

# **Constitution of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council**

## ***Article I. Name***

The name of this organization shall be the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council (IFC).

## ***Article II. Object***

The object of this organization shall be:

- A. To promote the interests of the University;
- B. To promote the interests of member fraternities;
- C. To coordinate the activities of member fraternities;
- D. To pass and implement fraternity policy;
- E. To provide an open forum for discussion of, and solution to, the problems of member fraternities.

## ***Article III. Membership***

- A. All social fraternities, colony, or national, shall be eligible for membership in the Interfraternity Council. At no time will the Interfraternity Council recognize a local fraternity.
- B. Colonies interested in eventual full Interfraternity Council membership may participate in the Interfraternity Council without the power to vote, hold office, or serve on committees. Colonies are required to pay half of member dues to the Interfraternity Council.
- C. After a fraternity has achieved chapter status with a national social fraternity, the fraternity may petition the Interfraternity Council to extend all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of full membership.
- D. A fraternity, national or local, may be granted full membership by an affirmative two thirds vote of the total voting membership of the Council provided the prospective member meets all of the following requirements:
  - 1. Membership of at least forty-five initiated members who are currently enrolled students at East Carolina University;
  - 2. Full operation on the campus under the authorization of the Interfraternity Council and regular attendance at Interfraternity Council meetings for at least one full academic year;
  - 3. Sound financial condition as determined by the Executive Council of the Interfraternity Council;
  - 4. Adequate insurance coverage as determined by the Executive Council;
  - 5. Overall cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better, and a minimum of a 2.5 semester grade point average the semester immediately prior to the petition.
- E. Full membership in the Council shall consist of:

1. The power to vote;
2. The power to hold office;
3. Eligibility to serve on committees.

#### ***Article IV. The Interfraternity Council***

It shall be the duty of the Interfraternity Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council and to compile rules governing the council, including rushing and pledging.

#### ***Article V. Meetings***

- A. Regular meetings of the Interfraternity Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each academic year. The President may call special meetings of the Interfraternity Council when necessary.
- B. Three-fourths of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- C. The president of a fraternity shall be the only voting delegate on the Interfraternity Council from the member fraternity. Each fraternity represents one vote.
- D. Each fraternity will register with the Interfraternity Council Executives a delegate other than the president to serve as an alternate each semester.
- E. A fine of \$15.00 shall be imposed on each fraternity that misses a regular or called meeting without a written excuse acceptable to the President.
  1. In order for a fraternity to be considered present, at least one delegate must be in attendance for the entire meeting.
  2. After two instances of tardiness in one semester, a fraternity will be fined \$10.00.
- F. A fine of \$25.00 shall be imposed on each fraternity who, without written excuse acceptable to the president, is not represented for a second meeting in one semester. If a third meeting is missed, judiciary action will automatically be imposed.
- G. All fines shall be paid before the fraternity can be recognized. If the fraternity fails to pay the fine before the next meeting, the fraternity will be suspended from that meeting and shall be fined \$10.00 for missing the meeting. If failure to pay fines results in the suspension of a fraternity from a second consecutive meeting, the fraternity will be fined an additional \$25.00.

#### ***Article VI. Officers***

- A. The officers of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council shall be President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. A member of the ECU faculty or staff will be appointed by the Office of the Dean of Students to serve as the Interfraternity Council Adviser.

### ***Article VII. Election of Officers***

- A. Nominations for Interfraternity Council officers shall be held at the last meeting of the Council in October and elections shall be the second meeting in November. Installation of officers shall be at the Interfraternity Council's annual banquet.
- B. Voting will be by secret ballot. Each fraternity receives one vote.
- C. A candidate must secure a majority vote to be declared the winner.
- D. If the president of a member fraternity is elected to an executive board position of the Interfraternity Council he forfeits voting rights at all IFC meetings. The member fraternity's vice-president would then become the voting delegate.
- E. When an office is vacated the President shall call for nominations. Nominations shall be left open for a one-week period prior to elections.
- F. If the office of President is vacated, the Executive Vice President will assume the duties of the President until elections are held. The Executive Vice President is eligible to be nominated to fill the vacancy.
- G. No fraternity shall have more than one officer serving on the Interfraternity Council.
- H. All prospective and elected officers shall have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

### ***Article VIII. Payment of President's In-State Tuition***

The President of the IFC will be granted a sum equal to the undergraduate in-state tuition each semester including Summer Sessions. Should the President's tuition, for any reason, be more than the given undergraduate in-state tuition, the President will be personally responsible to make up the difference.

