Constitution of the
Murray State University Inter-Fraternity Council

TITLE I: THE ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

Article I: Name and Purpose
Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Murray State University Inter-Fraternity Council (hereafter called the I.F.C.).
Section 2. The purpose of the I.F.C. shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and inter-fraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so, consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life. Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement; cooperate with member fraternities and the university administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards. Act in accordance with all rules established by the university as not to violate the standards of behavior established by the institution, nor the sovereign rights and privileges extended to the membership of member fraternities by their national grand chapter.

Article II: Membership and Voting
Section 1. Regular member fraternities shall receive all rights and privileges in the I.F.C. and shall adhere to its rules and regulations.
Section 2. There shall be two levels of membership within the I.F.C.: Regular and Colony.
Section 3. Regular membership is defined as any fraternity possessing a charter recognized by the North American Inter-Fraternity Conference (NIC) or any other inter/national organization.
Section 4. Colony membership is defined as a national fraternity chapter in the active process of achieving chartered status.
Section 5. All member fraternities of regular status shall receive two votes.
Section 6. Colonies shall receive one vote.
Section 7. Non-members of the Inter-Fraternity Council (not to include the I.F.C. advisor) may petition to appear at all regular meetings for the purpose of announcing events or making special presentations. Except for these presentations, I.F.C. meetings shall be closed to non-members.
Section 8. Active members and pledges must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of two point three (2.3) or a term G.P.A. of two point five (2.5) at the end of each semester in order to remain in good standing with the chapter for the
following semester. If a member falls below this standard, they will be placed on social probation. This means that they can only participate in brotherhood events, and are not allowed to participate in mixers, parties, or intramurals representing their chapter.

**Article III: Powers of I.F.C.**

**Section 1.** The Murray State University I.F.C. shall have the following powers:

(i) The power to impose and collect monetary fines.

(ii) The power to deduct points toward the All Sports Trophy and not to allow a fraternity to compete for points.

(iii) Only with a two-thirds majority vote can the I.F.C. deny representation, deny voting privileges in IFC for up to one year, or impose official IFC censure.

(iv) Copies of all censure actions shall be sent to the national office of the group at whom the censure is directed.

(v) The power to refer a fraternity to Greek Standards Board for disciplinary action due to violation of any university or IFC policy or standard.

**Section 2.** The I.F.C. shall have the right to reserve and enumerate the powers that it deems necessary and proper to effectively execute its goals and duties.

**Article IV: Composition of the I.F.C.**

**Section 1.** I.F.C. shall be composed of two members from each member chapter.

**Section 2.** Each chapter shall have one senior member and one junior member.

**Section 3.** The senior member from each chapter should be the president of that respective chapter. The junior member is elected/appointed with the discretion of the chapter.

**Section 4.** Senior and junior members of each chapter shall be the voting body (hereafter referred to as the General Assembly).

**Section 5.** The General Assembly shall elect from amongst the body a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Rush Chairman, Social chairman, and Assistant Rush Chairman.

**Section 6.** A two-thirds vote of the entire I.F.C. voting body shall be required to remove an officer from office. This vote shall be taken one (1) week following the initial motion of removal.
Section 7. If an I.F.C. office should become vacant, the I.F.C. shall give written notice of no less than one week in advance to voting member fraternities, informing them of the impending election to fill the vacancy.

Section 8. The Vice President shall assume the President position, should the office of President become vacant for any reason. If this should occur, then the General Assembly shall select a new Vice President via elections.

Section 9. Officer Elections

(i) All officers, shall serve a one (1) year term.
(ii) Nominations for offices shall open two meetings prior to elections, with a third round of nominations the meeting of elections.
(iii) Each nominee will be allowed to speak for two minutes, be questioned by the General Assembly for one minute, and have another member of the I.F.C. speak on his behalf for two minutes.
(iv) The nominee with the most votes for each respective office will take office immediately following the elections at the final meeting in November.
(v) The former officers are required to remain installed for advisement purposes of the newly elected members for the remaining of the semester after installment, and assist the I.F.C. Advisor in officer training procedures.
(vi) All newly elected officers will be required to attend the AFLV conference, or a similar conference if the EC members cannot attend AFLV. Failure to attend without an excuse cleared by the I.F.C. Advisor will result in a referral to the standards board.

