Constitution

University of San Diego Interfraternity Council
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Preamble

Sharing a primary loyalty to the University of San Diego and a desire to serve its best interests, and seeking a close cooperation and spirit of goodwill among fraternities for their individual and mutual benefit, the fraternities of the University of San Diego do establish this Constitution as a charter for the exercise of a responsible self government of their affairs within the University of San Diego’s student community.

Article I
Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be Interfraternity Council of the University of San Diego, hereafter known as the Interfraternity Council or the IFC.

Article II
Purpose of Organization

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the best interest of the University, to assist and strengthen fraternities individually and collectively, to provide a medium for self-government and the regulation of fraternity affairs, to further the development and expansion of fraternity life on campus, to act as liaison between fraternities and the University administration, to offer a common meeting ground for all fraternities, and to foster, in every way possible the Greek concept of Brotherhood among fraternities and the University of San Diego student community as a whole.

Article III
Scope of Authority

Section 1.
The scope of authority for the Interfraternity Council shall be legislative, administrative, judicial and advisory. By virtue of authority vested in it by the IFC Constitution and Bylaws, the IFC shall have power to regulate all matters of Interfraternity interest, except those that are of institutional policy, to which the Interfraternity Council is free to make recommendations to the University. Authority for the Interfraternity Council is derived through registration with the Associated Students of the University of San Diego. This authority includes the responsibility to establish and enforce policies for membership selection, pledging, the formation and admission of new fraternities, the planning, and execution of all Greek and interfraternity activities and regulation of fraternity activities in keeping with this Constitution and the IFC Bylaws.
Section 2.
All policies and activities of the Council and its member fraternities shall be in compliance with University policies and any applicable local, State and Federal laws.

Section 3.
The IFC shall manifest its judicial authority, as delegated by the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and the Dean of Students, through the Greek Discipline Board, as specified in Article VI of this Constitution and in the Greek Guidelines.

**Article IV. Membership and Representation**

Section 1.
Fraternity Chapters rather than individuals shall be considered members of the Interfraternity Council.

Section 2.
The regular membership of the IFC shall consist of the fraternity chapters and/or colonies in good standing and registered with USD Associated Students at the time this Constitution shall be ratified and such other chapters and/or colonies as may hereafter be admitted to the IFC.

Section 3.
Membership in the IFC is, at all times, a privilege which may be withdrawn for good cause by the IFC, in accordance with its Bylaws and the Greek Guidelines.

Section 4.
PROBATION AND SUSPENSION. A fraternity on probation loses no rights or privileges, unless sanctioned by the Greek Discipline Board. A suspended fraternity loses privileges of membership including, but not limited to, the right to vote, the privilege of participating in an IFC-sponsored event. A suspended fraternity must continue complying with all IFC and University policies.

Section 5.
**Delegates**
A. Each member fraternity shall designate two active delegates to the Interfraternity Council prior to the first meeting of each semester.
   1. One of the two delegates must be President of his Fraternity
   2. IFC officers are not considered representatives of their chapters and may not concurrently serve as chapter delegates.
B. Each member fraternity is entitled to one vote, which is to be cast by the Delegate of each fraternity, or in his absence, by the chapter President.

**Article V.**
**Expansion**
It shall be the policy of the IFC to actively encourage and support the formation of new fraternal organizations at the University of San Diego. Those organizations which wish to share the responsibilities and privileges of membership in the IFC and to enjoy the status as a registered men’s fraternity shall conform to the procedures as set forth in the University of San Diego’s IFC Bylaws

**Article VI. Judicial Procedures**

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the IFC to enforce IFC policies and University rules and regulations, and maintain appropriate standards of conduct of its member fraternities and their members. Instances and/or charges of misconduct by fraternity chapters or their members shall be referred to the Greek Discipline Board as set forth in the University of San Diego Greek Guidelines.

**Article VII Officers**

Section 1.
The elected officers of the USD Interfraternity Council shall be President, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Public Relations, Secretary/Treasurer, Special Events, Community Service, and University Relations. Officers will be selected in November of each year, according to procedures set forth in the Bylaws of the USD Interfraternity Council.

Section 2.
No Executive officer may serve as his chapter’s delegate or representative. Executive officers do not have a vote in IFC meetings, except that the President is empowered to break (but not create) ties.

Section 3.
EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Executive Board of the USD Interfraternity Council shall consist of the elected officers of the Interfraternity Council.

Section 4.
ADVISOR. The advisor to the Interfraternity Council shall be the Director of Student Organizations and Greek Life, who will be chosen by the University of San Diego Student Affairs Office. The advisor shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the council, the Executive Board, the Greek Discipline Board, the Greek Discipline Board and any other IFC Committees.

**Article VIII. Meetings**

Section 1.
The USD Interfraternity Council shall hold regular weekly Council meetings during the academic year, excluding holidays and breaks. Special meetings may be called by the
Interfraternity Council President or by petition of any member fraternity, provided chapter delegates are given written notice at least two (2) school days in advance.

Section 2.
All meetings shall be open for attendance by any given members and any alumni advisors of any member fraternity. Advisors and guests will have voice, but no vote in IFC meetings.

Section 3.
The IFC Executive Board shall hold regular weekly Executive Board meetings during the academic year, excluding holidays and breaks. The purpose of these meetings shall be to organize the agenda for Council meetings and to prepare work as directed by the Council. No matters shall be put to a vote at the Executive Board meetings.

Section 4.
QUORUM. One representative from each member fraternity shall constitute a quorum. Non-representation of a member fraternity shall be penalized in accordance with the bylaws.

Section 5.
PARLAMENTARY PROCEDURE. Meetings shall be conducted according to most recent publication of Robert’s Rules of Order, subject to the limitations of this Constitution and its Bylaws.

Article IX
New Member Education

Section 1.
Each fraternity shall be responsible for a positive contribution in the primary functions of the University, and is therefore under an obligation to encourage the most complete personal development of its members, intellectually, physically, and socially. It is therefore declared that none of the members will indulge in activities, which will:

A. Have an adverse affect on the worth of the individual, be it mentally, physically, or morally degrading to his character;
B. Hinder the individual’s participation in any activities, academic or extracurricular, at the University of San Diego

Section 2.
HAZING. All member fraternities of the University of San Diego Interfraternity Council forbid hazing in any form and subscribes to the following National Interfraternity Council Statement on Hazing, “The State of California, the University of San Diego, and the Office of Student Affairs have expressly and repeatedly asserted their opposition to hazing and pre-initiation activities which do not contribute to the positive development and welfare of pledges and members. Hazing has been defined as ‘any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.’ Such activities and situations
include, but are not limited to, paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; kidnaps, treasure hunts; scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities; wearing publicly, apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual, or policy, or the regulations and policies of the University of San Diego.”

**Article X**

**Membership Selection**

Section 1.
**NON-DISCRIMINATION.** The University of San Diego Interfraternity Council and its member fraternities do not discriminate against any person, potential member or member on the basis of race, religion, natural origin, age disability or sexual orientation.

Section 2.
**SINGLE SEX.** As specifically entitle under the Title IX of the Education Code, the membership of the IFC fraternities is limited to men only.

Section 3.
**RIGHT TO SELECT MEMBERS.** The member fraternities of the University of San Diego Interfraternity Council reserve the right, under the First Amendment of the United States, to peaceably assemble with members of our own choosing who share the ideals of scholarship, service, high moral standards and brotherhood to which we aspire.

**Article XI. Finance**

**DUES.** Each chapter member of the Interfraternity Council shall be assessed dues at the start of each semester, with the amount determined by the Interfraternity Council, Executive Committee.