weeks before the first day of any official period of recruitment, and the said list shall be given to each of the member fraternities of the Interfraternity Council.

Section 13.

Recruitment procedures and policies put forth by the Vice President of Recruitment and Public Relations and IFC Advisor, as described in Section 10 of this article, may be amended or removed by a simple majority vote of the Interfraternity Council.

Section 14.

Procedures and policies governing and regulating the period of recruitment during summer IMPACT Sessions shall be presented before the Interfraternity Council and shall pass a simple majority vote of the Council.

Section 15.

Prospective members of a fraternity and potential new members/rushees, may be allowed to stay overnight at a fraternity house. If the prospective member or the potential new member/rushee is classified by the University as an incoming freshman, then the IFC Advisor shall be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours beforehand.

Section 16.

If a prospective member or potential new member/rushee is required to stay overnight at a fraternity house due to unexpected conditions or situations that might hinder his ability to safely arrive back at his home, then the provisions in Section 14, mentioning the twenty-four (24) hour notice, shall be nullified, but the IFC Advisor must be notified the following day.

Section 17.

If any fraternity is found to have violated any section of this article, or any of the other recruitment procedures or policies, the said fraternity shall be brought before the Judicial Board of the Interfraternity Council and/or The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.

Section 18.

Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 16, if any fraternity is found to have violated any section of this article, or any of the other recruitment procedures or policies, during the summer IMPACT Sessions, the penalties and punishments for the said fraternity shall be at the discretion of the IFC Executive Board and IFC Advisor.

Section 19.

The period of Open Bidding shall be defined as a period in which potential new members/rushees may continue to accept bids from fraternities, and potential new members/rushees that have signed fraternity bids and the Buckley Form with a fraternity may choose to accept and sign a bid with another fraternity without penalty.

Section 20.

The period of Open Bidding shall begin after the last day of the Official Period of Recruitment and shall last until one (1) week before dead day.

Section 21.

Incoming freshmen must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, from their high school years, to be eligible to accept a bid from any fraternity.

Section 22.

Transfer students and current students at Troy University must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average to be eligible accept a bid from any fraternity.

ARTICLE VI – PLEDGING/ASSOCIATING

Section 1.

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a) Pledge or Associate- Any man who has legally accepted a bid from a fraternity, has signed all forms of the Interfraternity Council relating to pledging, and is currently going through or is planning to participate in a fraternity's pledge or associate program.
- b) Potential New Member (PNM)/Rushee- Any male student of Troy University who is registered with the Interfraternity Council and is going through the recruitment process.
- c) De-Pledge or Disassociate- Any pledge or associate who chooses, or is required, to no longer be a pledge or associate of a fraternity.
- d) Hazing- All actions defined and described in Section 16-1-23 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, or in Troy University's Hazing Policy.

Section 2.

Any potential new member (PNM)/rushee who has accepted a bid from a fraternity and is willing to go through a fraternity's pledge or associate program, must sign a Troy University Hazing Policy-Grade Release Form (Buckley) and any other form(s) required by the Interfraternity Council, in order for the PNM/rushee to become an official pledge or associate of the fraternity. The IFC Advisor will determine eligibility for pledging/associating.

Section 3.

A pledge's Troy University Hazing Policy-Grade Release Form (Buckley) and any other form(s) required by the Interfraternity Council, shall be given to the IFC Advisor within seven (7) days of the signing of the form(s).

Section 4.

A fraternity shall notify the IFC Advisor of any names of de-pledges or dissociates within seventy-two (72) hours of the action. The fraternity shall also state to the IFC Advisor if the de-pledging or disassociation was mandated by the fraternity or if it was a personal decision by the de-pledge or disassociate.

Section 5.

A de-pledge or disassociate must meet all financial obligations with the previous fraternity before he shall be allowed to go through the formal recruitment process and pledge with another fraternity.

Section 6.

It shall be unlawful for any member, guest, or alumni of any fraternity to participate in the hazing of a pledge.

Section 7.

It shall not be unlawful for a fraternity to require a pledge to attend an event hosted by the University, or an event hosted by the Interfraternity Council if the participation of the event does not require a pledge to miss or skip a class registered on his academic schedule.

Section 8.

If any fraternity is found to have violated the sections of this article, the penalties and punishments for the said fraternity shall be decided and imposed by the Judicial Board of the Interfraternity Council and/or The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.

Section 9.

If a member, guest, or alumni of a fraternity is found to have committed an act of hazing, the Interfraternity Council and Judicial Board of the IFC may notify local law enforcement authorities of the action.

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

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 (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/associate 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.

ARTICLE XII – GLASS BOTTLES

Section 1.

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a) Fraternity property- Any one fraternity's house, patio, or surrounding grass areas between the middle sidewalks that separate the fraternity houses.
- b) Fraternity Row- All areas along Fraternity Circle that are not considered fraternity property, and shall include, but not limited to: the asphalt parking areas, the sidewalk adjacent to the parking areas, the middle sidewalks that separate the fraternity houses, the sidewalk and stairs located in front of the fraternity houses, the stairs that connect Fraternity Circle to the parking lot located behind Hawkins Hall, all grass areas, the open lot located between the Pi Kappa Phi house and Alpha Tau Omega house, and the sidewalk adjacent to Pell Avenue.

Section 2.

It shall be unlawful for a member, prospective member, alumni, or guest of any fraternity, to intentionally break a glass bottle on another fraternity's property, or the fraternity row.

Section 3.

If anybody is found, by photograph or video footage, to have intentionally broken a glass bottle, as described in Section 2 of this article, the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership shall be notified and they shall exercise control over all disciplinary action.

Section 4.

If members, prospective members, alumni, or guests of any one fraternity are excessively breaking glass bottles, as described in Section 2 of this Article, then the fraternity shall be subject to a fine no less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). The said fine shall be determined by the Judicial Board of the IFC.

Section 5.

The term, “excessively”, as mentioned in this Article, shall be defined as repetitively breaking glass bottles intentionally on different occasions.

Section 6.

In reference to Section 4 of this Article, no fraternity shall be punished unless there is photograph or video footage that proves members, prospective members, alumni, or guests of that fraternity have excessively broken glass bottles intentionally.

Section 7.

If a member, prospective member, alumni, or guest of any one fraternity intentionally breaks a glass bottle on their own fraternity’s property, then it shall be the duty of that fraternity to enforce the bylaws their chapter may have in place regulating the intentional breaking of glass bottles.