PREAMBLE

We, the members of men’s fraternities at The University of Utah, realizing the need to strengthen the fraternity system, and in order to secure greater unity in our aims and objectives and to establish an effective regulation of inter-fraternal affairs, do hereby establish and subscribe to this constitution.

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be known as the Interfraternity Council of the University of Utah, hereinafter referred to within the body of this document as the IFC.

Section 2. The purpose of the IFC shall be the pursuit of the following objectives:

A. Provide and support activities in compliance with federal, state and local laws, applicable policies of individual (inter)national fraternities, local chapters/colonies, and applicable regulations of the University of Utah, including the Student Code of Conduct.
B. Promote an atmosphere for the successful maintenance of chapters/colonies which will foster personal growth, development of leadership skills, and responsible application of brotherhood, personal accountability, communal respect, and social justice.
C. Maintain an environment for high academic and intellectual excellence by supervision and creation of programs consistent with the ideals of fraternal self-governance.
D. Oversee and transact financial business by receiving, administering, and dispersing funds to be used, loaned, invested, or donated for the purpose of educational, social, scholastic, and philanthropic purposes consistent with fraternal ideals.
E. Nominate and select representatives deemed necessary to embody the fraternal ideals and interests of the fraternity community and oversee/direct the operation of the Inter-fraternal system at the University of Utah.
ARTICLE II: Composition

Section 1. The IFC shall be the chapter and colony legislative governing body of the men’s fraternity system at the University of Utah and shall be composed of chapter- and colony-authorized representatives of each chapter and colony.

Section 2. Membership of the IFC shall consist solely of all active chapters and colonies functioning towards a goal of a mutually exclusive fraternity, as recognized by the University of Utah in accordance with University Policies and Procedures Relating to Fraternal Social Organizations.

A. Regular Membership shall be composed of all chapters that are eligible to be recognized by the North-American Interfraternity Conference.
B. Associate membership shall be composed of all other men’s Greek-letter organizations that petition for recognition by the IFC.

Section 3. Voting: Each chapter and colony with regular membership in the IFC will be entitled to one vote on all matters. The individual chapter will decide how their vote is to be cast. However, it is the assumption that representatives will have the authority to vote on behalf of their chapter or colony and must be present in person to vote.

Section 4. Any social fraternity wishing to apply for membership must have first complied with all of the terms outlined in the University of Utah Recognition Policies.

ARTICLE III: Interfraternity Council Officers

Section 1. Officers of the IFC shall consist of the President, Vice President, Recruitment Chairman, Operations Chairman, Public Relations Chair, and Events Chair. These officers make up the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Eligibility: Officers shall be initiated and/or active members of chapters and colonies recognized by and represented on IFC with regular membership. The officers shall be matriculated students and shall be in good standing (academically, behaviorally, and financially) in accordance with the University of Utah and the respective chapter or colony of the officer. Officers of the IFC shall serve a term of one year. A member of the Executive Committee cannot hold the office of president or recruitment chair in their respective chapter or colony.

Section 4. Officers shall have such powers and duties explicitly and implicitly implied by the Bylaws of the IFC.
Section 5. Should the impeachment of Officers of the IFC be sought, the reasons for such action shall be submitted in writing to the Greek Coordinator. The IFC must decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the chapters and colonies to remove the officer.

Section 6. If an Officer of the IFC is removed from office or resigns, and there is at least four (4) months left in the term of office, the IFC President will call for a special election at the following regular meeting of the IFC after the vacancy has occurred. This will include one week for nominations, followed by an election the following regular meeting. If there are fewer than four (4) months left in the term of office, the Executive Committee will appoint a replacement to finish the term.

Section 7. Standing committees and special chairs may be appointed by the IFC Executive Committee to carry out specific projects as needed.

ARTICLE IV: Greek Council

Section 1. The IFC recognizes and supports the Greek Council and all members of the IFC will adhere to the Constitution and Bylaws of that entity.

