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CONSTITUTION

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the fraternities at the Georgia Institute of Technology, in order to promote closer Interfraternity relations, increase mutual aid and to foster a fraternity system that is beneficial to the individual and society, do hereby set forth the following Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE I: FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

Section 1: Mission Statement

I.1.A. The mission of the Interfraternity Council at Georgia Tech is to promote scholastic achievement and responsible fraternity life by fostering cooperation among member fraternities, supporting social, recreational, and civic engagement, and representing the fraternity community to the Institute, its administration, and the broader public through fair governance and accountable leadership.

Section 2: Vision Statement

I.2.A. The Interfraternity Council envisions a unified fraternity community that positively contributes to campus life, upholds high academic and ethical standards, operates in partnership with the Institute, and is recognized as a model of responsible self-governance and service to the Georgia Tech community.

Section 3: Oath of Office

I.3.A. Upon assuming any elected or appointed office in the Interfraternity Council, the following oath of office shall be verbally affirmed before the General Assembly: "I, (full name of member) do solemnly affirm that I will uphold the Fraternity Code of Conduct and the Constitution of the Interfraternity Council of the Georgia Institute of Technology, faithfully serve my constituents to the best of my abilities, and execute the duties of the office of (name of position) to the best of my abilities."

Section 4: Equal Opportunity

I.4.A. No person shall be denied the rights and privileges of participation, representation, or involvement within the Interfraternity Council or its affiliated bodies, including but not limited to access to IFC programs, committees, boards, leadership positions, and membership status, on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, age, religion, disability, political affiliation, or veteran status, except where prohibited by law or Institute policy. The Interfraternity Council shall conduct its governance and decision-making in a manner that represents the collective interests of its member fraternities while providing fair and equitable consideration to all member chapters and individuals. This commitment applies to, but is not limited to, elections, appointments, committee participation, and all IFC-administered processes.

ARTICLE II: NAME AND CITIZENSHIP

Section 1: Name

II.1.A. The working and corporate name of the organization shall be "The Interfraternity Council at Georgia Tech."

II.1.B. The Council may also be referred to as "IFC," "The Interfraternity Council" or "The Council" in this document.

Section 2: Citizenship

II.2.A. Citizens of the Interfraternity Council shall be the full member chapters and associate member chapters, as defined in the Bylaws.

II.2.B. Member chapters must be registered student organizations at the Georgia Institute of Technology in good standing in order to vote and hold office.

II.2.B.a If a fraternity fails to meet the requirements of a certain membership class as outlined in the IFC bylaws at any time, that fraternity will automatically become a member of the class in which they meet all requirements. If they do not meet the requirements for any class, they will automatically be expelled as members from IFC.

ARTICLE III: DOCUMENTS

Section 1: Constitution

III.1.A. This Constitution shall:

III.1.A.a. Serve as the foundational governing document of the Interfraternity Council at Georgia Tech and shall define the Council's identity, purpose, structure, authority, and limitations of power.

III.1.A.b. Be binding upon all governing bodies of the Interfraternity Council and its member chapters.

III.1.A.c. Be amended by two-thirds (⅔) vote of the General Assembly and unanimous consent of the Executive Committee.

III.1.A.c.i. Constitutional amendments require one (1) Executive Committee sponsor and three (3) General Assembly sponsors.

III.1.A.c.ii. All amendments must be submitted to the Faculty Committee on Student Activities for approval.

III.1.A.d. Not have the ability to be suspended.

III.1.A.e. Be interpreted by the Corporate Branch.

Section 2: Bylaws

III.2.A. The Bylaws shall:

III.2.A.a. Govern the internal operations of the Interfraternity Council, including but not limited to officer duties, elections, legislative procedures, judicial processes, financial governance, and committee structures.

III.2.A.b Be subordinate to this Constitution and may not conflict with its provisions.

III.2.A.c Be amended by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

III.2.A.c.i. Bylaws amendments require one (1) Executive Committee sponsor and one (1) General Assembly sponsor.

