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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL OF
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

MISSION
We, the members of the Interfraternity Council of Columbus State University, desiring to establish
an internal organization of efficiency, to adopt a definite system of government, to locate authority
and responsibility in the Interfraternity Council, and to establish rules and regulations necessary to
the conduct of Interfraternity Council affairs, do hereby set up and establish the following
circumstances.

ARTICLE I

Name
This Organization shall be known hence, as the Interfraternity Council and shall be from this point
forth known as the IFC of Columbus State University.

ARTICLE II

Objective
The purpose of this the IFC of Columbus State University are to be set forth as:
A. To achieve and maintain Greek unity, brotherhood, and support of Greek Life.
B. To aid Greek students in their decisions and challenges in their university years and beyond.
C. To promote the interests of the University
D. To promote the interests of the Fraternities within the IFC
E. To promote the interests of the University’s Greek Life
F. To ensure the cooperation between Greek organizations and the university community so that
the condition and relations of the Greek life will be positively sustained.
G. To ensure cooperation among the Greek organizations of the campus.
H. To aid all IFC fraternities in the rush process
F. To aid all IFC fraternities in the pursuit of only the most quality men.

ARTICLE III

Membership
SECTION I. Membership in the Interfraternity Council shall be comprised of National members. They
are such all- male Greek letter, fraternal organizations associated with National and/or
International organizations approved by the Administration of Columbus State University and the
Interfraternity Council.

SECTION II. Each member organization of the Interfraternity Council shall be represented by one (1)
executive council member and one (1) representative. The voting representative shall be an active
member of his respective organization and the alternate shall be a designated member of that same
organization.

SECTION III. Officers and voting delegates are required to attend all IFC meetings and events.
Officers are allowed one absence per semester. Each additional absence are subject to fines
according to Article VI of the By-Laws.

SECTION IV. No organization representative may be on Academic Probation.

SECTION V. In order to be a member of the Interfraternity Council, Fraternities must achieve
colonization status from their national organizations and must have a minimum of five members.
If the membership falls below the minimum level, the organization has until the end of the
following year to increase their membership to the minimum level of five members, otherwise the
fraternity will be placed on probation for one semester. If membership does not meet the minimum
requirement by the beginning of the following year, the organization will be removed from the Interfraternity Council.

SECTION VI. Any group removed from the Interfraternity Council may petition the council for readmission after they have, raised their membership to the minimum five members and/or completed the requirements for any sanction received for violation of the Columbus State University policies or the Interfraternity Council Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of Members

SECTION I. It shall be the duty of the member organizations to uphold and abide by the Interfraternity Council Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE V

The Executive Council

SECTION I. The Executive Council of the Interfraternity Council shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

SECTION II. No Individual organization may hold more than one (1) office position unless the council membership should fall below three fraternities.

SECTION III. Officer determination shall be on a rotational basis, with any additional fraternities following the most recently added fraternity, in the order of Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Pi Kappa Alpha.

SECTION IV. Officer position determination shall be on a rotational basis in the order of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION V. In the event that any Executive Officer fails in the duties of office, this officer may be removed from office by a written request for removal submitted to the entire council. This request must be confirmed by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of all member organizations actively attending and participating in the Interfraternity Council. In addition, the President’s of each Fraternity will be requested to appear before the Interfraternity Council during the voting process. If removed from Office, the member’s organization must replace him with an eligible candidate within two (2) Interfraternity Council meetings, otherwise the Interfraternity Council Advisor and President shall choose a suitable replacement.

SECTION VI. The Term of Office for each Executive Council position shall be two (2) semesters. (January to January).

SECTION VII. Interfraternity Council Executive Council Officers for the coming semester will assume their duties at the last regular meeting of the Fall semester.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

SECTION I. The duties of the President shall include:
A. To preside at all regular meetings and special meetings of the Interfraternity Council.
B. To appoint the membership of all committees and to serve personally as the coordinator of all committees.
C. To call special meetings of the Interfraternity Council.
D. To carry out such other duties usually pertaining to this office not inconsistent with this Interfraternity Council’s Constitution.
E. Sets forth the agenda to all of the meetings.