ARTICLE V: Recognition and Status of Chapters/Colonies

Section 1. In order to be recognized by the University of Utah, each chapter and colony must adhere to the following criteria, to be reviewed by the University administration with the current chapter or colony president every year. The IFC Executive Committee and IFC Hearing Board will uphold and enforce the following expectations for University recognition:

A. Compliance with the applicable polices of the (inter)national fraternity, local chapter or colony, IFC, University of Utah (including Organizational Policies and Procedures and the Student Code of Conduct), applicable federal and state statutes, and local ordinances.

B. Attendance at meetings, occurring at least once each semester, with the Greek Coordinator on an appointment basis.

C. Establishment and maintenance of orderly financial and accounting procedures, as well as payment of IFC charges in a timely manner.

D. Chapter or colony performance with regard to behavioral problems and conflict resolution.

E. Non-discriminatory operation with regard to race, creed, color, ethnic origin, or sexual preference in member selection and privileges.
chapter should seek to obtain membership reflective of the racial, academic, religious, ethnic, and geographical diversity of the student body as a whole.

F. Recruitment, service, and social publicity in good taste and appropriate to the University of Utah.

G. Development of meaningful programs for new members, as well as the chapter or colony as a whole, designed to assist each member in learning to accept responsibilities in developing contributing members of the larger society.

I. Maintenance of a comfortable home for all members and guests in keeping with general standards of good housekeeping, as well as exterior upkeep characteristics of the campus and residential neighborhood environment.

J. Knowledge and practice of risk management policies within the chapter or colony, as well as in recruitment and social activities.

K. Regular planning and conducting of educational programs around the health and well-being of chapter members including the prevention of alcohol use and hazing.

Section 2. Chapters must also meet the following requirements to maintain "Good Standing" with the IFC:

A. All financial obligations with the IFC are fulfilled (see Bylaws for dues);
B. Complete membership rosters have been provided to the Greek Coordinator by the third week of the semester;
C. No current University, Greek Council Hearing Boards, or IFC sanctions exist;
D. Recognition by the University is in good standing.

ARTICLE VI: Rules of Expansion

Section 1. Colonies: Any colony eligible for recognition by the North-American Interfraternity Conference may petition the IFC for membership. A petition from the (inter)national headquarters and the chapter advisor must be received and a majority vote of the IFC is required to accept the petitioning group. The colony accepted by the IFC will have all responsibilities and privilege of chapters.

Section 2. Chartering:
A. In order to be recognized as a fully chartered chapter of IFC, a colony
must:

1. Have colony status for at least six months;
2. Receive assurance from a national fraternity that they will sponsor and accept the colony into the national organization;
3. Present a petition signed by 35 members of the undergraduate student body;
4. Present a petition signed by 15 alumni members of the national fraternity;
5. Show evidence of $500.00 in a bank account;
6. Submit a prospectus with names of officers, a financial statement including the dues and fees structure, proposed bylaws of the chapter, and a statement that the chapter agrees to and will adhere by all the applicable national, University, state, and local laws and policies regarding fraternity operations.
7. Submit the constitution of the fraternity to the University of Utah Office of General Counsel for review;
8. Obtain an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the member chapters of IFC.

B. The chapter will be fully recognized by the IFC when the University President invites the fraternity to officially charter.

ARTICLE VII: Disciplinary Process

Section 1. For purposes of hearing grievances related to violations of policy and procedure and behavior, the IFC will establish an Interfraternity Council Conduct Board.

Section 2. The duties, authority, and procedure will be outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments and Policies

Section 1. Amendments: Proposed amendments to the IFC Constitution or to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing at the next regular meeting of IFC and then voted upon at the following regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of chapters and colonies shall be required to amend the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Policies: All Policies of the IFC shall be distributed annually to chapters. All policies are considered enforceable and each chapter must comply with these polices. Amendments to policies must be approved by the IFC by a majority vote.
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ARTICLE I: Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the IFC shall be held every Monday in the Fall and Spring semesters, unless a holiday falls on a Monday, in which case the meeting will be held the following day. Meetings may be cancelled and rescheduled at the discretion of the presiding IFC Officer. Regular meetings may be held in conjunction with the Greek Council meetings at the discretion of the Executive committee.

