THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
INTERFRATERNAL COUNCIL
OF
LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION I – NAME

A. The name of this organization shall be the INTERFRATERNAL COUNCIL OF LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY hereafter referred to as IFC.

SECTION II – PURPOSE

A. The purpose of the IFC shall be to protect and to promote the interests of the University, the member fraternities and sororities and the American Fraternity system, by governing, coordinating and administering the activities which affect any person other than the membership of one individual fraternity or sorority. Furthermore, IFC will also work to secure cooperation among said fraternities and sororities, the student government, and the University authorities to the end that such interests may be served.

ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION

SECTION I – MEMBERSHIP

A. Recognition of a chartered fraternity or sorority at LTU as a member of the IFC shall be based upon compliance with the IFC constitution by-laws and such other regulations established by the IFC and upon approval of a majority vote of the previously recognized fraternities and sororities.

B. Provisions for joining the IFC shall be outlined in the by-laws.

C. Each recognized fraternity or sorority shall be entitled to two representatives, one of which shall also be the judicial representative to the IFC.

SECTION II – OFFICERS

A. The officers of the IFC executive council shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Judicial Chairperson.

ARTICLE III – THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION I – OFFICERS

A. President
B. Vice President
C. Treasurer
D. Secretary
E. Judicial Chairperson

SECTION II – DUTIES

A. The President shall preside over all meetings, appoint committees, coordinate activities, and represent the IFC at all outside functions.

B. The Vice President shall be chairperson of the executive council and of the cabinet. He/She shall serve as President in the event of the absence in that office.
C. The Treasurer shall serve as a business manager of the IFC, issue bimonthly financial reports, keep accurate records of the account, and have the records audited prior to the annual meeting.

D. The Secretary shall maintain the membership records of the IFC, call the roll, keep the minutes of all meetings, and handle all IFC correspondence.

E. The Judicial Chairperson’s duties are defined in Article IV Section II of the Constitution.

SECTION III – POWERS

A. The executive council shall have the power to levy fines, appoint chairpersons, establish committees, schedule IFC events, and perform any actions it deems in the best interest of IFC.

ARTICLE IV – IFC JUDICIAL COUNCIL

SECTION I – MEMBERS

A. Judicial Chairperson
B. Assistant Judicial Chairperson
C. One (1) representative from each fraternity or sorority

SECTION II – DUTIES

A. Judicial Chairperson shall chair all judicial council meetings, enforce the levying of fines, and serve as liaison to Student Government Judiciary.
B. The assistant judicial chairperson shall serve as judicial chairperson in the event of a vacancy or absence in that office, and keep up to date versions of the constitution and by-laws.
C. Each representative must attend all meetings and will have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE V – THE CABINET

SECTION I – MEMBERS

A. Vice President
B. Social Chairperson
C. Fundraising Chairperson / Scholarship Chairperson
D. Community Service Chairperson / Historian
E. The chairpersons of such other committees, standing or special, as may be appointed from time to time by the President.

SECTION II – APPOINTMENTS

A. All committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the executive council.
B. All committee members shall be appointed by the chairman and approved by the executive council

SECTION III – DUTIES

The Cabinet shall:

A. Coordinate all committee activities
B. Meet prior to executive council meetings  
C. Review each committee’s reports  
D. Report to the Vice President

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

SECTION I – MEETINGS
A. The annual meeting of the IFC shall take place during the second week of May.  
B. The IFC shall hold bimonthly business meetings during the academic year.  
C. A special meeting may be called by the President at his own discretion, or must be called on a petition of ½ of the general membership.  
D. A quorum for any IFC meeting shall be 2/3 of the general membership. The general membership shall be defined as all voting members.

SECTION II – ELECTIONS
A. At the annual meeting the IFC shall elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Judicial Chairperson.  
B. Nominations for the officers shall be submitted two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Beyond this time nominations will be accepted with a petition of 2/3 of the general membership.

SECTION III – VACANCIES
A. All vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the executive council subject to approval of the general membership.  
B. In the event of a vacancy of the office of the President, the Vice President shall serve as President for the remainder for the school year.

SECTION IV – RECALL
A. If the President or Vice President shall be charged with non-function or malfunction in his/her office, a 2/3 vote of the general membership and the fraternity and sorority presidents (combined) is required for recall.  
B. If the Treasurer, Secretary, or Judicial Chairperson shall be charged with non-function or malfunction in his/her office, a majority vote of the general membership is required for recall.

ARTICLE VII – BY-LAWS, AMENDMENTS, PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION I – AMENDMENTS
A. An amendment to the constitution or by-laws may be proposed by petition of 2/3 of an organization’s members, by three IFC representatives and/or officers, or by the judicial council.  
B. A proposed amendment may be initiated by a 2/3 vote of the general membership.  
C. Amendments to the constitution shall be made by ratification of ⅔ for the member organizations.
D. All tabled business shall become voided at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

SECTION II – BY-LAWS
A. The IFC shall enact such by-laws as are necessary for carrying out the principles set forth in the constitution.
B. By-laws and amendments to the by-laws may be enacted by a 2/3 vote of the general membership.

