



# University of Georgia Interfraternity Council Constitution

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## Preamble

We, the members of the Interfraternity Council of the University of Georgia, desiring to establish an internal organization of efficiency, to adopt a definite system of government, to locate authority and responsibility in the IFC, and to establish rules and regulations necessary to the conduct of IFC affairs, do hereby set up and establish the following constitution.

## Article I

### Officers - Their Duties and Election:

**Section 1** All voting done during any election shall be by roll call except when a majority of those chapters present call for an election by secret ballot. At such time, if a majority of those chapters present vote in favor of election by secret ballot, elections shall be conducted in such a manner.

**Section 2** To be eligible for an IFC office, a representative must:

- A. Be in good standing with his respective Fraternity and The University of Georgia, and possess and maintain grade point average no less than that required of each Fraternity (currently a 2.80 GPA).
- B. Be in at least his second semester of service in the IFC and be an undergraduate for another full year after his election.

**Section 3** Elections shall take place the last regular IFC meeting Fall Semester.

### **Section 4 - President**

- A. He shall be presiding officer of the IFC and shall perform duties normally associated with the chair.

- B. He shall open all sessions at the regularly scheduled hour by taking the chair and calling the members to order.
- C. He shall close debate when deemed necessary or in the best interest of the IFC. An IFC executive member or chapter representative may then second the close.
- D. He shall serve as a Chairman of the Executive Committee, calling meetings on a regular basis.
- E. He shall represent the IFC in all student-faculty committees, and other administrative debates and meetings, except those responsibilities otherwise delegated with the approval of the IFC.
- F. He is the chief spokesman for IFC.

#### **Section 5 - Vice President for Administration**

- A. He shall serve as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- B. He shall, in the event of the absence of the President, be the presiding officer of the IFC.
- C. He shall be the ex-officio chairman of all committees.
- D. He shall be the Chairman of the Administrative Council of the IFC, which serves to coordinate all of the activities of committees within the IFC.
- E. He shall, along with the Executive Committee, appoint all committee chairmen under his authority.
- F. He shall call regular meetings of all committee chairman.
- G. He shall revise all committee chairman job descriptions and place them annually in the constitution (all committee chairman shall be selected at the end of Fall Semester, and govern themselves according to their official job descriptions).
- H. He shall have the power of creation and dismemberment of committee themselves.

#### **Section 6 - Vice President for Rush**

- A. He shall oversee all aspects of Fraternity Rush.
- B. He shall direct the activities of the Chairman of the Recruitment Committee of the IFC.
- C. He shall serve as the Editor of all rush publications, including the Fraternity Way.

### **Section 7 - Vice President of Judicial Affairs and Risk Management**

- A. He shall educate and enforce the risk management policies of the IFC, including but not limited to alcohol issues, new member education, housing, social policies, and university policies.
- B. He shall appoint the Judicial Board Chairman and members of the Judicial Board.
- C. He shall ensure the proper training of the Judicial Chairman and Judicial Board (Committee).
- D. He shall be the IFC Executive Council liaison concerning all matters of risk management and university policy as they apply to the IFC.
- E. He shall not sit as a voting justice for IFC Judicial hearings.
- F. He shall work with the Judicial Board Chairman to ensure the proper execution of the Judicial Board By-Laws.
- G. He shall work closely with the Programming Chairman concerning educational programs.

### **Section 8 - Vice President for Public Relations**

- A. He shall be the IFC public relations counselor and shall have charge of any and all public relation campaigns, operations, advertising, and research programs conducted through the auspices of the IFC.
- B. He shall remain in constant communication with the public relations liaison for each member chapter.
- C. He shall send press releases on behalf of the IFC to the media and administration.
- D. He shall serve as the executive officer in charge of the technology committee.
- E. He shall be the organizer and producer of the IFC alumni listserv, which shall be published on the last day of every month.

### **Section 9 - Treasurer/Secretary**

- A. He shall establish and maintain accurate ledgers on all financial transactions of the Council.
- B. He shall have the power to refer chapters delinquent in paying IFC dues to the IFC Judicial Board.