Section 2. Special meetings of the IFC may be called at any time. At the request of any three (3) members of IFC, the President must call and notify all members of the special meeting at least three (3) days in advance.

Section 3. Chapters and colonies that are financially current in all obligations to the IFC and are in good standing with the IFC and the University are considered to be voting members with one vote per chapter and colony. The chapter or colony president, or his designee, may vote. Alumni advisors shall have a voice but no vote in the IFC. Once a proposal has been voted upon, all chapters and colonies are bound by all aspects of the decision.

Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business of the IFC shall consist of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the IFC chapters and colonies combined. A majority is required to pass legislation.

Section 5. If a chapter is not represented at a meeting, a fine of $15.00 will be incurred for each instance.

ARTICLE II: Duties of Officers

A. PRESIDENT:

1. Preside at all meetings and functions of IFC and maintain an atmosphere conducive to open exchange and businesslike order.
2. Assume the general responsibility for the functioning of IFC and its agencies.
3. Set the long and short-term goals for IFC and promote and maintain these goals throughout the term.
4. Act as the official representative of the IFC to the ASUU, University administration, community and all other such bodies.
5. Set agenda for all meetings of IFC.
6. Coordinate and assist in the activities of all the IFC Executive Committee officers.
7. Be in contact with and maintain a good rapport with individual chapter and colony officers and with all IFC and PHC officers.
8. Be responsible for promotion, support and maintenance of the goals and objectives of the IFC/PHC and its member chapters and colonies.
9. Maintain regular office hours every week.
10. Must be available during the summer semester.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT:

1. Act as the presiding officer in the absence of the presiding IFC President, as well as fulfill all IFC Presidents’ duties in the officer’s absence.
2. Assist the IFC President as the officer may direct.
3. Serve as the Chairman of the IFC Conduct Board.
4. Oversee the programming and education surrounding risk management for the IFC.
5. Maintain regular office hours every week.
6. Must be available during the summer semester.

C. RECRUITMENT CHAIR:

1. Be responsible for all IFC matters related to membership recruitment. This includes reviewing and developing recruitment policies, selecting recruitment counselors, developing publications and displays, etc.
2. Implement enforcement efforts of the recruitment policies, approved upon by the IFC chapters and colonies annually.
3. Conduct evaluations on recruitment activities that will include statistics on potential members and recruiting practices following the formal recruitment period.
4. Maintain regular office hours every week.
5. Must be available during the summer semester.

D. OPERATIONS CHAIR:

1. Conduct all clerical responsibilities for the Greek Council.
2. Create and disburse agendas and minutes for each meeting of the Executive Committee and IFC, as well as have both agendas and minutes available in the Greek Council Office.
3. Record attendance and all votes and decisions made at each IFC meeting.
4. Arrange proper notice of each meeting.
5. Act as pro tem parliamentarian and bring to each meeting a copy of the IFC and Greek Council Constitutions, Bylaws and IFC Policies.
6. Create details and timelines of elections for use during the school year as soon as possible.
7. Assist officers with public relations, such as press releases.
8. Preserve a record of all IFC correspondence and publications.
9. Create, with the assistance of the Greek Coordinator, the budget for submission to the chapters and colonies, and approved at meeting.
10. Continuously update chapters and colonies on status of budget and funding for Greek Council recruitment activities and seminars.
11. Levy and collect all dues and fines as necessary and appropriate.
12. Maintain regular office hours every week.
13. Must be available during the summer semester.

E. PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR:
1. Be responsible for all forms of publicity for the IFC and work with the media to promote and explain IFC events and issues.
2. Develop programming regarding scholarship and community service to promote the positive image of the IFC and contributions of fraternity members to society at large.
3. Maintain regular office hours every week.
4. Must be available during the summer semester.

F. EVENTS CHAIR:
1. Be responsible for planning and organizing IFC and Greek Council events, which may include, but are not limited to Songfest, Greek Week, and the Annual Greek Awards.
2. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
3. Maintain regular office hours every week.
4. Must be available during the summer semester.

ARTICLE III: IFC Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the IFC shall be made up of the six IFC Officers.

