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ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1: Membership

I.1.A. Member chapters of the Interfraternity Council shall be classified as either a: Full Member Fraternity, Probationary Member Fraternity, or an Associate Member Fraternity.

I.1.B. Full Member Fraternities:

I.1.B.a. Must Have an active charter from the chapter's national headquarters

I.1.B.b. Have Been approved by a vote of the Executive Committee for full membership as outlined in the Expansion Policy

I.1.B.c. Must Be in good standing with the Institute and with IFC

I.1.C. Probationary Member Fraternities:

I.1.C.a. Are not in good standing with the Institute and/ or IFC.

I.1.C.b. Meet all other criteria of Full Member Fraternities.

I.1.C.c. Are subject to all Council rules, regulations, policies, fines, and fees.

I.1.C.d. Hosting events where guests/individuals that are not members of the chapter are present hosted by probationary member fraternities must be approved by the Administrative Vice President and Council President at least three days prior to the event.

I.1.D. Associate Member Fraternities:

I.1.D.a. Fulfill the requirements for recognition as outlined in the Expansion Policy Are approved by a vote of the General Assembly for associate member as outlined in the Expansion Policy

I.1.D.b. Are in good standing with the Institute and with IFC

I.1.D.c. Must attend all required General Assembly meetings and abide by all IFC rules, regulations, and policies and pay dues to IFC at the chapter rate, with the exception of the one-time pledge fee.

I.1.D.d. Do not have voting rights and are not eligible for IFC Awards or Scholarships; election into Order of Omega; or committee Chairmanships.

I.1.D.e. May participate in all IFC sponsored activities including all recruitment and social activities and any educational or leadership programming sponsored by IFC as well as serve as members of committees.

I.1.E. Interest Groups:

I.1.E.a. Interest Groups are not considered members of IFC, but rather official groups that are supported by IFC to expand the fraternity system. Interest Groups are required to attend all IFC meetings, but have no voting or speaking rights

Section 2: Expansion Policy

I.2.A. This policy applies to all groups wishing to become a member of the Georgia Tech Interfraternity Council who are not current members of IFC. This includes groups who have previously been members but are no longer a part of IFC due to expulsion, chapter closure, Institute or IFC judicial action, or failure to complete requirements for membership. Each section, part, and rule of this policy must be completed to the satisfaction of the Fraternity Advisor, Executive Board, Expansion Review Board and the General Assembly in the time and means provided or the petitioning group must restart the process.

I.2.B. Potential members will be evaluated on the following criteria:

I.2.B.a. Strength (financial and organizational) of inter/national organization

I.2.B.b. Ability of local alumni to provide financial support and leadership guidance to a new chapter

I.2.C. Expansion Review Board

I.2.C.a. The Expansion Review Board (ERB) shall comprise five members: Vice President of Recruitment, Administrative Vice President, one Committee Chairman, and two members of the General Assembly under the advice of the Interfraternity Advisor.

I.2.C.b. The ERB will be assembled at the request of the Fraternity Advisor or IFC Executive Committee for one or both of the following reasons:

I.2.C.b.i. To respond to the request of an interest group to start a fraternity who is not currently a member of IFC.

I.2.c.b.ii. To explore the possibility of expanding IFC membership without a preexisting interest group.

I.2.C.c. The ERB will be responsible for:

I.2.C.c.i. Meeting regularly when required ensuring proper communication with an interest group

I.2.C.c.ii. Leading and assisting interest groups through the requirements of membership in IFC

I.2.C.c.iii. Making recommendations to the General Assembly as to the membership of an Interest Group, Colony, or Chapter into IFC.

I.2.C.c.iv. The ERB will make a final recommendation to the Executive Committee regarding the admission of the Interest Group for membership in IFC.

I.2.C.c.v. Evaluating Interest Group preferences and approve, deny, or suggest modifications (including choosing a different fraternity)

I.2.C.c.vi. Reviewing the progress of the colonies

I.2.C.d. Suggestions made by the ERB, will allow 60 days to comply (or longer as determined by the ERB).

I.2.C.e. The ERB at any time may recommend that a group in the expansion processes be terminated from membership in IFC if the group does not meet deadlines or other requirements as outlined in the Expansion Policy.

I.2.C.e.i. The group may be removed from IFC with a majority vote of the general assembly upon recommendation of the ERB.

I.2.C.e.ii. All decisions of the ERB are final.

I.2.D. Colonization

I.2.D.a. An Interest Group that wishes to become a colony must have met all requirements of becoming an Associate Member within 12 months of becoming an Interest Group or it will be automatically dropped as a colony and must restart the expansion process.

I.2.D.b. Upon recognition of the Interest Group as a Colony by a(n) international fraternity, the Colony must immediately begin the process of chartering themselves as a student organization by fulfilling the requirements set forth by the Institute to register as a Greek organization

I.2.D.c. Once these requirements are fulfilled, the Colony must file a Petition for Membership with the ERB two weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the General Assembly. This Petition must include:

I.2.D.c.i. Membership List

I.2.D.c.ii. Goals of the Colony

I.2.D.c.iii. Summary of the activities of the Colony to date

I.2.D.c.iv. Local alumni with whom the colony has an established relationship

I.2.D.d. ERB will review the progress of the Colony and, if all requirements are met, recommend to the General Assembly that the Colony be granted Associate Member status.

I.2.D.e. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting delegates present at the scheduled General Assembly is required to grant Associate Member status.

I.2.E. Chartering

I.2.E.a. Associate membership will continue until the Colony receives a national charter.

I.2.E.b. When an Associate Member receives a national charter, the chapter must submit a petition for full membership to the ERB. The petition should include:

I.2.E.b.i. A cover letter, a copy of the national charter petitioning documents, and any other national supporting documents

I.2.E.b.ii. A letter from the local alumni association of the colony indicating the number of members and financial support raised since colonization

I.2.E.b.iii. A statement of approval signed by the Dean of Students and Fraternity Advisor

I.2.E.b.iv. A report outlining what the colony has accomplished since colonization as related to the goals submitted to gain associate member status

I.2.E.c. When the Petition for Full Membership is complete, the ERB will submit the packet to the IFC Executive Committee for review along with their recommendation for or against membership.

I.2.E.d. The Executive Committee will bring the Petition before the General Assembly at the next meeting along with their recommendation for or against membership.

I.2.E.e. The colony will gain Full Membership status with a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting delegates present at the scheduled General Assembly.

I.2.E.f. An Associate Member may only petition for Full Membership once per semester.

Section 3: Representation and Voting

I.3.A. may vote and speak on any issues brought before the General Assembly and are eligible for all IFC awards, scholarships, programs, and committee chairmanships.

I.3.B. may request that another member be expelled or suspended from IFC at any time. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of voting members present at the scheduled General Assembly is required for suspension or expulsion.