### ***Article IX. The Executive Council***

- A. The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. The Interfraternity Council Adviser shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Council.
- C. The Executive Council is chaired by the President.
- D. The Executive Council shall enjoy the following powers and duties:
  - 1. To hold meetings at the discretion of the President;
  - 2. To ready proposals for consideration by the Interfraternity Council;
  - 3. To propose Summer Rush rules for approval by the Interfraternity Council;
  - 4. To interpret the Constitution and By-laws in cases of conflict.

### ***Article X. Standing Committees***

- A. The standing committees are:

1. Rush;
  2. Sports;
  3. Philanthropy;
  4. Scholarship.
- B. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be elected concurrently with the Executive Council and by the same process as the Executive Council.
- C. Each committee shall report at each Interfraternity Council meeting.
- D. No more than one chairman can be named from any one member fraternity.
- E. If a chairman of a committee becomes president of a member fraternity or is president of a member fraternity, his status as voting delegate is transferred to the vice-president of the member fraternity.
- F. If a committee chair position becomes vacant for any reason, the President may appoint a replacement to fill the position for the remainder of the term.
- G. In emergency situations the President shall have the authority to make a decision on behalf of a committee chairman.

### *Article XI. Violations and Judicial Procedure*

- A. Upon receipt of an official complaint against a fraternity, a committee will be formed, composed of the Interfraternity Council President, Administrative Vice President, and the Dean of Students. The function of this committee will be to determine whether a fraternity incident is to be construed as a group matter involving the whole fraternity or an individual matter. Group matters shall be referred to the President of the Interfraternity Council as stated below. This does not preclude, in unusual circumstances, an action being judged to concern both the fraternity as a whole and individuals.
1. An official complaint must contain a specific charge, the party or parties being charged, a specific date on which the violation occurred, pertinent evidence of the violation (including potential witnesses, if applicable), and the signature, and phone number of the complaining party.
  2. An official complaint can be filed by any member fraternity, a registered non-member organization, an individual, a university administrator, or member of the university community.
- B. Whenever a fraternity or fraternities conduct themselves in any manner that brings discredit to the University and/or the fraternity system at East Carolina University, the Interfraternity Council can, by majority vote, file an official complaint against the fraternity or fraternities.
- C. For an incident determined by the committee to be a group matter under Section A, the President of the Interfraternity Council shall appoint a Judiciary Committee consisting of:
1. The Executive Vice President of the Interfraternity Council who shall chair the Judiciary Committee. For cases in which his fraternity is involved, the President will appoint a temporary replacement from the Executive Council;
  2. Four fraternity presidents;
  3. The Adviser to the Interfraternity Council.

In no case shall a member of the Judiciary Committee be a member of a fraternity involved in the incident.

