



Auburn University Interfraternity Council

The Auburn University Interfraternity Council Constitution

Preamble

We, the members of the Interfraternity Council of Auburn University, establish this constitution to establish a set of standards and guidelines to which each fraternity will adhere. To foster a positive and beneficial relationship between the fraternities and Auburn University by promoting honesty and cooperation between the two entities.

Mission

The mission of the Interfraternity Council of Auburn University is to govern, to serve, to represent, and to promote, with the highest standard of integrity, its member fraternities. We exist as a resource to facilitate the growth and development of fraternity men in areas of personal and fraternal responsibility, leadership, scholastic achievement, civic engagement, and brotherhood.

ARTICLE I: Name

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Auburn University Interfraternity Council (hereinafter referred to as the IFC).

Article II: Authority

- A. This Constitution shall be the governing document for the IFC Executive Board, IFC Judicial Branch, IFC Legislative Branch, IFC Cabinet Branch, IFC committees, and all IFC member fraternities.
- B. All policies of Auburn University, as well as all local, state, and federal laws, shall supersede any authority set forth by this Constitution, the IFC Bylaws, the IFC Judicial Code, or any addendums.
- C. The IFC shall have the authority to collect dues from its member fraternities and use and manage the funds collected as approved in the annual budget.

Article III: Membership Standards

Section I. Composition

- 1. Membership in the IFC is open to social fraternity chapters and colonies at Auburn University that are recognized by their respective Inter/National Headquarters.
- 2. There shall be two classifications of membership in the IFC: Full Member and Associate Member.

Section II. Duty of Compliance

- A. All members, without regard to membership class, shall comply with all Auburn Interfraternity Council Governing Documents and any additional rules this Interfraternity Council may adopt unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws.

- B. Duty of compliance with the IFC Judicial Policy and Process.

Section III. Full Membership Standards

- A. Full members shall be those groups of persons who meet the criteria of full member status and desire to have IFC support and recognition.
 - 1. Full member organizations will be able to:
 - i. Participate/partake in IFC-related programs.
 - ii. Speak in Council of Presidents meetings.
 - iii. Vote on IFC-related matters at Council of Presidents or other IFC formal events.
 - 2. The expectations of a Full Member fraternity shall be to:
 - i. Meet all requirements of Auburn Greek Life Membership.
 - ii. Comply with all IFC policies within the IFC Constitution and Bylaws, Auburn University policies, and all state and federal laws.
 - iii. Fulfill IFC financial obligations.
 - iv. Attend IFC Council of Presidents meetings consistently, with a maximum of two absences per semester.
 - v. Participate in mandated events including, but not limited to, Risk Management Summit, New Member Educator Summit, Fire and Life Safety Training, etc.
 - vi. Maintain a minimum of 30 active members in the organization.
 - vii. Maintain an all-chapter average grade point of 2.7 or above.

Section IV. Associate Membership Standards

- A. Any new or re-establishing organization shall be granted associate member status, through the Auburn IFC Growth Policy process.
- B. Associate member status may be granted to those groups who do not meet the full member standards consecutively for a maximum of two (2) academic years.
- C. An associate member fraternity will be held to the same member standards outlined in Section III above, Full Membership Standards. However, while associate members may speak at IFC and Council of Presidents meetings, they do not have voting privileges.
- D. Associate Member fraternities cannot have members run for positions on the IFC Executive Board, serve on IFC Court, and will not be eligible for any IFC or Greek Life Awards
- E. Associate Member fraternities must participate in all scheduled recruitment periods (i.e., Fall Formal recruitment and Spring Formal Recruitment) each academic year until they reach 30 active members in their organization

- F. Associate member fraternities, qualified by having less than 30 active members, may also request a recruitment extension or continuous open bidding request, per academic semester, through the IFC Vice President of Recruitment
 - 1. Continuous Open Bidding (COB) Process:
 - i. Eligible chapters may extend bids to potential new members at any time throughout the year, including periods specified by the IFC for formal recruitment events.
 - ii. Chapters participating in COB must adhere to all recruitment guidelines and standards the IFC, Greek Life, and Auburn University set forth.
 - iii. Bids must be reported to IFC and Greek Life as they are accepted.
 - iv. The new member education period may not be extended and must still be completed by the date assigned by the IFC Vice President of New Member Education.
 - v. The IFC Vice President of Recruitment retains the right to deny a continuous open bidding and/or a recruitment extension request
 - vi. **Potential new members extended bids through COB must meet the eligibility criteria outlined by the IFC and Auburn University, including academic requirements, conduct standards, and current Auburn University student status.**
- G. If an associate member fraternity maintains the standards of a full member organization for one (1) academic year, they may request to be recognized as a full member. The request should be sent to the IFC President and IFC advisor and should include evidence of meeting the full member standards.
- H. Upon receipt of the request and evidence, the IFC President will present the request to the Council of Presidents. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval is required to gain full membership status.