I.3.B.a. The request must be made in writing and submitted to the Executive Committee at least two weeks before the next scheduled General Assembly meeting.

I.3.B.b. The Executive Committee will review the request and submit a non-binding recommendation at the next General Assembly meeting.

I.3.B.c. A vote will be held at the next scheduled General Assembly meeting after the request is submitted no earlier than two weeks from the date of submission.

I.3.C. The General Assembly shall have as its philosophy, equal representation of full member chapters, regardless of chapter size, provided delegates maintain required qualifications as stated in the Bylaws.

I.3.D. Associate member chapters shall not have a vote in the General Assembly, but may participate in General Assembly discussions.

I.3.E. Delegates may vote by written proxy, which must be delivered to a council executive officer prior to the beginning of voting.

I.3.E.a. Proxies may be open (a blanket authority to vote), or restricted (vote must be cast per written restrictions/instructions contained in the proxy).

I.3.F. Voting privileges of any delegate(s) may be suspended for failure to fulfill certain obligations to The Interfraternity Council, as set forth in the Bylaws.

I.3.G. Representation

I.3.G.a. Each full member fraternity shall be required to maintain one delegate to the General Assembly.

I.3.G.b. The delegate from each fraternity shall serve a term of office equal in length to that of his fraternity's president.

I.3.G.c. The designation of these delegates shall be announced at the next General Assembly meeting following the delegates' election/appointment.

I.3.H. Duties and Powers of Delegates

I.3.H.a. Serve as the representative of their chapter, casting their vote(s) in a manner intended to the desires of their chapter's membership.

I.3.H.b. Serve as the principle communication link between their chapter and The Interfraternity Council.

I.3.H.c. Assume and perform any additional duties or powers delegated to General Assembly delegates by other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws.

I.3.H.d. Sponsor legislation for the good of the Interfraternity Council.

Section 4: Meetings

I.4.A. Regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be held every two weeks of each academic session excluding summer.

I.4.B. The time and place of all regular General Assembly meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

I.4.C. Member fraternities shall be informed of all regular General Assembly meetings in writing by the Secretary, at least three calendar days in advance of the meeting.

I.4.D. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon request of any member fraternity in good standing.

I.4.E. Requests for special meetings must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee.

I.4.E.a. Notice of special meetings must be communicated in writing to all member fraternities at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting time.

I.4.F. Emergency meetings may be called by the President, or may be requested by a delegate in good standing of any member chapter in good standing.

I.4.G. Requests for emergency meetings must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee, which shall determine the necessity and feasibility of conducting an emergency meeting.

I.4.G.a. Notice of emergency meetings must be made in person to each delegate by a member of the Executive Committee.

I.4.H. The meeting Order shall happen as follows:

I.4.H.a. Call to Order

I.4.H.b. Roll Call

I.4.H.c. Guest Speakers

I.4.H.d. Officer Reports

I.4.H.e. Advisor Report

I.4.H.f. Committee Chair Reports

I.4.H.g. Old Business

I.4.H.h. New Business

I.4.H.i. Announcements and Fraternity Reports

I.4.H.j. Presidential Remarks

I.4.H.k. Adjournment

I.4.I. Conduct of Meetings and Quorum

I.4.I.a. Meetings of the General Assembly shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (9th edition, 1990), except when provisions of the Constitution and/or Bylaws give other specific directions.

I.4.I.b. Quorum for conduct of business shall be a simple majority of the good standing delegates of the General Assembly, present in person or by valid proxy delivered to the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting.

I.4.J. Questions of Procedures and Interpretation

I.4.J.a. A fraternity member who is not a voting delegate of any full member fraternity shall be appointed as Parliamentarian, and shall advise the President/Chair on points of parliamentary procedure.

I.4.J.b. The term of the Parliamentarian shall be the remainder of the academic year from time of appointment.

I.4.J.c. Questions of interpretation of the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be referred to the Advisor.

I.4.K. Voting on Regular, Special, and Financial Motions in Excess of $500.00

I.4.K.a. A simple majority of votes cast shall be necessary for the passage of regular motions brought before the General Assembly. Regular motions do not affect the Constitution and/or Bylaws.

I.4.K.b. Motions that limit or constrain the activity of member fraternities are classified as "special" motions.

I.4.K.c. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the voting members present (in person or by properly executed proxy) shall be required for passage of "special" motions.

I.4.K.d. Any motion requiring the use of non-budgeted Interfraternity Council Funds in excess of five hundred dollars ($500.00) shall be automatically tabled until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE II: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1: Executives

II.1.A. The officers of the Interfraternity Council shall be the President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Philanthropy, Vice President of Wellbeing, and Recruitment Director.

II.1.B. The President shall:

II.1.B.a. Serve as the executive head of The Interfraternity Council and the Executive Council, and serve as the official representative of The Interfraternity Council and the fraternity system.

II.1.B.b. Preside as chair at meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly and decide points of order when necessary.

II.1.B.c. Call special and emergency meetings of the General Assembly.

II.1.B.d. See that members of the Executive Committee discharge their duties faithfully, impartially, accurately and promptly.

II.1.B.e. Maintain up-to-date copies of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Administrative Policies and Procedures.

II.1.B.f. Serve as a corporate officer.

II.1.C. Vice President of Administration shall:

II.1.C.a. Preside over all initiatives relating to events hosted by member and associate chapters.

II.1.C.b. Preside over all initiatives relating to risk management and mitigation.

II.1.C.c. Present cases to the Judicial Board in accordance with the Bylaws.

II.1.C.d. Perform the duties of the President in his absence, inability to serve, or at his call.

II.1.C.d. Oversee the Operations & GNA Director.

II.1.D. Vice President of Recruitment

II.1.D.a. Preside over all matters concerning recruitment.

II.1.D.b. Oversee the Recruitment Director.

II.1.E. Vice President of Programming

II.1.E.a. He shall preside over all matters concerning the experience of individual members of the Greek community.

II.1.E.b. Oversee the Membership Experience & Advancement Directors.

II.1.F. Vice President of Finance shall:

II.1.F.a. Serve as a corporate officer.

II.1.F.b. Make any and all authorized expenditures from Interfraternity Council funds, and is a signer on all accounts.

II.1.F.c. Authorize contracts on behalf of the Interfraternity Council.

II.1.F.d. Oversee the Finance Director.

II.1.F.f. Prepare an annual budget for approval by the General Assembly at the last meeting of the academic year.

II.1.F.g. Keep an accurate and up-to-date record of all financial transactions.

II.1.F.h. Prepare and distribute to member fraternities quarterly budget reports, and balance sheets for all Interfraternity Council accounts.

II.1.F.i. Prepare and file any required tax documents on behalf of the Interfraternity Council.

II.1.F.k. Properly manages and maintains the Scholarship Fund.

II.1.F.k. File all required documents with the Secretary of State of Georgia to preserve the incorporated status of the Interfraternity Council.

