

SPRING HILL COLLEGE
INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL
CONSTITUTION

6/28/99

PREAMBLE

We the Inter-Fraternity Council, in order to promote the welfare and perpetuate the best interest of Spring Hill College and of the fraternities represented therein, do set forth this constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

This organization shall be known as The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) of Spring Hill College.

ARTICLE 2: GOALS

The goals of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) of Spring Hill College shall be:

- A: To promote, foster and guide the activities of member fraternities to the best interest of the Greek system, student body, college, and community.
- B: To maintain positive relationships between member fraternities.
- C: To aid its members in any ways possible to strengthen and develop the Greek system on campus.

ARTICLE 3: GOALS

Any men's fraternity, national or local, business or social, which is recognized by the administration of Spring Hill College, shall be eligible for membership. Each fraternity must comply with the following regulations describing procedures for establishing a fraternity on Spring Hill's campus.

- A: The petitioning group must have at least 10 initiated members and at least a 2.2 cumulative GPA.

- B: Petitioning groups must submit a Fraternity Constitution and history to the IFC Executive Board and the Dean of Students.
- C: Two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is needed for acceptance of membership to IFC.
- D: One semester of probationary membership will follow, when the new fraternity will be under close supervision of the IFC and the Dean of Students. Any activities that conflict with IFC or Spring Hill College laws or by-laws will be grounds for IFC judicial review and termination of probationary membership.
- E: The petitioning group must have a faculty advisor, approved by the Dean of Students.

ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS

Section 1.

A regular representative, preferably the chapter's president, shall represent each fraternity. The fraternities holding the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary / Treasurer shall be permitted to have an additional representative if requested.

Section 2.

A quorum shall exist when two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership is represented. Each member shall have one vote, with the delegate exercising the vote.

Section 3.

Meetings shall be governed by parliamentary procedure, according to Robert's Rules of Order (revised).

Section 4.

The Inter-Fraternity Council will meet on a weekly basis. The President may call special meetings at any time, or by the request of two (2) member fraternities.

Section 5.

No proxy vote shall be permitted.

Section 6.

The President of the Inter-Fraternity Council shall vote only in the case of a deadlock.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Secretary / Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

Officers shall be elected during the spring semester, following the nominations made at a previous meeting. The previous officers will be responsible for training their successor in facilitating and supervising Greek Week events, Rush, and the IFC Formal.

Section 2.

To be eligible to hold an elective office in the Inter-Fraternity Council, a man must have served at least one full previous semester as a chapter representative and have completed a declaration of intent to hold form.

Section 3.

An officer may be removed from office with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member fraternities and the approval of the judicial committee. An officer may also be removed from office due to poor academic standing (having below a 2.0 GPA).

ARTICLE 7: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Inter-Fraternity Council and shall perform all duties pertaining to his office. These include, but are not limited to, faculty and community service relations. Greek Week organization and supervision as well as IFC Formal planning, organization, and execution.

Section 2.

The Vice President shall aid the president in his duties, and shall preside at the meetings in absence of the president. The Vice President shall supervise the planning,

organization, and execution of spring semester rush, serve as the interpreter of the Constitution and by-laws, and chair all judicial committees.

Section 3.

The Secretary / Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Inter-Fraternity Council, conduct all correspondence, receive and allocate all funds, provide budgets for major IFC events, and assist the President and the Vice President with their respective duties. The Secretary / Treasurer shall not allocate funds without the approval of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 8: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1.

The Executive Council (EC) shall be composed of the President, Vice President, and Secretary / Treasurer of the Inter-Fraternity Council. A staff advisor shall be selected by the Inter-Fraternity Council to be approved by the Dean of Students and Activities Coordinator.

Section 2.

The functions of the EC shall be the administration of affairs and programs of the Inter-Fraternity Council, and implementation of policies.

Section 3.

No fraternity may have two (2) members on the EC.

ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Judicial Committee shall be composed of each chapter president. The committee will be chaired by the Vice President of the Inter-Fraternity Council, unless his fraternity is involved, then the President of the Inter-Fraternity Council will chair the committee. The Inter-Fraternity Council Secretary will act as a non-voting member, and his minutes will include only the charge and the decision.

Section 2.