- C. He shall develop the IFC budget and present it to the IFC annually.
- D. He is responsible with the collection of semester dues and rush fees.
- E. He is responsible with the assessment of fines for delinquent payment of dues.
- F. He hears and makes judgment on extensions of payments.
- G. He works with the Vice President of Rush for the development of the Rush Budget.
- H. He shall maintain accurate records of all transactions of business on the floor of the IFC.
- I. He shall duplicate the records of each meeting and deliver a copy to a representative of each member organization not later than 3 regular business days after the close of the session.
- J. He shall maintain in duplicate a record of all IFC correspondence.
- K. He shall maintain a master copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the IFC, and shall record any revisions or amendments directly onto the master copy in the appropriate place. He shall also maintain a master book of all legislation and administrative policies adopted by the Council.
- L. He shall be a recorder of the Executive Committee.
- M. He shall up-date the Constitution of the IFC at the end of his term.

### **Section 10 - Removal from Office**

Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any officer by presenting a petition to that effect to the IFC Judicial Board. Such a petition must specify the charges against the accused officer and must be signed by one-third (1/3) of the representatives of one-half (1/2) or more of the member fraternities. Upon receipt of a petition for impeachment, the IFC Judicial Board must meet in executive session, before the next IFC meeting, to determine whether or not the charges brought against the accused officer warrant his removal from office. If such determination is made, the IFC Judicial Board must recommend debate on the issue by the member fraternities.

## **Article II**

### **The Executive Committee:**

**Section 1** The Executive Committee shall be composed of: the President, Vice President for Rush, Vice President for Administration, Vice President for Public Relations,

Treasurer/Secretary.

**Section 2** The President of the IFC shall be the President of the Executive Committee and the Secretary of the IFC shall be the Recorder of the Executive Committee.

**Section 3** The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to assist the President in the planning, adoption, and execution of the policies and programs for the betterment of the IFC:

- A. It shall hold at the least bi-monthly meetings or more.
- B. The term of office in the Executive Committee shall run concurrently with that of the office qualifying each of the members comprising it.
- C. All proposed laws, procedures and plans adopted by the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the IFC for final approval.
- D. It shall determine, formulate, and establish policies under which the IFC is represented in its contact with other organizations on campus.
- E. It shall prepare at least two (2) weeks previous to the annual election a list of eligible nominees for IFC office, for the consideration of the IFC.
- F. It shall appoint the chairman and members of all standing and special committees of the IFC.
- F. It shall appoint the IFC Judicial Board members and the IFC Judicial Board chairman.

### **Article III**

#### **IFC Meetings:**

**Section 1** Excluding Summer Semester, there shall be at least two (2) regular meetings per calendar month, except for those months during which University classes are in session less than one-half of the total days of the month, in which case there shall be no less than one (1) regular meeting of the IFC.

**Section 2** The selection of the meeting place for all IFC meetings shall be left to the President of the IFC.

**Section 3** The date and time of the next regular meeting shall be announced by the President prior to the close of each meeting.

#### **Section 4 - Special Meetings**

- A. The President shall have the power to call the IFC into special session as he shall seem necessary providing, however, all members shall be given twenty-four (24)

- hours advance notice as to the time and place of all special meetings.
- B. The IFC may at any time request that the President call a special meeting provided such a request is in the form of a petition signed by representatives of one-third (1/3) of the member fraternities. Said request shall be mandatory upon the President.
  - C. Any business conducted in special sessions for which there was not given twenty-four (24) hours advance notice to each member fraternity shall be null and void.

**Section 5** Two-thirds (2/3) or more of the total membership of the IFC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the IFC, except as may be otherwise specifically provided for by the IFC Constitution or these By-Laws.

### **Section 6 - Meeting Attendance**

- A. All groups that are part of the IFC must be represented at all regularly scheduled IFC meetings.
- B. Roll call will be taken at the beginning of every meeting by the IFC Secretary.

Absences will result in the following:

- 1st absence each semester - warning letter from the Judicial Board Chairman
  - 2nd absence - \$50 fine payable to IFC
  - 3rd absence - \$75 fine payable to IFC
  - 4th absence - gets referred to the IFC Judicial Board for possible sanctions
- C. Mandatory meetings and seminars that are missed by the executive officers of an individual fraternity will be punished with a \$250 fine payable to the IFC.  
\* more than one miss per semester will be referred to the IFC Judicial Board.
  - D. Only the IFC Secretary or the Advisor to Fraternities may excuse a group for missing a meeting. The group should notify the IFC at least one day prior to the meeting.