SECTION III – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
A. Any procedures not covered by this constitution shall be carried out according to “ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER” latest revised edition.

INTERFRATERNAL COUNCIL BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I – CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP
A. Organized Group
B. Associate Member
C. Full Membership

SECTION II – ORGANIZED GROUP
A. Qualification: A group of students wishing to start a fraternity or sorority wishing to colonize.
B. When a group feels it is organized enough to begin functioning as a fraternity or sorority and wishes to formally associate themselves with the IFC they must:
   1. Submit a formal petition accompanied by a fifty (50) dollar registration fee to the IFC. In this petition they shall state their desire to start a Greek organization and their intended goals as fraternity or sorority. It should include the names and student numbers of all group members.
   2. Submit its constitution and by-laws to the IFC Judicial Council for approval. A majority vote for the general membership will be required to attain the status of associate member.

SECTION III – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
A. Associate Membership is for one (1) full term (not including summer). During this time the group must:
   1. Send one (1) voting member to IFC meetings.
   2. Pay 50% of full membership dues.
3. As associate members, they shall have the right to rush during the IFC rush and they will pledge at the same time as IFC under the provisions set forth by IFC.
4. Send one (1) non-voting member to judicial council and cabinet meetings.

B. At the end of a full term of Associate Membership, a majority vote of the general membership will be required for the status of full membership. If majority is not obtained:
   1. Associate Membership and membership dues will continue for the following term.
   2. The maximum period for Associate Membership will be one (1) full year.

C. If at the end of the maximum period, the Associate Membership has not been approved into full membership status, they will return to the status of an organized group.

SECTION IV – FULL MEMBERSHIP
A. Full membership of IFC consists of having all rights and privileges including rush, pledging, Greek week, sponsored parties, recognition on campus, and all IFC functions.
B. Each organization shall send a minimum of 1 currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student voting member, or faculty advisor, to each meeting held by IFC or be marked absent. Each organization is allowed 2 votes if both members are present.
C. Each organization shall be allowed to accumulate two (2) absences per year. Each absence thereafter shall result in the following:
   1. A fine set forth by the Executive Board.
   2. A vote at the following business meeting (requiring a majority) to reclassify the organization as an Associate Member.
D. Each organization must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA (4.0 scale) in order to have full membership privileges. Whereupon an organization falls below a 2.0 it will be placed on academic probation for one term thus losing one vote and any other privileges the Executive Board sees necessary. If after one term the cumulative GPA is above a 2.0, full status will be regained. If the GPA remains below 2.0 the organization will be suspended indefinitely.
E. Dues are due by the third (3) meeting of each semester. A fine of twenty (20) dollars will be assessed for each meeting that the dues are not paid.

ARTICLE II – CONDUCT

SECTION I – HAZING
A. IFC defines hazing as:
   1. Any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.
B. The IFC judicial committee shall investigate any alleged hazing incident. Based on the severity and frequency of the incident, the judicial committee shall recommend proper actions to the Executive Board.

C. Disciplinary action to be taken should consist of but are not limited to:
   1. A probationary period
   2. Monetary fines
   3. Reclassification to Associate Membership
   4. Suspension or expulsion
   5. Presentations (Hazing, Alcohol Awareness, etc.)

D. The Executive Board is responsible for reviewing, modifying, and accepting the judicial committee recommendations.

E. When approved, the Judicial Chairperson shall enforce all disciplinary actions.

SECTION II
A. IFC shall adhere to the “Student Handbook” and all other laws, rules, and regulations governing LTU and its students.

ARTICLE III – RUSH

SECTION I – BOOTHS
A. Booths will be arranged in the Atrium according to a rotation given by the Judicial Chairperson.
   1. Sororities will move position clockwise to the next sorority spot on the diagram at the beginning of every Rush.
   2. Fraternities will move one position counter-clockwise to the next fraternity spot at the beginning of every Rush.

B. Booths may be set up the Sunday before Rush starts and must be taken down by 6:00pm on the last Sunday of Rush. If Rush booths are not removed by the specified time, the Judicial officer may levy a fine of up to $75 or $25 per day.

SECTION II – PARTNERS
A. Rush party partners will be determined by a rotation given by the Judicial Chairperson.

SECTION III – RUSH PARTIES
A. Rush party dates will be determined by a rotation given by the Judicial Chairperson.
B. Swapping of dates will be allowed if both parties agree (signed by all organizations).
C. Organizations may not wear their letters at another organization’s Rush party ($50 fine if done so).
D. Organizations that violate this rule (Article III, Section III, C) may be asked to leave the party.
E. Organizations may not sponsor any advertised or publicized event that conflicts with another organization’s Rush party.
1. For throwing an open, publicized party on the date of any designated rush party not assigned to your organization, the following actions will be taken based on your organization’s record.
   
   1st offense: $100 Fine
   2nd Offense: $200 Fine and your organization is prohibited from setting up a rush booth the following rush only (may still put up calendars).
   3rd Offense: Removal from IFC for a period of 1 school year or 2 semesters (summer semester not included).
   Offenses will be cleared after a period of 2 years. However if another offense happens still within the 2 year period the clock will reset and your offenses will hold another 2 years.

