

CONSTITUTION OF THE MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Murray State University chapter of the InterFraternity Council, hereafter referred to as the IFC.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the IFC shall be to:

- A. provide a sovereign governance structure for its Member Fraternities;
- B. promote the interests of its Member Fraternities;
- C. promote the interests of men’s fraternities in general;
- D. discuss questions of mutual interest and present to its Member Fraternities such recommendations as the IFC deems appropriate;
- E. promote the interests of Murray State University;
- F. promote mutual cooperation between its Member Fraternities;
- G. promote mutual cooperation between the IFC, fellow governing councils, and student organizations at Murray State University;
- H. promote mutual cooperation between the IFC and Murray State University, its students, faculty, staff, and local community; and
- I. act in accordance with all rules established by Murray State 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 III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Individual Member Definitions

For the purpose of this Constitution, and with an understanding that each Member Fraternity may have its own terminology for internal use, individuals will be defined as follows:

- A. Active Member: An Active Member shall be defined as any man who has been initiated into any fraternity at Murray State University.
- B. New Member: A New Member shall be defined as any man who has accepted a bid to join a fraternity at Murray State University, but has not been initiated into that fraternity.
- C. Potential New Member: A Potential New Member shall be defined as any man who has not accepted a bid from any fraternity at Murray State University.

Section 2. Individual Member Rosters

Fraternities and the IFC will be required to maintain updated rosters for each of the following groups according to the following form and timeframes:

- A. Active Member Roster: Within three (3) weeks of the first day of class each semester, a list must be submitted to the Greek Life Office indicating the status of all members from IFC Member Fraternities.
- B. New Member Roster: Within two (2) weeks of pledging any New Member, a New Member Roster shall be submitted to the IFC Recruitment Chair. Within two (2) weeks of any New Member de-pledging/disassociating, an updated New Member Roster shall be submitted to the IFC Recruitment Chair.
- C. Potential New Member List: During the period of IFC-sponsored recruitment ("Rush Week"), the IFC Recruitment Chair and IFC Advisor shall maintain an updated list of Potential New Members seeking membership in a fraternity. This list will be provided to Member Fraternity recruitment chairs throughout Rush Week and may be provided upon request throughout the period of open recruitment.

Section 3. Individual Member Expectations

All individual members are expected to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least two point three (2.3) or a term grade point average of at least two point five (2.5). Any person who fails to meet this requirement will be ineligible to participate in intramural sports and will be placed on social probation, meaning he cannot participate in social events or mixers.

Section 4. Membership Definitions

There shall be three levels of membership within the IFC: Regular, Associate, and Colony.

Section 5. Regular Membership Definition

Regular membership is defined as any fraternity possessing a charter recognized by the North American InterFraternity Conference (NIC) or any other inter/national organization.

Section 6. Associate Membership Definition

Local fraternities or inter/national or regional men's non-NIC member organizations may apply for associate membership of the Murray State University InterFraternity Council.

Section 7. Colony Membership Definition

Colony membership is defined as a national fraternity chapter in the active process of achieving chartered status. Colony members will be given regular status upon completion of the chartering process.

Section 8. Application for Associate Membership

To be eligible for associate membership in the IFC, interested chapters must have a GPA at or above the IFC average GPA and a membership at or above the IFC average chapter size. Interested chapters will contact the IFC Advisor or Executive Council and provide all necessary information prior to being allowed to petition the General Assembly for membership. A majority affirmative vote is required to grant associate membership.

Section 9. Associate Member Fraternity Expulsion

An associate Member Fraternity may be expelled by a majority vote of the General Assembly for failure to meet Member Fraternity expectations or for conduct unbecoming of a Member Fraternity. An associate member shall not be entitled to vote on the question of its expulsion.

ARTICLE IV – COMPOSITION OF THE IFC

Section 1. Representation

All Member Fraternities, regardless of status, shall have two delegates. One of these members shall be the president of his chapter. If the president is unable to attend, then another member of the executive board of his chapter shall serve as the representative. The method for selecting the other representative will be left to the discretion of the chapter.

Section 2. Voting

Regular Member Fraternities shall be entitled to two votes on all matters brought before the IFC. Associate chapters shall receive two votes, but may not vote on matters pertaining to recruitment, expansion, or their expulsion from the IFC General Assembly. Colony members shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the IFC.

