
INTERCULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Intercultural Greek Council, existing as a regulatory body, which respects and honors the self-determination of all member organizations, shall promote collaboration, unification, awareness, and empowerment of all recognized Intercultural fraternities and sororities, equally, at the Johns Hopkins University.

ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION 1

The name of this organization shall be the Intercultural Greek Council at the Johns Hopkins University, hereinafter referred to as the “IGC.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 1

To bring forth our respective cultures and establish our council’s identity as a whole.

SECTION 2

To promote and foster positive interfraternal relations, communication, and development of all intercultural organizations through mutual respect, leadership, honesty, professionalism, education, and service.

SECTION 3

To provide a forum for discussion of general concerns, issues, and topics that affect IGC member organizations.

SECTION 4

To organize a minimum of one social or cultural event per semester involving the majority of member organizations so as to increase unity within the IGC and increase awareness of IGC member organizations on campus.

ARTICLE III – STRUCTURE

SECTION 1

There shall be Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary branches that will govern this organization.

SECTION 2

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Social Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Judicial Chair. All Executive Board members must be in good standing with University and the IGC as stated in Article IV section 2, c.

SECTION 3

The Executive Board shall call a mandatory meeting of the Legislative Branch in emergencies that necessitate action between meetings. Emergencies may include, but are not limited to: impending impeachment, disciplinary action, or event on campus that affects the Greek community.

SECTION 4

The Executive Board shall vote on matters when there is an equal amount of votes for and against a motion by the general body.

SECTION 5

The Legislative Branch shall consist of two (2) representatives from each member organization. Representatives must be in good standing with the University and the IGC. In the event that an organization only has one member, the sole member of the organization shall be the representative to the Legislative Branch and have all the rights and privileges bestowed to them. The Legislative Branch may also be referred to as the "General Body."

SECTION 6

The Legislative Branch shall have the power to elect, impeach, and recall members of the Executive Board and Judicial Branch through the processes outlined in the Bylaws.

SECTION 7

The Judicial Board shall consist of four (4) seats to be elected by the Legislative Branch and shall be headed by the Judicial Chair of the IGC, who will act as Chief Justice. The Judicial Board may be elected at any time, but is required to be formed in the event of any upcoming disciplinary hearings.

SECTION 8

The Judiciary Branch shall have the power to enforce the IGC's ethics and values as stated in its Code of Conduct as well as the constitution and bylaws. The IGC Judicial Board shall have the jurisdiction over all cases concerning the improper conduct of organizations within the IGC and establish the appropriate penalty for said violations.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Affiliate Membership in IGC shall include:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Incorporated

Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Incorporada

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated

Sigma Omicron Pi

SECTION 2

Eligibility for Affiliate Membership (Full Active Membership): To be eligible for affiliate membership in IGC, a fraternity or sorority must meet the following requirements:

- A. Members shall adhere to the IGC Constitution and Bylaws and the IGC Mission Statement, as well as the Constitution and Bylaws of the member's individual organizations
- B. Members shall be in good standing under the university's policies and the IGC.
- C. All organizations within the IGC must be in good academic standing with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the Johns Hopkins University and maintain a minimum cumulative chapter grade point average consistent with the Johns Hopkins University's minimum.
- D. All organizations must pay all financial obligations set forth by the Constitution and governing branches in a timely manner.

- E. Organizations with Associate Membership may be granted Affiliate Membership by a two-thirds vote of the IGC after at least one semester of Associate Membership.

SECTION 3

Associate Membership (Probationary Active Membership): Associate membership in IGC shall be granted to Multicultural based fraternities and sororities. The Council shall determine membership expansion by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 4

To be eligible for Associate Membership in IGC, a fraternity or sorority must meet the following requirements:

- A. When expansion is deemed appropriate and has been approved by the Council, a proposal from the fraternity or sorority seeking membership must be drafted and submitted to the University and the IGC.
- B. Members shall adhere to the IGC Constitution and Bylaws and the IGC Mission Statement.
- C. Members, and any membership candidates, shall be in good standing within the University and the IGC.
- D. All organizations within the IGC must maintain a minimum point total in accordance with the Chapter Assessment Program at the Johns Hopkins University.
- E. All organizations must pay all financial obligations set forth by the Constitution and governing branches.

SECTION 5

Active membership shall be granted to fraternities and sororities that are in good standing with the University, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the IGC. All required dues and fees must be paid in order to receive active status.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The elected officers shall be President, Vice- President, Treasurer, Social Chair, Secretary, Historian, Parliamentarian, and Judicial Board chair. These officers shall be elected at the first general board meeting in April and each elected official shall serve for one academic year.

- A. Officers must be elected by a simple majority. If majority cannot be reached, then officers will be elected by plurality.
- B. Any active member of an Affiliate Member organization may be nominated for office.
- C. If no delegates from an Affiliate Member organization are nominated, then a delegate from an Associate Member organization may be nominated.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

SECTION 1

General Board meetings will consist of representatives from each organization and the Executive Board. Two-thirds (2/3) of the general body and two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board must be present for it to be considered an official general board meeting.

SECTION 2

All meetings shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order in all matters not provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws of the IGC.

ARTICLE VII – VOTING

SECTION 1

All affiliate members shall receive two (2) votes. All associate members shall receive one (1) vote.

SECTION 2

In the event that a fraternity or sorority (affiliate or associate) only has one member, they shall receive all votes for their group.

SECTION 3

Voting shall take place only when quorum has been met. Two-thirds of the Legislative Branch must be present to constitute quorum.

SECTION 4

All voting procedures shall follow and adhere to the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

Community Service Committee: The Community Service Committee shall have three (3) seats and be headed by the Executive Vice- President. The committee will be appointed by the Executive Board based on the interest of the individual and their good standing with the IGC, the University, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

- A. The Community Service Committee will be in charge of actively seeking out service opportunities and projects for the IGC to participate in. The Committee will report back to the General Board at every General Body Meeting.
- B. All organizations are required to attend at least one (1) community service event sponsored by the IGC per semester. The Community Service Committee will be in charge of monitoring the attendance of organization at community service events.
- C. The Community Service Committee shall have the responsibility of informing the General Board when an organization is not meeting the required expectations so that proper actions may be taken by the Council. Not meeting the community service requirements could be considered grounds for loss of Affiliate Membership. Any organization that is unable to attend a service event should contact the Community Service Committee.

SECTION 2

The Programming Committee shall have three (3) seats and be headed by the Programming Chair. The committee will be appointed by the Executive Board based on the interest of the individual and their good standing with the IGC, the University, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

- A. The Programming Committee will be in charge of creating social and cultural programming for the IGC to participate in. the committee will report back to the General Board.
- B. All organizations are required to attend at least one (1) social event sponsored by the IGC per semester. The Programming Committee will be in charge of monitoring the attendance of organization at social events.
- C. The Programming Committee shall have the responsibility of informing the General Board when an organization is not meeting the required expectations so that proper actions may be taken by the Council. Not meeting the attendance requirements could be considered grounds for loss of Affiliate Membership. Any organization that is unable to attend a service event should contact the Programming Committee.