

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

The purpose of this Interfraternity Council shall be to develop and maintain Greek Life and inter greek relations at a high level of accomplishments and in doing so:

1. To promote the ideals of Greek men's organizations in accordance with the Mission Statement and Goals of Georgia Southwestern State University.
2. To promote superior scholarship.
3. To cooperate with member groups and the university administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards.
5. To act in accordance with policies which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member groups.
6. To act in accordance with the Georgia Southwestern State University Student Handbook following the policies and guidelines as stated for Student Organizations.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Membership of the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council shall be composed of chapter members in good standing of the National Interfraternity Council and the University. Member groups who have not maintained a minimum chapter graduating grade point average of 2.25 will lose the following IFC privileges: IFC Voting and participation in IFC sports. All other IFC privileges and responsibilities will continue. One semester of probation will be afforded member groups, after which the chapter graduating gpa must rise to 2.25 or greater to avoid the penalties outlined above.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

1. The officers of the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Chapters shall occupy each office of the Interfraternity Council based on an established rotation schedule. The officers shall be selected from groups holding membership in the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council.
3. The officers shall serve for a term of one year, the term of office to begin with the first meeting of February.
4. Officers are required to attend all Interfraternity Council meetings. Any officer or delegate that misses more than three (3) regularly scheduled meetings per semester shall

be automatically dismissed by the Interfraternity Council and the member fraternity shall be fined \$25.00. This dismissal may be appealed to the Advisor who will make the final decision. If the appeal is denied, payment should be made prior to a replacement attending any IFC meeting. Any officer failing to perform his duties as outlined shall resign and a successor be designated by the member group to which the officer belongs.

5. To hold officer, a member must be enrolled with at least a 2.25 graduating grade point average and must be an active member in his chapter for the duration of his term.

6. Officers shall be responsible for conducting appropriate officer transition with their successors.

7. The duties of the officers shall be:

A. PRESIDENT.

(1) Have overall responsibility for the operation of the Interfraternity Council.

(2) Call and preside at all regular, executive and special meetings of the Interfraternity Council.

(3) Approve and sign all Interfraternity Council contracts.

(4) Serve as ex-officio of all Interfraternity Council committees, with voice but no vote.

(5) Report as required to the National Interfraternity Council.

(6) Maintain up-to-date President's files which will include:

(a) Constitution and Bylaws

(b) Current Budget

(c) Copies of end of term and end of year reports

(e) Minutes from all regular (and special, if pertaining) meetings

(f) Any other pertinent information

(7) Serve as a liaison between the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association and the NPHC Council.

(8) Represent the Interfraternity Council at all GSW Preview and Orientation Days, if representation is requested by the University.

(9) Serve as the official liaison to Greek Week.

(10) Appoint committee chairs as necessary. All committees will consist of one representative from each member group.

(11) All other duties pertaining to this office.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

(1) Perform the duties of the President in his inability to serve.

(2) Serve as Rush Coordinator by overseeing all rush activities of the Interfraternity Council.

(3) Promote all activities and positive actions of the Interfraternity Council.

(4) Present a semesterly report to the President.

(5) Act as Parliamentarian in all Interfraternity Council meetings

(6) Any other duties assigned.

C. SECRETARY

(1) Keep an up-to-date roll of the members of the Interfraternity Council and Executive Board and to call it at all Interfraternity Council meetings

- (2) Maintain precise minutes of all meetings of the Interfraternity Council and a record of all action taken by the Executive Board.
- (3) Responsible for all official correspondence of the Interfraternity Council.
- (4) Present a semesterly report to the President.
- (5) Any other duties assigned to this position.

D. TREASURER

- (1) Responsible for the general supervision of the finances.
- (2) Responsible for the preparation of the budget and, following its approval by the Interfraternity Council, providing a copy to each officer and member group.
- (3) Receive all payments due to the Interfraternity Council, and give receipts.
- (4) Responsible for prompt payments for all debts.
- (5) Maintain up-to-date financial records and give report at each meeting.
- (6) Present a semesterly report to the President.
- (7) Any other duties assigned to this position.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

1. **REGULAR.** The Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council shall hold at least one regular meeting each week during the academic year.
2. **EXECUTIVE.** The Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council officers shall meet with the IFC Advisor at times agreed upon by the Council and the Advisor.
3. **SPECIAL.** A special meeting of the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called upon written request of any regular member group at Georgia Southwestern.
4. The voting delegate from each member group shall be responsible for notifying his chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council.