- D. The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee shall appoint investigators, if deemed necessary.
  - 1. Investigators shall not be members of any fraternity involved in the incident.
  - 2. All investigators shall be advised as to the confidential nature of the investigation.
  - 3. Investigators may seek out and question potential witnesses, complainants, and the accused to collect statements which may later be used in hearing the case.
  - 4. Investigators may be called as witnesses should the case be heard by the Judiciary Committee.
- E. The Judiciary Chairman shall meet with the Executive Council as soon as possible after the investigators' reports have been prepared and in Executive Council meeting shall determine what charge, if any, is to be applied against the fraternity, along with the time, date, and place of hearing, with approval of Executive Council.
- F. The Judiciary Chairman shall call upon the leadership of the accused fraternity and the charges will be presented to them. Should more than one fraternity be involved in the particular case, the leadership of each should be called upon separately to receive the charges. The rights of the accused fraternities shall include the opportunity:
  - 1. To have a charge in writing which sets out the specifics of the offense and the rule or the regulation which is alleged to have been violated;
  - 2. To have a listing of all the names of all Judiciary Committee members who will hear the case;
  - 3. To have a list of all witnesses to be called who will testify against them;
  - 4. To have the registered chapter Faculty Adviser and/or the Student Government Association Public Defender present, to present, hear, and respond to all accusations against the fraternity in a closed hearing so as to protect individuals who are being charged with violations of the University Conduct Code;
  - 5. To know the accusers, charges, witnesses, Judiciary Committee members, time, date, and location of the hearing at least three days before such hearing;
  - 6. To know that the hearing may be recorded by the Judiciary Committee;
  - 7. To testify on the chapter's behalf;
  - 8. To call witnesses on the chapter's behalf if such witnesses are made known to the Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee at least one day prior to the hearing so that appropriate room changes can be made, if necessary;
  - 9. To confront and question at the hearing all witnesses who will testify against the fraternity.
- G. The Chairperson shall direct the presentation of evidence from the parties involved. After testimony and questioning has been completed by the accused, witnesses, and committee members, all persons not on the Judiciary Committee will be dismissed.
- H. A vote on the charges shall be taken within the ranks of the Judiciary Committee to determine the guilt or innocence of the fraternity(s) in question. This matter is to be determined by a simple majority of the members present.

- I. The Judiciary Committee shall call in the accused fraternity(s) and complaining parties and announce the decision of the committee. If the decision is guilty, the Judicial Committee will then excuse all not on the on the committee and meet to determine an appropriate penalty.
- J. The following represent possible penalties, which can, alone or in combination, be imposed by the Judiciary Committee:
  - 1. Recommendation of revocation of charter;
  - 2. Suspension from Interfraternity Council;
  - 3. Cessation of activities;
  - 4. Removal of officers;
  - 5. Activity restrictions;
  - 6. Fine;
  - 7. Probation;
  - 8. Reprimand;
  - 9. Financial compensation in the event damaged is incurred;
  - 10. Community service.
- K. The Judiciary Committee will call in the representatives of the accused fraternity(s) and the penalty will be read to them. A written report of the action taken will be submitted be the Judiciary Committee Chairman to the chapters involved, the Interfraternity Council President, the Advisers to the fraternities, the fraternities' Alumni Boards, and Headquarters Offices within 36 hours of the decision.
- L. All appeals must be presented at the next regularly scheduled IFC meeting after the hearing. The party filing the appeal must have a typed copy of the appeal(s) made available to every fraternity representative at the meeting, all members of the Executive Board, and the IFC adviser(s). The appeal(s) is(are) to include the charge(s), the Judiciary Committee's decisions, what is being appealed, and why.
- M. The appeal(s) must be read, as written, by a member of the fraternity who was present at the hearing. It is to last no longer than five minutes, so as to prevent another trial from occurring within the meeting. Voting on the appeal by secret ballot is to occur immediately after the appeal(s) have been read.
- N. All decisions of the Judiciary Committee may be over-ruled and/or penalties reduced by two-thirds vote of the Interfraternity Council, with a quorum present and voting.

### *Article XII. Amendments*

- A. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing at a meeting one week before the vote is taken.
- B. Notice of such intended action is given to each fraternity.
- C. Amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the standing members of the Interfraternity Council, provided quorum (3/4 member fraternities) is present.
- D. The Constitution of the Interfraternity Council may only be revised or updated by a committee appointed by the President with membership consisting of four (4) voting members of the Interfraternity Council, two (2) members of the Executive Council,

- and one appointed adviser. A proposed revision of the constitution must be submitted to the Interfraternity Council a minimum of 7 days before a vote is taken. The revision to the Constitution will require a 2/3 majority affirmative vote.
- E. Upon a majority affirmative vote of the Executive Council, the President may be authorized to make technical corrections to the Interfraternity Council Constitution not changing any point of substance, including, but not limited to typographical, grammatical, or syntax errors, incorrect references to other sections of the Constitution, or punctuation.

