

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 at the University of Wyoming which is recognized as a student organization by the University of Wyoming.
- Sec. 2. Any active brother or pledge of a member fraternity shall be extended the full rights of membership to IFC; except in individual cases as determined by the IFC Judicial Council,.
- Sec. 3. IFC admits students without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and other activities generally accorded or made available to members of this organization.
- Sec. 4. Each member fraternity shall receive two votes and be represented by two representatives, chosen by the member fraternity who entitled to the singular vote. These individuals cannot be officers of the IFC.
- Sec. 5. All member colonies may appoint two representatives to the IFC Legislative Council. These member colonies representatives shall receive one vote.

ARTICLE II **Executive Council**

- Sec. 1. The IFC Executive Council will be comprised of the IFC President, Vice President, Chief Justice, Treasurer, and the Director of Public Relations. 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. All IFC Executives shall be removed from office upon impeachment following the procedures outlined in the IFC By-Laws.
- Sec. 5. 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 IFC Vice President shall be the Chair of the meetings of the Legislative Council, but shall have no vote except in the case of a tie. Upon the vacancy of the office of Vice President, the IFC Chief Justice 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 IFC Judicial Council. It shall also have the sole power of 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 Judicial Council. When considering impeachment, the IFC Chief Justice shall preside over the trial^s.
- Sec. 5. The Legislative Council shall have the sole power to lay dues on the member fraternities. This council shall decide how such dues shall be appropriated and collected in accordance with the IFC By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV **Judicial Council**

- Sec. 1. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the Legislative Council, four (4) justices, and two alternatives to this Council 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 Chief Justice the Vice President Shall preside over the impeachment hearing.

- Sec. 2. The IFC Chief Justice shall preside over this council, and shall be charged with the administration of this Council's decisions and actions.
- Sec. 3. The IFC Judicial Council 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 IFC Judicial Council 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 of five (5) Justices of the Judicial Council and representatives of the member fraternity or member colony under question. The Greek Life Advisor shall be present as a facilitator.
 - b. Member fraternity or colony in question shall present evidence or testimony regarding the infraction in question. All of which will be considered by the IFC Judicial Council 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 Chief Justice.
- Sec. 6. All appeals of IFC Judicial Council Decisions shall be filed within one month of decision. Appeals will be reviewed by the Dean of Students Office.

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 dues 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.

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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