Section 3. General Assembly

The collection of the voting delegates from each Member Fraternity shall be known as the General Assembly.

Section 4. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary/Treasurer
- D. Social Chair
- E. Recruitment Chair
- F. Assistant Recruitment Chair
- G. Publicity Chair

Section 5. Executive Officer Terms

All officers shall serve a one (1) year term, with the exception of those elected through special elections to fill vacancies.

Section 6. IFC Advisor

The IFC Advisor shall have a voice but no vote. The IFC Advisor shall:

- A. set and oversee all new member classes, designed to educate and inform new members of fraternity issues facing them.
- B. track and report each fraternity's attendance record for the new member classes.
- C. monitor the grades of all new members of member chapters.
- D. make suggestions to improve the scholastic achievement of new members in chapters whose new member GPA is not in compliance with IFC regulations.

ARTICLE V – MEETING POLICIES

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The General Assembly shall meet regularly each semester following the conclusion of the period of IFC-sponsored recruitment. The Executive Committee and IFC Advisor shall be responsible for determining the schedule of meetings for the semester, but the General Assembly shall be

required to meet at least once a month. The IFC Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for notifying Member Fraternity representatives of the times and locations of these meetings.

Section 2. Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee and IFC Advisor shall meet regularly prior to the General Assembly meeting in the manner that best suits all members. The IFC President shall be responsible for notifying the IFC Executive Officers and IFC Advisor of the times and locations of these meetings.

Section 3. Committee Meetings

Committees of the IFC shall meet as needed and as called by the chair of said committee. IFC Committees are expected to meet on a weekly basis, if possible, to efficiently complete their assigned task.

Section 4. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the IFC President, IFC Advisor, or by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the General Assembly. Notice of said meeting shall be given no less than seventy-two (72) hours in advance and the purpose of the meeting will be given to all Executive Officers and Member Fraternity representatives.

Section 5. Attendance Policy

All representatives and IFC Executive Officers are expected to adhere to the IFC Attendance Policy as follows:

- A. Meetings of the General Assembly and special meetings are mandatory for all members. Meetings of the Executive Committee and of other IFC Committees are mandatory for their respective members.
- B. If a Member Fraternity's representative is unable to attend a General Assembly meeting, it is his responsibility to find an alternate from his chapter to attend. The absence of a representative from any regular or special meeting shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per member absent.
- C. A Member Fraternity's representative 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 meeting is missed, then that individual representative will be brought before the Greek Standards Board for disciplinary action.
- D. 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.
- E. If a member of the IFC Executive Committee is unable to attend a General Assembly meeting, it is his responsibility to notify the IFC President and to submit his report no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
- F. If a member of the IFC Executive Committee is unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting, it is his responsibility to notify the IFC President no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
- G. Continued absences of IFC Executive Officers will result in a meeting with the IFC President and the IFC Advisor and may result in said officer's removal from office.

Section 6. Guest Presentations

Non-members of the IFC (not to include the IFC Advisor) may petition to appear at all regular meetings for the purpose of announcing events or making special presentations. Except for these presentations, meetings shall be closed to non-members.

Section 7. Rules of Procedures

Unless stated otherwise, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elections

Elections will be held at the final meeting of the General Assembly in November. Each nominee will be allowed to speak for two minutes, be questioned for one minute, then have another member of the IFC speak on his behalf for two minutes.

Section 2. Nominations for Executive Officers

Nominations for offices shall open two meetings prior to elections, with a third round of nominations at the meeting of elections. Chapters will be allowed one nominee per office, but will be allowed no more than two Executive Officers. Once two of a chapter's nominees have been elected to the Executive Committee, all other nominees will be withdrawn. Associate member chapters may not have any nominees for the office of recruitment chair.

Section 3. Officer Transitions

Officer transitions will begin immediately following elections, and the nominee who received the most votes will take office at the beginning of the next semester. All newly elected officers will be required to attend the AFLV conference, or a similar conference if they are unable to attend AFLV.

Section 4. Removal from Office

A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) affirmative vote shall be required to remove an Executive Officer from office. This vote shall take place one (1) week after the initial motion.

Section 5. Office Vacancies

If an office should become vacant, the General Assembly shall be given written notice within one (1) week informing them of the vacancy and the date of the election to fill it. Should a vacancy occur in the Office of the IFC President, it will be filled by the IFC Vice President. A special election will then be held for a new IFC Vice President.