SECTION II. The duties of the Chief Justice shall include:
A. To serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of each meeting.
B. Serve as rush coordinator by overseeing all rush activities of the Interfraternity Council.
C. To represent the organization with affiliated organizations and the university administration in all matters of mutual concern.
D. To perform the duties of President in his absence.
E. To generally assist the President.
F. To ensure that all members of the IFC have an up-to-date copy of the Interfraternity Council’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations.
G. To hold copies of Interfraternity Council’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations, and to be familiar with their contents, bringing copies of them to all meetings, and being prepared to answer or secure answers for any question or interpretation of them.

SECTION III. The duties of the Treasurer shall include:
A. To receive all funds for the council and to disburse these funds upon proper authorization by the council and to keep an accurate record according to establishing accounting procedures.
B. To file all necessary reports and forms including financial statements in the proper administrative office.
C. To serve as committee chair for fundraisers.

SECTION IV. The duties of the Secretary shall include:
A. To keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all regular and special meetings, and to disburse a copy of this record to each member organization and to the Greek Advisor and/or the Interfraternity Council Advisor before the next regular meeting.
B. To keep an accurate roll of the membership of the Interfraternity Council and of the attendance at meetings.
C. To assist the Interfraternity Council Advisor and/or the Greek Advisor with grade checks and check-ins for the Interfraternity Council.
D. To serve as committee chair for publicity.

ARTICLE VII

Interfraternity Council Advisor

SECTION I. The Interfraternity Council shall be advised by the designated administrator as appointed by the Office of Student Life and Engagement.

SECTION II. The duties of the advisor shall include, but are not limited to attending each Interfraternity Council meeting, to confer with the officers, to uphold all Columbus State University policies, to enforce the Interfraternity Council Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulation, and to serve as a liaison between the Interfraternity Council and the faculty and administration of Columbus State University.

SECTION III. The Interfraternity Council Advisor shall be allowed to select and send a substitute advisor if he/she is unable to attend any meeting.

SECTION IV. The advisor reserves the right to make administrative decisions on behalf of the Interfraternity Council when deemed appropriate.

SECTION V. In the event no Interfraternity Council Advisor has been appointed, the Greek Advisor will act in such a capacity.
ARTICLE VIII

Voting Procedures

SECTION I. All procedures pertaining to approving any amendment, activities and use of Interfraternity Council funds must be introduced one (1) meeting before it is approved. At which point the approval will be tabled until the following meeting. The vote will come under new business at which point all votes will be a majority vote from all representatives only, one vote per member organizations.

SECTION II. If a delegate is absent, the vote of his group may be cast by the registered alternate.

ARTICLE IX

Standard of Self Regulation

SECTION I. These Standards of Self Regulation have been established so that the Interfraternity Council can self regulate itself through legislation. These regulations shall be followed by all member organizations.

SECTION II. The procedure for dealing with all violations, fines, representation, and membership is addressed in the Columbus State University Interfraternity Council Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations.

SECTION III. All violations of the Interfraternity Council’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations will be handled by the Interfraternity Council Advisor.

SECTION IV. All appeals of sanctions, handed out for violations of the Interfraternity Council’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations will be brought to the Greek Advisor. If the appeal is not overturned by the Greek Advisor, the person and/or organization may take the appeal to the Assistant Vice-President of Student Affairs. This is the final appeal stage for any violations of the Interfraternity Council’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations.

SECTION V. Any dispute growing out of violation of the Interfraternity Council Constitution, By Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations must be presented to the Interfraternity Council Advisor, whether in writing or via electronic communications, within 24 hours of the occurrence of the violation of infraction. If the violation occurs after five pm on a Friday evening, all formal complaints must be emailed and a timestamp included. All formal complaints are to include, but are not limited to, dates, times, location of incident, persons involved, which section of the Interfraternity Council Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations has been violated, and an account from an appropriate witness. Witnesses must be first party only. No second party accounts of an incident will be regarded as valid. No complaint will be entertained without all the above required documentation.

SECTION VI. The Standards of Self Regulation can be amended by a unanimous vote of the entire Interfraternity Council.

