

CONSTITUTION
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT

SECTION 1. We, the member fraternities of the DePauw University Interfraternity Council (IFC), believing that many advantages are to be derived from a brotherhood of collegians, attempting to promote and perpetuate the best interests of such fraternities on the DePauw University campus, and in order to establish a positive liaison between the individual social fraternities, students, faculty, administration, and community, do hereby establish this constitution for the purpose of governing the DePauw University fraternity system.

ARTICLE II. PHILOSOPHY

SECTION 1. Founded in the nature of a confederation, the Council accepts its jurisdiction as set forth in this constitution. As the powers of this organization are derived from the fraternities it is therefore the policy of this council to strengthen, represent, and serve—to contribute toward the accomplishment of the following ideals for which the DePauw Interfraternity Council stands.

1. The DePauw University Interfraternity Council believes the fraternity system has definite values and the fraternity experience should be a positive force in the development of the college man.
2. The Interfraternity Council believes support of and for the University and its general community should be a major concern among students.
3. In light of the above two statements, the Interfraternity Council believes the best interests of the fraternity members are served by:
 - A. Having a spirit of friendliness and cooperation between fraternities and their members.
 - B. Keeping open avenues of cooperation and communication between fraternities and University administration in matters concerning faculty members and DePauw students.
 - C. Looking critically at problems that affect fraternities and Greek life in general.

D. Working to put the fraternity system before the whole campus in a favorable light, both through good publicity and through the intelligent handling of problems that involve fraternities.

SECTION 2. To oversee the accomplishment of its ideals, the DePauw University Interfraternity Council is authorized by the fraternities it represents to carry out the following specific policies.

1. To provide an instrument for effective action by the fraternities, i.e. a governing system to promote equitable and just handling of interfraternity concerns such as but not limited to:

- A. Men's Recruitment
- B. Scholarship
- C. Member Education
- D. Fraternity Expansion
- E. Interfraternity Concerns
- F. Public Relations
- G. Risk Management

2. To represent DePauw fraternity interests to outside groups and individuals, and thus to act as a liaison between its fraternities and the faculty, administration, student body, alumni, and community.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. In order to be represented by the DePauw Interfraternity Council and enjoy membership in that Council, a fraternity must complete the following:

1. The fraternity must participate in at least one (1) philanthropic event or project in each semester.
2. The fraternity must be a nationally recognized fraternity and thus be registered with the National Interfraternity Conference.
3. The fraternity must have the approval of the DePauw office of Student Services when colonized, and must remain in good standing with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
4. The fraternity must have the consent of three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the existing Interfraternity Council.
5. The fraternity must be recognized by DePauw Student Congress. If recognition in congress is lost, the fraternity must gain recognition within a year of that time

SECTION 2. In cases of gross non-compliance with policies a fraternity may be expelled from the Interfraternity Council, or placed on a probationary status, with a three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the existing council. In such cases, the fraternity in question may cast its vote in its defense.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Interfraternity Council shall include President, Vice President for Operations, Vice President for Recruitment, Vice President for Risk Management, Vice President for Scholarship, Vice President for Finance, Vice President for Member Education, and Vice President for Communications and Public Relations. These eight officers compose the executive board. They, in observance of their duties to the Interfraternity Council, can establish such committees as they see fit to help them carry out the responsibilities and obligations of the Interfraternity Council. In establishing these committees they may appoint committee chairmen to oversee said committees and report their progress back to the Interfraternity Council. All officers are expected to have the best interest of Interfraternity Council in mind and therefore, owe primary allegiance to it. They have no voting rights in general Interfraternity Council meetings. They are limited to discussion only. All officers shall hold terms of office for one year. Specific duties of these positions are as follows:

1. President- The President shall be responsible to call and to preside over meetings and all other functions sponsored by the Interfraternity Council. This duty is taken away from the President in cases where there is, in they eyes of the Council, a conflict of interest. The President will also have the right to summon the fraternity presidents as he sees fit. He shall be responsible for all actions of officers and members, shall execute all policies and orders of the Council, and shall maintain communications with the Greek Advisor, Faculty Advisor, and the University. He is also expected to create committees and to appoint chairmen to those committees as he sees fit. He shall also attend the Student Government cabinet meetings and participate in related activities. He shall uphold this constitution and the by-laws, and carry out all tasks assigned to him explicit or implicit, by appropriate authority. The President will also carry veto powers for decisions pertaining to the operations and policies of the Interfraternity Council

2. Vice President for Risk Management- The Vice President for Risk Management will oversee all activities pertaining to the rules and regulations set forth by the Social Responsibility Policy. He may call meetings of fraternity social chairs and/or risk managers as he sees fit. It is his duty to make sure that all are informed of and abide by the SRC policy. He shall also be charged with disciplining fraternities in the form of sanctions under the guidelines of the SRC policy. If the Presidency is ever vacated, it is the responsibility of the Vice President for Risk Management to temporarily assume his position.

3. Vice President for Operations- The Vice President for Operations shall act as a liaison to the Panhellenic Council and be in charge of all programming and public relations for the Interfraternity Council. He will also have the right to summon the fraternity philanthropy chairs, or relevant officers as he sees fit. He will also be in charge of organizing philanthropic events and other Greek related University events.

4. Vice President for Recruitment- The Vice President for Recruitment will oversee all activities pertaining to recruitment and the activities leading up to recruitment. He shall have at his disposal the entire Interfraternity Council from which to form a recruitment committee. He will also have the right to summon the fraternity recruitment chairs, or relevant officers, as he sees fit. He will organize and conduct the activities of all Rho Gammas who will be provided by the Interfraternity Council chapters. It is also his duty to set up and maintain the recruitment registration process prior to recruitment.

5. Vice President for Scholarship- The Vice President for Scholarship shall uphold academic standards for all fraternity men. He may call meetings of fraternity scholarship chairs, or relevant officers, as he sees fit. He shall be responsible for academic programming and for presenting academic awards to fraternity men at the start of each semester.

6. Vice President for Finance- The Vice President for Finance will oversee the financial matters of the council. He will also have the right to summon the fraternity finance chairs as he sees fit. He shall submit a budget at the beginning of the fiscal year and a year end financial standing report to the member fraternities.

7. Vice President for Communications- The Vice President for Communications shall be responsible to keep minutes of all meetings and to furnish a published report of the latest minutes to all members of the Council. He will have the right to summon the fraternity communication chairs, or relevant officers, as he sees fit. It shall also be his duty to be in charge of the communications between the Interfraternity Council, the fraternities, alumni, and the student body. Therefore, he has the responsibility of maintaining the current and accurate contact information for chapter officers. It is his duty to help the other executive members as he is needed. He will temporarily assume any position, other than Presidency, if it is vacated. It is the duty of the Vice President for Communications to upkeep the Interfraternity Council's membership in Student Congress and act as the Interfraternity Council Congress Representative by attending all congress sessions.

8. Vice President for New Member Education- The Vice President for New Member Education will be responsible for organizing pledge education meetings with the fraternity pledge educators during the fall semester before recruitment, as well as oversee pledging activities in the spring semester. He shall be charged with the right and duty to investigate allegations of hazing and to make recommendations for action. Such action may be in addition to the action taken by the University or the national fraternity. It is his duty to assist any fraternity in need of developing, changing, or amending their current pledge programs in order to better suit the needs of the fraternity. He may also act as a

liaison to the university in matters concerning any hazing or pledge education activities that need to be amended according to the university's amnesty policy.

ARTICLE V. THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

SECTION 1. Membership.