F. Rush parties must be open to all Greek Organizations. If an organization refuses to allow any other organization from attending a scheduled Rush party, the refusing organization will be pulled from the party rotation and disallowed from holding a party for the duration of that current Rush and the following Rush.

G. Each organization in attendance at a Rush party will be required to provide a Party Monitor. The Party Monitor must be submitted to the Judicial Chairperson before the scheduled time for the party. The Monitor’s responsibilities include that they:
   
   a) must remain in attendance at the party until every respective member of his or her organization has left
   b) must stay alert and be able to monitor and attempt to control their members behavior at the party
   c) must remove member(s) of their organizations from the party that the party host reports to them. The monitor will respect the request of the party host and comply, otherwise it will be up to the IFC Judicial Council to determine further punishment of the organization in violation (fines, probation, suspension, expulsion)

H. If a situation arises at a party where members are asked to leave an incident report must be filled out accurately and submitted to the IFC Executive Council no more than three (3) days after the party. The IFC Judicial Council shall determine if the member(s) shall be banned from parties and upon the severity of the offense determine the length of the banning.

I. The IFC will maintain an up to date “Banned List” of offenders and it will be up to the party host(s) to obtain a copy and enforce the list at their party.
   
   a) Members on the “Banned List” will not be allowed to attend any IFC sponsored parties, both Rush and non-Rush, including the parties hosted by their own organizations.

J. Organizations that do not uphold the rules of the “Banned List” will be reviewed by the IFC Judicial Council and a just punishment will be determined and enforced.
   
   a) If any organization is guilty of having a member added to the Banned List on three (3) separate occasions the organization will automatically
removed from the party rotation for the following two (2) Rush periods. The organization will also be banned from attending any other IFC sponsored parties for one year from the date of the third offense (if the third offense happens during a Rush period the group will be disallowed from attending the parties for the remainder of that Rush plus the following two (2) Rush periods).

b) If a situation arises at a party where an entire organization (2 or more members) creates an incident at the party the party host must write a letter to the IFC Executive Council no more than five (5) day after the party. At the following scheduled meeting the parties involved will be given the floor to argue their case. A 2/3 vote from the general membership will then be required for further action against the alleged organization. If the vote passes it will then be up to the IFC Judicial Council to decide punishment which will be a minimum of probation from IFC sponsored parties, both Rush and non-Rush, for at least one (1) semester but not limited to expulsion given the severity of the incident.

K. It will be expected that the guests (non-LTU Greek) of any organization to any IFC parties will be treated as a member of the organization that brings them to the party. Therefore, all of the above stipulations apply.

SECTION IV – SHOWCASE
A. IFC will make every possible effort to reserve a showcase during rush for use by all organizations.
B. No individual organization may reserve a showcase for its own use during Rush.

ARTICLE IV – PRE-RUSH

SECTION I – DEFINITION
A. Pre Rush is the period between the first day of a semester and the first day of Rush.

SECTION II – PRE RUSH RESTRICTIONS
A. Organizations may not reserve a showcase during Pre Rush.
B. Organizations may not hold private or invitation only events during Pre Rush
C. Organizations may not bid perspectives or hold Pledge of Intentions during Pre Rush
D. Organizations may hold open, publicized events during Pre Rush
   a. Pre Rush events must be open to all male and female students of the University, including other Greeks.
   b. Pre Rush events must be advertised and publicized well enough that a reasonable number of the University student body knows about the event.
   c. An organization holding a Pre Rush event must inform all other organizations about their event.
E. Any organization that gains an unfair advantage by violating Pre Rush rules may be punished by a monetary fine or by losing their party date, as decided by the Judicial Chairperson.
ARTICLE V – PARTY DATE RESERVATIONS

SECTION I – IFC SPONSORED DATES
A. Only one party shall be sponsored by the IFC on any given date.
B. Organizations with an IFC sponsored party date shall have the right to advertisement at LTU for that date.

SECTION II – REQUESTS
A. At the first monthly meeting of the IFC requests for party dates will be accepted for the next three (3) academic months only. (The first meeting of September will cover September, October, and November.)
B. Disputes over a party date will be resolved at that meeting.
C. Each organization may reserve one (1) annual party date. This date or day (i.e. last day of school) will belong to that organization until it is withdrawn.

SECTION III – WITHDRAWAL AND PENALTIES
A. A reservation for a party date may be withdrawn at least one month (30 days) in advance.
B. If an organization reserves a date and does not throw a party on that date, a penalty of $5.00 per week short of a full months notice.
   a. Phi Kappa Upsilon – “Mini Skirt Party” on the last Saturday of the spring semester.
   b. Delta Tau Sigma – “St. Patty’s Day Party” on the Friday/Saturday of the week of St. Patrick’s Day. Usually the week after because of Spring Break.
C. For throwing an open, publicized party on any designated rush party not assigned to your organization. The following actions will be taken based on your organizations record.
   1st offense: $100 Fine
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