ARTICLE VII – ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Office of the President

The President shall:

- A. be responsible for the operation of the IFC.
- B. preside over all meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee.
- C. possess no vote except in the event of a tie.
- D. serve as the official spokesperson and representative for the IFC and fraternity community.
- E. endorse, along with the Vice President, all contracts involving the IFC.

- F. plan future events and programming based on the needs and recommendations of the fraternity community.
- G. assure that these events are well-organized and executed.
- H. communicate regularly with the other governing council presidents, Member Fraternity presidents, the chairman of the Greek Standards Board, and the IFC Advisor.
- I. keep a President's file that consists of up-to-date copies of the IFC Constitution, the IFC Budget, and any policies described in Article IX of this Constitution.
- J. enforce all rules and regulations deemed necessary and proper for the effective organization of the IFC.

Section 2. Office of the Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- A. perform the duties of the President in his absence or inability to serve.
- B. endorse, along with the president, all contracts involving the IFC.
- C. plan at least one officer retreat per semester with assistance from the Executive Committee.
- D. review Executive Officers at the end of each semester, or upon the request of the IFC Advisor, President, or a majority vote of the General Assembly, in the following format:
 - A. conduct reviews based on AFLV officer standards.
 - B. report all findings to the Greek Standards Board who will decide what, if any, action is to be taken regarding an officer.
 - C. provide a grade of each officer's performance to the body that ordered the review.
 - D. all findings shall be reviewed by the President.
- E. plan and organize the officer's trip to AFLV, as well as applying for all awards applicable at the conference.
- F. serve as member ex-officio of all IFC committees, having a voice but no vote.
- G. review this Constitution and present any needed amendments or, if necessary, utilize the Constitutional Reform Committee for a thorough revision.
- H. serve as the liaison between IFC, Panhellenic Council, and NPHC to keep all organizations informed on what the others are doing.

Section 3. Office of the Secretary and Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- A. maintain a roster of Member Fraternities of the IFC General Assembly and track attendance at all council meetings.
- B. maintain current New Member Rosters of each Member Fraternity.
- C. record and distribute full minutes of all meetings of the IFC.
- D. sign IFC contracts when authorized to do so by the President.
- E. keep an up-to-date file of all IFC minutes and contracts.
- F. supervise the finances of the Murray State University IFC.
- G. prepare the annual budget.

- H. provide a copy of this budget to the individual Member Fraternities following its approval by the General Assembly.
- I. maintain current financial records.
- J. give a financial report at each regular meeting of the IFC.
- K. give an annual financial report at the close of each academic year.
- L. receive all payments on behalf of the IFC and collect all dues of the Member Fraternities.
- M. pay all bills of the IFC promptly.

Section 4. Office of the Social Chair

The Social Chair shall:

- A. check the social events of Member Fraternities with the assistance of other Executive Officers for compliance with the current Social Event Policy and report repeated infractions to the Greek Standards Board.
- B. serve as the IFC liaison to all outside organizations.
- C. report to the IFC all events and topics discussed in outside meetings.
- D. assist the Vice President and other governing councils in the planning of Greek Week.

Section 5. Office of the Recruitment Chair

The Recruitment Chair shall:

- A. report and oversee all recruitment infractions.
- B. provide each Member Fraternity with a copy of the current recruitment rules and regulations.
- C. schedule a period of IFC-sponsored recruitment in the manner detailed in the IFC Formal Recruitment Policy.
- D. publicize Formal Recruitment and Rush Week registration.
- E. oversee the production of the IFC rush posters.
- F. not be a member of an associate Member Fraternity.

Section 6. Office of the Assistant Recruitment Chair

The Assistant Recruitment Chair shall:

- A. report directly to the Rush Chairman.
- B. manage the rush committee and utilize its members under the direction of the Rush chair.
- C. double check all documents to be submitted for printing, such as posters or T-shirts.
- D. be a member from a different fraternity as the Rush Chairman.

Section 7. Office of the Publicity Chair

The IFC Publicity Chair shall:

- A. promote the activities and programs of the IFC.
- B. work with the Greek Life Office to publicize All-Greek Events.
- C. manage the existing IFC social media accounts.
- D. expand onto new social media markets as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII – POWERS OF THE IFC

Section 1. Enumerated Powers

The IFC shall have the power to:

- A. impose and collect monetary fines.
- B. deduct points towards the All Sports Trophy.
- C. deny a Member Fraternity the ability to compete for points.
- D. refer a Member Fraternity or individual to the Greek Standards Board for violation of Murray State University or IFC policies or standards.