SECTION VII. University policy has the overriding decision of the Interfraternity Council’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

SECTION I. This Constitution, it’s By-Laws, and other information contained herein may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of representatives of the member fraternities, unless otherwise specified.
SECTION II. The Amendment must be submitted in written form to the Interfraternity Council and to the President’s of the member fraternities at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting in which the vote is to be taken.

ARTICLE XI

Rules of Order

SECTION I. The IFC shall use Robert’s Rules of Order to govern all matters not specifically covered by the Constitution and/or Standards of Self-Regulation

ARTICLE XII

Meetings

SECTION I. Business meetings of the Interfraternity Council shall be held at least twice a month, except for those months during which Columbus State University classes are in session less than one-half of the total days of the month, in which case there be no less than one (1) regular meeting of the Interfraternity Council.

SECTION II. All meetings shall be open only to members of the Interfraternity Council to include the Interfraternity Council Advisor and the Greek Advisor, unless the majority of the voting members present approve of an exception.

SECTION III. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Interfraternity Council at any time, or can be called by the President of the Interfraternity Council at the request of any two member fraternities.

SECTION IV. Notification of regularly scheduled meetings shall be done at the beginning of the current semester utilizing communication addressed to the president of each member fraternity and that member fraternity’s delegates of the Interfraternity Council.

SECTION V. Notifications of special meetings shall be done so in writing or electronic communications and delivered to the highest ranking officer of the member fraternity who can be located.

SECTION VI. For each meeting a Quorum must exist. A quorum shall exist when all of the members of the Interfraternity Council are present and so constituted may enact any rules or regulations for the Interfraternity Council and may transact any business, which may properly come before the Interfraternity Council.

SECTION VII. A forum shall occur prior to final examinations each spring semester for the purpose of informing all Interfraternity Council members of the rush rules and infractions set in place for the preceding fall semester recruitment period. Three-fourths (3/4) of each member fraternity is required to attend.

ARTICLE XIII

Distribution

SECTION I. The most current Constitution and By-Laws of the Interfraternity Council will be distributed to each member fraternity by the first official Council meeting of each school year. Each Interfraternity council member is responsible for reading, learning and taking the Interfraternity Council’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Rush Rules and Regulations. Each member fraternity is also responsible for educating its members on the policies and procedures of the Interfraternity Council. Failure to educate oneself and the member’s of ones fraternity hence forth shall NOT be a suitable defense in actions or sanctions brought against your organization.
THE BY-LAWS OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I

GPA

SECTION I. Each Fraternity, in order to be in good standing with IFC, must maintain a cumulative chapter GPA of at least 2.5.

SECTION II. Each member of each fraternity, in order to be in good standing with IFC, must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.2.

SECTION III. If a fraternity does not meet a 2.5 GPA from the most recent semester, then the chapter will be finable. This fine will be to the extent of $10 per brother.

SECTION IV. If a Fraternity did not achieve at least 2.5 GPA cumulatively, then the following steps will be taken to improve the Fraternity’s GPA:

First Offense: Warning by the Greek Advisor, limited number of social events to be held on campus

Second Consecutive Offense: Social probation for the entire semester, notification to Nationals by Greek Advisor, and implement an academic improvement plan that must be presented to the Greek Advisor and the Interfraternity Council Executive members.

Third Consecutive Offense: As prescribed by RSO policy, if a fraternity has three consecutive semesters of a cumulative GPA under a 2.5, that fraternity will be removed from campus.

SECTION V. If a member falls below the cumulative GPA of 2.2 the following actions will be taken:

First Offense: Member that is below the mark will be placed on social probation and must follow their respective chapter academic policy. In addition the Member and the President of that fraternity must appear in front of IFC Executive Council.

Second Consecutive Offense: If the Member falls below the aforementioned mark for two consecutive semesters, then the Member must disaffiliate as stated in the Greek Academic Policy and RSO.

ARTICLE II

Good Neighbor Policy

SECTION I. The Interfraternity Council's Good Neighbor Policy, is one that is set to ensure unity among the Interfraternity Council fraternities by prohibiting any form of negative marketing towards any other Interfraternity Council fraternity.