## **Article IV**

### **Order of Business:**

**Section 1** The order of business for all meetings of the IFC shall be:

1. Ask if there are any members of the media present.
2. Call to order and the time will be noted.
3. Any speakers that we have tonight.

4. Roll Call by chapter.
5. Reports of the IFC officers:
  - a) Vice President for Administration
  - b) Vice President for Judicial Affairs/Risk Management
  - c) Vice President for Rush
  - d) Vice President for Public Relations
  - e) Treasurer/Secretary
  - f) President
6. Reports of the standing committees:
  - a) Chapter Development
  - b) Programming
  - c) Community Service
  - d) Recruitment
  - e) Scholarship
  - f) Public Relations
  - g) Technology
7. Reports from the IFC Judicial Board Chair.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Recognition of IFC Advisor, Brandon Frye
11. Introduction of new representatives & new presidents.
12. Proposals and suggestions for the good of IFC.
13. Adjournment.

**Section 2** In order for a member fraternity to have a vote in the issues brought before the IFC, two of its three registered representatives must themselves be present at the meeting **or** the President must be present.

**Section 3**

- A. All legislative motions presented to the IFC must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the IFC at least two weeks prior to its presentation.
- B. All issues put to a vote shall be considered as carried when a single majority of those present and voting are cast in favor of the issue, excepting as herein otherwise

specified.

- C. On issues of a financial nature for which there will of necessity be a direct assessment levied upon individual fraternity men, such a motion shall be tabled until the next meeting.
- D. All legislative motions concerning rush proposals presented to the IFC must pass by a 2/3 majority of the member fraternities present and eligible to vote, provided a quorum is present.

## **Article V**

### **IFC Committees:**

**Section 1** - The standing committees of the IFC shall be the following:

1. Chapter Development Committee
2. Programming Committee
3. Community Service Committee
4. Recruitment Committee
5. Scholarship Committee
6. Public Relations Committee
7. Technology Committee
8. Judicial Board

**Section 2** Each committee will utilize the current descriptions the IFC possesses for their committee.

**Section 3** Committee Chairman shall have the same cumulative GPA as that required of each fraternity (currently a 2.80 GPA).

**Section 4** Committee Chairman shall serve one year terms and be evaluated by the Executive Committee after each semester.

**Section 5** Special committees may be appointed at the direction of the Executive Committee and their term of appointment shall be designated in the appointment.

## **Article VI**

### **Dues:**

**Section 1** The dues of the IFC shall be \$9.00 per chapter member per semester and \$30.00 per new member per semester. Chapters on a one year probationary period will be subject to dues amounting to \$1.00 per chapter member and \$30.00 per new member. Dues are based on prior semester grade reports.

**Section 2** The IFC Treasurer shall obtain from the Advisor to Fraternities a list of the membership of each IFC fraternity. From this list the IFC Treasurer shall give each chapter a bill for the chapter's IFC dues. If the chapter questions the accuracy of the bill (based on their chapter membership) changes can be made if and only if the chapter president also changes his chapter's roster in the Greek Life Office.

**Section 3** IFC dues shall be received no later than two weeks after dues are issued. If these dues are not paid in full by then, the respective chapter will be levied a fine of \$1.00 per chapter member. If dues are not paid by the end of the semester, an additional \$2.00 per member will be added to the bill.

**Section 4** Special exceptions to the above dues deadline may be granted by the IFC Executive Committee, if and only if the chapter president requests so before the final deadline for dues. Each special exemption will be handled on a case by case basis. If an extension is granted the maximum extension allowed is to the fourth (4th) regular IFC meeting of the semester (at no time will the deadline extend past the fourth regular IFC meeting of the semester).

## **Article VII**

### **The IFC Judicial Board:**

**Section 1** All member Fraternities, those on probationary membership, and petitioning colonies of the IFC at the University of Georgia are subject to the jurisdiction of the IFC Judicial Board as a provision of their membership in the IFC.