With a two-thirds (⅔) affirmative vote, the IFC shall have the power to:

- A. deny representation of a Member Fraternity in the General Assembly.
- B. deny voting privileges of a Member Fraternity in the General Assembly for a period not to exceed one year.
- C. impose official IFC censure.
 - a. Copies of all censure action shall be sent to the national office of the group at whom the censure is directed.

Section 2. Necessary and Proper Clause

The IFC shall have the right to reserve and enumerate the powers that it deems necessary and proper to effectively execute its goals and duties.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES OF THE IFC

Section 1. Committees of the IFC

The President and Executive Committee shall have the authority to create any committees they deem necessary. Each Committee will be chaired by the appropriate member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Representation

Each Member Fraternity will be given equal opportunity for representation on any IFC committees.

Section 3. Constitutional Reform Committee

A Constitutional Reform Committee shall be created as needed and shall be chaired by the Vice President. Each Member Fraternity will be allowed one voting delegate.

Section 3. Approval

The creation and composition of any IFC Committees shall be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE X – DUES

Section 1. Regular Chapter Dues

Dues for regular Member Fraternities will be a base fee of seventy dollars (\$70) and a fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per active, per semester.

Section 2. Colony Chapter Dues

Dues for colonies will be a fifty dollar (\$50) base fee and a fee of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per member, per semester.

Section 3. Associate Chapter Dues

Associate member chapters will be subject to one-half (½) the amount of dues as regular member chapters.

Section 4. Payment

Chapter dues shall be paid in full in within two weeks of the conclusion of Rush Week for each semester. Failure to pay within this time period will result in a ten percent (10%) increase for that semester. Until this amount and penalty is paid, the Member Fraternity shall have a voice but no vote in the IFC General Assembly.

ARTICLE XI – APPENDICES

Section 1. Appendices

All general policies and procedures described in this article shall hold the same weight and power as this Constitution. Failure to uphold these policies may result in disciplinary action from either the IFC Executive Council or the Greek Standards Board.

Section 2. Social Event Policy

In addition to the regulations and procedures designated by the current social event policy, the IFC shall observe the following rules:

- A. All social events shall strictly adhere to the current social event policy.
- B. All violations shall be reported to the Greek Standards Board by any Executive Officer of the IFC.
- C. The Greek Standards Board has complete autonomy in disciplinary action for social policy violations.

Refer to the Social Event Policy for more details.

Section 2. Expansion Policy

Refer to the Murray State University Expansion Policy.

Section 3. Greek Standards Board

The Greek Standards Board shall be the judicial and disciplinary mechanism for the governing councils and for all Member Fraternities of the IFC. It shall function as follows:

- A. All disciplinary actions and matters of accountability shall be referred to the Greek Standards Board.
- B. The Greek Standards Board shall have complete autonomy for all matters regarding disciplinary action and accountability among all member organizations.
- C. Fines levied by the IFC will be assessed by the Executive Council and do not have to be referred to the Greek Standards Board.
- D. If a charge is brought forward against an organization on behalf of the IFC, the President shall serve as representative of the Council. If there is a conflict of interest, the Vice President or next available member of the Executive Committee will serve as this representative.

Refer to the Greek Standards Board Program and Bylaws.

Section 4. Formal Recruitment Policy

Refer to the IFC Formal Recruitment Policy.

Section 5. Sports Regulations

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 Greek Standards Board.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) affirmative vote of the membership of the IFC General Assembly.

Section 2. Proposal

Amendments may be presented by any Member Fraternity in good standing and must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee prior to presentation to the General Assembly.

Section 3. Publicity

This Constitution shall be made available on the Murray State Greek Life website.

Section 4. Approval

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

Section 5. Veto Override

A three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of the entire IFC membership will override the veto exercised by the Vice President of Student Affairs or his designee.

Section 6. Constitutional Reform Committee

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

Section 7. Review

This Constitution will be reviewed in full at least every two (2) years.

Section 8. Adoption

This Constitution shall become effective and shall supersede all previous Constitutions of the chapter when adopted by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of the General Assembly.