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## **East Carolina University Interfraternity Council By-laws**

### ***Article I. Order of Business***

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call and Minutes
- C. Committee Reports
- D. Officers' Reports
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
- G. Announcements
- H. Adjournment

### ***Article II. Rosters***

- A. Complete membership rosters will be due on the date of the second Interfraternity Council meeting of the semester with a ten-dollar per day late fee.
- B. Complete rosters of associate members or pledges will be due on the date of the second Interfraternity Council meeting after Rush with a ten-dollar per day late fee.

### ***Article III. Finance***

- A. The fiscal year of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council shall be from January 1 to December 31 inclusive.
- B. Contracts - The signature of the President and of either the Treasurer or the Secretary shall be required to contractually bind the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council.
- C. All checks issued on behalf of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President.
- D. All payments due to the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council shall be made to the Treasurer who shall record them.
- E. Membership Dues
  - 1. Each member fraternity shall pay dues of nine dollars per initiated member and associate member/pledge each semester; summer school shall be excluded.
  - 2. The dues of each member fraternity shall be payable on the date the membership rosters and associate member/pledge rosters are dues, respectively.
- F. All financial decisions shall be passed by a majority of the member fraternities of the Interfraternity Council.

#### ***Article IV. Officer Duties***

- A. The President shall:
1. Have overall responsibility for the operation of the Interfraternity Council;
  2. Call and preside at all regular and special meetings of the Interfraternity Council;
  3. Chair the Executive Council;
  4. Co-sign all Interfraternity Council contracts;
  5. Appoint the Expansion Committee, when necessary;
  6. Appoint the Judiciary Committee, when necessary;
  7. Appoint the chairman of all ad-hoc committees necessary to the smooth functioning of the fraternity system;
  8. In emergency situations the President shall have the power to make a decision on behalf of the Interfraternity Council;
  9. Hold an election within two weeks when an office is vacated;
  10. Appoint a new chair within two weeks when a standing committee chair position becomes vacant;
  11. Serve as the official spokesman of the Interfraternity Council and represent the Council to its various constituencies;
  12. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
- B. The Executive Vice President shall:
1. Preside in the absence of the President;
  2. Attend meetings set aside by the President and act as the President's proxy;
  3. Succeed to the office of President should that office become vacant;
  4. Serve as the Parliamentarian for the Interfraternity Council;
  5. Chair the Judiciary Committee;
  6. Attend all meetings set aside by the President in planning improvements for the Interfraternity Council.
- C. The Administrative Vice President shall:
1. Ensure that all committees complete their duties as prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws, and the President;
  2. Coordinate Greek Week activities on behalf of the Interfraternity Council, serve as Chair of the Interfraternity Council Greek Week Committee, and make appropriate reports to the Interfraternity Council;
  3. Coordinate the Junior Interfraternity Council and make appropriate reports to the Interfraternity Council;
  4. Chair the Expansion Committee, should it become necessary.
- D. The Secretary shall:
1. Record all minutes of the Interfraternity Council meetings. These minutes shall be handed in to the office of the adviser, and they shall be duplicated and a copy given to each fraternity;
  2. Keep a standard filing system in the Interfraternity Council office of all Executive Council and Interfraternity Council transactions;

3. Be responsible for all correspondence between Executive Council, Interfraternity Council, and related organizations;
  4. Record all amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and distribute all approved amendments to all member fraternities.
- E. The Treasurer shall:
1. Collect all monies whether they be collected by assessment or project;
  2. Sign all disbursements;
  3. Disburse funds only after a vote has been taken in the Interfraternity Council;
  4. Collect all assessments only after the Interfraternity Council has approved them;
  5. Collect all fines imposed by the Interfraternity Council;
  6. Give a financial report to the Interfraternity Council at the beginning of each month. This report shall be filed with the Secretary;
  7. Prepare and submit for approval of the Interfraternity Council a semester budget;
  8. Submit appropriations requests to the Student Government Association by the published deadline, provide the necessary supporting documentation for these requests, and ensure that allocations and requisitions are handled appropriately;
  9. Ensure that the books are audited each spring by an independent qualified auditor.