Section 2. Duties: The IFC Executive Committee shall:

A. Meet at least once a week and at such other times as deemed necessary with three (3) days notice.
B. Plan and coordinate all activities of IFC including standing committees.
C. Administer routine business between meetings of the IFC when advisable and report such action at the next regularly scheduled meeting of IFC.
D. Work to solicit, receive, and approve the IFC Conduct Board agents.
E. Receive and approve advertisements.
F. Receive complaints from students, student organizations, faculty, alumni, and persons affected by the University community.
G. Oversee any future revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the IFC.

ARTICLE IV: IFC Conduct Board

Section 1. Duties and Authority:
A. The disciplinary authority of the University of Utah IFC shall be vested in the IFC Conduct Board.

B. The Conduct Board is responsible for handling violations of the University of Utah IFC constitution, bylaws, policies, and rules, Membership Recruitment Guidelines and Greek Council rules and policies.

C. Conduct Board guidelines and procedures are set forth in the University of Utah IFC Conduct Board Guidelines and Procedures document.

Section 2. Conduct Board Members:

A. The IFC Conduct Board is comprised of 10 members: one chairman (IFC Vice President), one Vice Chairman, nine members (representing all active chapters and colonies), and one alum member.

B. The IFC Adviser serves on the Conduct Board as an ex-officio member.

C. The IFC Executive Board may, in its discretion, appoint two community representatives to serve as voting members of the Conduct Board. Community representatives shall not, however, be counted toward quorum and may, at the discretion of the IFC Conduct Board Chairman, be excused for matters which bear no relevance to the neighboring community.

D. The IFC Executive Board using an application process appoints all collegiate and community members of the Conduct Board including a Vice Chairman. The alum member is appointed by the IFC Adviser with approval of the Executive Board.

E. Collegiate members of the Conduct Board will serve one year or until their successors are selected. The term of office runs January to January.

F. Members may serve more than one term.

G. A collegiate member of the Conduct Board must be an active member of his chapter and an undergraduate student in good standing at the University of Utah. The member must also be in good standing with his respective chapter.

H. A chapter may only have one member on the Conduct Board at a time (this does not include the Chairman or the Vice Chairman).

I. Current chapter presidents, chapter recruitment chairmen, and other members of the IFC Executive Board may not serve on the Conduct Board.

J. The IFC Executive Board may remove any collegiate or community member of the Conduct Board by a two-thirds vote for failure to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position or failure to maintain confidentiality.

K. The IFC Executive Board shall fill vacancies in the Conduct Board through an application and/or interview process.

L. Five members of the Conduct Board shall constitute quorum in the case of any hearing. Should quorum not be met due to conflicts of interest and the need for members of the Conduct Board to be excused/recused, the IFC Executive Board will have the authority to appoint temporary members for the purpose of deciding that case.
Section 3. Appeals: Appeals of final Conduct Board decisions may be made to the University of Utah Student Behavior Committee.

ARTICLE V: Finances

Section 1. The fiscal year of the IFC shall run from July 1 to June 30. The IFC shall be financed by semester dues in the amount of $20.00 per member per semester, which includes: $6.50 for regular dues, $5.00 for Greek Week, and $8.50 for police patrol as required by the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance. In addition, there is a one-time affiliation fee of $35.00 per new member.

Section 2. The IFC may enter into such business contracts as deemed necessary to carry out stated programs, with the approval of the IFC Executive Committee and the Greek Coordinator.

Section 3. Charges to each chapter and colony are considered “past due” ten (10) days after billing. Late charges on bills shall be assessed in the amount of $15.00 every month a balance remains. Each chapter and colony that maintains a balance that is past due for ninety (90) days will immediately be placed on probation.

Section 4. Each chapter and colony must have all charges paid, including special assessments as voted on by a majority vote of IFC, or have made arrangements for settlement with the Greek Coordinator, in order to participate in IFC, or their sponsored activities, not requiring mandatory attendance, such as Recruitment, Greek Week, nominating privileges, and voting privileges.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED:
Constitution and Bylaws – January 17, 2006

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“Good Standing,” Events Chair, Dues Structure – April 5, 2010