

Constitution of the Interfraternity Council of the University of North Texas

Preamble

We, the social fraternities of the University of North Texas, are united in the pursuit of scholarship, community service, character, and friendship through our brotherhoods. These goals can only be attained through our cooperation. Thus, the Interfraternity Council of the University of North Texas is established in order to better its members and improve its community through focused strength.

Article I - Name: The name of this organization shall be the Interfraternity Council of the University of North Texas (UNT), hereinafter referred to as IFC.

Article II - Functions: The functions of the IFC shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Section 1: To promote relationships that are conducive to the general preservation of the fraternity community at the UNT.

Section 2: To improve the overall collegiate experience by assisting the fraternity community to remain acceptable and relevant to student life on our campus.

Section 3: To serve as a forum for consideration of the mutual concerns of member organizations.

Section 4: To provide assistance to any fraternity in the accomplishment of its goals and activities when such assistance is considered appropriate.

Section 5: To provide programs and activities, that aid in the development of all member organizations.

Section 6: To initiate resolutions and recommendations that will further the purposes and ideals of member organizations.

Section 7: To provide common experiences that encourages cooperation and unity among all campus organizations.

Section 8: To uphold and promote the standards of member organizations and governing bodies while supporting the interfraternal movement.

Article III - Affiliations: The IFC shall be a member of the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference (SEIFC), sponsored by the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC).

Article IV – Membership:

Section 1: The IFC believes fraternities add to the growth and development of the UNT campus community. With this in mind, it appreciates the need to expand options to meet the diverse interests of UNT students. The establishment of new fraternities will be as allowed for in the UNT Interfraternity Council Expansion Policy which will be reviewed and revised as necessary.

Section 2: Any social fraternity chapter or colony affiliated with a national/international fraternity which maintains membership in the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) or Fraternity Leadership Association (FLA), and is recognized as a social fraternity by the University of North Texas may hold membership in the IFC upon meeting the conditions of current expansion policies.

Section 3: Membership and participation in the IFC shall be free from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, age or disability.

Article V – Organization: The general organization of the IFC shall consist of the legislative body, the executive board and other committees, as deemed necessary to accomplish the functions of the IFC.

Section 1: The legislative body of the IFC shall consist of two (2) appointed representatives from each fraternity.

Section 2: Executive Board

- A. The officers of the IFC and responsibilities shall be as outlined in the Bylaws.
- B. The executive board shall be charged with the responsibility of directing the day-to-day functions of the IFC.
- C. The executive board may exercise one (1) additional vote in case of a tie. In order to cast a positive vote, the Executive Board must have a simple majority.

Section 3: The IFC and executive board shall meet regularly during the school year as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 4: Impeachment

A. The failure to perform the duties as prescribed in the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the IFC shall constitute grounds for impeachment of an IFC officer.

B. Officers shall be removed from office by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at a meeting of the IFC provided that a quorum is present.

C. Notice of a motion for impeachment shall be made a minimum of one (1) meeting before a vote is taken.

D. In the case of impeachment of an officer, the office shall be filled according to the procedures described in the Bylaws.

Article VI – Advising: The University advisor to the IFC shall be the Assistant Dean of Students whose primary responsibility is fraternities and sororities.

Article VII - Bylaws

Section 1: Bylaws shall be written by a committee appointed by the Parliamentarian. They may be proposed by any member in good standing with the IFC.

Section 2: Proposed bylaws shall be read one (1) meeting prior to the vote with written copies available for every member chapter. A bylaw shall be approved by a majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting, when quorum is present.

Article VIII – Policies:

Section 1: Policies shall be written by a committee appointed by the Parliamentarian. They may be proposed by any member in good standing with the IFC. Policies are to be housed separately from the IFC Bylaws.

Section 2: Proposed policies shall be read one (1) meeting prior to the vote with written copies available for every member chapter.

Section 3: Approved policies shall be implemented the semester following their approval.

Article IX - Amendments to the Constitution: This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of its voting members in attendance at any regular meeting, when quorum is present. Notice of a vote to amend this Constitution must be given in writing at least one (1) meeting in writing prior to the vote.

Article X - Ratification: This Constitution shall be ratified by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the member fraternities. This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon its ratification and supersede any previous Constitution of the IFC at the University of North Texas.

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