Article V: The Office of President

Section 1. The President shall:

(i) Have the overall responsibility for the operation of the Murray State University I.F.C.
(ii) Call and preside at all regular and all special meetings of the Murray State University I.F.C.
(iii) Endorse, along with the Vice President, all contracts involving the Murray State University I.F.C.
(iv) Maintain a complete and up-to-date President’s file, which must include a copy of the current Murray State University I.F.C. constitution, by-laws and standing rules, and the current I.F.C. budget.
(v) Have the power to plan future programs and events based on recommendations from member fraternities as deemed necessary and proper.
(vi) Have the power to assure effective and organized execution of planned programs and events.

(vii) Have the power to administer and regulate the enforcement of all rules and regulations deemed necessary and proper for the effective organization of Formal Rush, membership, sports, and special events.

Article VI: Office of Vice President
Section 1. The Vice President shall:

(i) Perform the duties of the President in his absence, inability to serve, or upon his request.

(ii) Endorse, along with the president, all contracts involving the Murray State University I.F.C.

(iii) In conjunction with the President, plan at least one officer retreat per semester.

(iv) Conduct officer reviews as requested by the I.F.C. Advisor, President, or majority vote of the General Assembly. Reviews shall be based on AFLV officer standards. All findings shall be turned over to the Greek Standards Board who will decide what, if any, action is to be taken regarding the officer. The President shall review the Vice President’s findings.

(v) Conduct an officer review at the end of each semester and give a grade of each officer’s performance based upon the AFLV officer manual. The president shall review the Vice President’s findings.

(vi) Plan and organize the officer’s trip to AFLV, as well as applying for all awards applicable at the conference.

(vii) Appoint all special committees which he deems necessary and proper for the effective operation of the I.F.C.

(viii) Serve as member ex-officio of all I.F.C. committees, having a voice but no vote.

(ix) Develop and oversee an IFC scholarship program to promote and reward scholastic achievement.

(x) Serve as the liaison between I.F.C., Panhellenic Council, and N.P.H.C. to keep all organizations informed on what the others are doing.

Article VIII: Office of the Secretary/Treasurer
Section 1. The secretary/treasurer shall:

(i) Keep a current roster of the members of the I.F.C. and call it at all council meetings.

(ii) Keep current statistics concerning the names of all initiated new members, pledges, and associates of each I.F.C. member fraternity.
(iii) Keep full minutes of all meetings of the Murray State University I.F.C.
(iv) Distribute to each member fraternity of the I.F.C. a copy of the minutes of the meeting prior to the concurrent meeting.
(v) Maintain a complete and current file which will include the minutes of every I.F.C. meeting and copies of all contracts made by the I.F.C.
(vi) Sign I.F.C. contracts when authorized to do so by the president.
(vii) Be responsible for the general supervision of the finances of the Murray State University I.F.C.
(viii) Be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and, following its approval by the General Assembly of the I.F.C., also be responsible for providing a copy of this budget to the individual member fraternities of Murray State University I.F.C.
(ix) Maintain current financial records, give a financial report at each regular meeting of the I.F.C., and an annual report at the close of each academic year.
(x) Receive all payments due the I.F.C., and collect all dues of the member fraternities.
(xi) Be responsible for the prompt payment of all bills of the Murray State University I.F.C.

Article IX: Office of the Social Chairman

Section 1. The social chairman shall:

(i) Work with the vice-presidents and other Greek councils on the scheduling of Murray State University Greek Week.
(ii) Serve as the liaison to all outside organizations.
(iii) Maintain and report back to I.F.C. all upcoming events and issues discussed in outside meetings.
(iv) With the assistance of all the other IFC officers, check the social events of member fraternities for compliance with current Murray State University Social Event Policy. Assess a letter grade of the event, and report repeated infractions to the Greek Standards Board.

Article X: Office of the Rush Chairman

Section 1. The Rush Chairman shall:

(i) Report and oversee all rush infractions.
Be responsible for providing each member fraternity with a copy of the current rush rules and regulations.

Schedule Rush week for the first full week of classes of the fall and spring semester, barring any extreme calendar events coinciding with rush week. In that case, a vote will be taken in I.F.C. to move Rush Week to a more appropriate week.

Publicize Formal Rush and rush registration.

Oversee the production of the I.F.C. rush posters.

**Article XI: Office of the Assistant Rush Chairman**

Section 1. The Assistant Rush Chairman shall:

(i) Report directly to the Rush Chairman.

(ii) Manage the rush committee and utilize its members under the direction of the Rush chair.

(iii) Double check all documents to be submitted for printing, such as posters or T-shirts.

(iv) Be a member from a different fraternity as the Rush Chairman.

**Article XII: I.F.C. Advisor**

Section 1. The IFC Advisor will have a voice but no vote.