III.2.A.d Have the ability for certain bylaws to be suspended by a two thirds (⅔) vote.

III.1.A.e. Be interpreted by the Corporate Branch.

Section 3: Fraternity Policy

III.3.A. The Fraternity Policy shall:

III.3.A.a. Define the standards, rules, and expectations applicable to member chapters of the Interfraternity Council, including behavioral, operational, academic, social, and risk-management requirements.

III.3.A.b. Be subordinate to both the Constitution and the Bylaws and shall not conflict with their provisions.

III.3.A.c. Be amended by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

III.3.A.c.i. Fraternity Policy amendments require one (1) Executive Committee sponsor and three (3) General Assembly sponsors.

III.3.A.d. Not have the ability to be suspended.

III.3.A.e. Be interpreted by the Judicial Branch.

ARTICLE IV: STRUCTURE

Section 1: Incorporation

IV.1.A. The Interfraternity Council shall maintain non-profit corporation status under the laws of the State of Georgia, until such time as the Legislative Branch, with the consent of the Corporate Branch, shall pass by a two-thirds majority of each body individually, a bill to dissolve the corporation.

Section 2: Officers

IV.2.A. The Interfraternity Council shall be composed of both elected officers, appointed officers, and appointed committee members.

IV.2.A.a. Elected officers are elected by the General Assembly and include the:

IV.2.A.a.i. President

IV.2.A.a.ii. Vice President of Administration

IV.2.A.a.iii. Vice President of Programming

IV.2.A.a.iv. Vice President of Recruitment

IV.2.A.a.v. Vice President of Finance

IV.2.A.a.vi. Vice President of Communications

IV.2.A.a.vii. Vice President of Philanthropy

IV.2.A.a.viii. Vice President of Wellbeing

IV.2.A.a.ix. Recruitment Director

IV.2.A.b. Appointed officers are selected by elected officers and are outlined in the Bylaws.

IV.2.A.c. Appointed committee members are selected by elected officers and appointed directors and serve on the committees as outlined in the Bylaws.

IV.2.B. The Interfraternity Council officers and all member chapters shall be advised by the Interfraternity Advisor who shall:

IV.2.B.a. Be known as the "Advisor"

IV.2.B.c. Be chosen by the Office of the Dean of Students.

IV.2.B.d. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Interfraternity Council, but will not have voting rights.

IV.2.B.e. Be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board and a letter submitted to the Dean of Students.

Section 3: Organization

IV.3.A. The Interfraternity Council shall maintain an Executive Branch, a Legislative Branch, a Judicial Branch, and a Corporate Branch.

IV.3.B. The Executive Branch shall:

IV.3.B.a. Be known as the "Executive Committee", "Exec", or "EC"

IV.3.B.b. Be made up of 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, and Recruitment Director.

IV.3.B.b.i. Directors and Committee members, as outlined in the bylaws, also serve in the executive branch underneath VPs, but not on the Executive Committee.

IV.3.B.c. Carry out rules, regulations, policies, and procedures defined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Fraternity Policy.

IV.3.C. The Legislative Branch shall:

IV.3.C.a. Be known as the “General Assembly”, “Assembly”, or “GA”

IV.3.C.b. Be made up of the Presidents and IFC delegates of each citizen chapter.

IV.3.C.c. Carry out rules, regulations, policies, and procedures defined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Fraternity Policy.

IV.2.D. The Judicial Branch Branch shall:

IV.3.D.a. Be known as the “Judicial board”, “Judiciary”, or “Jboard”

IV.3.D.b. Be made lead by the Vice President of Administration.

IV.3.D.c. Be made up of the applicants from citizen chapters.

IV.3.D.d. Carry out rules, regulations, policies, and procedures defined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Fraternity Policy.

IV.2.E. The Corporate Branch Branch shall:

IV.2.E.a. Be known as the “Board of Directors”, “Board”, or “BD”

IV.2.E.b. Be made up of the President, Vice President of Finance, and Advisor

IV.2.E.c. Carry out rules, regulations, policies, and procedures defined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Fraternity Policy.