

Constitution of the Interfraternity Council at the University of Wyoming

Preamble

In accordance with the belief that all people have a right to self-governance of their governments, their organizations, and themselves, we, the men of the fraternities at the University of Wyoming, set forth this Constitution for the Interfraternity Council (herein referred to simply as “IFC”) in order to create a more unified, responsible, and effective Interfraternal government. The mission of IFC shall be to perpetuate the best interests of the fraternities as they relate to each other, the University of Wyoming, the faculty therein, and the Laramie community. IFC shall be charged with fostering positive Interfraternal relations.

ARTICLE I **Membership**

- Sec. 1. Any social fraternity and its undergraduate members at the University of Wyoming which is recognized as a student organization by the University of Wyoming.
- Sec. 2. Each member fraternity and colony shall receive two votes and be represented by two representatives, chosen by the member fraternity who are each entitled to the singular vote. These individuals cannot be officers of the IFC.
- Sec. 3. IFC is willing to be abide by policies established by the University of Wyoming.
- Sec. 4. The IFC admits students without regard to their race, religion, color, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, creed, ancestry, political belief, or any other applicable protected category and affords each member all the rights, privileges, programs, and other activities generally accorded or made available to members of the organization.

ARTICLE II **Executive Council**

- Sec. 1. The IFC Executive Council will be comprised according to the IFC Bylaws. This council shall serve as an advisory committee to the President – who shall preside over all of its meetings. No one chapter shall hold a majority of the executive council positions.
- Sec. 2. No man shall serve as an IFC Executive who does not meet the standards for this office set by the IFC By-Laws.
- Sec. 3. The President shall serve as the chief executive of IFC. The Executive Council shall be charged with administering all mandates of the IFC Legislative Council and IFC Judicial Council. All other roles and responsibilities of this council or its members shall be set by relevant legislation or By-Laws.

- Sec. 4. Upon vacancy of the office of President, the Vice President shall immediately receive the powers of the President.

ARTICLE III
Legislative Council

- Sec. 1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the IFC Legislative council, which shall be comprised of two representatives from all member fraternities and member colonies.
- Sec. 2. The Chair of the meetings of the Legislative Council, shall have no vote except in the case of a tie. Upon the vacancy of the office of Vice President, the IFC Vice President of Standards shall preside over a special session of this Council to elect a new Vice President – who shall take office immediately following such election.
- Sec. 3. The Legislative Council shall have the right to levy fines or probation upon any member fraternity or colony in accordance with the IFC By-Laws and upon approval by the Fraternal Standards Board. It shall also have the sole power to establish and judge any rules, standards, and requirements of the representatives of the member fraternities.
- Sec. 4. The Legislative Council shall have the sole power of impeachment over the IFC Executive, Legislative, and the Fraternal Standards Board. When considering impeachment, the IFC Vice President of Standards shall preside over the trials.
- Sec. 5. The Legislative Council shall have the sole power to set dues on the member fraternities. This council shall decide how such dues shall be appropriated and collected in accordance with the IFC By-Laws.
- Sec. 6. Following each selection or change of any officer/advisor, the Campus Activities Center and Fraternity & Sorority Life Office will be notified.

ARTICLE IV
Fraternal Standards Board

- Sec. 1. The Legislative Council will elect three (3) justices, and two (2) Alternates to this Board who are not currently serving terms as members of the Executive or Legislative Councils. These members shall each serve a one-year term, and shall be subject to impeachment. In case of the Vice President of Standards the Vice President of Administration shall preside over the impeachment hearing.
- Sec. 2. The IFC Vice President of Standards shall preside over this board, and shall be charged with the administration of this Board's decisions and actions.

- Sec. 3. The Fraternal Standards Board shall have the sole power to review and interpret all working documents of the IFC Legislative Council in accordance with the IFC Constitution, By-Laws, and University of Wyoming policies and regulations.
- Sec. 4. The Fraternal Standards Board has the sole power of conducting hearings involving infractions against the IFC Constitution, By-Laws, and the Social Responsibility Guidelines for Fraternities.
- a. Hearings should consist pursuant to the Fraternal Standards Board Manual section on Judicial Board Composition.
 - b. Member fraternity or colony in question shall present evidence or testimony regarding the infraction in question pursuant to the Fraternal Standards Board Manual. All of which will be considered by the IFC Fraternal Standards Board before a decision is rendered.
- Sec. 5. An opinion shall be determined by a majority of appointed justices that shall be documented and filed in the Greek Life Office. The opinion shall be given by the IFC Vice President of Standards.
- Sec. 6. All appeals of Fraternal Standards Board Decisions shall be reviewed pursuant to the Fraternal Standards Board Manual.

ARTICLE V

Finances

- Sec. 1. Each member fraternity or colony shall be billed the appropriate dues in the amount and manner prescribed by the Legislative Council.
- Sec. 2. All IFC activities will be funded out of the funds collected by IFC. Upon the dissolution of IFC, all outstanding debts will be paid, and any remaining funds will be dispersed among the member fraternities according to the method of dues appropriation.

ARTICLE VI

By-Laws and Amendments

- Sec. 1. Amendments to this IFC Constitution must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council, and two-thirds (2/3) of the IFC Legislative member fraternities.
- Sec. 2. Amendments to the IFC By-Laws must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council.
- Sec. 3. After University recognition is granted, any proposed changes in the approved constitution or bylaws must be presented to the Campus Activity Center and

Fraternity & Sorority Life Office for approval, and such changes shall not be effective until approval is granted.

ARTICLE VII
Severability

Sec. 1. If any section, clause, paragraph, or item of this Constitution is found to be illegal or in conflict with the laws of the State of Wyoming, or the regulation of the University of Wyoming, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the remainder of this Constitution shall be construed and enforced as if it did not contain the particular, term, or provision held to be invalid.

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