SECTION II. Signs are to be hung in conjunction with current school policy. Signs should be in good taste and not slanderous or offensive. The Interfraternity Council advisor has the authority to remove any sign that does not adhere to the current policy or is deemed inappropriate.

SECTION III. Only approved Interfraternity Council material can be distributed at formal rush activities and orientation functions.
SECTION IV. No parties are to be held after an official orientation function or during the formal recruitment period. No freshman (male or female) shall be invited to a party/gathering/collection of bodies/restaurant/or any other location/event where IFC members are present after an official orientation function. No potential member shall be invited to participate in fraternity activities, social or official, during the formal recruitment period.

ARTICLE III

Hazing

SECTION I. All forms of hazing as well as any activities defined as hazing are prohibited at all times. 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 students 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 regulation and policies of the educational institution. Please note, this is NOT exhaustive.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

SECTION I. Each member fraternity of the Interfraternity Council shall pay dues at the beginning of every school year. Interfraternity Council dues shall be $7 per member at the beginning of the school year.

a. If the average of a fraternities GPA from the last two semesters is higher then a 2.7, that fraternity will receive a $2 discount on their dues. That fraternity will then be responsible for paying only $5 per member at the beginning of the school year.

b. If a member of the Interfraternity Council has never paid dues before that member will be charged $10 on his first payment to the Interfraternity Council. Every payment he makes after the initial payment shall be $7.

SECTION II. The Interfraternity Executive Council has the right to increase the total amount of dues, and when dues are to be paid, with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE V

Absences

SECTION I. Each member organization shall be represented on the council by one (1) executive council member and one (1) representatives. An executive member from each organization shall serve as the executive council member. The voting representative shall be an active member of each organization and the alternate shall be a designated member of that same organization. Officers and voting delegates are required to attend all IFC meetings and events. Officers are allowed one absence per semester. Each additional missed absence will result in a fine of $50 per missed meeting. A registered voting delegate or registered alternate must be present at all IFC meetings and events. If neither are present at an IFC meeting, the member fraternity will be fined $100. If more than one meeting or event is missed the fine increases by $25, for example if a representative misses two meetings they will be fined $75.
ARTICLE VI

Action Committee

SECTION I. The Action Committee will be a committee of no more than two (2) members of each member fraternity. This committee’s main goals will be to plan and execute directives from the Interfraternity Executive Council, plan and execute fundraising ideas, and help bring unity to the Interfraternity Council by working together with members of different fraternities.

SECTION II. This committee will meet a minimum of once a month with the Executive Committee to receive direction and begin planning and eventually executing these plans.

ARTICLE VII

Sanctions

SECTION I. All incidents of violations to the Interfraternity Council Constitution, By-Laws and Rush Rules and Regulations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION II. The Greek Advisor reserves the right to administer disciplinary action in regard to violations to the Interfraternity Council constitution, bylaws, or rush rules until such time as an approved, established Interfraternity Council Judicial Board has been formed and functioning properly for one calendar year. The following sanctions will be used to address any violation of the Interfraternity Council constitution, bylaws, or rush rules. Regardless of the sanction administered, the offending party’s nationals will be contacted.
   a. Fines and/or community service
   b. Social Probation and/or capping of bid extensions.
   c. Rush privileges will be revoked for a length of time determined by the Student Life administrator.

ARTICLE VIII

Student Government Association Representative

SECTION I. The creation of this position will be so that the Interfraternity Council can have a member in Student Government Association to voice the concerns of the Interfraternity Council to members of the Student Government Association Forum, as well as to offer a helping voice to each Interfraternity Council fraternity. (this Position will be elected at the beginning of each Semester.)
THE RUSH RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I

Purpose

The purpose of the Rush Rules and Regulations of the Interfraternity Council is to provide a basis for the conduct of each Interfraternity Council fraternity, especially during such times that are designated for Rush. The following Rules and Regulations are to be followed at all times before, during, and after Rush periods, when applicable.

ARTICLE II

Interfraternity Rush

SECTION I. Rush shall consist of Fall Formal Recruitment, Spring Formal Recruitment, and two (2) designated periods of Open Rush which shall commence immediately after Bid day until forty five (45) days past bid day.