- A. The membership of the Interfraternity Council shall be composed of two members from each fraternity. Representing each of these separate fraternities shall be the president of said organization and another representative appointed at large by that fraternity. These representatives will serve as the main liaison between Interfraternity Council and the individual chapters.
- B. The president of individual fraternities shall have one vote in matters upon which the Interfraternity Council will debate and vote, making a total of one vote per chapter. If the president is absent at a council meeting, the delegate may cast their chapters vote.
- C. Ex-officio membership is granted to both the Greek Advisor and the Greek Life Coordinator assigned to advise the Interfraternity Council.

SECTION 2. Officers. The officers of the Interfraternity Council shall be the eight executive officers of the Interfraternity Council. These officers shall have such powers as prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the DePauw Interfraternity Council.

SECTION 3. Meetings. Regular meeting of the Interfraternity Council shall be held at a time and a place established at the beginning of each semester.

- A. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president when necessary and shall be called by him upon the written request of any member delegate of the Interfraternity Council
- B. Attendance. Each meeting shall be attended by both representatives of each chapter. If a fraternity fails to send both members it will receive a \$25.00 fine. A president or a representative individually may miss two meetings in a semester before being fined, but upon the second absence each additional absence will be a \$25.00 fine per person missing. A fraternity may ask to be excused from attending a meeting by petitioning the executive board. Permission shall only be granted in extreme cases. Fraternities will be subject to disciplinary action upon the second absence in a semester.
- C. Quorum and Voting. Two thirds (2/3) of the total membership shall be the quorum. Actions taken by a simple majority of that quorum shall decide any matter of organizational business. A two thirds majority shall decide all Interfraternity Council policies. All votes will be by hand count unless a motion

is made for a roll call vote or it is deemed appropriate by the presiding officer. There shall be no voting by proxy or absentia.

D. Veto Power. The president shall have veto power over any decision of the Interfraternity Council. This veto, however, may be overturned by three fourths (3/4) majority vote.

E. Audience. All regular meetings of the Interfraternity Council are considered closed. However, additional representatives, in addition to the two regular members, are welcome to attend meetings and to take part in the discussion of issues as designated by the council. This invitation is extended to all those who have an interest in matters before the Council. Interfraternity Council does, however, reserve the right to completely close meetings that are of a sensitive nature.

E. Additional Meetings. The Interfraternity Council may, at its discretion, call a meeting of specific chapter officers. These meetings may be made mandatory by the Council if said meetings are scheduled at least a week in advance. Such meetings may include, but are not limited to, meetings of treasurers, scholarship chairmen, pledge educators, presidents, social chairmen, etc.

F. Conduct. All meetings shall be according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE VI. THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL ADVISOR

SECTION 1. The Interfraternity Council Advisor shall be appointed by:

- A. The DePauw administration or
- B. The Interfraternity Council

ARTICLE VII. NATIONAL

SECTION 1. The DePauw University Interfraternity Council officially supports and endorses all policies which are set forth by the North-American Interfraternity Conference Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: RATIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Ratification. Ratification of this constitution may be effected by a three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the membership.

SECTION 2. Constitutional Amendments. Constitutional amendments require a two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote for ratification.

SECTION 3. Adoption of this constitution shall supersede any previous constitution of the Interfraternity Council.

ARTICLE IX: STATEMENTS OF POSITION

SECTION 1. NON-DISCRIMINATION. Based on the belief that all forms of discrimination are wrong and contrary to the principles of fraternities, the DePauw University Interfraternity Council adheres to appropriate federal, state, and university regulations. Membership and activities of Interfraternity Council and its member fraternities will not be restricted or limited due to race, religion, creed, color, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

SECTION 2. ALCOHOL. The Interfraternity Council follows and supports all federal, state, and local laws regarding alcohol consumption. The Interfraternity Council also supports the University policies and positions on alcohol.

SECTION 3. HAZING. The Interfraternity Council follows and supports all federal, state and local laws regarding hazing. The Interfraternity Council also supports all University policies that pertain to hazing.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. FINANCE

SECTION 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Interfraternity Council shall be the duration of the term for the Vice President for Finance.

SECTION 2. Checks. All checks issued by the Interfraternity Council shall be signed by the Vice President for Finance.