II.1.G. Vice President of Communications

II.1.G.a. Serve as the primary point of contact for all persons and organizations external to the Interfraternity Council.

II.1.G.b. Preside over all functions relating to public image and marketing.

II.1.G.c. Oversee the Public Relations & Technology Directors

II.1.H. Vice President of Philanthropy

I.1.H.a. Serve as a corporate officer.

I.1.H.b. Oversee all matters pertaining to Interfraternity Council philanthropy involvement.

I.1.H.c. Evaluate the chosen Interfraternity Council philanthropy yearly.

I.1.H.d. Coordinate application process and distribution of Value Based Grants (VBG) given for chapter philanthropy events, as outlined in the VBG bylaws.

I.1.H.e. Oversee the Philanthropy Director

II.1.I. Vice President of Wellbeing and Education

II.1.I.a. Preside over all initiatives relating to member health, safety, and well-being, including education and programming for member and associate chapters.

II.1.I.b. Serve as the Interfraternity Council's liaison to the campus health and safety offices.

II.1.I.c. Oversee the Wellbeing and Education Director.

II.1.J. Recruitment Director

II.1.J.a. Distribute a list, if available, of all incoming new men to each member fraternity in good standing.

II.1.J.b. With the Vice President of Communications or Public Relations Director, produce publications to promote fraternity membership.

II.1.J.c. Coordinate and supervise Interfraternity Council recruitment activities.

II.1.J.d. Take such actions considered necessary to ensure that chapters are in compliance with the Bylaws and Policies pertaining to recruiting new members.

II.1.J.e. Conduct an evaluation of rush and report to chapters the results of the evaluation.

II.1.K.f. Conduct any other programs and/or activities that may enhance the effectiveness of member fraternities in recruiting new members.

II.1.K. Additional Duties

II.1K.a. All Executive officers shall assume any additional duties of a temporary nature, assigned by the President, or as directed by the General Assembly by majority vote.

Section 2: Directors

II.2.A. The directors of the Interfraternity Council shall be the Operations Director, GNA Director, Advancement Director, Membership Experience Director, Finance Director, Technology Director, Philanthropy Director, Wellbeing Director and the Public Relations Director.

II.2.A. Appointment of Directors and Committee Members, and Qualifications of Directors and Members

II.2.A.a. All directors and all committee members are appointed by the Executive Committee. Approval of the General Assembly is not required

II.2.A.b. The Executive Committee may choose co-directors for any committee.

II.2.A.c. The Executive Committee can defer the appointment of committee members to the committee director.

II.2.A.d. Every effort shall be made to appoint committee chairmen and members in a manner that provides for diverse representation from among the full member fraternities in good standing.

II.2.A.e. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to set the qualifications for directorship and membership of all committees. At no time however, shall directorship or membership be extended to anyone who is on disciplinary probation with the Institute, or who is on academic probation, or whose chapter is on suspension from the Interfraternity Council.

II.2.A.f. The Executive Committee retains the right to remove any director or committee members at any time.

Section 3: Committees

II.3.A. The standing committees of the Interfraternity Council shall be the Greek Programming Committee, the Finance Committee, the Greek Excellence Committee, the Greek Neighborhood Association Committee, the Greek Week Committee, the Homecoming Committee, the Philanthropy/Community Service Committee, the Communications Committee, the Rush Committee, the Scholarship Committee, the Operations Committee.

II.3.B. All committees must hold meetings on at least a bimonthly basis or at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Minutes should be taken and submitted to the Executive Committee before the General Assembly following the meeting.

II.3.C. Duties of standing committees identified in this section of the Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly. Additional duties may be established by the committee chairman. Standing committees may create subcommittees with subcommittee chairs with the approval of the Executive Committee

II.3.C.a. Programming Committee:

II.3.C.a.i. Plan/coordinate, publicize, provide, and keep attendance for optional and mandatory educational programming opportunities for use by the General Assembly and by individual chapters.

II.3.C.a.ii. Provide comprehensive alcohol and hazing training in accordance with the New Member Scholarship policy.

II.3.C.a.iii Utilize alumni for programming whenever possible.

II.3.C.b. Finance Committee:

II.3.C.b.i. Survey the member fraternities each spring for financial data, and publish the results to all member fraternities, their chapter advisors and house corporations.

II.3.C.b.ii. Plan, promote, execute, and evaluate programming that will assist the member fraternities in areas of financial management.

II.3.C.b.iii. Coordinate fundraising and sponsorships for programs at the request of other committee chairs and approval of the Executive Committee.

II.3.C.b.iv. Work extensively with the VP of Finance to assign semester invoices to member fraternities using online accounting software.

II.3.C.b.v. Participate in all budget revisions and attend all budget meetings with the President, Vice-President of Finance, and advisor.

II.3.C.c. Greek Excellence Committee:

II.3.C.c.i. Assist in the planning, promotion, and evaluation of the Greek Advance Leadership Retreat.

II.3.C.c.ii. Inform and encourage chapters of any and all Institute, Fraternity, and other leadership development opportunities and awards.

II.3.C.c.iii. Assist the Executive Vice-President in the calculations of the Greek Excellence and Best Overall Fraternity awards

II.3.C.d. Greek Neighborhood Association:

II.3.C.d.i. Evaluate the GNA Policy yearly.

II.3.C.d.ii. Administer the GNA Policy, where changes to the GNA policy can be made with a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the house managers

II.3.C.d.iii. Produce a best practices guide for house managers.

II.3.C.d.iv. Co-chair, with the CPC delegate, the committee of house managers.

II.3.C.d.v. Evaluate the Greek Housing Standards yearly with the assistance of Georgia Tech Facilities and the office of Greek Affairs.

II.3.C.d.vi. Ensure that each House Manager upholds the Greek Housing Standards.

II.3.C.d.vii. Lead and ensure the success of the Greek Recycling Program.

II.3.C.d.viii. Direct programs and educational programs that will benefit the operations of Greek Facilities.

II.3.C.e. Greek Week Committee:

II.3.C.e.i. Coordinate, publicize, and evaluate all activities of Greek Week, and hear appeals of Greek Week rules violations.

II.3.C.e.ii. Coordinate with the Order of Omega, an annual awards ceremonies program at which the James E. Dull Best Overall Fraternity Award and other awards are given.

II.3.C.e.iii. Coordinate with the Order of Omega, a faculty recognition and appreciation event during Greek Week.

II.3.C.e.iv. Should the Order of Omega cease to exist or be unwilling or unable to coordinate this event, the duty shall fall to the Greek Week Committee to plan, promote, execute, and evaluate these events.

II.3.C.f. Homecoming Committee:

II.3.C.f.i. Represent the Interfraternity Council on any other Institute homecoming related committees.

II.3.C.f.ii. Coordinate, publicize, and evaluate all activities of Homecoming, and hear appeals of Homecoming rules violations.

