Amendments to the Constitution of the Duke University Interfraternity Council

Finances Amendment

Purpose:

A. To facilitate year to year consistency in the allocation of IFC funds

B. To facilitate the efficient allocation of funds

C. To establish criterion from which all funding requests will be evaluated

Each applicant applying for IFC funding must fulfill the following requirements: 1) The event to be funded must benefit and be open to the Greek community. 2) The event must be advertised to the entire Greek community.

If the event in question meets these criteria, a funding application form will be provided to the group and submitted for consideration and vote of the IFC Executive Council. Groups must submit a budget for their event along with their application prior to consideration.

The Executive Council is empowered to approve requests up to $500 with a majority vote. If the proposal requests greater than $500, the Executive Council may approve up to $500 dollars and make a supplementary request to the full Presidents Council. A majority vote of the Presidents council is required for any funding above $500.

The treasurer will report to the full IFC any financial activity at each meeting.

Attendance Policy Amendment

A fraternity will be considered absent if the chapter president is not in attendance and the chapter fails to send a representative, preferably from the chapter’s executive board, to all Interfraternity Council meetings. The attendance record and accompanying consequences will begin each semester.

I. First Absence

If a fraternity fails to be represented for one meeting, a written warning will be issued to that fraternity’s president by the IFC secretary.

II. Second Absence

If a fraternity fails to be represented at a second meeting, the fraternity will be assessed a $100 fine.
III. Third Absence

If a fraternity fails to be represented at a third meeting, the chapter will receive an additional fine of $250 and will be suspended from voting until all fines are paid.

IV. Fourth & Subsequent Absence

If a fraternity fails to be represented at four or more meetings, the chapter accrues an additional $500 fine for each additional absence and maintains its suspension of voting privileges until payment. If the problem persists, it will be directed to the Executive Council. The chapter will be suspended from all activities, with the exception of chapter meetings and community service events, and face the possibility of expulsion from the Interfraternity Council, pending a vote by the Council of Presidents.

V. Excused Absences

If the IFC secretary is notified prior to a given meeting that the fraternity will be unable to be represented due to a conflicting fraternity function or other acceptable excuse, no penalties will be incurred. Fraternity functions are defined to include major events such as induction, initiation, other rituals.

VI. Attendance for members of the Executive Council

Attendance at all Presidents’ Council and Executive Council meetings is mandatory unless the Secretary issues an excuse for missing a meeting. If an officer of the Executive Council accrues three unexcused absences each semester, his situation will be brought before the Executive Council which will then determine a suitable course of action.

Non-Affiliated Group Amendment

I. The member chapters of the Interfraternity Council do not recognize any Greek letter organization that is not affiliated with one of the four umbrella councils of Duke University or another recognized institution of higher education. Furthermore, the member chapters do not recognize any group, under whatever name, that was formally associated with one of the member councils, but no longer is.

II. As such, the member chapters of the Interfraternity Council will not engage in any activities, be they social, philanthropic, educational, or otherwise, nor associate with these organizations or groups unless approved by the Council of Presidents beforehand.

Recruitment Amendment

1. Recruitment rules governing the formal recruitment process will be determined by the Recruitment Team by 1 October. The rules will then be approved by the Presidents’
Council at the succeeding meeting of the Presidents’ Council. These rules will then be binding to all chapters of the Interfraternity Council.