

Interfraternity Council (IFC)
of
Michigan Technological University

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PREAMBLE

We, the Interfraternity Council, set forth this Constitution and By-laws in order to ensure the existence of the member fraternities and sororities on the campus of Michigan Technological University. Also, we intend to promote a positive relationship, communication, and coordination among the member fraternities and sororities. It is our intention as a governance group to assist in promoting the values inherent in each member organization: brotherhood/sisterhood, leadership, scholarship, philanthropy, and social responsibility.

ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION I - The name of this organization shall be the Interfraternity Council (IFC) of Michigan Technological University.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1 - The purpose of this governing body is to:

- a) To represent every Greek Organization recognized by Michigan Technological University.
- b) To promote cooperation and interaction between Member Organizations.
- c) To establish cooperation and interaction between the Member Organizations, Panhellenic Council, the University faculty and administration, and the general public.
- d) To promote the growth of Member Organizations through: education, diversity, student life opportunities, value for lifelong learning, and other University interests.
- e) To promote the growth of the Interfraternity Council by making advice available to organizations wishing to obtain recognition by Michigan Technological University.

- f) To have an active voice in campus affairs and make our position known on issues affecting students and Greek Life.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Director of Recruitment.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1 - The Interfraternity Council shall maintain three governing branches:

- a) The Executive Branch shall be known as the Executive Board.
- b) The Legislative Branch shall be known as the General Assembly.
- c) The Judicial Branch shall be known as the Judicial Board.

SECTION 2 - The IFC General Assembly will consist of two delegates and two alternates from each member chapter. In order to insure continuity of representation, each member chapter must elect a delegate to serve for two consecutive semesters.

SECTION 3 - The President of each member organization may serve as an alternate to the IFC if not already serving as one of the two delegates or alternates as stated in article IV section 2.

SECTION 4 - Delegates will go through formal introductions at the first regular IFC meeting of each semester. Any changes to the delegate and/ or alternate roster must be submitted to the IFC secretary.

SECTION 5 - Each member fraternity or sorority will be entitled to one vote for each delegate present with a maximum of two votes per organization. The alternate will have voting power when he or she is in place of a delegate.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

SECTION I - A quorum will exist when 2/3 of the voting member organizations are present. A body so constituted may enact any ruling for the IFC and may transact all business which may properly come before the IFC.

SECTION 2 - The IFC will meet every Sunday at 6:00pm during the academic year (September-May). However, meetings may be canceled at the discretion of the Executive Board or by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the delegates present at an IFC meeting.

SECTION 3 - Meetings will take no longer than one hour, unless a two-thirds vote of the IFC to continue discussion passes.

SECTION 4 - Meetings will be conducted with accordance to Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION 5 - Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of any two chapters. Notice of special meetings will be given to the delegates of the member organizations by the President of IFC, at least three days prior to the meeting. At a special meeting each member organization will be considered at full attendance with one delegate present, and each member organization will have a maximum of one vote. It will be the responsibility of the Vice President to notify the Judicial Board members if it is necessary for the Judicial Board members to be present at the special IFC meetings.

SECTION 6 - Order of the Day:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Break for Committee Meeting (max 15 min.)
- d) Guest Speakers
- e) Officer Reports
- f) Advisor Report
- g) Committee Chair Reports
- h) Liaison Reports
- i) Old Business
- j) New Business
- k) Announcements
- l) Adjournment

ARTICLE VI: STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 - The standing committees of the IFC will be Academic, Super Events, Recruitment, Philanthropy, Public Relations, and Social.

SECTION 2 - Additional committees may be formed at the discretion of the executive board of the IFC, and may exist for a period of time as deemed necessary by the executive board.

SECTION 3 - In addition to the Standing Committees there will be a Houghton City Council Liaison, Inter-Residence Hall Council Liaison, Panhellenic Council Liaison, President's Commission of Substance Abuse Prevention Liaison and Associated Students of Michigan Technological University Liaison.

- a) The Houghton City Council Liaison will be the current IFC President.
- b) All other Liaisons will either be chosen by the third meeting of the semester from applicants that meet with the Executive Board or are appointed if no delegate has applied.

SECTION 4 - Committee membership will be required of all IFC representatives.

SECTION 5 - Appointment of committee members:

- a) At the first meeting of each semester the Executive Board will pass out to all delegates present the committee request form which will comprise of descriptions of all committees and have the place for the delegate to request his first and second choice for a committee.
- b) Forms will be returned to the Executive Board by the end of the first meeting.
- c) Committee rosters will be formed by the Secretary by the second meeting.
- d) At the beginning of the second meeting of the semester, the Executive Board will pass out the committee rosters.
- e) Delegates that have not turned in the committee request form may be placed in a committee desired by the Executive Board.

