

Interfraternity Council Bylaws

Article I: Election Procedures

1. The Executive Board shall be elected annually by the General Assembly.
2. Elections for President, VP of Judicial Affairs, VP of Finance and Administration, VP of Recruitment, VP of Member Development, VP of Community Relations, and VP of Special Programming.
3. Elections shall be held at the last meeting of the Fall semester.
4. Nominations
 - a. Nominations shall open three weeks prior to elections and will be accepted until voting begins.
 - b. Any official representative in the General Assembly may submit a nomination.
 - c. All nominations must be seconded from the floor.
 - d. A nominated individual must be present to accept. If he is not present, he shall not be considered for a vote.
 - e. Declined nominations may be accepted at a later date.
6. An individual may be nominated for more than one office.
5. Voting
 - a. Voting shall be presided over by the President. If the President is a candidate, the VP of Judicial Affairs shall preside. If both are candidates, the VP of Finance and Administration shall preside. If all three candidates, the VP of Member Development shall preside. If all four are candidates, the Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor shall preside.
 - b. Tie-breaking power is held exclusively by the presiding Executive Board member
 - c. All votes shall be made by secret ballot. A separate vote shall be held for each office in the order of President, VP of Judicial Affairs, VP of Finance and Administration, VP of Recruitment, VP of Member Development, VP of Community Relations, and VP of Special Programming.
 - d. Before the vote for each office, candidates may speak for up to five minutes on their own behalf, during which time all other candidates will be directed to leave the room.
 - e. Candidates will be asked to leave the room so that comments may be made from the floor and open deliberation may take place.
 - f. Results shall be determined by a simple majority. If no candidate receives a majority, the two with the most votes shall be paired in a run off. The presiding Executive Board member shall cast a simultaneous vote that can be used to break a tie.
 - g. The VP of Judicial Affairs shall count all votes, unless he is a candidate, in which case the Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor shall count.
6. If there is only one nominee, a voice vote of confidence shall be taken. The opinion of the chair shall make the determination. A request for a secret ballot vote by any representative in the General Assembly must be honored.

Article II: Membership Application

1. All applications must be submitted to the IFC Executive Board, the Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor, and the General Assembly. The application must include:
 - a. Mission statement.
 - b. Names, email addresses, and phone numbers of all prospective members.
 - c. Present financial status and future budget.
 - d. List of local chapters and their contacts.
 - e. List of local alumni references.
 - f. Proof of national and alumni support, including official letters.
 - g. If re-colonizing, the circumstances surrounding the previous dissolution.
 - h. Chapter goals (social policy, new member education, philanthropy, scholarship, public relations)
 - i. Other requirements set forth by the Johns Hopkins University, LEED office, and/or the IFC Executive Board.
2. Letters must be received from the chosen National Organization ensuring support and agreeing to withdraw support of the colony if chapter status is not achieved within two or three years, depending on the particular organization.
3. At least fifty percent of the members must be sophomores and juniors. The total number of members must be at least 20.
4. Recruitment privileges may be extended at the discretion of the Executive Board to colonies meeting both IFC and Johns Hopkins requirements.
5. The approval of a new fraternity is dependent on the modification of the IFC Constitution, and thus requires a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly.
6. If the fraternity fails to receive approval, the applicant will not be welcomed into IFC membership, nor will the organization be entitled to any IFC privileges.
7. If a new applicant fails to receive a two-thirds majority vote, the applicant must wait until the following academic year to reapply.
8. All new general members of the IFC are required to pay all dues before the group may be recognized.

Article III: Policies

1. New Member Policies
 - a. Members of all organizations are expected to respect the rights of all individual new members.
 - b. Hazing is not permitted by any active member of any IFC member organization. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule (or as otherwise defined by a member of Johns Hopkins University or Headquarters Staff).
2. Community Relations Policies
 - a. Neighbors shall be notified of all social events and be provided with contact information.
 - b. Organizations are encouraged to have the grounds patrolled by a third party security service.
 - c. All music and entertainment must remain inside when the event is held in a residential area.

3. Social Policies

- a. All social events shall:
 - i. Comply with Maryland State laws regarding legal drinking age. Wrist bracelets and/or other identifying marks will be given to those with proper age identification and only those so distinguished will be served alcoholic beverages.
 - ii. Be sure that no individual is served more than one drink at a time.
 - iii. Make non-alcoholic beverages easily accessible. These beverages must be served free and advertised. Food is also strongly encouraged.
 - iv. Have at least two members who will remain completely "dry" during the event.
 - v. Have two additional monitors to work outside the social event to promote the orderly passage of guests to and from the social event.
 - vi. Be announced at the IFC meeting prior to the event. A representative may be sent to report any violations or unsafe activities.
 - vii. Stop all music at 2:00 a.m., or earlier at the request of neighbors and/or legal authorities.
 - viii. Have members available to provide safe, directional assistance or an escort for those guests who may have trouble returning home.
 - ix. Be considered as such unless:
 1. It is a private fraternity function such as an alumni event, formal, or parent organization sponsored event.
 2. It is a function explicitly and exclusively with other groups, such as mixers.
 3. It is a non-sanctioned fraternity event (such as individual barbecues). If more than one fourth of the fraternity membership is present, it no longer qualifies as non-sanctioned.
 4. Any social event held on-campus.
 - x. Adhere to all federal, state, local, and University policies including, but not limited to, alcohol consumption and advertisement, postering and flyering (including degrading women and alcohol), and security.

4. Recruitment Policies

- a. The dry recruitment policy states that all fraternities will refrain from serving alcohol at any function between spring registration and the end of recruitment. This includes events:
 - i. Sanctioned by the majority of the chapter or the officers of that chapter.
 - ii. Sponsored by several members with or without the approval of the officers or general membership.
 - iii. Of an individual member providing alcohol to a prospective new member or encouraging a prospective new member to drink.

Article IV: Dues and Fines

1. The following dues shall be assessed to the members of the IFC based on the needs of the community and council in a given semester, but no less than \$8 per person.
2. Fines may be assessed to an organization as a disciplinary measure by the IFC Judicial Board or, when based on attendance, by the Executive Board and/or the VP of Finance and Administration.
 - a. Failure to have proper representation (at least one brother at the General Assembly meetings) is punishable by the following fine system:
 - i. First offense - warning
 - ii. Second offense - twenty dollars (\$20)
 - iii. Third offense - forty dollars (\$40)
 - iv. Fourth offense - sixty dollars (\$60)
 - v. Fifth offense - eighty dollars (\$80)
 - vi. Every offense thereafter - one hundred dollars (\$100)
 - b. All dues and fines must be paid on the second week after the assessment and announcement of monies owed. After that period, the money owed shall be considered an outstanding debt.
 - c. Any chapter having debts outstanding shall immediately lose all voting privileges.
 - d. Any chapter having debts outstanding greater than fifty dollars (\$50) shall be placed on social probation until the dues are paid in full.
 - e. All dues and fines must be paid in full prior to the last meeting of the school year or the chapter in question immediately loses IFC recognition.
 - f. If dues or fines are not paid by the aforementioned due date, the dues/fines will accrue an interest of 10% per week until they are paid in full.