Section 2. The I.F.C. advisor shall:

(i) Set and oversee all new member classes, designed to educate and inform new members of fraternity issues facing them.

(ii) Track and report each fraternity’s attendance record for the new member classes.

(iii) Monitor the grades of all new members of member chapters.

(iv) Make suggestions to improve the scholastic achievement of new members in chapters whose new member G.P.A. is not in compliance with I.F.C. regulations.

**Article XIII: Committees of the I.F.C.**

Section 1. The president shall appoint all committees he deems necessary. Care will be taken that all fraternities receive equal opportunities on these committees.

Section 2. The final lists of committee members shall be approved by a majority vote of the I.F.C.
Section 3. A Constitutional Reform Committee consisting of one voting member from each member fraternity of the I.F.C. shall be called upon as needed, this will be presided over by the Vice President.

Article XIV: Dues

Section 1. Colonies shall pay a fifty dollar ($50) base fee and twenty-five cents ($0.25) per member, per semester.

Section 2. Dues for regular members each semester shall be a base fee of seventy dollars ($70), additionally there will be a two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per active, per semester fee.

Section 3. Said charges shall be paid in full within two weeks after Formal Rush for that semester.

Section 4. Failure to pay within this time period will result in a ten percent (10%) increase in dues for that semester, and until the bill is settled the member fraternity shall have voice but no vote in the I.F.C.

Article XV: Absences

Section 1. The absence of any established member from any regular or special meeting shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars ($50.00) per member absent.

Section 2. Any member, senior or junior, may miss no more than two (2) meetings in an academic year. Of those, no more than one (1) may be unexcused. If a third (3rd) meeting time is missed, then that individual representative will be brought before the Greek Standards Board for disciplinary action.

Section 3. Two (2) absences of a member fraternity of regular status in a semester will result in a letter being sent to the member fraternity. Three (3) absences in a semester will result in a letter being sent to that member fraternity’s national headquarters.

Article XVI: Definition of an Active

Section 1. An active shall be any dues paying person recognized by a member fraternity’s national headquarters as an active and currently enrolled at Murray State University.

Section 2. To maintain a current roster of active fraternity membership, a list must be turned in within three (3) weeks of the first day of class indicating the status of all members from I.F.C. member fraternities.

Article XVII: Sports Regulations
Section 1. The handling of the Greek League in intramural sports shall be delegated to the Intra-Collegiate Sports and Recreation Office except for punishments enforced by the I.F.C. Judicial Committee.

Section 2. Any person who does not have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of two point three (2.3) or a term G.P.A. of two point five (2.5) is not eligible for participation in intramural sports.

Article XVIII: Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Murray State University I.F.C.

Section 2. All amendments must also meet the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs, or his designee.

Section 3. A three-fourths majority vote of the entire I.F.C. membership will override the veto exercised by the Vice President of Student Affairs or his designee.

Section 4. As needed, the Constitutional Reform Committee may amend this constitution without General Assembly approval.

Section 5. This constitution will be reviewed in full at least every two (2) years.

Article XIX: Rules of Procedures

Section 1. Unless contrary to the I.F.C. Constitution, Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

TITLE II: RUSH

Article I: Definition of a Potential New Member

Section 1. A Potential New Member is any non-Greek male who is currently enrolled at Murray State University.

Article II: Rush

Section 1. No fraternity shall install any Potential New Member that has not completed at least twelve (12) hours and have at least a two point three G.P.A. (2.3), except when the Potential New Member is a first semester freshmen. Potential New Members who are considered a first semester freshman must have a minimum composite score of a twenty-one (21) on the A.C.T. with a two point seven (2.7) high school G.P.A. verified by a high school transcript.
Section 2. First semester freshmen who can transfer with at least twelve (12) hours to Murray State University from one of the United States Armed Forces, shall be eligible for fraternity rush if their cumulative G.P.A. is at least a two point three (2.3).

Section 3. Any student with a college G.P.A. is eligible for rush based upon the following standards:
   i.) If the chapter pledge class term G.P.A. for the previous semester is two point five (2.5) and above, they may recruit new members that have a two point three (2.3) cumulative G.P.A. or above.
   ii.) If the chapter pledge class term G.P.A. is below two point five (2.5) for the previous semester, they have to recruit new members that have a two point five (2.5) cumulative or above.
   iii.) There is no appeal process for exemptions to this requirement.

Section 4. Any member fraternity requesting special consideration due to an inadequacy of the constitutional requirements shall meet with the I.F.C. Advisor concerning a particular Potential New Member’s status.