ARTICLE VI. Functioning

It shall be the duty of the Interfraternity Council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council and to compile rules governing the Interfraternity Council, including rushing and intake of new members, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member groups.

1. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council shall be composed of three delegates from each chapter, one officer, one voting delegate and one appointed officer.
2. **SELECTION OF DELEGATES.** Delegates shall be selected by their respective chapters to serve for one year. Whenever possible, the appointed officer of one year shall be the delegate or officer the succeeding year.

3. REQUIREMENTS OF DELEGATES. To serve as a delegate, members must be enrolled at Georgia Southwestern State University, have a 2.0 graduating grade point average, and remain as an active member of his chapter for the duration of his term.
4. DELEGATE DUTIES. It shall be the responsibility of the delegates to take information presented at Interfraternity Council meetings and relay that information to their perspective chapters.
5. DELEGATE VACANCIES. When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the member group concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Interfraternity Council Executive Board through the Advisor with his name, address, and telephone number. When a meeting of the Interfraternity Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the other members of the group shall fulfill the duties of the delegate in all cases, except the President. The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the President.
6. MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Interfraternity Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each term by the Executive Board.

SPECIAL MEETINGS of the Interfraternity Council may be called upon by the President when necessary and shall be called by him upon written request of any member delegate of the Interfraternity Council.
7. QUORUM. Two thirds of the member groups shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
8. EXECUTIVE BOARD. The officers of the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council shall serve as the Executive Board of the Interfraternity Council and shall have such powers and duties as described in the Constitution and the Bylaws.
9. VOTING.
 - A. The voting members of the Interfraternity Council shall be the voting delegates of each member group. If a delegate is absent, the vote of his group may be cast by an alternate.
 - B. A majority of the voting members of the Interfraternity Council shall be required to carry all business of the Association.

ARTICLE VII. Interfraternity Council Advisor

The IFC Advisor shall serve to advise the Interfraternity Council of Georgia Southwestern State University in accordance with member organization's ideals and Georgia Southwestern State University policies. He/she will serve to advise, and shall have voice but no vote on all issues

before the Council. The Advisor(s) will be selected no later than the first meeting of March.

ARTICLE VIII. Violations

1. Violations of any regulations of this constitution or its related bylaws, rushing rules, or Interfraternity Council policies and standards shall be the occasion for penalties established by the Georgia Southwestern State University Interfraternity Council.

2. Any dispute growing out of a violation of the Interfraternity Council constitution, bylaws, or other regulations shall be handled through arbitration by a panel including the IFC Executive Board and the IFC Advisor. Appeals from a group found in violation by this group should be forwarded to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean for Students within ten (10) days of the ruling. Policies to be followed also include, but are not limited to: the Georgia Southwestern State University Handbook, and state and local laws.

ARTICLE IX. Amendments

1. This constitution may be amended by a unanimous vote of the voting members of Georgia Southwestern's Interfraternity Council.
2. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be given at one regular meeting and the vote shall occur no earlier than the next meeting.

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**GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I. Finance

(1) CHECKS. All checks issued on behalf of the Interfraternity Council require the signatures of the Treasurer, with permission from the Executive Board.

(2) PAYMENTS. All payments due to the Interfraternity Council shall be made to the Treasurer, who shall record and deposit them. Checks shall be made payable to the Interfraternity Council.

(3) MEMBERSHIP DUES.

(a) AMOUNT. The amount of dues shall be determined annually by the Interfraternity Council (\$100 flat fee plus \$5 per member per semester)

(b) TIME OF PAYMENT. The dues of each Interfraternity Council member group shall be payable at or before midterm based on membership at midterm.

(c) LATE FINES. Late fines are \$5.00 for every day that payment is late.

(d) ASSESSMENTS. Assessments may be made by the Interfraternity Council against each member group as necessary.