II.3.C.f.iii. Assist the member fraternities in planning effective alumni relations activities during Homecoming.

II.3.C.g. Philanthropy/Community Service Committee:

II.3.C.g.i. Plan, coordinate, publicize, provide, and keep attendance for philanthropy/community service activities for the betterment of the Interfraternity Council member fraternities and their members.

II.3.C.g.ii. Collect and maintain records necessary for the Philanthropy category of the James E. Dull Best Overall Fraternity Award.

II.3.C.g.iii. Maintain a list of the Philanthropy/Community Service Chairmen of each chapter and inform them of all opportunities for philanthropy and service.

II.3.C.g.iv. Collaborate with other Philanthropy/Community Service organizations whenever possible.

II.3.C.h. Communications Committee:

II.3.C.h.i. Plan, promote, execute, and evaluate programming that will assist the member fraternities in the area of Public Relations.

II.3.C.h.ii. Disseminate information to appropriate media regarding positive achievements and accomplishments of both member fraternities and individuals, through press releases, publications, or other media.

II.3.C.h.iii. Update and maintain the Interfraternity Council's website.

II.3.C.h.iv. Maintain computers and other technology in the Interfraternity Council's office space.

II.3.C.h.v. Coordinate a system to update contact information and emailing lists for officers, committee chairs, and fraternity delegates with the Secretary.

II.3.C.i. Rush Committee:

II.3.C.i.i Distribute a list of all incoming new men to each member fraternity in good standing.

II.3.C.i.ii. Produce publications to promote fraternity membership.

II.3.C.i.iii. Coordinate and supervise Interfraternity Council rush activities.

II.3.C.i.iv. Take such actions considered necessary to ensure that chapters are in compliance with the Interfraternity Council Rush Policies.

II.3.C.i.v. Conduct an evaluation of rush and report to chapters the results of the evaluation.

II.3.C.i.vi. Conduct any other programs and/or activities that may enhance the effectiveness of member fraternities in recruiting new members.

II.3.C.i.vii. After one term as Recruitment Director, the chairman may become the Recruitment Vice President. In the event that the Recruitment Director does not become the Recruitment Vice President, an election will be held for the position

II.3.C.j. Scholarship Committee:

II.3.C.j.i. Administer and recommend all changes in the Scholarship Policy.

II.3.C.j.ii. Evaluate the IFC Scholarship Policy yearly.

II.3.C.j.iii. Collect chapter scholarship policies yearly and produce a best scholarship practices guide.

II.3.C.j.iv. Promote and organize the Greek Tutoring program.

II.3.C.j.v. Promote a system of rewards and recognitions for each term, for chapters that perform above the non-fraternity man's average, for the chapter with the highest and most improved averages, the highest pledge class average, and for individuals making a 4.0 on a full load of coursework.

II.3.C.j.vi. Propose to the General Assembly any expenditure from the Scholarship Endowment Fund, and administer any systems approved by the General Assembly for financial awards from this fund.

II.3.C.j.vii. Collect and evaluate each fraternity's scholarship plan in accordance with the New Member Scholarship Policy.

II.3.C.j.viii. Promote scholarships, fellowships, assistantships, graduate school testing, and other educational related materials to the member fraternities.

II.3.C.j.ix. Plan, promote, execute, and evaluate programming that will assist the member fraternities in the area of academic performance.

II.3.C.k. Social Committee:

II.3.C.k.i. Evaluate the IFC Social Policy yearly.

II.3.C.k.ii. Promote awareness of and compliance with the Social Policy by member fraternities.

II.3.C.k.iii. Maintain a social event registration system and coordinate periodic visitation of social functions to evaluate the level of compliance occurring at member fraternity social events.

II.3.C.k.iv. Lead educational programming regarding risk reduction methods for social functions, consequences of non-compliance with the Social Policy, and resources for social chairmen.

II.3.C.k.v. Assist the Educational Programming Chairman for Social Policy education during the New Member Education seminars.

II.3.C.k.vi. Promote social interaction between chapters and other campus organizations.

II.3.D. Establishment of Committees

II.3.D.a. Standing committees may be established or dissolved by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly. In the case that a standing committee identified in Section C-1 of this article is dissolved, and/or a new committee is established, the Executive Vice-President shall revise that section of the Bylaws to reflect the changes.

II.3.D.b. Special or ad hoc committees may be established or dissolved by the Executive Committee, or by the President

II.1.D.c. Special or ad hoc committees shall not continue into the next annual administration without being re-established.

Section 4: Holding Office

II.4.A. Elections shall be conducted annually at a meeting of the General Assembly during the month of November according to the following process:

II.4.A.a. The date of elections shall be announced to the General Assembly no later than thirty days prior to the election.

II.4.A.b. The application shall consist of questions determined by the Executive Committee and approved by a standard vote of the General Assembly.
The application shall be provided to member chapters at least thirty days before the date of elections.

II.4.A.c. The application shall close for submissions one week prior to the date of elections. Once applications are closed, the Executive Committee shall verify the eligibility of all candidates and provide the applications to each eligible candidate to the General Assembly at least five days prior to the election.

II.4.A.d. The outgoing Recruitment Director shall be installed as the incoming Vice President of Recruitment.

II.4.A.d.i In the event the outgoing Recruitment Director is ineligible or unwilling to serve as the Vice President of Recruitment, the office would be elected as any other Executive office.

II.4.A.d.ii. The election of a new officer shall be conducted by a standard vote of the General Assembly.

II.4.A.e. In the event a candidate does not receive a majority vote, a runoff will be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. If a tie occurs, the Executive Committee will break the tie. The President shall have no vote but will break the tie of the Executive Council if one occurs.

II.4.B. To run for and hold elected office, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

II.4.B.a. Be a full-time Georgia Tech student in good standing both academically and judicially.

II.4.B.b. Have a current cumulative academic average of 2.6 at the time of election.

II.4.B.c. Be a member in good standing of a full member chapter.

II.4.B.d. No chapter president (or most senior executive officer) of a member or associate chapter may hold an Executive Office within the Interfraternity Council unless said person's term as chapter president does not overlap their term as a council Executive Officer by more than 30 days time.

II.4.B.e. No more than two members of a single chapter may serve on the executive committee at the same time.

II.4.B.f. The Vice President of Recruitment and the Recruitment Director must hold membership in separate chapters.

II.4.C. Removal of Officers

II.4.C.a. At any time during an elected officer’s term, any member of the General Assembly, officer, or director may make a motion to the General Assembly calling for the removal of an elected executive officer from office.

II.4.C.b. An affirmative vote for expulsion must be (2/3) of the voting delegates present at regularly scheduled General Assembly meetings. Abstentions are counted towards the majority

II.4.D. Vacancies in Office

II.4.D.a. In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Administrative Vice President shall serve as President for the remainder of the term, and a special election

shall be held for the office of Administrative Vice President. Normal election procedures shall be followed for the special election.

