

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION
2019

Article I. NAME and PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this body shall be the Interfraternity Council of Stephen F. Austin State University.

Section 2. The purpose of the Interfraternity Council of Stephen F. Austin State University shall be to foster cooperation and actively promote success among the member chapters.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Interfraternity Council shall provide three types of membership; IFC executive officers, member chapters and associate member chapters.

A. IFC Executive Officers

a. The elected officers of IFC shall be a President, Vice President, Director of Recruitment, Director of Finance and Administration, Chief Justice, and Director of Community Service and Public Relations. These officers shall be elected annually by each member chapters' delegates.

b. Qualifications

- i. Be enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University
- ii. Carry at least twelve (12) credit hours during each long semester of their term unless prior approval is obtained from IFC adviser.
- iii. Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA
 1. If an officer should fall below the 2.5 mark but remain above the 2.0 they will have one semester to raise their GPA or must release their position.
- iv. Have a minimum of 30 credit hours (sophomore status)
- v. Must be in good standing with university, member chapter, National Headquarters and IFC
 1. If an officer is no longer in good standing with university, member chapter, National Headquarters and/or IFC, they will be removed from office effective immediately.
- vi. No officer may preside in the same chair for more than two (2) consecutive long semesters.
- vii. No member chapter may succeed itself to the office of President.
 1. The office of President must be succeeded by a former IFC executive officer, former or standing chapter president or a member chapter delegate of at least two (2) semesters.
- viii. No member chapter may have more than two (2) elected officers serving as executive officer at any one time.
- ix. To defend against the presence of conflicting interest, any IFC executive officer shall not simultaneously serve as a primary officer of his fraternity without a 2/3 vote of approval of member chapter delegates.

1. Primary officer being defined as President, Vice President, or Recruitment Chair.
- c. Selection
 - i. IFC executive officer applications will be made available at the first IFC meeting in November.
 - ii. Elections shall be held fourteen (14) days later
 - iii. The election of all officers shall be by a majority vote cast by secret ballot.
 - iv. Each member chapter shall have one vote for each perspective office.
 - d. Terms of Office
 - i. The term of office for the respective officers shall be one year. It will start on the last meeting of the fall and continue through the following fall's last meeting.
- B. Member Chapters
- a. Qualifications
 - i. Must be in good standing with Stephen F. Austin State University and National Headquarters.
 - ii. Must maintain 2.5 cumulative chapter GPA.
 - iii. Must maintain a minimum of seven (7) members each long semester.
- C. Associate Member Chapter
- a. Organizations seeking Member Chapter status within IFC.

Article III. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Interfraternity Council will meet bi-weekly during each long semester.

- A. Special meetings may be called by IFC president or on petition of one-fourth (1/4) of member chapters with the approval of the advisor and with due notice to the members chapters.
 - a. Due Notices shall consist of a written and/or electronic communication to each member chapter at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance
- B. No official business may be conducted without a quorum, two-thirds of the voting membership present.
- C. Each member chapter must have chapter president present.
 - a. Only one substitution per delegate is allowed per semester
 - i. Substitutes must be an active member of member chapter
 - ii. Special request must be emailed to the IFC account one week in advanced prior to the meeting if someone else is attending the meeting for the president. Failure to do so will be marked as an absence
- D. Each member chapter shall have one (1) vote.

Article IV. AMENDMENTS AND RATIFICATIONS

Section 1. Constitutional Revisions

- A. Amendments shall be proposed in regular/special meetings of the Council.
 - a. Proposed amendments are tabled until the next regular/special meeting. Amendments must be submitted in writing or electronic form to the Chief Justice.

- b. Proposals to amend this constitution may be voted on by two-thirds (2/3) of member chapters and go into effect immediately.
- B. The authority granted to Interfraternity Council under this constitution shall be subject to the policies, rules and regulations of Stephen F. Austin State University.
- C. The present IFC executive officers shall act as the IFC executive officers as defined under this constitution until such a time as a new group is sworn in.