

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS  
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL**

## **PREAMBLE:**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The official name of this organization shall be “*The California State University San Marcos Interfraternity Council*” and shall be abbreviated and hereafter referred to as IFC.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Interfraternity shall be:

- A. To promote and maintain strong and well-respected environment for fraternities at Cal State San Marcos;
- B. Act as the representative student driven government for all IFC member fraternities;
- C. To serve as a student organization recognized by Cal State San Marcos;
- D. To provide a Judicial Board to adjudicate matters involving violations of Cal State San Marcos rules and/or the Constitution and Bylaws of this Interfraternity Council;
- E. Schedule, organize, promote, and regulate recruitment and new member activities for all IFC member fraternities;
- F. Promote healthy inter-fraternal competitions in scholarship, philanthropic, athletics, and other activities;
- G. Cooperate with the University, campus, and local community organization on matters of common interest;
- H. Provide educational opportunities and informational services they will aid member fraternities or the Greek community;
- I. Represent the sentiments and concerns of the entire IFC community to the University Administration;
- J. Promote Greek life by informing the university, non-Greek, and the surrounding community of the merits and accomplishments of the Interfraternity Council.

### **ARTICLE III: SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

- A. The scope of authority for the IFC shall be legislative, administrative, judicial, and advisory. Additionally, this Constitution shall grant the Council the authority to regulate all matter of Interfraternity interest, except those that are institutional policy, to which the IFC is free to make recommendations to the University. Authority for IFC is derived through recognition granted by the University through the office of Student Life & Leadership.
- B. This IFC is the coordinating and governing body for men’s Greek letter, social fraternities recognized at Cal State San Marcos. National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) fraternities seeking recognition by the University will also seek recognition by the IFC. Recognition will not be given by the IFC unless approval of the University is given.

IFC maintains the right to choose to not grant recognition even if the University has done so.

- C. Any state or local laws, and/or any Cal State San Marcos regulations that conflict with any article of this Constitution shall take precedence.
- D. The IFC shall manifest its judicial authority, through the IFC Judicial Board on any matters that no require individual/organizational conduct due to breaking student code of conduct.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

##### A. Membership Limitation:

- I. All members are matriculated, currently enrolled students at California State University San Marcos.
- II. Membership in the organization will not be denied to anyone on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, disability, age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status, citizenship or veteran's status, except as sanctioned by the law (California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 41500, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX).

##### B. Requirement to Become an IFC Member

- I. Must be recognized by the University as a student organization and be in good standing with the University.
- II. Must have been selected by the IFC through the invitation process of expansion or must have been voted in through the special interest group process.
- III. Both chartered chapters and colony chapter are eligible for membership if they have met requirements I-II.

##### C. Privileges of an IFC Member

- I. Have all privileges and rights under this Constitution and Bylaws, limited by actions of the Judicial Board or the University.
- II. Receive coverage on a par with any IFC member in all IFC publication that list or describe IFC members.
- III. Be given the options to participate in all IFC sports/intramural tournaments
- IV. Be able to vote at meeting of the Presidents' Council.
- V. Be allowed to have its members, as they are eligible, run for elective and appointive offices in the IFC.

##### D. Duties of an IFC Member

- I. Pay all dues and fees owed to IFC.
- II. Abide by this Constitution and Bylaws and all regulation adopted by the Presidents' Council.
- III. Cooperate in any proceeding of the Judicial Board with which it may be involved and abide by all Judicial Board ruling affecting it.
- IV. Cooperate with all administrative actions of the IFC Executive Board.

- V. File with Student Life & Leadership the names of each new member, and update the new member's status when there is a change in status.
- VI. Maintain an updated file of grade release forms with the office of Student Life & Leadership.
- VII. Maintain at least a 2.50 GPA every cumulative.
- VIII. Abide by all University regulations and policies.

#### **ARTICLE V: ADMINISTRATIVE BODY**

- A. The administration body of the organization shall be called the Executive Board and shall be responsible for overseeing all duties and operations of the IFC.
- B. The Executive Board shall be elected and include:
  - I. President
  - II. Vice President of Finance
  - III. Vice President of Recruitment
  - IV. Vice President Internal
  - V. Vice President of Communications
  - VI. Vice President of Judicial Affairs
- C. Officers of the IFC Executive board shall be undergraduates, active, dues-paying, initiated members of their chapters and must not be on academic probation. No more than two (2) members of a single fraternity shall hold executive offices with an exception made for the transition period.
- D. The term of office for all Executive Board Officers of the Interfraternity Council shall be one year, equal to two semesters long from the previous spring election date according to the election guidelines.
- E. The election, transition, and installation of officers shall be in accordance with the IFC Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI: LEGISLATIVE BODY**