The purposes of the Inter-Fraternity Council Judicial Committee are:

- A: To establish precedent and maintain continuity in regard to judicial action against fraternities.
- B: To implement the enforcement of the Inter-Fraternity Council Constitution and college regulations.
- C: To remove personal and judicial elements from the meetings of the Inter-Fraternity Council.
- D: To offer the fraternities increased opportunity for self-government, with the ultimate goal of improving fraternity relations.

Section 3: REFERRALS OF CASES.

- A: Cases shall be brought before the board in the following manner:
 - 1. By referral from the Dean of Students.
 - 2. By referral from the Inter-Fraternity Council Executive Board.
 - 3. By referral from the chairman of the investigating committee.
- B: All referrals must be in writing and must include pertinent date known in a particular offense.
- C: The Judicial Committee shall try all cases involving a fraternity or fraternities, and cases involving actions of an individual member.

Section 4: POWERS AND ENFORMENT.

- A: The Judicial Committee shall have the power to inflict punishments of a disciplinary nature.
 - 1. Monetary
 - 2. Restrictive
 - 3. Suspension
- B: If the Judicial Committee recommends revocation of a fraternity's charter, that revocation will be forwarded to the Dean of Students.

ARTICLE 10: SCHOLARSHIP

A member fraternity whose chapter average falls below 2.00 average for a given term shall automatically be placed upon academic probation for the following term. (There shall be no suspension of individual chapter activities during this probation period).

ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

This constitution may be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Inter-Fraternity Council, followed by the signatures of the representatives of the member fraternities.

ARTICLE 12: RUSH PROCEDURE

Section 1.

The formal rush period for the Fall and Spring Semester shall be arranged by the Inter-Fraternity Council Vice-President and be accepted by a majority vote of the member fraternities.

Section 2.

A list of all men who begin the New Member Education Period shall be submitted to the Inter-Fraternity Council President as well as the Pledge Executive of the Greek Council.

Section 3.

The Inter-Fraternity Council shall administer the Rush and New Member Education by-laws to each fraternity. No fraternity shall have the power to certify the academic standing of any New Member.

Section 4.

A complete list of rules and regulations regarding the New Member Education Period will be enclosed within the by-laws of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

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ARTICLE 1: MEETINGS

Meetings and Attendance

Section 1.

Meetings shall be held on a weekly basis. The President reserves the right to call meetings at his discretion.

Section 2.

More than two unexcused absences from meetings shall result in the member fraternity being inactive for the remainder of the academic term.

Section 3.

A written reinstatement must be given to the Inter-Fraternity Council by the suspended fraternity by the first meeting of the following term. The reinstatement shall be voted on by the members of the IFC. Reinstatement shall be accompanied by a one term probationary status.

Section 4.

The probationary term requires a term of perfect meeting attendance. Any absences will warrant the actions of a judicial review by the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Section 5.

All IFC representatives must be active members of their respective fraternity. Inactive members or pledges may not substitute for appointed delegates.

ARTICLE 2: DUES

Section 1.

IFC shall be granted the power to levy dues.

Section 2.

The amount of the dues levied shall be determined at the first meeting of the school year and will carry through the entire year.

Section 3.

Dues are to be paid no later than the second meeting of each term. All late payments will be assessed a \$25 fine.

Section 4.

The purpose of monetary dues collected by IFC is to finance normal operations, Greek Week Events, Rush, IFC Formal, and other Pro Greek and rush related events and activities.

ARTICLE 3: GREEK WEEK

Section 1.

A committee shall be formed with one representative from each fraternity plus the IFC Executive Board. This committee is responsible for establishing the rules and guidelines for the respective Greek Week. Greek Week events will be chosen and voted on by this committee.

Section 2.

Each member fraternity shall have one spokesman during Greek Week. This spokesman is the designed liaison between the Greek Week chairs and their respective fraternity.

Section 3.

The Greek Week Chairman and the IFC Executive Board shall handle any disputes. These governing bodies shall make any decisions in regards to Greek Week. All decisions are final.

Section 4.

Active members are ineligible for a Greek Week event if they participated in a related varsity sport in the current academic year. This also includes being on the roster for any event during that respective sports season.

Section 5.

All members' grades will be checked for ineligibility. Participation members must possess a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA and also must be enrolled in at least 12 credit

hours to participate in Greek Week events. Enrollment does not include correspondence courses.