ARTICLE II. Appointed Offices

The offices of Scholarship Chair, Risk Management Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Sports Chair shall be the Appointed Offices. These chairs will be selected by the Executive Board. Each member group shall have one appointed office. Duties are outlined below:

A. Scholarship Chair

(1) Promote high scholastic achievement among member groups of the Interfraternity Council

(2) Coordinate with Student Affairs to publish the group chapter averages

(3) Provide incentives and rewards for academic improvement and achievement

- (4) Meet with chapter scholarship chairs once a semester
- (5) Present semesterly report to the President
- (6) Any other duties assigned to this office

B. Risk Management Chair

- (1) Plan at least one program per semester pertaining to issues potentially harmful to college students (i.e. alcohol, drugs, date rape, self defense)
- (2) Meet with chapter social chairs and IFC Advisor once per semester
- (3) Serve as the Interfraternity Council liaison to any effort by the University or any student group to address risk management concerns, campus improvement or campus activities as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.
- (4) Train and Organize Rush Counselors
- (5) Present semesterly report to the President
- (6) Any other duties assigned to this office

C. Public Relations Chair

- (1) Maintain University Calendar and IFC Calendar and report on both at each meeting.
- (2) Correspond and send momentos on behalf of the Interfraternity Council.
- (3) Be the official liaison with the Office of Student Life, Panhellenic, and NPHC groups.
- (4) Provide appropriate publicity on behalf of IFC to campus and local media.
- (5) Present semesterly report to the President
- (6) Any other duties assigned to this office

D. Sports Chair

- (1) Propose dates for all IFC Sports to be approved by the Council.
- (2) Plan and supervise all IFC Sporting Events
- (3) Be present for the duration of all IFC Sporting Events
- (4) Report the results of the IFC Sporting events at the following IFC meeting and maintain results for end of the year awards.
- (5) Any other duties assigned to this office

ARTICLE III. Interfraternity Rush

(1) FALL RUSH: Fall Rush shall be held. The IFC Council has the authority to establish schedule for rush each year.

(2) RUSH REGISTRATION: Rush registration shall be held at a time proposed by the Vice President and approved by the Executive Board. The registration shall be well publicized and held prior to formal rush. A registration fee proposed by the Executive Council and approved by the Interfraternity Council shall be charged to rushee participants.

(3)RUSH SCHEDULE. The rush schedule shall be confirmed by the Interfraternity Council. Each rushee shall be required to attend a rush orientation held at the beginning of Rush Week. The orientation shall be included in the rush schedule.

(4)RUSH RULES. Rush rules shall be established by the Interfraternity Council and will be made available to each member group through IFC delegates. Each rushee will be informed of the rush rules at Rush Orientation. Violations of rush rules will be reported in writing by the President of any member group or any rush counselor within twenty-four hours of the infraction to the Advisor(s) of the Interfraternity Council. The written report will be completed by the member who witnessed the infraction. Each rush infraction will be screened by the Executive Board and forwarded to the Interfraternity Council if deemed necessary by the Board.

(5)CONTINUOUS OPEN BIDDING. Except during Formal Rushing Period, continuous open bidding shall be in effect during the academic term for all eligible male students. Notification of pledging through open bidding shall be made to the Interfraternity Council Executive Board through the Interfraternity Council Advisor at the next scheduled meeting.

(6)ELIGIBILITY FOR PLEDGING. No man may receive a bid, written or oral, from a member group or in any way pledge himself to any group prior to his matriculation at Georgia Southwestern State University. If a rushee accepts a bid from a member IFC group, he is ineligible to pledge another member group until the beginning of the following semester. No IFC member group will issue a bid for two weeks following the formal rushing period.

(7)A Interfraternity Council member group may not issue an invitation to membership during any school recess. This includes Winter and Spring breaks, breaks between semesters and all of Summer term until formal Fall Rush.

(8)CHAPTER ROSTER. A list of chapter members shall be filed with the Office of Student Life by the deadline established by that office. Changes to the membership may occur until the last day to withdraw from a class without penalty as published in the GSW Bulletin. After this date, changes to the roster for purposes of sports participation and grade calculation will not be recognized. The list submitted to the Office of Student Life will be the official roster of each member group. Chapters should report changes to the Office of Student Life within one week. Rosters are available for review by all chapters in the Office of Student Life.

(9) SPORTS. In order to participate in an IFC sport, a member must have been on the fraternity roster maintained in the Office of Student Life for three weeks prior to the start date of the sport event. Members acquired through fall formal rush will be excluded from this rule.

(10)The Interfraternity Council will not pay for any part of an individual chapter=s recruitment.

ARTICLE IV. Extension

(1) The IFC in conjunction with the Office of Student Life will determine when extension is appropriate.

