

IFC Constitution

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Preamble

In an effort to facilitate self-governance throughout the Greek System, the Interfraternity Council has been formed to coordinate the efforts of each Greek Chapter on the WPI Campus into one all-encompassing body.

This Council shall set the standard for conduct of all Greek men at WPI. The foundation for this standard comes from the basic responsibilities of fraternal organizations across the country.

This document has been set forth to outline the Organization so that it may better:

- a. Support the academic vision of the University
- b. Observe the rights of the Campus community and its surrounding neighbors.
- c. Comply with the Campus Code of Conduct and the Greek Relationship Statement, as well as local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and ordinances.

Membership

Members of the IFC shall include any nationally supported fraternity that has been recognized by WPI. Each Chapter will be represented at IFC functions by their respective president, or an appointed designee. The Organization will also consist of elected officials who will form the Executive Board of the IFC as set forth in Article 1. WPI's Greek Advisor shall be the only ex-officio member.

Structure

Article I. The Executive Board and Chairmen

Section 1. Executive Members

The IFC Executive Board shall be comprised of the following members:

- A. President
- B. ~~Vice President of Standards and Internal Operations~~
- C. ~~Vice President of Recruitment and Involvement~~
- D. ~~Vice President of Communication~~
- E. ~~Vice President of Finance and Service~~
- F. Risk Manager

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Section 2. Chaiman Members

In addition to the IFC Executive board, the following members shall be elected, but shall not be members of the Executive board:

- A. ~~Academic~~ Chairman
- B. Activities Chairman
- C. ~~Public Relations~~ Chairman
- D. Community Service Chairman

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E. Intramural Chairman

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Section 3. Duties of the Executive Board and Chairmen

- A. IFC Executives and chairmen are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the policies outlined in the IFC Bylaws and the document written herein.
- B. IFC Executives and chairmen shall represent the WPI Greek System in all aspects of general Greek affairs.
- C. IFC Executives and chairmen shall conduct elections as outlined in Article I, Section 4.
- D. IFC Executives only shall be responsible for the appointment of future Chairmen as outlined in Article I, Section 5.
- E. IFC Executives and chairmen are required to fulfill the duties of their respective positions as outlined in the IFC Bylaws.

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Section 4. Executive and Chairman Elections

- A. Each chapter may nominate one brother as a candidate for each executive or chairman position.
- B. An electronic version of the Nomination forms, as well as their due date, shall be posted on the IFC web site no later than five (5) weeks prior to the date of the election.
- C. Nomination Forms shall be due no later than a week prior to elections.
- D. Nomination Forms for executive positions shall include petitions signed by at least twenty-five (25) male members of the WPI Greek Community, where no more than ten (10) of those men are members of any one chapter.
- E. No nomination forms will be accepted after the announced due date.
- F. Elections shall occur in the order specified in Article 1, Sections 1 and 2.
- G. Elections are closed-ballot.
- H. Only presidents (or their respective designees) may vote.
- I. Voting shall proceed until a candidate has received a majority vote. If a majority is not reached after the first round of voting, all but the two candidates with the most votes shall be removed from the candidate pool and another round of voting shall be conducted.
- J. The IFC President shall vote in the result of a tie.
- K. Any candidate not elected to his originally nominated position has the option to nominate himself to an unfilled position.
- L. If a candidate loses twice in the same election period, he may no longer opt to nominate himself for another position in the same election.
- M. An acting Chapter President may not serve as an IFC Executive Member during his tenure as Chapter President.

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Section 5. Executive Appointment

- A. Appointment is only necessary in the absence of an officer during their respective tenure ~~or after removal or resignation.~~
- B. The appointee for any IFC Executive Position will be chosen by the Chapter presidents or their representatives via a normal election as outlined in Article I, Section 4.
- C. ~~If appointment occurred because of the absence of a chairman, once the elected chairman has returned from leave, he will resume his position to the end of his tenure as outlined in Article I, Section 6.~~
- D. In the event that an IFC Presidential Appointment is necessary, the Vice President shall be offered the position. If he accepts, appointment of a new IFC Vice President will commence. If he denies the offer, the IFC President will be chosen by the Chapter presidents or their representatives via a normal election as outlined in Article I, Section 4.

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Section 6. Chairman Appointment

- A. ~~Appointment is only necessary in the absence of a chairman during their respective tenure or after removal or resignation.~~
- B. The appointee for any IFC Chairman position will be appointed by the IFC Executive Board. Each Chapter may only nominate one candidate, and nominations must be received one week prior to the announced selection date.
- C. ~~If appointment occurred because of the absence of a chairman, once the elected chairman has returned from leave, he will resume his position to the end of his tenure as outlined in Article I, Section 6.~~
- D. The Executive Board reserves the right to appoint co-chairmen for all chairman positions.

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Section 7. Executive and Chairman Tenure

- A. Executive and Chairman Tenure starts the first day of C term and lasts until the first day of C term the following academic year.
- B. Executive Tenure is terminated indefinitely upon dismissal as outlined in Article I, Section 7.
- C. Chairman Tenure is terminated indefinitely upon removal as outlined in Article I, Section 8.