- A. The legislative body of the Interfraternity Council shall be called the Interfraternity Council Senate. (IFC Senate)
- B. The IFC Senate shall consist of representative of each IFC member fraternity. The chapters are entitled to two (2) representatives, consisting of the Chapter President and one IFC delegate and account for one vote per chapter. The representative shall be of active standing and enrolled as a full-time student at Cal State San Marcos.
- C. In the event a Chapter President and IFC representative are unable to attend a meeting, the chapter must send another representative in their place. No member of the IFC Executive Board shall represent their chapter for attendance purposes.
- D. Each chapter in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Each chapter absence within an academic year, beginning with the first general meeting in the fall semester and ending with the last general meeting in the spring semester, will result in a \$20 fine

per meeting. If a chapter has three (3) absences within a normal year, they will be referred to the Judicial Board for disciplinary actions. Any chapter that accumulates four (4) absences, and for every absence thereafter, they will be referred to the Judicial Board to review their membership within the IFC.

- E. The President of the Interfraternity Council shall vote only in the case of a tie in the Interfraternity Council Senate.

#### **ARTICLE VII: JUDICIAL BODY**

- A. The Interfraternity Council shall maintain an Interfraternity Council Judicial Board who shall be responsible for hearing, determining, and responding to any complaint regarding an infraction of the IFC Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Cal State San Marcos Student Rules.
- B. The operation and organization of this Judicial Board shall be in accordance with this constitution and the Bylaws, including the Judicial Policy and Process it establishes.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: UNIVERSITY ADVISOR**

- A. The Interfraternity Council Advisor shall be the Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life or designee.
- B. The IFC Advisor shall:
  - I. Advise the IFC Executive Board and the Presidents' Council on matters of legitimate interest and concern to the IFC.
  - II. Help, initiate, and undertake any investigation deemed in the interest of the IFC.
  - III. Cooperate with the Vice President of Finance in the receipt and disbursement of funds, and in preparation of the annual budget.
  - IV. Be present at all IFC Senate meetings and Judicial Board hearing, but will be an ex-officio member and if unavailable, reserve the right to designate a replacement.
  - V. Assist the IFC President in the supervision of the operation of the IFC when requested.
  - VI. Be, along with the IFC President, the University representative at all IFC hearings.
  - VII. Work with alumni, advisors, and inter/national headquarters staff as warranted.

#### **ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS**

- A. Regular sessions of the Interfraternity Council Senate shall be held weekly as designated by the President of the Interfraternity Council. A notice to all member fraternities shall be given a two (2) day notice prior to the meeting.
- B. In order to conduct official business ("Old Businesses" or "New Business"), any regular session or special meeting of the Interfraternity Council Senate must meet quorum;

defined as 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of chapter representation from chapters currently in good standing within the IFC. Chapter representation shall be defined as Chapter President or IFC delegate.

- C. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President of the Interfraternity Council or at the request of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Interfraternity Council Senate.
  - I. Notice of special meeting shall be given to the Interfraternity Council Senate representative of each member fraternity at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.
- D. The order of business and protocol of all meeting of the senate shall abide and refer to the current edition of Robert's Rule of Order, except in those areas provided for in the Constitution.
- E. The Meeting procedure shall be as followed:
  - I. Chapter Role Call
  - II. Reading of the Agenda
  - III. Open Forum
  - IV. Interfraternity Council Executive Board Reports
    - i. President
    - ii. Vice President Internal
    - iii. Vice President of Finance
    - iv. Vice President of Recruitment
    - v. Vice President of Judicial Affairs
    - vi. Vice President of Communications
  - V. Advisor Report
  - VI. Chapter Reports
  - VII. Greek Council Report
    - i. Panhellenic Council
    - ii. Multi-Cultural Greek Council
    - iii. Greek Leadership Council
  - VIII. Old/Unfinished Business
  - IX. New Business
  - X. Announcements
  - XI. Adjournment

#### **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**

- A. An amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Interfraternity Council may only be proposed by a Chapter President or an IFC delegate at any regular meeting of the Interfraternity Council Senate.
- B. Any motion to amend, revise, alter, or revoke an article of this Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Vice President of Communications, and tabled after an initial reading of said motion of the Interfraternity Council Senate. The

said motion shall be voted upon at the next Interfraternity Council Senate Meeting and require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> affirmative vote to be amended.

- C. The Interfraternity Council Bylaws become effective upon an affirmative 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the Interfraternity Council Senate. The purpose of these Bylaws is to explain, define, and contain in detail the duties of Executive Officers, Permanent Committees of the Interfraternity Council, to outline in brief the operations of the Interfraternity Council, and to set in fourth the rules and regulations governing the member fraternities.
- D. All amendments or approvals that require voting shall pass on a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote IFC delegates at the scheduled Interfraternity Senate meeting. The IFC Executive Board will tally the votes.

#### **ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION**

This Constitution becomes effective when passed by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the current member fraternities. Additionally, this constitution shall supersede any previous governing board at California State University San Marcos.