ARTICLE V. Risk Management

(1)HAZING. All forms of hazing as well as any activities defined as hazing are prohibited. Hazing is defined as: *any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off group or campus premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities include: creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, wearing apparel that is conspicuous or not normally in good taste, engaging in public stunts and jokes, morally degrading or humiliating games or activities, late night sessions that interfere with scholastic activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with the regulations and policies of the educational institution. Please note, this is NOT exhaustive.*

ARTICLE VI. Rules of Order

(1)The Interfraternity Council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order except in matters specifically provided for in the constitution.

(2)Bylaws and rules of order may be suspended by a motion to suspend the rules, followed by a second and a majority vote.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments

(1)These bylaws may be amended by unanimity of the voting members of the Interfraternity Council provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the preceding regular meeting.

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**GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
IFC SPORTS RULES**

1. Sports to be played in the fall semester shall be: Flag Football, Pool, Ping Pong, Bowling and Badminton. Sports to be played in the Spring include: Basketball, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, and Golf. If a sport cannot be played during the specified semester, it may be rescheduled by the IFC Council by a majority vote.
2. Dates for sports for the appropriate semester shall be proposed by the Sports Chair no later than the second meeting of the semester and approved by the IFC Council by a majority vote. A sport may be postponed in cases of emergency with approval of a majority of member groups through contact with any IFC officer or delegate from each member group.
3. For purpose of sports play, seeding will be based on random selection of member groups.
4. Major sports (football, basketball, softball) will carry the following point weight: 1st place – 40 points, 2nd place – 30 points, 3rd place – 20 points, 4th place – 10 points. Minor sports (all others) will carry the following point weight: 1st place – 20 points, 2nd place – 15 points, 3rd place – 10 points, 4th place – 5 points. Participation is required for points.
5. The Sports Chair should be present at all sporting events to supervise the events. In the event the Sports Chair cannot attend, a replacement should be selected by the Sports Chair to supervise the event.

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
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IFC RUSH RULES

1. Communication about individual fraternities will not be permitted in the Student Center or near sign-up stations on days of rush sign-up. No more than one member from each fraternity can be at the rush table during designated rush sign-up times.
2. There will be no visiting in homes or residence halls among members, pledges, and alumni with potential members from rush orientation until bid acceptance, except for Rush Counselors in the line of duty. In the event that a fraternity member and a potential member are roommates, they are not to discuss any matter concerning fraternities.
3. Conversation between fraternity members and potential members, outside of or during rush parties, which degrade another fraternity or which are unnecessarily pressuring or persuasive are considered unfair rushing practices and are subject to rush violation penalties. Any information provided by fraternities during a rush week must be true and no information can be used to mislead a potential member (ex: skewed statistics in IFC Sports, grade reports, etc.) However, current and accurate information concerning fraternity status in these areas may be presented.
4. Transportation to and from all rush parties will be supplied by each fraternity. This includes the Rush Counselors and the Advisor. All drivers will return to the designated area on

campus to prepare to pickup groups 10 minutes before any given party is to begin.

5. Each fraternity should designate two members to serve as Rush Counselors. Rush Counselor's may participate in rush as an observer only. Rush Counselors are required to attend a training session, both orientation sessions, each night of rush, and should be present for bid preparation and distribution on Saturday from 9am to noon unless excused by the advisor.
6. A fraternity member, pledge, and/or alumni may not have any contact with potential members from 11pm on Preferential night until the potential member has signed or declined to sign a bid.
7. Fraternity members (including pledges and alumni) are not to contact potential members in any way during formal rush except during formal rush parties.
8. Members (including pledges and alumni) providing transportation to and from rush parties are not permitted to rush for their fraternity, but may engage in general conversation.
9. Potential members must wear their nametags at all formal rush functions after orientation. The tag must be worn on the shirt where it is visible at all times.
10. Fraternities should have prepared invitations for Preference night parties in the Office of Student Life by 9am on Friday morning.
11. Fraternities should have prepared bids in the Office of Student Life by 9am on Saturday morning. Potential members unable to pick up bids on Saturday may do so on the following Monday in the OSL.
12. Any member (including alumni and pledges) who comes to a formal rush party and has been drinking or is intoxicated will be asked to leave the rush event by the Fraternity president. There will be no alcohol served at any rush function.
13. All fraternization with potential members shall be confined to official rush functions by each fraternity during the formal rush period (Orientation through Bid Day). Any fraternity member (including pledges and alumni) living with a potential member will not discuss fraternity matters.
14. Only members of each fraternity (including pledges and alumni) are allowed to participate in formal rush functions. IFC does not allow any female presence during the formal rush functions. Women my help with set-up and break down, but must be vacated from the house at least thirty minutes before the formal rush activity begins and may not return until rushees are vacated. University personnel are excluded from this rule.