#### *Article V. Rush*

- A. Each semester IFC must host a formal Rush. The period must be agreed upon by the IFC and dates must be announced in advance.
- B. Advertising must adhere to the following guidelines:
  1. There is to be no exploitation of women, mentioning or displaying of drugs or alcohol, or negativity about any other fraternities.
  2. Banners/fliers must be placed in appropriate locations allowed by East Carolina University.
  3. Displayed advertising may not go up until the Sunday before the week of Rush (8 days) and must come down within 48 hours of the completion of Rush.
- C. There are to be no organized social events during the formal Rush period.
- D. Bids may not be extended between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on the eve of Rush and 12:00 a.m. (midnight) after the final day of Rush.
- E. Open bidding may occur at all times during the fall and spring semesters except during the formal Rush period. Bidding outside spring and fall semesters is prohibited.
- F. Bids may be extended only to registered East Carolina University students.
- G. There is no waiting period requirement between depledging one fraternity and pledging another.
- H. All Rush functions are to be alcohol-free.

- I. During formal Rush events, no rushee(s) is(are) to be in any room behind closed doors with any member(s) of the fraternity which they are rushing.
- J. There is to be no slandering other fraternities.
- K. Any violation of these policies will be subject to fines of no less than twenty-five dollars. Other sanctions may include, but are not limited to, removal of pledge class from the fraternity.

### ***Article VI. Hazing***

The Interfraternity Council prohibits any chapter that it governs from conducting hazing activities. Hazing activities are defined as: “Any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, or harassment.” Any violation of this section will result in judicial procedures as listed in the Constitution of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council.

### ***Article VII. Establishment of a New Chapter at East Carolina University***

See Appendix A.

### ***Article VIII. Social Event Reservation Policy***

- A. Any fraternity has the right to reserve a date for a sponsored event.
- B. If a date is reserved, it is the sponsor’s responsibility to prove that they are indeed having the event three weeks in advance of the event or it will lose the reservation. (i.e. signed contracts, police supervision receipts, or noise permits)
- C. A fraternity may neither reserve an event nor may a social event be planned or held during an IFC-sponsored event.
- D. If a fraternity has a date reserved no other fraternity may sponsor an event that day without permission of the fraternity who originally scheduled the date. Such permission must be granted publicly at an Interfraternity Council meeting.
- E. Chapters which violate these policies are to be fined at least three hundred dollars payable to the fraternity which properly reserved the date.

### ***Article IX. Rules and Order***

- A. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Interfraternity Council.
- B. In case of a conflict of interpretation of the By-laws or Constitution, the Executive Council shall convene and rule on the interpretation. Three or more members of the Executive Council shall be required to be present in order to rule on an interpretation.

## APPENDIX A

### *East Carolina University Interfraternity Council Fraternity Expansion Procedures*

#### *Section I. Selection for Colonization*

A national fraternity wishing to colonize at East Carolina University should address a “Request for Colonization” to the Dean of Students and the Interfraternity Council.

- A. The request should include:
  1. Degree of support, plan of consultation, supervision for establishing a colony;
  2. A copy of the National Constitution and By-laws as well as all other rules, regulations, policies, etc., pertaining to colonies;
  3. Samples of all literature and publications of the fraternity – available to or for the use of the colony;
  4. The national fraternity must show financial stability as follows:
    - a. Ability to provide financial assistance to a chapter or colony;
    - b. A fraternity must indicate the degree to which it will assume responsibility for colony and chapter financial liabilities;
  5. The national fraternity should indicate the number of colonies it has or plans to have, while operating a colony at East Carolina University and how it plans to supervise and assist the East Carolina Colony;
  6. The number of colonies in the last five years and their status;
  7. The number and location of chapters in the state of North Carolina and the region, and the commitment to establishment of a chapter at East Carolina;
  8. The number of alumni within the University area and the number interested in advising a college chapter.
- B. Upon receipt of a “Request for Colonization” the President will appoint an Expansion Committee to be chaired by the Administrative Vice President.
- C. To be considered for expansion following submission of the “Request for Colonization” a national fraternity must be recommended by the Interfraternity Council and approved by the Dean of Students and the Interfraternity Council Expansion Committee.
- D. The national fraternity should be prepared to send a representative to meet the Interfraternity Council and the Expansion Committee at the request of the Dean of Students.
- E. The Interfraternity Expansion Committee may choose to invite several groups, representing national fraternities, to make presentations before making a final recommendation as to which the fraternity will be extended an invitation for expansion (if any). After the Expansion Committee makes this final recommendation, the request will be presented to the Interfraternity Council. A two-thirds vote by the Council will be required for invitation of expansion to be given.