**Section 2** The powers and responsibilities of the IFC Judicial Board shall be enumerated within this constitution and may only be changed or amended as is provided for within this document.

### **IFC Judicial Board By-Laws**

#### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Judicial Board of the Interfraternity Council at the University of Georgia.

#### **Purpose**

The Judicial Board exists to facilitate the Greek Life office, the Interfraternity Council, and individual member chapters in resolving matters of alleged violations. These can be violations of, but not limited to the Interfraternity Council Constitution, UGA social events policies, policies of the Greek Life Office, Greek Standards set forth by the Interfraternity Council, and the University's Code of Conduct Regulations. In addition the IFC Judicial Board has as its purpose a desire to hold individual member chapters accountable for their actions in an effort to provide for a stern, educational, and fair Interfraternity Council judicial system which is to a certain degree independent, self contained, and autonomous

#### **Membership**

Section 1: Eligibility – Those eligible to be members of the IFC Judicial Board shall be:

1. Member of an IFC Member Fraternity;
2. A Junior or Senior at the time of selection to be a justice;
3. A Sophomore, Junior, or Senior at the time of selection to be an alternate justice;
4. In good standing with the IFC and the University of Georgia on an individual basis;
5. Have a 2.80 cumulative GPA;
6. There shall be no more one member of the same fraternity serving concurrent terms on the Judicial Board;

Section 2: Term limits and Makeup of the Judicial Board;

1. The Judicial Board shall consist of no more than five (5) justices and one (1) alternate justice and no less than four (4) justices and zero alternate justices
2. A justice shall be appointed for the duration of his collegiate undergraduate career as long as he meets the qualifications in Section 1.
3. The Chairman of the Judicial Board shall hold his position for no more than one calendar year.

Section 3: Selection of the Judicial Board Members;

1. At the beginning of each semester (Fall/Spring) the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs must have five (5) justices and one (1) alternate justice appointed to the Board.
2. The Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs will appoint the Chairman of the Judicial Board at the beginning of his term of office.
3. All candidates for justice or alternate justice must fill out an application form provided by the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs.
4. The Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs shall interview all applicants before making his appointment to the Board.

Section 4: Training and Expectations of Judicial Board Members:

Those selected as Justices must complete a training process and demonstrate adequate knowledge of the following:

1. Understand the IFC Judicial By-laws, UGA Social Policies, Greek Standards, Policies of the Greek Life Office, and the Universities Code of Conduct Regulations.
2. Understanding of Due Process Rights;
3. Procedures of Conducting Hearings and Appeals;

The justices should pledge themselves to:

1. Refrain from discussion of the information of cases outside of hearings and deliberation, especially to members of the press or other organizations;
2. Disqualify themselves in instances that present either prejudice for an organization, to be replaced by an alternate;
3. Conduct themselves respectfully during hearings demonstrating the seriousness and importance of the proceedings.

Section 5: Removal of a Justice:

1. A Justice shall be removed immediately without a hearing if he fails to meet any of the qualifications listed in section 1 above.
2. Following just cause, an Officer of IFC shall file a written complaint for removal with the form provided by the IFC Judicial Board to the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs.
3. The remaining justices and the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs must vote unanimously to remove a justice.

**Responsibilities of the Judicial Board:**

Section 1: The Chairman's responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Preside over hearings, and any meetings of the Judicial Board.
2. Organize the time and place of all hearings and meetings.
3. Notify all parties involved in a hearing of the time and place.
4. Assist and aid in the transition of the new Chairman.
5. Keep accurate records of all hearings and meetings of the Judicial Board.
6. Assist the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs in his duties.
7. Educate the Greek Community on the Judicial Boards processes and purpose.
8. Attend all bi-weekly IFC meetings.
9. The Interfraternity Council shall be given a summary of the actions of the Judicial Board prepared by the Judicial Board Chairman at the end of each semester.

Section 2: All justice's responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Attend all Judicial Board Meetings.
2. Educate the Greek Community on the Judicial Boards processes and purpose.
3. Attend all bi-weekly IFC meetings.