II.4.D.b. In the case of a vacancy of any other executive office, a special election shall be held for that office. Normal election procedures shall be followed for the special election.

Section 5: Responsibilities

II.5.A.a. Administer, execute, and evaluate the programs, activities, and services of the Interfraternity Council.

II.5.A.b. Appoint the directors of the Interfraternity Council.

II.5.A.c. Appoint all standing and special/ad-hoc committees, their members, and the directors to serve as their chairmen.

II.5.A.d. Determine and discuss the business that is to come before the General Assembly.

II.5.A.e. Perform any additional duties delegated to the Executive Committee in other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws, or duties of a temporary nature as directed by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

II.5.A.f. Should any situation not specified in the Bylaws of the Council or the Constitution require immediate action, the executive board is given full authority to take any action/decision it deems necessary and proper for the good of the council. The board must propose such measure(s) to the council for amendment to the By-laws within 30 days of the start of the next academic semester (Fall, Spring).

ARTICLE III: JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1: Justices

III.1.A. Qualifications of Candidates for Interfraternity Council Judicial Board

III.1.A.a. Candidates must be full-time students in good standing (not on academic warning or academic or disciplinary probation or on disciplinary suspension held in abeyance)

III.1.A.b. Selected candidates must be an active member of their fraternity.

III.1.A.c. Candidates may not be an IFC Executive Board Officer.

III.1.A.d. In order to continue service on the Judicial Board, candidates must remain a member of a fraternity (as defined in Section A of this article), and their chapter must not be suspended or be on disciplinary suspension held in abeyance.

III.1.A.e. Associate member, colony, and local fraternity members are not eligible.

III.1.A.f. The membership selection will vary according to the governing board.

III.1.A.g. The Judicial Board shall be composed of at least 13 members.

III.1.A.h. A minimum of five (5) members, not including the Board chairman, must hear each case. Additional board members may be asked to hear a case.

III.1.B. Terms of Office and Vacancies

III.1.B.a. Members shall serve a minimum term of office of one (1) year. In the case where a new Judicial Board has not been selected at the end of one (1) year, the current Judicial Board shall remain in place until the new Judicial Board is selected.

III.1.B.b. The current Judicial Board shall attempt to complete cases referred to the Judicial Board prior to the end of their term of office.

III.1.B.c. In the case of a vacancy due to resignation, a member no longer meeting the selection criteria, or other circumstances, a new member will be selected by the prescribed selection process for the governing board within ten (10) business days of the vacancy. The new candidate will serve the remainder of the term.

III.1.B.d. If the fraternity of the member is involved in the incident in question, the member is disqualified from hearing the case.

III.1.C. Selection of Chair, Term of Office, Vacancy, and Disqualification

III.1.C.a. The Judicial Board Chair shall be from the same governing board as the chapter involved in the case. a. The IFC Judicial Board Chair shall be the Administrative Vice President of IFC.

III.1.C.b. The Collegiate Panhellenic Council Judicial Board Chair shall be the Executive Vice President of Collegiate Panhellenic Council.

III.1.C.c. The NPHC Judicial Board Chair shall be the Vice President of NPHC.

III.1.C.d. If the fraternity of the Chair is involved in the incident in question; the Chair is disqualified from serving as Chair and from hearing the case.

III.1.C.e. In the event of the disqualification of the Chair, the President of the respective Council shall select a temporary Chair from the current Executive Council.

III.1.D. Composition of joint Greek Judicial Board

III.1.D.a. Three members shall be selected at random from the Judicial Board of the accused chapter's governing board by the chair serving for the case in question.

III.1.D.b. Two members each shall be selected at random from the remaining governing boards' judicial boards by the chair serving for the case in question.

III.1.D.c. If the Judicial Board Chair of the governing board of the fraternity involved in the case is unable to serve then the Judicial Board Chair from one of the other governing boards (CPC, IFC, or NPHC) may serve in their place.

III.1.E. IFC Judicial Committee Composition

III.1.E.a. The IFC Judicial Board shall be composed of justices from the Greek community. IFC Administrative Vice President will nominate at least ten (10) justices for the calendar year.

III.1.F. To serve as the IFC Justice for a member chapter on the IFC Judicial Board, an individual must meet the following requirements:

III.1.F.a. Be an active member, in good standing, of an IFC member chapter.

III.1.F.b. Maintain good academic standing with the institution.

III.1.F.c. Be devoted to the general ideals and principles of fraternity life and conduct himself in a professional manner consistent with the mission and purpose of the IFC, as defined within these Bylaws.

III.1.F.d. Have a working knowledge of the IFC Constitution and Bylaws, Georgia Institute of Technology policies, NIC Standards, and the IFC Standard Operating Procedures.

III.1.F.e. Not be a current member of the IFC Executive Board or serve as his member chapter's IFC Representative or Alternate Representative for the IFC General Bod**.**

III.1.F.f. Must complete training on the IFC Judicial Code prior to serving on an IFC Judicial Board hearing.

III.1.G. Term of Office of IFC Justices

III.1.G.a. The term of office for IFC Justices shall be one calendar year.

III.1.H. IFC Judicial Board Hearing Attendance

III.4.H.a. All IFC Judicial Board hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

III.4.H.a.i. All IFC Justices assigned to a hearing shall be present in order to conduct business on behalf of the IFC Judicial Board.

III.4.H.a.ii. Each IFC Justice assigned to a hearing is required to attend. Failure of an IFC Justice to attend a hearing for which he was assigned shall result in his member chapter being referred to the IFC Administrative Vice President for potential judicial review.

III.1.I. IFC Judicial Board Hearing Voting Policies

III.1.I.a. All IFC Judicial Board hearings shall operate utilizing the following voting policies:

III.1.I.b. Each IFC Justice serving on a hearing shall have one vote.

III.1.I.c. A majority vote shall govern all actions of an IFC Judicial Board.

Section 2: Responsibilities

III.2.A. The IFC shall be a peer-governing organization with an independent Judicial Board, which shall have jurisdiction over cases involving alleged member chapter violations, including but not limited to:

III.2.A.a. The IFC Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct, and other policies.

III.2.A.b. The rules and regulations of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

III.2.A.c. The general values-based conduct of fraternity men.

III.2.B. The IFC Judicial Board shall work with the campus to implement a comprehensive conduct program that enhances peer-governance; respects the authority of the campus to adjudicate alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct; and avoids multiple, overlapping conduct processes.

III.2.B.a. The Judicial Board shall defer to the Institute or other higher governing authority in the case of overlapping jurisdiction.

III.2.B.b. Unless granted an exemption by the Executive Committee, the Judicial Board shall issue sanctions in parallel to any Institute decision.

III.2.B.c. Authority to investigate any accusations of sexual misconduct or hazing shall be ceded to the Institute.