Section 5. All Potential New Members must be verified by the Greek Advisor before bid distribution, they must also pay a fee of twenty-five dollars ($25) before a bid can be accepted.

Article III: Rush Week

Section 1. Formal Rush will be planned by the Rush Chairmen.

Section 2. Official colonies of the I.F.C. will be allowed to participate in rush.

Section 3. No fraternity member will be allowed on the property or event of another fraternity during the other fraternity’s rush function. This violation is applicable only if the two fraternities in question will contest as such. This excludes I.F.C. members who are checking the status of a rush event.

Section 4. Bids will be distributed on the last day of rush week at a time and place designated by the Rush Chairman.

Section 5. No fraternity shall hold a rush function on the first day of Formal Rush, provided there is an all-Greek function. No girls will be allowed to attend the all-Greek function. If there is no all-Greek function, then each fraternity may be allowed to hold their own rush function.

Section 6. Each member fraternity shall be required to submit a list of new members to the I.F.C. rush chairman by the next I.F.C. meeting following formal new member introduction.
Section 7. No member fraternity shall hand out a bid of any form or have any formal or informal “bid acceptance” function until 24 hours after the scheduled Bid Acceptance of Rush Week.

Section 8. Each member fraternity must submit its rush schedule to the I.F.C. rush chairman by the last meeting of the previous semester. Failure to do so may result in the said fraternity’s rush schedule being omitted from the I.F.C. rush poster.

Section 9. No fraternity shall have their philanthropy before Formal Rush week.

Section 10. No fraternity shall host social functions beyond the scope of private and exclusive functions until 24 hours after Rush week.

Section 11. A unanimous vote shall be required to suspend Section 1., Section 5., or Section 9. of this article in regard to rush dates and times, bid distribution, and formal or informal “bid acceptance” functions.

Article IV: Open Recruitment

Section 1. In accordance with the North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference By-Laws, Section 2: Standards, Campus Expectations, Murray State University I.F.C. will support open recruitment and will not prohibit any male enrolled as a full-time student in good standing from participating in recruitment activities and joining an I.F.C. member fraternity.

Section 2. The I.F.C. will not prohibit a member fraternity from recruiting male students during the academic year following the conclusion of Formal Rush week.

Section 3. Open recruitment shall be continuous throughout the academic year following the conclusion of Formal Rush week each semester until 6 weeks prior to the end of the semester.

Section 4. Official colonies of the I.F.C. will be allowed to openly recruit.

Section 5. Bids may be distributed any time during the fall and spring semesters following the conclusion of Formal Rush week.

Section 6. Bids may not be distributed during the summer or winter breaks or Summer Orientation sessions.

Article V: Alcohol

Section 1. The I.F.C. will support a dry rush program where no alcoholic beverages will be served to any Potential New Member during the prescribed Formal Rush or open recruitment events.
Section 2. No person shall consume alcohol while in the presence of a Potential New Member during Formal Rush and open recruitment events.

Section 3. No person affiliated with any fraternity shall supply or transport alcohol to any Potential New Member, nor shall they transport any Potential New Member to any alcohol related establishments or activities during Formal Rush and open recruitment events.

**Article VI: Summer Orientation**

Section 1. No fraternity or fraternity member shall hold any alcohol related functions or provide alcohol to summer orientation participants on the day before, day of, or day after Summer Orientation.

Section 2. No Summer Orientation participants shall be allowed on any fraternity property during the day before, day of, or day after Summer Orientation.

**TITLE III: GENERAL POLICIES**

**Article I: IFC Social Policy**

Section 1. All social events shall strictly adhere to the current social event policy.

Section 2. All violations shall be reported to the Greek Standards Board by any Executive Officer of IFC.

Section 3. The Greek standards board has complete autonomy in disciplinary action for social policy violations.

Section 4. See Greek Social Policy in the Appendix attached to the end of the constitution.

**Article II: Expansion Policy**

Section 1. See Expansion Policy in the Appendix attached to the end of the constitution.

**Article III: All Greek Standards Board**

Section 1. All disciplinary action and matters of accountability shall be referred to the Greek Standards Board.

Section 2. The Greek Standards Board has complete autonomy for all matters regarding disciplinary action and accountability among all member organizations.

Section 3. Fines for missing meetings will be assessed by the Secretary/Treasurer and do not have to be referred to the Greek Standards Board.
Section 4. See All Greek Standards Board Policy in the Appendix attached to the end of the constitution.