SECTION 6 - The chair of each committee will be chosen by the second meeting of each semester by a majority vote of the respective committee.

SECTION 7 - Committee Descriptions:

- a) Academic -
 - i. Order and distribute plaques for the chapter with the highest and most improved grade point average.
 - ii. Update IFC "Highest Overall GPA" plaque.

- iii. Plan the Academic Faculty dinner for the fall semester.
 - iv. Work with Order of Omega for Academic Recognition ceremony.
- b) Philanthropy –
- i. Promote, coordinate and supervise at least one philanthropy event per semester.
 - ii. Inform general assembly of upcoming community philanthropy events.
 - iii. Inform member organizations of philanthropy opportunities.
 - iv. Make sure records are kept of individual member organization philanthropy events.
- c) Public Relations –
- i. Distribute information to appropriate media regarding positive achievements and accomplishments of both member organizations and individuals, through press releases, publications, or other media.
 - ii. Serve as the IFC's primary liaison to the LODE.
 - iii. Advertise events involved with the IFC and/or member organizations.
- d) Recruitment –
- i. Distribute a list of all interested students to each member organization.
 - ii. Promote, coordinate and supervise at least one IFC rush activity per semester.
 - iii. Promote, coordinate and supervise Greek House Tours in the fall.
 - iv. Meet weekly with member organizations' director of recruitment at a pre-determined time by the IFC Recruitment director.
- e) Social –
- i. Promote, coordinate and supervise one social event per semester that involves all member organizations in good standings.
- f) Super Events –

- ii. Promote, coordinate and supervise Keweenaw Day for the University.
- iii. Organize the IFC Spring Fling booth sign-up and clean up.
- iv. If needed, may collaborate with social or recruitment committee for other major events.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - Membership Statement

- a) It shall be the policy of the Interfraternity Council of Michigan Technological University to encourage and support in every way the formation of strong new Greek organizations, and the continuation of existing organizations, so that all members who desire the values of group association, may be freely able to secure them, and in order that a spirit of Greek community, based on fraternal association may be fostered.

SECTION 2 - Definition of Membership

- a) Full Membership
 - i. Have all rights included in the By-Laws.
 - ii. The right to vote at general assembly.
 - iii. The ability to nominate officer candidates to be elected.
- b) Probationary Membership
 - i. Have all rights included in the By-Laws.
 - ii. With the exception of voting and officer candidacy.
- c) Associate Membership
 - i. New organization trying to obtain full membership without voting rights.

ARTICLE VIII: FINANCE

SECTION 1 - All member organizations are responsible for paying dues to support and run the IFC. Dues will be determined at the beginning of each semester and approved by the Executive Board

ARTICLE IX: DISCRIMINATION

SECTION 1 – In compliance with Michigan Technological University's Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy effective December 9, 2005, the Association will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, height, weight, or marital status. The organization must also be committed to the policy of not discriminating against disabled individuals or veterans.

ARTICLE X: VIOLATIONS

SECTION 1 - Violations of the provisions of the Constitution and/or By-Laws shall be addressed in accordance with the procedures specified in the Greek Judicial Board Governing Documents.

ARTICLE XI: ADVISOR

SECTION 1 - The Assistant Director of Student Activities, Greek Life and Leadership shall serve as the advisor of the Interfraternity Council, as listed in his/her job description. It is recommended that he/she have a Greek background.

SECTION 2 - The advisor shall act as a liaison between the Interfraternity Council and the Michigan Technological University administration and faculty.

SECTION 3 - The advisor is an ex-officio member of the Executive Board and Interfraternity Council.

ARTICLE XII: RATIFICATIONS

SECTION 1 - This Constitution shall become effective when the following criteria are satisfied:

- a. A three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of all members of the Interfraternity Council.
- b) Subsequent approval from the Office of Student Activities and/or the Interfraternity Council advisor.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 - Amendments to the Constitution or its By-Laws must be proposed in writing at any meeting and voted on no sooner than the next regular meeting, providing that at least one week elapses between the two meetings.

SECTION 2 - To adopt an amendment an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the present member organizations eligible to vote is required. Abstentions will not be recognized.

SECTION 3 - Only amendments to the Constitution require subsequent approval from the Office of Student Activities and/or the Interfraternity Council Advisor.