



# Lynchburg College Inter-Fraternity Council Constitution

## **Article I: Name**

Section A. The organization shall be known as the Inter-Fraternity Council at Lynchburg College in Virginia, hereafter, “IFC.”

## **Article II: Purpose**

### Section A. **Purpose of the IFC**

1. The purpose of this organization shall be:
  - a. To create, maintain, and perpetuate better relations among men’s nationally recognized Member Fraternities on this campus;
  - b. To inform, educate, and promote the Greek community to both those who are familiar and unfamiliar with it;
  - c. To encourage participation and success in Greek campus activities;
  - d. To encourage responsible participation in all areas of educational experiences including scholastic, social, intramural, and service activities;
  - e. To promote effective communication within the Greek community, the college, and the surrounding communities;
  - f. To provide a means of solving problems and injustices within the Fraternity community;
  - g. To establish and promote programs in keeping with the college’s purpose and objectives;
  - h. To ensure equal representation of each recognized fraternity within the IFC;
  - i. To promote mutual cooperation between the IFC and Lynchburg College in Virginia, its students, faculty, staff, and local community.

## **Article III: Membership and Oversight**

### Section A: **Member fraternities’ numerical representation**

1. In addition to the chapter presidents and the elected directors of IFC, the IFC shall consist of one non-elected voting representative from each of the IFC fraternities.

### Section B: **Qualifications for IFC chapter membership**

1. Member fraternities of the Lynchburg College IFC must be recognized as a North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) member or a nationally-affiliated fraternity. Colonies may seek membership in the IFC.
2. Member fraternities must be in good standing with the local IFC and Lynchburg College.
3. Member fraternities affiliated with the local IFC must carry a current chapter insurance policy for liability.

### Section C: **Membership Classification for Member Fraternities**

The membership classification of Member Fraternities shall be as follows

1. Full Member: Any fraternity chapter which has obtained its charter from its inter/national organization, or any local fraternity chapter. Full Membership grants the Member Fraternity all rights, privileges and responsibilities under the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Associate Member: Any fraternity colony of an inter/national organization. Associate Membership grants the Member Fraternity all rights, privileges, and responsibilities under the IFC Constitution and By-Laws, except that it does not have voting privileges, cannot hold IFC Executive Board positions, nor have an IFC Judicial Committee Justice.

For the purpose of this Constitution and the IFC Bylaws, both Full Members and Associate Members are referred to as Member Fraternities.

#### **Section C: Governance**

1. The IFC is the governing body for most national fraternities. The IFC Judicial Board will be the hearing body for all IFC violations that involve IFC chapters and associated members, except minor recruitment infractions which may be heard by the IFC.

### **Article IV: Officers of IFC**

#### **Section A: IFC Executive Officers**

The IFC Executive Officers shall be responsible for carrying out the purpose and policies of the IFC and for its day-to-day operations and activities, as directed by the IFC General Body.

#### **Section B: Council Officer Composition**

1. The position of President, Vice President, and all other IFC Director positions shall be elected positions with duties and responsibilities outlined within the IFC Bylaws.
2. The IFC consists of the IFC President, Vice President, Directors, Chapter Presidents and a Chapter Delegate; all of whom are members of Local IFC recognized fraternities.
3. The Officers of the IFC Council shall be:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President of Internal Operations
  - c. Director of Recruitment
  - d. Director of Membership Development

#### **Section C: Officer Qualifications**

1. All officers of the IFC shall take office during the first meeting in December and shall hold office until the installation of new officers during the annual turnover the following December except under extenuating circumstances.
2. No person can hold more than one office at one time in the IFC.
3. Members must be in good-standing with their chapter, Lynchburg College, and the local IFC.
4. Representatives are expected to maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and must be enrolled at Lynchburg College as a full-time student.
5. All Council officers must attend transition training planned by the IFC. Other trainings and/or educational experiences may be required.
6. All IFC Directors must be familiar with their duties.
7. Not currently serving as his Member Fraternity's IFC Representative, Alternative Representative, or IFC Judicial Committee Representative.

### **Article V: IFC Judicial Board**

#### **Section A: Composition of the Judicial Board**

1. The IFC Judicial Board shall consist of two trained judicial board members per IFC-recognized chapter and the Vice-President of Internal Operations for IFC. The Judicial Board shall hear cases that involve any fraternity incident, in accordance with the IFC Judicial Policies & Procedures. Incidents or cases that involve violation of the Lynchburg College Hornet, IFC Constitution, and/or Lynchburg College Fraternity/Sorority Life policies will be heard in a timely manner by the IFC Judicial Board.
2. Justices will be required to maintain a minimum QPA of 2.50, in good standing with their chapter, in good standing with Lynchburg College, and an active undergraduate student.
3. Chapters will be mandated to provide two members of their Executive Board to serve as Justices
  - a. Phi Delta Theta: Risk Management Chair and Warden
  - b. Phi Kappa Tau: Sergeant at Arms and Junior Standards Board Officer
  - c. Sigma Phi Epsilon: Chaplain and VP of Finance
  - d. Sigma Nu: Lieutenant Commander and Risk Reduction Chair

### Section B: **Judicial Board Jurisdiction**

The IFC shall be a self-governing organization with an independent Judicial Committee which shall have jurisdiction over cases involving alleged Member Fraternity violations, including but not limited to:

1. The IFC Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct, and other policies.
2. The rules and regulations of Lynchburg College
3. The general values-based conduct of a fraternity men.

### Section B: **Incident Reports**

1. Any member of the IFC Executive Council and/or a member of a fraternity/sorority may make an incident report. Reports may be submitted to the IFC Vice-President of Internal Operations , Assistant Director of Student Involvement.
  - a. Reports are then heard by the Judicial Board Chair(s) and the Assistant Director of Student Involvement for review; he/she does not hold a vote in any occurrences.

### Section C: **Appeals**

1. The IFC Judicial Board's decision is subject to appeal by a Member Fraternity within two weeks of receiving written notification of the decision. Appeals shall be made in writing to the Assistant Director of Student Involvement and shall be made solely on the following grounds:
  - a. Error in the charge and/or Judicial Board Hearing process that materially affected the outcome.
  - b. The severity of the sanction did not match the severity of the violation.
  - c. New information that could not have been discovered prior to the IFC Judicial Board Hearing through the exercise of reasonable diligence.
2. Sanctions imposed through the Judicial Process shall stand until an appeal is heard.

## **Article VI: Voting Privileges**

### Section A: **Voting**

1. Each appointed delegate and chapter president shall have one vote in the IFC, the IFC President voting only in case of a tie.
2. In matters of finance, a two-thirds vote of the IFC is required.
3. Voting privileges shall be revoked if a member fraternity is not in good academic standing or financial standing with the IFC or Lynchburg College.
4. In the event of a tie, the IFC President shall cast the deciding vote.

## **Article VII: Amendments**

### Section A: **Proposing an amendment**

1. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) affirmative vote of the IFC General Body provided notice of the proposed amendment has been provided to Member Fraternities at the preceding regularly scheduled business meeting of the IFC General Body.
2. The amendments to the IFC constitution may be proposed by:
  - a. A Chapter Representative of a member fraternity;
  - b. An IFC Officer;
  - c. Any committee formed by the IFC for the purpose of constitutional revisions.
3. Proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted to the President of IFC at least two weeks before the amendment is to be voted on in an IFC meeting.

### Section B: **Adoption**

1. Amendments shall become a part of the IFC Constitution when adopted by a two-thirds vote of the eligible membership of the IFC.