**Complaints:**

Section 1: Incidents of alleged violations are directed to the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs. Individuals or groups choosing to file a complaint must do so in writing.

Section 2: A complaint can be made by:

1. An individual student;
2. Greek Life Office and their superiors
3. Another fraternity or sorority;
4. Another student organization
5. A group or individual not affiliated with the University;

Pre-Hearing Procedures

The following are the pre-hearing procedures:

1. The Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs will ensure that the Chairman of the Judicial Board, the Greek Life Office and the accused Fraternity all have a copy of the complaint.
2. The IFC Executive Council and the Greek Life office are charged with investigating the alleged incident employing any means they deem necessary to find the facts. These means may include but are not limited to the Office of Judicial Programs, other student organizations, and or law enforcement officials.
3. The IFC Executive Council has the power to put any fraternity under immediate suspension with just cause until the issue is resolved.
4. After one month of suspension, the accused organization can request a Judicial Board hearing to determine if their suspension is unreasonable considering the nature of the complaint. The Board shall follow all protocols listed and decide either to suspend the suspension, or continue it until the investigation is over and a formal hearing can be held.
5. The Judicial Board Chairman will choose the other two members of the Board that will hear the case. No Board member will serve the hearing for a matter concerning his own chapter. If the Chair is forced to remove himself from the mediation, the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs will designate someone on the Board to serve as Chair for the Board.
6. Any involved party has the right to appeal the assignment of a Justice to the hearing. They shall do so in writing at least 3 business days prior to the hearing to the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial affairs, whom will then promptly decide to assign a new justice or keep the justice for the hearing.
7. The Chair will choose the earliest possible date for the hearing that allows for all the parties involved to have enough time to prepare their evidence and their case. He shall provide written notification of the date of the hearing.
8. The accused organization must be provided and provide a complete list of evidence and witnesses at least 3 business days prior to the hearing. It is the Chair's responsibility to ensure that both parties receive this.

Hearing Procedures

Section 1: The hearing will be closed to all individuals other than the following;

1. The three members of the Judicial Board;
2. Representatives of the Greek Life Office and their superiors;

3. Representatives from the accused organization(s) including any brothers, witnesses, advisors, and/or legal representation;
4. Representatives from the complaining party including witnesses, advisors, and/or legal representation;
5. Members of the IFC Executive Council.

Section 2: The Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs shall record detailed minutes throughout the entire hearing and will ensure that a typed copy is put into the case file.

Section 2: Hearing Procedures;

1. The Chair shall read the purpose of the hearing, statement of complaint, and lists of alleged regulation violations.
2. The Chair shall issue the oath and offer brief explanation of perjury which is as follows;  
**“You are required to be completely truthful in your testimony at this hearing. Witnesses who knowingly testify falsely may be charged with a violation of the Student Conduct regulations. Do you understand?”**
3. The Chair goes over each side’s witness and evidence lists for changes to the list or the order in which the witnesses will be called.
4. The complaining party presents his/her opening statements followed by his/her witnesses and/or evidence.
5. Following each witness testimony, the defendant is given an opportunity to question that witness.
6. The Judicial Board will then be given the opportunity to question the witness.
7. Next the accused party will give opening statements and present their witnesses and evidence. Once again the complaining party, then the Judicial Board will have the opportunity to question or comment on the witnesses and evidence.
8. Following the completion of the accused parties case, the complaining party, the accused party, and the Judicial Board, in this order, have the right to recall any witnesses.
9. The Greek Life office will make the first closing statement if they choose to so.
10. Then the complaining party, followed by the accused party, shall make any closing statements.
11. After the necessary information has been obtained, the Board will recess and deliberate in private.
12. Once a decision is made the hearing reconvenes and the Chair presents the Board’s findings. The Board must decide if any regulations were violated and provide their reasoning for the

decision. Next the Board will state the rationale of the proposed sanctions.

### **Appeals Process:**

Section 1: The following parties have the ability to file an appeal with the IFC Executive Council:

1. The complaining party;
2. The accused organization;
3. Representatives from the Greek Life Office or their superiors.

The IFC Executive Council **DOES NOT** have the right to appeal any decision of the Judicial Board.