SECTION 3. Payments. All payments due to the Interfraternity Council shall be made to the Vice President for Finance, who shall record them. Checks for payments shall be made payable to the Interfraternity Council.

SECTION 4. Dues.

- A. Interfraternity Council Dues are paid and invoiced yearly by the National Interfraternity Council Office.
- B. Interfraternity Council membership dues shall be an assessment per member and new member.
 - a. The amount of such dues shall be determined by the Interfraternity Council at its second meeting of the new fiscal year.

- b. The Executive Council of the Interfraternity Council shall have the right to raise dues subject to the approval of the council. This must be approved by a majority vote.
- c. The dues of each Interfraternity Council member fraternity shall be payable on or before the fourth meeting after the dues have been set and approved.

ARTICLE II. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Elections. Officers will be selected by majority vote of the represented fraternity Presidents.

- A. Each candidate will have two minutes allotted for a speech and five minutes allotted for questioning. During the questioning executive officers may not ask questions. During one candidates time the other candidates will be out of the room.
- B. Elections will proceed in the order as listed in the constitution. Candidates may drop down to another office if they are not elected to the one for which they originally ran.
- C. Voting shall be done by paper ballot while every candidate seeking that position is out of the room.

ARTICLE III. STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The standing committee of the Interfraternity Council shall be the Judicial Board.

- A. Judicial Board shall consist of eight members. The members of the Judicial Board shall be as follows:
 - 1. The Vice President for Risk Management
 - 2. The President of the Interfraternity Council
 - 3. The Vice President for Operations
 - 4. The Vice President for Recruitment
 - 5. Four house presidents
- B. The Vice President for Risk Management shall preside over the Judicial Board and will not cast his vote unless breaking a tie.
- C. The four house presidents shall be chosen at random from the houses not involved with the judicial proceedings.
- D. All judicial actions of the Interfraternity Council may go before the Judicial Board at the request of the house president or of any executive officer.

ARTICLE IV. RECRUITMENT

SECTION 1. Recruitment will occur on the weekend before and the first weekend of the second semester.

- A. The first rounds will take place on Saturday and Sunday the first weekend.
- B. The second and third rounds will take place Friday and Saturday respectively of the second weekend.

SECTION 2. All other recruitment procedures and guidelines will be defined by the Recruitment Rules and Regulations established by the Interfraternity Council executive board.

ARTICLE V. PLEDGING AND INITIATION

SECTION 1. All pledge activities shall be of a constructive nature.

SECTION 2. There is to be no hazing on the DePauw campus by any member fraternity of the Interfraternity Council in accordance with DePauw regulations and applicable state and federal laws. Interfraternity Council accepts and endorses the DePauw University Definition of Hazing:

Hazing is any action or experience expected of new or current members of an organization or team, regardless of their willingness to participate, that humiliates or degrades them, or risks emotional or physical harm.

SECTION 3. The Interfraternity Council officially accepts and endorses the National Interfraternity Conference Resolution on Hazing.

SECTION 4. The council will support and cooperate with the University in the investigation and resolution of hazing violations.

SECTION 5. Initiation shall occur no later than eight (8) weeks after the end of recruitment.

ARTICLE VI. VIOLATIONS

SECTION 1. All violations of the Interfraternity Council Constitution and Bylaws shall be assessed by the executive board and appealed or referred to the Judicial Board.

ARTICLE VII. EXTENSION

SECTION 1. Any chapter seeking to come onto Depauw's campus must have the approval of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

SECTION 2. Any chapter seeking to join the Interfraternity Council must meet all requirements set forth in the membership section of the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Any Chapter which is started on campus by current DePauw students must proceed through the organization recognition procedures and must also be approved by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

ARTICLE VIII. RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1. The Interfraternity Council shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised except in matters specifically provided for in this Constitution, Bylaws, and other standing documents.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the Interfraternity Council, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.

This Constitution and Bylaws was ratified by the Interfraternity Council on _____