



**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL**
Constitution, Bylaws & Judicial Code

CONSTITUTION OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

We, the gentlemen of the Texas A&M University Greek system, believe that Greek Life is an integral aspect of higher education. In order to strengthen the Fraternity community, increase participation in Greek Life, and serve Texas A&M University and surrounding communities, we do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be “The Texas A&M University Interfraternity Council,” and shall be abbreviated as “IFC.”

ARTICLE II MISSION STATEMENT

The Interfraternity Council is the representative government for all currently recognized member fraternities. Our mission is to represent these organizations as a self-governing body to facilitate and promote the Greek experience.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

- Section 1. The purpose of this Interfraternity Council shall be:
- A. To promote and maintain a strong and well respected environment for fraternities at Texas A&M University;
 - B. Act as the representative government for all IFC member fraternities;
 - C. To serve as a student organization recognized by Texas A&M University, providing an entity through which member fraternities may receive recognition from the University;
 - D. To provide a Judicial Board to adjudicate matters involving violations of Texas A&M student rules and/or the Constitution and Bylaws of this Interfraternity Council;

- E. Schedule, organize, and regulate recruitment and new member activities for all IFC member fraternities;
- F. Promote healthy interfraternal competition in scholarship, athletics, and other activities;
- G. Cooperate with the University, campus, and local community organizations on matters of common interest;
- H. Provide educational opportunities and programming that will aid member fraternities;
- I. Express the sentiments and concerns of the IFC community to the University administration;
- J. Promote Greek Life by informing the University, the campus community, and the local community of the merits and accomplishments of the Interfraternity Council;

**ARTICLE IV
SCOPE OF AUTHORITY AND POWERS**

- Section 1. The scope of authority for the IFC shall be legislative, administrative, judicial, and advisory in nature. Additionally, this Constitution shall grant the Council the authority to regulate all matters of Interfraternity interest.
- Section 2. Any state or local laws, and/or any Texas A&M University regulations that conflict with any article of this Constitution shall take precedence.

**ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. The Texas A&M University Interfraternity Council shall be comprised of any current or former member of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) as voted on and approved by the Interfraternity Senate; and must be recognized by Texas A&M University as a recognized student organization whose purpose is to cultivate fraternalism among its members.
- Section 2. Maintaining Membership Status
 - A. In order for a chapter to retain full membership status in the Interfraternity Council the following criteria must be met:

1. The fraternity must maintain the minimum number of members required by its inter/national organization to remain in good standing.
 2. The fraternity must maintain an overall grade point ratio (GPR) of 2.8.
 3. The chapter must be in good standing with Texas A&M University and the Interfraternity Council.
- B. Failure to meet the said criteria will result in a review of membership status by the IFC Judicial Board

Section 3. The Interfraternity Council shall have jurisdiction over all matters concerning colonization.

Section 4. Any chapter petitioning for membership in the Interfraternity Council shall follow the protocol(s) outlined in the Policy for Expansion.

Section 5. Good Standing shall be defined as a chapter who attends at least the minimum number of meetings as determined by the Judicial Board, fulfills all financial obligations, and adheres to all of the criteria under Section 2 of Article V.

ARTICLE VI ADMINISTRATIVE BODY

Section 1. The administrative body of this organization shall be called the Executive Council and shall be responsible for overseeing all duties and operations of the IFC.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall be elected and include: President, Executive Vice President, Parliamentarian, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Vice President for Finance, Vice President for Interfraternal Relations, Vice President for Public Relations, Vice President for Recruitment, and Vice President for Scholarship.

Section 3. Officers of the IFC Executive Council shall be initiated members of recognized fraternities in good standing and holding active membership in the Texas A&M University Interfraternity Council.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall be required to attend a mandatory executive retreat one weekend during the summer prior to their holding office. They shall also partake in the Winter IFC Presidents retreat.

Section 5. The term of office for all Executive Council Officers of the IFC Executive Council shall be one academic year.

Section 6. The election, transition and installation of officers shall be in accordance with the IFC Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII LEGISLATIVE BODY

Section 1. The legislative body of the Interfraternity Council shall be called the Interfraternity Senate.

Section 2. The Interfraternity Senate shall consist of representatives of each member fraternity. The chapters are entitled to two (2) representatives, the president and one delegate, which account for one vote. Said representatives shall be of active standing and enrolled as a full-time student at Texas A&M University. In the event a chapter president cannot attend, another executive officer must attend on his behalf.

Section 3. In the event a chapter president is unable to attend a meeting, another member of the chapter's executive board is required to attend in order for the chapter to be counted present. IFC Executive Council members may not represent their chapters for attendance purposes unless they are the president of their chapter.

Section 4. Each chapter in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Each chapter absence within a normal year, beginning with the first general meeting in the fall semester and ending with the last general meeting in the spring semester, will result in a \$25 fine per meeting. If a chapter has three (3) absences within an academic year they will be referred to the Judicial Board for disciplinary actions. After the chapter has four (4) absences and for every absence thereafter, they will again be referred to the Judicial Board to review their membership within the IFC.

Section 5. The President of the Interfraternity Council shall vote only in the case of a tie in the Interfraternity Senate.

ARTICLE VIII JUDICIAL BODY

Section 1. The Interfraternity Council shall maintain an Interfraternity Council Judicial Board, headed by the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for hearing and responding to any written complaint regarding an infraction of the IFC Constitution, Bylaws and/or Texas A&M University Student Rules.

Section 2. The Judicial Board will hold an annual constitution revision.

Section 3. The operation and organization of this Board shall be in accordance with this Constitution, Bylaws and Judicial Code as approved by IFC Senate.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular sessions of the Interfraternity Senate shall be held bi-weekly as designated by the President of the Interfraternity Council. A notice to all member fraternities shall be given two (2) days prior to the meetings.

Section 2. In order to conduct official business, any regular session or special meeting of the Interfraternity Senate must meet quorum; defined as 2/3^{rds} of chapter representation from chapters currently in good standing with the IFC. Chapter representation shall be defined as chapter president, or designated alternative executive chapter officer, and an eligible delegate.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President of the Interfraternity Council or at the request of 2/3^{rds} of the Interfraternity Senate.

Section 4. Notice of special meetings shall be given to the Interfraternity Senate representatives of each member fraternity at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

Section 5. The order of business and protocol of all meetings of the Senate shall abide and refer to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except in those areas provided for in the Constitution.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Any motion to amend, revise, alter, or revoke an article of this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Parliamentarian, and tabled after an initial reading of said motion in front of the Interfraternity Senate. The said motion shall be voted upon at the next Interfraternity Senate Session and require a 2/3^{rds} affirmative vote to be amended.

ARTICLE XI BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1. The Interfraternity Council Bylaws become effective upon an affirmative 2/3^{rds} vote of the Interfraternity Senate. The purpose of these Bylaws is to explain, define, and contain in detail the duties of the officers, committees of the Interfraternity Council, to outline in brief the operations of the Interfraternity Council, and to set forth the rules and regulations governing the member fraternities.

Section 2. Any motion to suspend, alter, amend, or revoke the Bylaws of the Texas A&M Interfraternity Council shall be submitted in writing, and tabled after an initial reading of said motion in front of the Interfraternity Senate. The said motion shall be voted upon at the next Interfraternity Senate Session and requires a 2/3rds vote to be enacted.

ARTICLE XII RATIFICATION

This constitution becomes effective when passed by a 2/3rds vote of the current member fraternities in good standing. Additionally, it shall supersede any previous governing document of the Texas A&M University Interfraternity Council.