Section 2: The Appeals Board shall consist of:

1. All members of the IFC Executive Council;
2. The Judicial Board Chair.

If a member of the IFC Executive Council is a member of the fraternity involved in the appeal, he cannot serve on the Appeals Board. The Judicial Board Chair is part of the Appeals Board to provide guidance to the other members and can only vote in the case of a tie.

Section 3: Appeals Process

1. Any sanctions rendered by the Judicial Board during the initial hearing will be in effect while the case is going through the appeals process.
2. The appealing party must file a written appeal within 5 business days of the hearing with the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial Affairs.
3. The Appeals Board shall decide whether to hear an appeal or not. They must make their decision within 5 business days of the end of the hearing.
4. The Appeals Board will hear the appeal within 5 business days of the original hearing.
5. The format of the appeals process will be at the Appeals Board's discretion so long as it is considered fair by all involved parties.
6. It is up to the Appeals Board to decide if they will allow any new evidence or witnesses to be heard.

The Appeals Process **shall not** consist of another hearing, but merely a gathering of all the information at the hearing in order to make a proper decision.

Section 4: Appeal Decision:

If the appeals panel decides to render an opinion that is different from the one proposed by the Judicial Board, the Vice President for Risk Management/Judicial must provide their rationale in writing to all

parties involved in the initial hearing.

**Sanctions:**

Section 1: If a group/individual is found in violation, a disciplinary sanction will be rendered and the decision and sanction will be used as precedent in subsequent cases to decide the appropriate disciplinary sanctions.

Section 2. If a group is found in violation of a regulation, one or more of the following sanctions may be recommended or imposed.

1. **Reprimand.** This is a warning indicating that the group's actions were inappropriate and that subsequent violations may result in more serious disciplinary action.
2. **Restitution.** A payment for financial injury to an innocent party in cases involving theft, destruction of property, or deception. The assessed costs to be paid may be in addition to other penalties.
3. **Intramural Restrictions.** These restrictions prohibit the group from participation in any portion of the intramural program as determined by the board.
4. **Educational Seminars.** This restriction requires the group to attend, sponsor, and/or present an educational program. The Advisor to Fraternities must approve the program.
5. **Campus Activities Restrictions.** These restrictions prohibit groups from participating in some, or all, university and Greek honors and events (this includes Rush).
6. **University/Community Service.** The group must complete a specified number of hours, approved by the Judicial Board Advisor, with certain minimum requirements.
7. **Fine.** A fine of no more than \$2,000.00 can be imposed on a chapter.
8. **Other penalty.** The Judicial Board may impose other restrictions, requirements or sanctions in addition to, or in conjunction with those listed, when deemed appropriate.
9. **Disciplinary Probation.** This is a serious warning that subsequent infractions of regulations will most likely result in an organization's suspension. The probation is given for a specified period of time. The International headquarters of the fraternity placed on probation will be notified of this action. In addition to imposing the sanction of probation, the Board may impose one or more of the restrictions listed and other actions that are deemed suitable.
10. **Suspension.** This action consists of the removal, for a specified or indefinite period of time, from the Interfraternity Council. A fraternity who has been suspended from the IFC is deemed "not in good standing" with the University of Georgia. A fraternity not in good standing is subject to the following

restrictions: Prohibition of the group's participation in all Council and UGA activities and the use of University services and facilities, ineligibility of any member to hold an office in the IFC, ineligibility to represent the University in any way. Additional restrictions or conditions may also be imposed, depending on the nature and seriousness of the conduct.

**Regulations:**

Section 1: All fraternities in the IFC can be held accountable to the regulations stated in the Interfraternity Council Constitution, UGA social events policies, policies of the Greek Life Office, and the Greek Standards set forth by the Interfraternity Council.

Section 2: In addition to the regulations stated in Section 1, fraternities can be held accountable for UGA Code of Conduct Regulations in Article 11.