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Section 8. Executive Impeachment and Dismissal

- A. In the event of Executive misconduct, an impeachment process may take place in accordance with the IFC bylaws.
- B. Upon recognition of misconduct via the impeachment process, the accused executive(s)' tenure will terminate immediately and indefinitely.
- C. The dismissed executive(s) is no longer eligible for election or appointment.

Section 9. Chairman Removal

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- A. ~~In the event of Chairman misconduct or failure to perform duties as outlined in the IFC Bylaws, a removal process may take place in accordance with the IFC Bylaws.~~
- B. Upon sufficient demonstration of necessity, as defined by the IFC Bylaws, the executive(s)' tenure will terminate immediately and indefinitely.
- C. The dismissed executive(s) is no longer eligible for election or appointment.

Article II. Organization

Section 1. Meetings

- A. In order to conduct business, the formal meetings of the IFC shall consist of Chapter presidents or their designee, the Executive Board, Chairmen, and the Greek Advisor
- B. In order to conduct business, a quorum (2/3 of the eligible voters) must be present.
- C. The IFC shall meet weekly during the academic school year as scheduled by the IFC President. Meetings shall not be held during the final week of any term unless deemed necessary by the IFC President.
- D. Any IFC Committee shall attend the formal meeting at the request of the committee chairman, IFC President, IFC Executive responsible for said committee, or the Greek Advisor.

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Section 2. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session is defined as a closed meeting, consisting exclusively of IFC Executives and Chapter Presidents or their respective designee.
- B. Any Executive member of the IFC or chapter president, or their designee, may make a motion to enter Executive Session.
- C. Once the motion has been heard, a vote will be cast as provisioned in Article II, Section 3 of the document herein.

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Section 3. Voting

- A. Each chapter may cast one and only one vote on each issue brought to the table.
- B. Voting shall be presupposed by a period of factual questions and open discussion.
- C. Voting may only occur after an approved motion to vote.
- D. A majority vote results in the passing of a motion.
- E. The presiding IFC Executive will vote in the event of a tie.

Section 4. Committees

- A. All Chairmen shall be responsible to form a committee to help accomplish his respective duties, under the discretion of the Executive overseeing said chairman.
- B. Committee members do not have IFC Executive or Chairman powers.

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Section 5. Bylaws

- A. IFC Bylaws provide additional IFC policies regarding the control of the Fraternity system. This includes, but is not limited to, individual Executive and Chairman responsibilities, Risk and Recruitment Policies, as well as Judicial Board standards and procedure.
- B. All Fraternities in the WPI community are obligated to comply with IFC Constitution, Bylaws, as well as the WPI Greek Relationship Statement and the WPI Campus Code of Conduct.
- C. Changes to the IFC Bylaws must be proposed and committed via the process outlined in Article V, Section 2 of this document.

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Article III. Finance

Section 1. Formulation of Budget

- A. The cost of IFC operations will be divided equally among all members of the WPI fraternities
- B. A count of membership will be taken at the first meeting of C term to determine the distribution of cost. This membership will consist of active brothers only.
- C. Prior to approval, voting members of IFC must be supplied with a draft of the budget, including an explicit breakdown of how the money is being spent.
- D. An IFC operating budget shall be voted upon as outlined in Article II, Section 3.

Section 2. The Reserve Fund

- A. The Reserve Fund will serve as a resource for unbudgeted events that do not occur on an annual basis and are already budgeted for.
- B. The fund will only be used for special events that both IFC Executives and Presidents feel are necessary to Greek Life. (i.e. Special speakers, presentations, new events.)
- C. Withdrawals from the Reserve Fund must be passed by the IFC Executive Board and shall be voted upon as outlined in Article II, Section 3.
- D. The Reserve Fund will not exceed 30% of the total IFC budget.
- E. The Reserve Fund will accumulate no more than 5% a semester until at least a minimum of 15% of the total IFC Budget has been reached.
- F. If the Reserve Fund is to accumulate more than 5% a semester or more than 15% of the overall IFC budget, it must be brought to the attention of the IFC Executives and voted upon as outlined in Article II, Section 3.

Article IV. Documents

The IFC Constitution and Bylaws must be made available to all Fraternity members at WPI. This document and IFC Bylaws shall be posted on the IFC web site. Failure to comply with the policies outlined by the IFC Bylaws and the document herein is inexcusable.

Article V. Amendments and Revisions

Section 1. Review

- A. The IFC Executive Board is obligated to review and evaluate the IFC Constitution and Bylaws as outlined in the IFC Bylaws.
- B. Upon completion of review, respective amendments and/or revisions must be brought to the voting members of IFC as outlined in Article V, Section 2.

Section 2. Committed Changes

- A. Documentation of desired changes must be provided before changes can be committed.
- B. Any amendments or revisions to this document or the IFC Bylaws must be passed by two-thirds of the voting members of the IFC.
- C. Once changes have been committed, the newly ratified constitution and/or bylaws must be signed by the IFC President, IFC Vice President, and two Chapter Presidents.
- D. The newly ratified Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be made readily available on the WPI IFC website.
- E. These committed changes, once approved, are immediately brought into effect, unless a different schedule of implementation has been stipulated as part of the motion that presented the committed change.
- F. No motion that stipulates implementation of a proposed change more than one semester after the date of proposal shall be accepted by the IFC President.