- F. There may be no more than two colonies represented in the Interfraternity Council at any one time.
- G. The colony status of a fraternity must last at least one (1) year and may not exceed three (3) years.
- H. Until all of the requirements aforementioned have been fulfilled, the IFC will recognize no group of individuals as “colonies,” regardless of how the organization is viewed by their national fraternity. This includes, but is not limited to, sitting in on any regularly scheduled IFC meeting where IFC business is discussed.

### ***Section II. Colonization***

- A. Once a national fraternity has been approved, it may establish a colony by any of the following procedures:
  - 1. Transfer of members from another chapter or chapters of the national fraternity.
  - 2. Be organized by a representative of a national fraternity approved by the Interfraternity Council.
  - 3. Action of East Carolina University undergraduates having a like interest.
- B. A colony must follow the policies regarding student organizations at East Carolina University, and the Interfraternity Council.
- C. If for any reason the colonizing fraternity can not fulfill its financial, academic or social obligations, or comply with the Constitution and By-laws of the Interfraternity Council, action will be taken by the Interfraternity Council or the Expansion Committee to consider proper proceedings for the removal and/or decolonizing of the colony.

### ***Section III. Petitioning***

- A. A colony at East Carolina University may petition for full university recognition as soon as the colony is chartered as a fully functioning chapter by the national fraternity and after the following criteria have been met:
  - 1. Shall be in existence as a colony for at least one year;
  - 2. Shall have a membership size of forty-five members who are currently enrolled students at East Carolina University as per the Constitution, Article III, Section D. 1.
- B. The petition shall include but not limited to the following:
  - 1. List of colony members (associate members) and their scholastic standing and academic classifications;
  - 2. List of all alumni supporting the colony and the roster of the active alumni board and its officers;
  - 3. History of accomplishments of the colony;
  - 4. Financial status;
  - 5. Evidence of adequate insurance;
  - 6. Constitution and By-laws of the colony;

7. Progress as a colony and plans for:
  - a. Housing;
  - b. Interfraternity Council participation;
  - c. Membership recruitment;
  - d. Membership Education
  - e. Overall chapter identity;
  - f. Future events and goals.

The Interfraternity Council President will serve as liaison officer, appoint the Expansion Committee, and activate the policies set forth above.

## **APPENDIX B**

### ***Pre Rush Event***

- A. Purpose - The purpose for creating an event to precede Rush is to cultivate interest in all fraternities. It will afford the potential new member an opportunity to investigate all fraternities in a short period of time. This will produce a better-informed “consumer” when Rush actually begins. In no way should the event detract from or impede a fraternity’s individual Rush.
- B. Planning - The plans for such an event need to be complete by the end of the previous semester in order for it to be a success. A committee consisting of one brother from each Interfraternity Council fraternity should be organized to plan the activity in detail as well as make the necessary arrangements.
- C. Rules - As is the case with any event of this nature, there will need to be some structure and guidelines to follow. The committee planning the event can serve also as the rules committee. The rules need not be lengthy but the point should be made that this is not a contest to see which fraternity can be most impressive. The event is designed to encourage participation in the fraternity system as a whole.
- D. Locations - There are many possible locations that would be suitable for holding the event. The most obvious include the ultimate Blount athletic fields, the mall, the brickyard, and so on. In case of inclement weather, the event could also be held in the Student Recreation Center, Mendenhall Student Center, etc.
- E. Interfraternity Council Role - The success of this event depends on the support and cooperation of the Interfraternity Council. It will be needed for funding and for the coordination of the event.

## APPENDIX C

### *Officer Installation Ceremony*

**Outgoing IFC President:**

At this time we officially recognize and install the Interfraternity Council Officers of East Carolina University for *(insert the year)*. First, *(insert name and title)* will make some introductory remarks to the group.