III.2.B.c.i. Other violations of Institute policy or the law may be investigated by the Council only when the Institute and all other governing authorities have declined to investigate or take action.

III.2.B.d. The IFC shall develop an agreement with the campus that identifies the role of each judicial body in adjudicating allegations of chapter-level misconduct.

III.2.C. Due Process

III.2.C.a. In appearing before the Judicial Board, each member chapter shall be granted certain rights termed "due process." Those rights are:

III.2.C.a.i. Right to be notified, in writing, of all charges, as outlined in the Bylaws

III.2.C.a.ii. Right to present a defense, including the calling of witnesses

III.2.C.a.iii. Right to question witnesses

III.2.C.a.iv. Right to be accompanied by an advisor for advisory purposes only, but not for representation

III.2.C.a.v. Right to be notified, in writing, of all findings and sanctions imposed, as outlined in the Bylaws

III.2.C.a.vi. Right to appeal the decision, as outlined in the Bylaws.

III.2.C.a.vii. Right to be free from double jeopardy.

Section 3: Pre-Hearing Procedure

III.3.A. IFC Judicial Board Hearing Justice Selection

III.3.A.a. The IFC Administrative Vice President will select five (5) Judicial Board justices, as predetermined by an alphabetical rotation of the member chapters, to hear a case. In the event the IFC Judicial Board rotation for service on a hearing falls upon an IFC Justice whose member chapter is involved in any way, with the alleged violation, the rotation will skip to the next member chapter in alphabetical rotation.

III.3.B. Conflicts of Interest

III.3.B. In the event the IFC Administrative Vice President's member chapter is involved in the alleged violation, the highest ranking IFC Executive Board officer, starting with the IFC President will oversee the case.

III.3.C. Filing of Complaints

III.3.C.a. Any individual or group may file a complaint against a member chapter, specifying in writing the particular alleged acts of the accused.

III.3.C.b. Complaints may be made to any officer or director of the Council.

III.3.C.c. The Administrative Vice President shall evaluate the jurisdiction of the violation, and pursue the violation when he determines that the Council shall be primary investigative authority.

III.3.C.c.i. The Administrative Vice President is encouraged to seek the advice of the Fraternity Advisor or other campus official when making this determination.

III.3.D. Once the IFC Administrative Vice President has determined the filed complaint has merit, the member chapter and its international organization is to be provided written notification of the charges at least two weeks in advance of the hearing. This written notification shall include the following:

III.3.D.a. Date, time and location of their Informal Resolution Hearing

III.3.D.b. Description of the alleged violation

III.3.D.c. Due process rights.

III.3.E. All evidence related to a complaint shall be compiled and presented to all parties at least one week prior to any informal Resolution Hearing or formal Judicial Board hearing. All evidence shall be directly related to the complaint(s) alleged against the member chapter and shall be approved by the IFC Administrative Vice President prior to circulation.

Section 4: Informal Judicial Procedure

III.4.A. Upon a finding of the IFC Administrative Vice President that a filed complaint contains information sufficient to warrant further adjudication, he may offer the charged member fraternity the opportunity to participate in an Informal Resolution Hearing unless he feels that potential sanctions could include suspension or loss of IFC recognition.

III.4.B. In cases in which the charged member chapter accepts an Informal Resolution Hearing, the IFC Administrative Vice President shall meet with a representative of the charged member chapter to discuss the allegations of the complaint. Within three (3) business days of the Informal Resolution Hearing, the IFC Administrative Vice President may dismiss the complaint with a finding of no violations, provide the charged member chapter with his finding of violations and recommendation for a resolution through disciplinary or corrective sanctions. The charged member chapter has three (3) business days to accept or reject the terms of resolution. If the charged member chapter accepts the resolution, the charged member chapter waives all rights of appeal and the outcome is final.

III.4.C. If the charged member chapter rejects the offer of an Informal Resolution Hearing or the resolution, a Formal IFC Judicial Board Hearing will be convened to hear the case. Following the Informal Judicial Conference, the Advisor to Fraternities, may choose to offer the fraternity an appropriate "administrative sanction" in lieu of referral to the IFC Judicial Board for a hearing. This option may only be exercised for minor infractions. The Advisor to Fraternities shall determine whether a case qualifies for an administrative sanction. Examples of offenses for which this option is not applicable include, but are not limited to, intentional property damage exceeding $200, incidents resulting in bodily injury, hazing violations, and any offenses that could result in full suspension, dismissal, or expulsion from the Interfraternity Council.

III.4.D. An "Administrative Sanction Letter" will be sent to the chapter president stating the findings of the Informal Judicial Conference and stating the proposed administrative sanction. The form must be returned by the date specified (normally within ten days) indicating whether the chapter president accepts the administrative sanction. If the chapter president accepts the sanction, he waives his chapters right to a hearing before the IFC Judicial Board and an appeal to the Interfraternity Council or his/her designee. A chapter president can accept an administrative sanction letter without admitting guilt. Failure to complete the terms of the administrative sanction by the specified date may result in the matter being referred to the IFC Judicial Board for a hearing, where a new sanction may be imposed. If the chapter president rejects the administrative sanction or fails to return the Administrative Sanction Letter form by the specified date, the case will be referred to the IFC Judicial Board, which will issue its own findings and impose appropriate sanctions. Copies of the Administrative Sanction Letter signed by the chapter president will be distributed to the IFC Administrative Vice President, the Advisor to Fraternities, The IFC Judicial Board, the IFC President, the chapter president, the chapter advisor, and other appropriate parties.

II.4.E. The IFC Administrative Vice President shall not recommend suspension or loss of IFC recognition through an Informal Resolution Hearing. Should the IFC Administrative Vice President believe suspension or loss of IFC recognition is warranted, the case shall automatically be referred to a Formal IFC Judicial Board Hearing.

Section 5: Formal Judicial Procedure

III.5.A. A formal Judicial Board hearing shall occur when:

III.5.A.a. The charged member chapter rejects having an Informal Resolution Hearing

III.5.A.b. The charged member chapter rejects the findings and/or sanctions of the Informal Resolution Hearing

III.5.A.c. The IFC Administrative Vice President determines the allegation is egregious enough to warrant potential suspension or loss of IFC recognition

III.5.A.d. The IFC Administrative Vice President chose not to offer an Informal Resolution Hearing

III.5.B. The IFC Administrative Vice President shall convene a Formal IFC Judicial Board Hearing at which the IFC Administrative Vice President will select five (5) Judicial Board justices, as predetermined by an alphabetical rotation of the member chapters, to hear the case. In the event the IFC Judicial Board rotation for service in a hearing falls upon an IFC Justice whose member chapter is involved in the alleged violation, the rotation will skip to the next member chapter in alphabetical rotation.

III.5.B.a. The IFC Administrative Vice President shall serve as a non-voting Chief Justice and preside over all formal Judicial Board hearings.