**The University of Georgia Code of Conduct:**

Section 1: Damage to Property

Malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction of property owned or operated by the University, its student organizations, its faculty and staff, or the Athens community and its individual residents is prohibited

Section 1: Disorderly Conduct

1. No student organization shall obstruct the free movement of other students about the campus, interfere with the use of University facilities or prevent the normal operation of the University.
2. No student organization shall act in a manner, which can reasonably be expected to disturb the academic pursuits or infringe upon the privacy, rights, privileges, health or safety of students or the University Community.
3. Physical assault, including sexual assault, is prohibited. No student organization shall condone or encourage such acts.
4. No student organization shall engage in obscene or indecent conduct.
5. No student organization shall fail to comply with the administrative policies enacted by the University.
6. No student organization shall fail to comply with the directions of University officials or authorized agents acting in the performance of their duties.

Section 3: Theft, Disregard for Property

No student organization shall take, attempt to take or keep in its possession property or services belonging to individuals or other organizations.

Section 4: Alcohol and Drug Related Misconduct

Georgia law prohibits possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by those under the legal drinking age and prohibits making alcoholic beverages available to persons under the legal drinking age. The University of Georgia supports a program of alcohol education and expects those who choose to use alcohol to do so responsibly.

Student and registered organizations planning events in University facilities are responsible for knowing this policy and making plans in full compliance with it. Those individuals who reserve facilities should check with the office responsible for that facility to guarantee that all procedures are followed.

1. No student organization shall furnish or cause to be furnished any alcoholic beverage to any person under the legal drinking age.
2. The sale of alcohol is prohibited.
3. No student organization shall furnish or cause to be furnished any alcoholic beverage to any person in a state of noticeable intoxication.
4. The unlawful possession, use and/or sale of drugs is prohibited. Each organization shall take all necessary steps to see that this regulation is not violated at functions it sponsors.
5. Each student organization shall take steps to see that no person under the legal drinking age possesses alcoholic beverages at functions it sponsors.

#### Section 5: Unauthorized Entry

Unauthorized entry, attempting entry or remaining in restricted areas of University, Greek, or community facilities is prohibited.

#### Section 6: Gambling

Conducting, organizing or participating in any activity involving games of chance or gambling in any form (including casinos, calcuttas, and lotteries) is prohibited.

#### Section 7: Hazing

The University of Georgia does not condone hazing in any form. Hazing is defined as any intentional, negligent, or reckless action, activity or situation, which causes another pain, embarrassment, ridicule or harassment, regardless of the individual's willingness to participate. Such actions and situations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Forcing or requiring the drinking of alcohol or any other substance;

- Forcing or requiring the consumption of food or any other substance;
- Calisthenics (push-ups, sit-ups, jogging, runs, etc);
- “Treeings”;
- Paddle swats;
- Line-ups;
- Theft of any property;
- Road trips;
- Scavenger hunts;
- Causing fewer than six (6) continuous hours of sleep per night;
- Conducting activities which do not allow adequate time for study;
- Nudity at any time;
- Running personal errands of the members (driving them to class, cleaning their individual rooms, serving meals, etc);
- Forcing or requiring the violation of University policies, federal, state or local law.

#### Section 8: Fire Safety and Sanitation

Tampering with fire safety equipment.

Setting or causing to be set any unauthorized fire on or in University property.

Possessing or using fireworks on University property without authorization.

Making or causing to be made a false fire alarm.

Failure to exit a building when the fire alarm sounds.

Failure to maintain an organization’s facilities and/or surrounding property creating a potential danger to the health or safety of the occupants or other individuals

#### Section 9: Shared Responsibility for Violations

1. Acting in concert to violate University conduct regulations.
2. Students and student organizations are responsible for the conduct of their guests on or in University property and at functions sponsored by the University or any registered University organization
3. Knowingly condoning, encouraging, or requiring behavior that violates University conduct regulations.

#### Section 10: Social Events

1. Crowd size which exceeds such limits as to infringe upon the rights of others or endanger those in attendance is prohibited.
2. Failure to provide adequate parking so that vehicles are impeding the normal flow of traffic, parked illegally or parked on private property without proper authorization is prohibited.

3. Failure to provide adequate security personnel or other security measures in order to insure the safety of those in attendance is prohibited.
4. Conducting any event which interferes with the normal progress of academic events on campus is prohibited.

### **Informal Hearing:**

#### Section 1: Pre-Hearing

1. If the Organization agrees that the violation(s) of the code of conduct regulation(s) cited occurred, it may decide to have the case resolved through an informal hearing.
2. An organization always has the right to refuse an informal hearing and proceed with a formal hearing.