Section V. Membership Removal

- A. A full or associate member fraternity can lose IFC recognition due to one of the following:
 - 1. IFC Court Sanction
 - 2. Loss of recognition by the Inter/National Headquarters
 - 3. Inability to meet the IFC Membership Standards
- B. If a member fraternity loses recognition due to an IFC Court sanction or decision by the Inter/National Headquarters, that decision will be immediate.
- C. If a member fraternity is not in compliance or is nearing non-compliance, with IFC Membership Standards, either Full or Associate, the following actions will be taken:
 - 1. Auburn Greek Life will notify the fraternity (president, advisor, and headquarters) and the IFC Executive Board that the chapter is not in good standing and must be reviewed by the IFC Growth Committee.

2. The IFC Growth Committee will review the fraternity records to assess the health of the organization. The committee will work with the member fraternity, chapter advisors, national office/headquarters, and Auburn Greek Life to learn more about the support offered to the chapter and to see if it is sustainable on campus.
3. The IFC Growth Committee will make a recommendation to the Council of Presidents for the fraternity to either be removed or to be placed on probation for up to one calendar year. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to revoke membership status immediately.
4. If, after a year of probation, the fraternity is still not in compliance with membership standards, the fraternity will be automatically removed at the end of the academic semester.

Section VI. Membership Growth

A. Growth Process

1. Types of Growth Interest

- i. **Student Interest Group:** A group of Auburn University enrolled students may seek recognition by the IFC with the support from an inter/national organization.
 - ii. **Inter/National Fraternity Organization Interest:** Any inter/national fraternity organization may express interest in recognition by the Auburn IFC.
 - iii. **Re-Establishment Interest:** Any prior Auburn IFC Organization who is eligible to re-colonize/re-organize/re-charter/re-activate/re-establish upon completion of sanctions levied by the Auburn IFC, Auburn Greek Life, and/or Inter/National Fraternity Headquarters may express interest in recognition by the IFC.
2. All interested parties listed above will be required to provide a declaration of intent and registration materials as outlined in the Auburn University Greek Life Expansion Policy.

B. Growth Endorsement

1. Upon receipt of registration materials, the Director of Greek Life, respective staff, and Council members will conduct an initial review. The organization may be asked to provide additional documentation and/or more thorough documentation to support the request. Once completed materials are received, they will be forwarded to the Auburn IFC Growth Committee.
2. Upon receiving the required registration materials, the Auburn IFC Growth Committee, appointed by the IFC President, will review, and consider the materials and present them to the Council of Presidents.
3. The Growth Committee will be made up of four (4) fraternity presidents, three (3) fraternity advisors, the IFC President, the IFC Vice President of Recruitment, and the IFC Advisor. The committee will be appointed by the IFC President and stand

for the current IFC President's term of office. This committee will be charged with the following:

- i. Determine if the community is prepared for additional growth.
- ii. Determining the best academic term for growth within a four-to-six-year period.
- iii. Preparing a recommendation summary based on the registration materials of the interested organization.
- iv. Determining if more information is needed from the interested organization. Example: The committee may request a formal presentation or additional data.

4. The IFC President will present the committee's summary of the interested organization to the Council of Presidents.
5. A two-thirds (2/3) vote in support by the Council of Presidents is required for the interested organization to be approved.

C. Growth Expectations

1. Recruitment

- i. The new organization must participate in two consecutive IFC-organized recruitment periods (i.e. Fall Formal Recruitment and Spring Formal Recruitment) each academic year until they reach full member status.

2. Membership Standards:

- i. The new organization must follow all member standards of Associate Member Fraternities as outlined in Section IV until granted Full Member status.
- ii. The new organization must follow the Greek Life Membership Standards.

D. Growth Limitations

1. The IFC will allow a maximum of one organization to be a part of the growth process per academic year to ensure the responsible growth of the IFC Community. The number may be increased at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the Council of Presidents.
2. If it is determined that the IFC cannot support any membership growth of any of the interested parties outlined in Section VI, the IFC will not accept registration materials. This decision will be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council of Presidents.
 - i. This may not occur in consecutive years.

ARTICLE IV: Executive Branch

- A. The Executive Board of the IFC shall consist of the following executive officers: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Risk Management, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Administration, and Vice President of New Member Education.
- B. The Executive Board shall be headed by the IFC President, who is charged with serving as the chief executive officer.