III.5.B.b. The standard of proof for all IFC Judicial Board hearings shall be a preponderance of the evidence presented.

III.5.C. For all IFC Judicial Board hearings, the following procedures shall be followed:

III.5.C.a. Participants: Attendance at all IFC Judicial Board hearings shall be limited to the member chapters involved, any witnesses, the IFC Justices assigned to serve on the Judicial Board for the hearing, and the IFC Administrative Vice President. At the discretion of the IFC Administrative Vice President, witnesses may be excluded from the hearing room until it is his or her turn to testify. Additionally, the charged member chapter may be accompanied by its chapter advisor during any Judicial Board hearing. The chapter advisor must be registered as the official chapter advisor of the member chapters. The chapter advisor shall only act in an advisory capacity and is not allowed to conduct any portion of the chapter's presentation.

III.5.C.b. Confidentiality: All individuals involved in a hearing are required to agree to a statement of confidentiality. Individuals shall not disclose information regarding the following:

III.5.C.c. Any individuals, member chapters, or IFC Justices involved.

III.5.C.d. Details of the proceedings

III.5.C.e. Witness testimony.

III.5.D. Initiation of the Hearing: The IFC Administrative Vice President shall inform all individuals present that the hearing will be conducted in an orderly manner and any person causing disruption will be asked to leave. Additionally, he shall advise the charged member chapter of the formality of the hearing and the necessity of all parties to be truthful.

III.5.D.a. Overview of Judicial Hearing Process: The IFC Administrative Vice President shall outline the process for the remainder of the hearing as follows:

III.5.D.b. Presentation of alleged charges, violations, and investigatory evidence against the charged member chapter shall be presented by the IFC Administrative Vice President:

III.5.D.b.i. Charged member chapter may ask questions;

III.5.D.a.ii. IFC Justices may ask questions;

III.5.D.c. Presentation of charged member chapter:

III.5.D.c.i. IFC Justices may ask questions;

III.5.D.d. Calling of Witnesses

II.4.D.d.i. Charged member chapter may ask questions;

II.4.A.d.ii. IFC Justices may ask questions;

III.5.D.e. Charged member chapter may give final statement;

III.5.D.f. IFC Justices deliberate in closed session to determine findings of responsibility and if necessary, appropriate sanction(s).

Section 6: Sanctions

III.6.A. The IFC Judicial Board may impose sanctions that are punitive and/or educational, but not solely financial and do not restrict recruitment. Disciplinary sanctions are to be constructive in purpose.

III.6.B. There shall be twelve (12) primary sanctions, however other sanctions may be given as deemed appropriate by the Judicial Board. They shall be:

III.6.B.a. Reprimand is a warning that the fraternity's actions are unacceptable, and further infractions will result in more serious sanctions.

III.6.B.b. Educational Programming shall require the chapter to participate in a program of an educational nature, related to the offense.

III.6.B.c. Philanthropic Service shall require a chapter to participate in a program of service, often associated with the actions or publics involved.

III.6.B.d. Restitution shall require the fraternity to make reparations for damages or expenses associated with the actions or publics involved.

III.6.B.e. Fines shall require monetary payment by a specified date.

III.6.B.f. Greek Activities Probation shall prohibit the chapter from participating in Greek system sponsored activities such as Homecoming and Greek week. Any exceptions must be specified. Activities may not include such activities as leadership retreats, educational programming, and General Assembly meetings.

III.6.B.g. Intramural Probation shall prohibit the chapter from participating in any portion of the intramural program as determined by the Judicial Board.

III.6.B.h. Social Probation shall limit, restrict or prohibit the chapter from sponsoring or participating in any social events as determined by the Judicial Board.

III.6.B.i. Disciplinary Probation shall limit, restrict or prohibit the chapter from all activities and serves as notice that any further violations will result in the chapter's suspension or a recommendation of expulsions.

III.6.B.j. Suspension shall cause the fraternity to lose all rights and privileges associated with membership in the Interfraternity Council, for a specified period of time and/or until certain conditions, set by the Judicial Board may be met.

III.6.B.k. Expulsion may be recommended to the Interfraternity Council, and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting delegates present at the scheduled General Assembly meeting to send the recommendation to the Student Activities Committee for action. Expulsion, if enacted by the Student Activities Committee, results in the loss of the charter as a student organization, and is for an indefinite period of time.

III.6.C. Status Sanctions

III.6.C.a. In the event of an egregious violation, the following are sanctions that may be imposed by the IFC Judicial Board for a specified period of time:

III.6.C.a.i. Suspension: Loss of IFC voting rights and removal from good standing status, and any additional Non-Status Sanctions.

III.6.C.a.ii. Loss of IFC Recognition: Loss of IFC recognition and its rights and privileges.

III.6.C.b. When adjudicating a potential violation that may result in suspension/loss of recognition from the IFC for the member chapter, the Judicial Board shall work collaboratively with the inter/national organization and campus.

III.6.D. Judicial action shall specify the duration and deadlines of any sanctions imposed. After such specified time, if the member chapter has fulfilled the requirements of the sanctions imposed, the member chapter shall return to good standing. In the event the member chapter does not fulfill all of the requirements of the sanctions imposed, the IFC Administrative Vice President shall convene a Formal IFC Judicial Board Hearing to determine future course of action.

III.6.E. Within three (3) business days of any Informal Resolution Hearing or Formal Judicial Hearing, the IFC Administrative Vice President shall communicate in writing to the charged member chapter, its inter/national organization, and its chapter advisor, as well as any relevant Georgia Institute of Technology administrators, the alleged violation, the findings of the hearing, and any sanction(s) imposed.

III.6.F. The IFC Administrative Vice President shall notify the IFC General Body of any sanctions imposed upon a member chapter through any Informal or Formal Judicial Hearing.

Section 7: Appeals

III.7.A. The IFC Judicial Board's decision is subject to appeal by a member chapter within two weeks of receiving written notification of the decision. Appeals shall be made in writing to the IFC President and shall be made solely on the following grounds or be dismissed:

III.7.A.a. Error in the charge and/or Judicial Board Hearing process that materially affected the outcome.

III.7.A.b. The severity of the sanction did not match the severity of the violation.

III.7.A.c. New information that could not have been discovered prior to the IFC Judicial Board Hearing through the exercise of reasonable diligence.

III.7.B. Sanctions imposed through the Judicial Process shall stand until an appeal is heard.

III.7.C. Non-Status Sanctions Appeals

III.7.C.a. The IFC Executive Board shall hear appeals for Non-Status Sanctions. The IFC Administrative Vice President shall first present the IFC Judicial Board's decision and rationale for its actions. The appealing member chapter shall then be afforded the opportunity to present its reasoning for seeking reconsideration of the IFC Judicial Board's actions. The appealing chapter must be given at least one week's notice of the

time, place, and procedure of the appeal hearing. Any individual from the appealing member chapter serving on the IFC Executive Board shall not participate in the appeal proceedings.