#### Section 2: The final resolution of the informal process must meet the following criteria:

1. The Judicial Board Chief Justice and the organization must agree that an informal resolution is reasonable given the circumstances.
2. The organization must accept responsibility for the violation(s) of the specified conduct regulation(s).
3. The organization must agree with the sanction(s) resulting from the violation(s).

#### Section 3:

1. Cases that do not meet all three criteria for the informal hearing will be preferred to a formal hearing.

#### Section 4: Resolution:

1. If the organization decides to resolve the judicial charges informally, and all criteria for such a solution are met, the organization will receive a written copy of the decision. The decision will be completed by the IFC Judicial Board Chief Justice, and upon review, the organization and the advisor to fraternities will sign a copy indicating agreement with the method of resolution.

## **Article VIII**

### **IFC Expansion:**

**Section 1** To be eligible for IFC expansion a group must:

1. Be affiliated with a national fraternal organization that is in good standing with the National Interfraternity Conference and/or the Fraternity Executive Association.
2. Be a registered student organization.
3. Be above the University of Georgia IFC requirement of a 2.80 GPA.
4. Participate regularly in community service/philanthropy projects.
5. Project a positive image and be an asset to the Greek and university community.

**Section 2** A group seeking admission into the Interfraternity Council must petition all chapters currently in the IFC in advance or at a regularly scheduled IFC meeting. All petitioning chapters must obtain their charter from a recognized national fraternal organization.

**Section 3** The group must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of quorum to be accepted into IFC.

**Section 4** The new group will be admitted into the IFC on a probationary term lasting one calendar year.

1. This group shall enjoy all rights and privileges of IFC member fraternities except:
  - A. voting
  - B. membership as committee chairman
  - C. membership on the Executive Council
2. This group must:
  - A. Attend regularly all IFC meetings
  - B. Submit all required documents to the Greek Life Office.
  - C. Must adhere to all IFC rules and regulations.
  - D. Maintain a group grade point average that exceeds the IFC minimum of 2.80.
  - E. Perform and record with the IFC at least seven (7) hours of community service per member per semester.
3. If any of these terms are not met, suspension of privileges may result.

**Section 5** Upon the completion of the year of probation, the group must be approved by a second vote of 2/3 of the fraternities present for full membership.

**Section 6** Loss of membership may occur from IFC Judicial Board, loss of UGA recognition, sanctions imposed by the Office of Judicial Programs, national headquarters, or self-imposed withdrawal.

**Section 7**

1. Should a fraternity not have IFC membership for a period lasting no more than two (2) calendar years, the fraternity may petition IFC to return with full membership. If the fraternity does not meet the required 2/3 vote of chapters present, the group may petition to be admitted into IFC for the probationary period.
2. Should a fraternity not have IFC membership for a period lasting more than two (2) calendar years, the fraternity must petition the IFC to be admitted for the probationary period.

## **Article IX**

### **Amendments:**

**Section 1** This Constitution may be repealed or amended at regular meetings of the IFC, provided, however, that such repeal, or amendments shall be first submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration one (1) week previous to the time that such action is to be proposed to a meeting of the IFC.

**Section 2** If the repeal or amendments are approved by the Executive Committee, it shall then be presented to a meeting of the IFC where a majority vote shall decide whether a resolution incorporating the suggested changes shall be voted on at the next meeting. As a prerequisite to passage, such resolution incorporating the changes shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the IFC for its inclusion into the Constitution.

**Section 3** Amendments not receiving the approval of the Executive Committee shall be proposed in the manner above outlined but shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote for their adoption.

## **Article X**

### **Ratification:**

This Constitution shall become effective when ratified by three-fourths (3/4) of the IFC members. These by-laws supersede all previous editions.

## **Article XI**

### **Constitutional Revisions:**

A Constitutional Revision may be made when the IFC deems it necessary.

- A. Constitutional Revisions must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by those present.
- B. All revisions will be tabled for two (2) meetings before the vote is taken.
- C. Printed copies of all revisions must be made available to the IFC members before the vote.