**Greek Adviser:**

Fraternities have served the intellectual, spiritual, and social needs of collegiate men since 1776. The role of the Interfraternity Council in promoting, developing, and maintaining self-regulation of the fraternity system by fraternity men cannot be overemphasized. The responsibilities we are placing in your hands are immense. During your term in office, you will be challenged by critics of Greek life, criticized by your peers, confronted by your superiors, and even questioned by your own brothers. Serving the fraternity community will not be a simple task, but it will provide an arena in which you will be able to strengthen and enhance the quality of Greek life at East Carolina University. An opportunity to serve, to lead, to motivate, to empower, and to educate your peers awaits you.

**Outgoing IFC President:**

Will the newly elected officers of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council please come forward at this time?

*(Insert name)*, as the newly elected President of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council, do you promise to uphold and obey the provisions of the Constitution of the Interfraternity Council of East Carolina University, promote the highest ideals of honor, to perform all the duties of your office to the best of your ability, and to represent the entire fraternity system at all times?

*(incoming President answers "I do")*

**Outgoing IFC President:**

As newly elected executive officers and committee chairmen of the East Carolina University Interfraternity Council, do you promise to uphold the duties of your office, promote and protect the interests of the Greek system as a whole, and to assist the President in providing leadership to the fraternity community as a whole?

*(officers answer "I do")*

**Outgoing IFC President:**

I now call upon you, the newly installed leaders of our fraternity system, to pledge yourself to the Basic Expectations of Fraternity Membership as adopted by the National Interfraternity Conference. Raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I, (state your name) / commit myself to the Basic Expectations of Fraternity Membership. / I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my fraternity ritual. / I will strive for academic achievement / and practice academic integrity. / I will respect the dignity of all persons. / I will protect the health and safety of all human beings. / I will respect my property and the property of others. / I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs. / I will neither misuse nor support the misuse of alcohol. / I will challenge all fraternity members to abide by these fraternity expectations / and will confront those who violate them. /

Congratulations to each of you. We wish you well as you serve the East Carolina University fraternity community.

## APPENDIX D

### *Alcoholic Beverage Policy*

We, the Interfraternity Council of East Carolina University hereby endorse this alcohol policy and agree to the regulations included herein.

- I. No kegs (or any container that dispenses alcohol through a tapping device) will be permitted at fraternity/sorority events.
- II. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be prohibited.
- III. All members and associate members, and invited guests shall present proper identification showing proof of age and those meeting or exceeding the legal drinking age will be marked accordingly.
- IV. No liquor shall be stored or served in a container that is larger than ½ gallon (i.e. no alcoholic punches stored in trash cans, barrels, tubs, etc.).
- V. The possession, sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages while on chapter premises, during a fraternity event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of North Carolina, Pitt County, the City of Greenville and East Carolina University.
- VI. The Interfraternity Council will encourage responsible use of alcohol through alcohol education programs and speakers that will require the attendance of each member fraternity's associate member/pledge class and executive council.
- VII. Each fraternity is encouraged to provide on-going alcohol awareness education among their membership in accordance with their national/international guidelines.
- VIII. Irresponsibility and unacceptable actions taken by an East Carolina University Interfraternity Council member chapter or individual will be referred to the Interfraternity Council Judiciary Committee for review and appropriate action.
- IX. No alcohol shall be present at any intramural event, and all state laws will be followed at university athletic events.

- X. No alcohol will be permitted at any Rush function.
- XI. No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate member program, activity or ritual.
- XII. Any sorority which violates this policy will be reported to the Panhellenic Council Judiciary Committee. The Interfraternity Council reserves the right to suspend that sorority's social activities with any member fraternity by a majority vote of the Interfraternity Council.
- XIII. Enforcement of these policies will be through the Interfraternity Council Judiciary Committee and proceedings will be held in accordance with the guidelines stated in the Interfraternity Constitution, Article XI (Violations and Judicial Procedure).
- XIV. Ignorance of these policies will not provide reason or excuse for non-compliance.

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