III.7.C.b. The IFC Executive Board may either dismiss the charge(s) with no sanctions or alter the sanctions imposed by the Formal IFC Judicial Board Hearing. Any alterations must be approved by at least two thirds (2/3) of the IFC Executive Board.

III.7.C.c. The decision of the IFC Executive Board shall be final for Non-Status Sanctions. Any questions regarding bylaws and or stipulations may need to be brought to the attention of the Associate Dean of Students. In the case of ambiguity, the Associate Dean of Students will provide clarity and jurisdiction in regards to the case at hand.

III.7.D. Status Sanctions Appeals

III.7.D.a. The IFC General Body shall hear appeals for Status Sanctions. The IFC Administrative Vice President shall first present the IFC Judicial Board's decision and rationale for its actions. The appealing member chapter shall then be afforded the opportunity to present its reasoning for seeking a reconsideration of the decision. The appealing chapter must be given at least one week's notice of the time, place, and procedure of the appeal hearing. Upon completion of the member chapter appeal presentation, all representatives of the Member Fraternity shall be dismissed from the meeting, including the member chapter's IFC Representative and Alternate Representative.

III.7.D.b. The IFC General Body shall first vote on whether to discuss dismissal or alteration of the status sanction, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote. In the event the IFC General Body votes to discuss dismissal or alteration, the IFC General Body shall determine by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to either dismiss the charge(s) with no sanctions or to alter the sanctions imposed. If two thirds (2/3) majority cannot be achieved for dismissal or alteration of the sanctions, the initial sanctions will remain in place.

III.7.D.c. The decision of the IFC General Assembly shall be final with no further appeal rigts

ARTICLE IV: FINANCES

Section 1: Dues

IV.1.A. Dues will be determined at the beginning of the year by the Executive Board and voted on by the membership.

Section 2: Financial Management Practices and Policies

IV.2.A. Authorization of Contracts

IV.2.A.a. The President and VP of Finance are the only persons with the power to authorize a contract, or to commit The Interfraternity Council to a contractual agreement.

IV.2.A.b. The duration of contractual agreements may not exceed the end of the academic year in which they are made, except with the approval of the General Assembly.

IV.2.B. Establishment and Maintenance of Financial Accounts

IV.2.B.a. The President and VP of Finance are authorized to establish such accounts as may be appropriate for the management of Interfraternity Council funds.

IV.2.B.b. All accounts shall be reconciled and balanced monthly.

IV.2.C. Bonding of Account Signers

IV.2.C.a. The General Assembly may determine by vote at the installation of officers each year, if bonding of any or all account signers is economically feasible and necessary.

IV.2.D. Financial Reporting

IV.2.D.a. The VP of Finance shall issue and distribute to the member fraternities, at least twice during his term, budget reports which show budgeted line items, their expended and remaining amounts, and all account balances.

IV.2.D.b. Additional financial reporting may be requested at any time by the Executive Committee, or upon request of a member in good standing of the General Assembly. The VP of Finance shall comply with such request in a timely manner.

IV.2.D.c. All reimbursements request forms must be filled out with the receipts attached and turned into the VP of Finance no later than thirty (30) days after the event.

IV.2.E. Scholarship and Endowment Fund

IV.2.E.a. Each new pledge to a member fraternity shall pay a one-time fee of ten dollars ($10.00) to the Scholarship and Endowment Fund upon pledging.

IV.2.E.b. The Scholarship and Endowment Fund monies shall be maintained separately from The Interfraternity Council operating funds.

IV.2.E.c. The funds of the Scholarship and Endowment Fund shall be invested in guaranteed, interest-bearing investments. No speculative, uninsured, or non-guaranteed investments are permitted.

IV.2.E.d. The Scholarship Committee shall determine the system of awarding funds from the Scholarship and Endowment Fund for the purposes of recognition of achievement by individuals or chapters, or to support programs that are designed to enhance the academic performance of member fraternities and their individual members.

IV.2.E.e. The existing principal of the Scholarship and Endowment Fund shall not be used. The annual income from new pledge fees and the interest income of the fund may

be used for awards; however, there should be some growth of the principal from new pledge fees each year.

IV.2.F. Value Based Grants

IV.2.F.a. In efforts to promote the common, core values among the IFC member fraternities, a budgeted amount from the IFC operating budget will be allocated back to the member fraternities in order to reimburse select costs of chapter philanthropy, fundraising, or service events.

IV.2.F.b. The Interfraternity Council defines values-based as an event, program, or service that promotes each fraternity's mission and values. Parties, tailgates, and social events do not benefit the values or mission of your fraternity.

IV.2.F.c. The individual fraternity funding allocation will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Fraternities will submit the form to the IFC executive council, specifically the VP Philanthropy and VP Finance, then the case will be reviewed. Each VBG will come as a reimbursement. Therefore the chapter will pay for the event, and if approved, the chapter will be reimbursed via check made out to the chapter organization, not an individual within the chapter. The IFC VP Philanthropy, VP Finance, and Executive board have the ultimate authority over approval of requested VBGs.

IV.2.F.d. The requirement for a fraternity to be eligible to receive a value based grant is as follows:

IV.2.F.d.i. Fraternity must be in good-standing with the Interfraternity Council.

IV.2.F.d.ii. Funding must be used to elevate, promote, or encourage the values of your organization.

IV.2.F.d.iii. The Chapter President or chapter philanthropy chair are the only agents to authorize a funding request.

IV.2.F.d.iv. All expenses are approved by the Vice President of Philanthropy, Vice President of Finances, and the IFC Executive Board

IV.2.F.d.v. It is permitted to request funding for programming/events that occurred in the past, however, it must be in the same academic semester.

IV.2.F.d.vi. All funding excludes summer and winter terms.

IV.2.F.d.vii.. The event must not serve or distribute alcohol or any illicit substances.

IV.2.F.d.viii.. The amount of money allocated for VBGs will be split into 2 distribution batches per semester. Halfway through and at the end of the semester, each request under $500 that meets all requirements will be paid in full unless the total amount of requests exceeds the total budget for that distribution batch. In this case, each request will receive a grant equivalent to the highest percentage of submitted expenses permitted by the budget.

IV.2.F.d.ix. Any individual chapter’s requests cannot exceed $1,500 per chapter per semester.

IV.2.F.d.x. Any request exceeding $500 is subject to a lower percent of reimbursement, subject to IFC executive board approval.

IV.2.F.d.xi.. VBG requests must report all relevant information to the Google form provided by the IFC VP Philanthropy.

IV.2.F.d.xii. Chapters must be able to provide itemized receipt of expenses relating to the event (either in the application or if requested after the event). This ensures that IFC funds are actually going to philanthropic events and necessary supplies.