- C. No member of the Executive Board may concurrently serve as the President, Vice President, Treasurer, New Member Education Officer, or Recruitment Chairman (or position of equivalent responsibility) of his individual chapter.
- D. The IFC President shall, to the best of his ability, enforce all articles and sections of the Bylaws.
- E. The IFC Council of Presidents shall be charged with electing the executive officers in November of each year. Only one member from each fraternity shall serve as an Executive Officer at any time.
- F. Any executive officer may be removed from office for failure to discharge his responsibilities upon a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the IFC Council of Presidents. The request for such removal may be submitted by the President or by one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) vote of full member fraternities.

ARTICLE V: Cabinet Branch

- A. The IFC will appoint a Cabinet, annually, which will be composed of active members with various responsibilities as prescribed by the Executive Vice President.
- B. The members of the IFC Cabinet will be charged with conducting all IFC programming throughout their term in office.

ARTICLE VI: Legislative Branch

- A. The IFC Council of Presidents will serve as the legislative branch of the IFC.
- B. Each fraternity shall be represented on the IFC Council of Presidents by its President, who possesses one vote in all matters before the IFC Council of Presidents.
- C. The IFC Council of Presidents is granted the authority to adopt such statements of position and policy as may represent member fraternities to the University community and establish regulations governing conduct among member fraternities.
- D. Full Member Fraternities make up the voting body of the IFC Council of Presidents.

ARTICLE VII: Judicial Branch

- A. The judicial branch of the IFC will be composed of the IFC Judicial Board, which has the power to interpret and enforce IFC policies, rules, and regulations in accordance with the IFC Bylaws, IFC Judicial Process, and Auburn University's Code of Conduct.
- B. The IFC Judicial Board and its proceedings will be governed by the IFC Judicial Process.

ARTICLE VIII: Advisor

- A. The IFC Advisor shall be an individual employed by the University to advise and monitor the operations of the Interfraternity Council.
- B. Upon failure or remittance of these duties, the IFC Council of Presidents, by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote, may voice a formal complaint to the Senior Vice President of Student Affairs.

Article IX: Meetings

Section I. Executive Board Meetings

- A. All officers of the Executive Board shall meet, at minimum, once every two weeks throughout the academic year (August through May) for the purpose of conducting IFC business.
- B. Executive Board Meetings shall be open to members of the IFC Executive Board, the IFC Advisor, and other personnel designated by the IFC President.

Section II. Legislative Branch Meetings

- A. The Legislative Branch of the IFC is the Council of Presidents. The Council of President meetings shall consist of the Member Fraternity Presidents, the IFC Executive Board and the IFC Advisor. Full Member Fraternities possess one vote in all matters before the IFC Council of Presidents. The IFC Council of Presidents is granted the authority to adopt such statements of position and policy as may represent member fraternities to the University community and establish regulations governing conduct among member fraternities. The Council of Presidents meeting shall be designated as open or closed by the Executive Board.
 - 1. Any member of the IFC community may attend an open Council of Presidents.
 - 2. Only those specified by the Executive Officers shall attend the closed Council of Presidents.
- B. Attendees must be notified of the Council of Presidents and its purpose at least one week prior to the meeting.
- C. The Council of Presidents shall meet, at minimum, once every two weeks throughout the academic year for the purpose of conducting IFC business.
- D. Special meetings may be called by the IFC President or upon written request of one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of full member fraternities stating the purpose of such meetings.

Section III. Cabinet Branch Meetings

- A. IFC Cabinet Meetings are defined as meetings hosted by the Executive Vice President for the purpose of implementing IFC programs and collaboration among the IFC cabinet members.
- B. IFC Cabinet Meetings shall be open to members of the IFC Cabinet, the IFC Executive Board, the IFC Graduate Assistant, and other guests designated by the Executive Vice President.

- C. Attendees must be notified of the IFC Cabinet Meetings and their purpose at least one week prior to the meeting.
- D. The IFC Cabinet shall meet, at minimum, once every two weeks throughout the academic year for the purpose of conducting IFC business.
- E. Attendance at IFC Cabinet Meetings is required by all IFC Cabinet Directors. Failure to attend two meetings without being excused by the Executive Vice President provides grounds for dismissal from IFC Cabinet.
 - 1. Dismissal from IFC Cabinet is solely at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.
 - 2. If an IFC Cabinet member is dismissed, his right to re-apply for the next term on IFC Cabinet, or to run for an IFC Executive Board position in the future is lost.

ARTICLE X: Amendments

- A. This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote by the IFC Council of Presidents. Any unstated policies, requirements, duties and guidelines of the IFC shall be clarified by the IFC By-Laws.