ARTICLE 4: NEW MEMBER EDUCATION PROCESS

Section 1.

The Inter-Fraternity Council Executive Board shall determine dates for the New Member Education Process for each academic year.

Section 2.

Formal education activities may be held on the campus of Spring Hill College.

Section 3.

No fraternity shall participate in any sort of hazing activities. The Inter-Fraternity Council does not condone such activities and will punish guilty parties with maximum allowable penalties in conjunction with Spring Hill College and local Law enforcement authorities.

Section 4.

Early distribution of fraternity bids and “under the table” pledging is not permitted and will be investigated upon the end each term.

Section 5.

All member fraternities must submit perspective New Member rosters for an eligibility check before the process is to begin.

Section 6.

Grades are checked as of the end of the prior term of enrollment.

Section 7.

Any violations shall be brought before the Inter-Fraternity Council. Any judicial actions deemed necessary will be set forth.

ARTICLE 5: OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES

Section 1.

IFC shall not assume or be held responsible for any liabilities or debts of any fraternity in its affiliation.

Section 2.

No individual shall make any expenditure or enter into any contract without the approval of the IFC Executive Board.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Proposed amendments to these by-laws must be presented to the IFC and read aloud at a scheduled meeting of the IFC. After a specific period, such a proposal or proposals may be voted on at regularly scheduled meetings. The revocation of a section of the by-laws shall also follow the same procedure.

Section 2.

A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members is required to pass or revoke any proposed amendment.

ARTICLE 7: RUSH PROCEDURE AND RULES

Section 1.

No fraternities are permitted to sponsor social functions during the week of Rush with prospective members in attendance.

Section 2.

The Inter-Fraternity Council will not tolerate any badgering and / or slandering against any fraternity's prospective members or any fraternity. Any organization found to be in violation of this section will be subject to Judicial Review, a minimum of thirty hours of community service, and an IFC determined monetary fine.

Section 3.

All knowledge of the bidding process will be held strictly confidential between the IFC and member fraternities. If any organization is found to be in violation of this section will suffer the same repercussions as in section 2 where applicable.

Section 4.

The destruction or vandalism of any fraternities property will not be tolerated by the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Section 5.

After the last rush party during rush week, there is to be no contact between active members and prospective members.

Section 6.

At the IFC meeting following Rush week, each fraternity will be allowed one designated representative to speak upon his fraternity's behalf. This is done to air any possible rush regulation infractions that need to be dealt with by a judicial review.

ARTICLE 8: SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Section 1.

All social functions shall be governed according to Greek Alcohol Policy. SEE GREEK ALCOHOL POLICY. This policy is in accordance with all national, state, local, Spring Hill College, and Inter-Fraternal laws, rules, and regulations governing the use of alcohol.

-- All parties are closed unless stated otherwise in registration.

-- Party formats are to be strictly how they were signed up (where, who when)

-- All social functions must have at least one door monitor, three sober drivers, two signs stating that you must be 21 to drink, and signs stating that there are three sober drivers available at every exit.

-- If inadequate sober drivers:

1st offense: 2 week no party period and \$100 fine

2nd offense: 4 week no party period and \$250 fine

3rd offense: 10 week no party period and \$300 fine

ARTICLE 9: ACADEMICS

Section 1.

Actives must maintain a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, unless less than 12 is needed to graduate, then member is still eligible.

ARTICLE 10: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1.

Executive Board has the power to punish the individual.

Section 2.

The member fraternities' are responsible for the individual at all fraternity functions.

Section 3.

Executive Board has the power to punish the individual, but these powers are not limited to the individual.

ARTICLE 11: ADVISORS

Section 1.

All fraternities must have an advisor to be members of IFC.

Section 2.

All fraternities must keep advisors informed of all business.

Section 3.

Advisors will meet with the IFC once per semester.

Section 4.

Advisors are to be asked for a letter declaring advisor status every term. Letter is to be turned into the IFC.

Section 5.

Advisors must meet with the IFC advisor once per semester.

ARTICLE 12: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Section 1.

Community service is not a tool for punishment from IFC.

Section 2.

The IFC will sponsor two (2) community service events per year.

Section 3.

At least three (3) members from each fraternity will participate.