15. No loitering of fraternity members (including pledges and alumni) is allowed in the residence halls. Members living on campus should be mindful of the fraternization standards for rush.
16. Potential members should not be physically removed from other potential members during a formal rush period (i.e. taken to an isolated area of house or building).
17. All rush infractions must be turned into the IFC Advisor or IFC President within 24 hours of being witnessed. These may be reported only by fraternity Presidents or Rush Counselors. The infractions should be submitted in written form and signed by the witness of the infraction.
18. These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the IFC Council.

**GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
POTENTIAL MEMBER RUSH RULES**

- I. Course Work
 - a) Each prospective member must have a minimum of 12 hours of regular course work for the Fall Semester. Prospective members are allowed to have a maximum of 1 Learning Support course, as long as they are carrying 12 additional hours of regular course work.
 - b) Each prospective member must have a minimum of 9 hours of regular course work for the Spring Semester. Prospective members are allowed to have a maximum of 1 Learning Support class, as long as they are carrying 9 additional hours of course work.
- II. Grades
 - a) Each prospective member must have a minimum graduating GPA of 2.0
 - b) Transfer students and first term freshmen will have their grades from their former institutions evaluated to determine whether they have a 2.0 GPA.
- III. Rush Rules
 - a) Prospective members are not permitted to wear the letters of any fraternity during the

IFC formal rush period.

- b) Prospective members are asked to wear rush name tags for each IFC Rush function.
- c) Prospective members will be assigned to one of four groups for the purpose of IFC formal rush. Prospective members should stay with their groups at all times.
- d) Prospective members are not permitted to consume alcohol before or during any IFC Rush function.
- e) Prospective members are not permitted to be at any fraternity headquarters other than at designated IFC Rush Functions. In the event that a prospective member lives at a fraternity's headquarters, or a fraternity member and a potential are roommates, they are not to discuss any matter concerning fraternities.
- f) Potential members may not have any contact with a fraternity member, pledge, and/or alumni from 11pm on Preferential night until the potential member has signed or declined to sign a bid.
- g) Potential members must attend an orientation session and Wednesday and Thursday nights unless excused by the IFC Advisor. After these qualifications are met, the potential member is obligated to attend only those parties to which he accepts invitations.
- h) If a potential member drops out of rush or is unable to attend the parties due to an illness, class conflict, or other emergency, he must contact the IFC Advisor immediately.
- i) Invitations for the Friday night Party are to be picked up between 11am and 3pm on Friday in the Office of Student Life.
- j) Bids will be distributed on the Saturday of Rush Week in the Office of Student Life from 10am – noon. Potential members unable to pick up bids on Saturday may do so on Monday in the Office of Student Life.
- k) Potential members are not obligated to sign a bid.
- l) There will be no discussion among potential members during fraternity bid signing.

**GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY**

Signs

-Signs are to be hung in conjunction with the current school policy and they are not to be hung on top of another fraternity's. Signs should be in good taste and not slanderous or negative towards another fraternity.

Parties

- There shall only be one registered party of a member of the Inter-Fraternity Council per night.
- No fraternity will be allowed to reserve two consecutive nights during the weeks prior to formal rush.
- The outside of all of the fraternity houses must be clean of beer bottles and can and any other debris before 6 AM the morning after your party.

-When in another fraternity house:

- Be respectful of the house and do not damage it in any way. If you damage any item/s, you will be responsible for covering the costs for having it corrected.
- Do not wear your letters into or on the grounds of another fraternity house unless they are turned wrong-side out.

Parking

-Due to the closeness of the current fraternity houses on William B. King, the Physical Plant of GSW will be placing "No Parking - Tow Away Zone" signs along the Pi Kappa Phi side of the road leading to the culdesac. At any time, automobiles parking along this side of the road may and will be towed. Along the Kappa Sigma side of the road leading to the culdesac, there shall be no parking after 7 pm or during the weekend (from Thursday 7 pm - Monday 7 am). This is being implemented because IFC notices that parking in this area could be hazard and create problems in the future.