SECTION II. The Interfraternity Council has authority to establish the schedule for rush each year that must meet final approval of the Interfraternity Council Advisor. Formal Recruitment period begins Friday prior to the first formal rush activity through the Bid day events.

SUBSECTION I. Formal Recruitment will take place the third week of every semester.

SECTION III. Formal Rush will be conducted in the following manner:

Sunday: Information Night
- This night is mandatory for potential new members. On this night, fraternities will provide any information they deem relevant to all potential new members. This information can be given out in any form the fraternity seems fit to use. All chapters will have their rooms predetermined by a random drawing done during an Interfraternity Council meeting. All potential new members will be escorted to fraternity rooms by a Pi Chi, which will remain with the group for the duration of the information night.

Monday -- Tuesday: Round Robbins
- It is mandatory that each potential new member attend three of the four events held during this time. Each fraternity will be given one hour and a half time slot on one of these two days. The time slots will be decided at random during an Interfraternity Council meeting. The fraternity will host any event during their designated time, anywhere they choose that is not a violation of the Rush rules and regulations. The fraternity can only have contact with potential new members during their assigned time.

Wednesday-- Thursday: Free for all
- During these days, a fraternity may host whatever event they want, wherever they want, whenever they want as long as it is approved by the Greek Advisor and does not violate the Rush rules and regulations. Fraternities may have open contact with potential new members during these times.

Sunday: Bid day
- This will be the final day of Rush. The potential new members will meet at the Greek Center, receive their bid, and go to the room designated for their fraternity where they will meet the Pi Chi for that fraternity. After all potential new members have received their bids, The potential new members will slide down the slides for their fraternity.
SECTION IV. Organizations may gather contact information from potential new members at summer orientations or any other approved activities. This list must be turned over to the advisor immediately following the event so that the advisor can approve each potential new member.

SECTION V. All Applications for Formal rush are due to the advisor the first event of Interfraternity Council rush. No applications shall be accepted after the end of the first night's events.

SUBSECTION I. When more than 40 men come out for Rush two consecutive years, IFC needs to look at adopting the ICS system.

SECTION VI. Only approved students shall participate in any formal rush activity or continuous open bidding activity. No student shall participate in any rush activity during any part of the year that has not been approved by the IFC advisor. If a student is extended a bid without the Student Life administrator’s approval, then those students bids will be retracted. If a non-approved student is initiated by a member fraternity, the number of bids for the next fall semester will be limited to a number set by the student life administrator and the member fraternity’s nationals will be contacted and informed of misconduct.

SECTION VII. Rush rules shall be established by the Interfraternal Council and will be made available to each member organization through their representatives. Violations of rush rules shall be reported within 24 hours to the IFC advisor. See Appendix 1 for a complete list of Interfraternity Council Rush Rules.

SECTION VIII. The conduct of all Interfraternity Council members must be in accordance with the Columbus State University handbook during all rush and campus activities and should at all times exemplify a positive reflection of Columbus State University.

SECTION IX. All Interfraternity Council Executive members will be expected to disaffiliate from their respective fraternities in order to become “Pi Chi’s.” These men will assist in all rush matters so that Rush can run as smoothly as possible. Any Pi Chi that reveals to his any potential new member which fraternity he is a member of will be subject to fines.

ARTICLE III

Potential New Members

SECTION I. All participants of formal rush must complete an application by the end of the first rush night. The Interfraternity Council advisor must then approve these students. If not processed, the student cannot participate in formal or open rush.

SECTION II. No gifts shall be given nor received by any of the potential candidates.

SECTION III. Any student in joint enrollment (in high school and college at the same time) may not rush a fraternity.

SECTION IV. Any student enrolled in Learning Support may not rush a fraternity.

SECTION V. All registered potential members must attend three of the four rotation nights of formal rush in order to receive a bid through formal rush. If a potential member drops out of formal rush or does not attend the rush events listed above after he has attended the informational night, then he will not be eligible to receive a bid from any Interfraternity Council fraternity until open rush spring semester. The only exceptions will be for Absences excused by the Greek Advisor and include but are not limited to Family Emergencies, Illness, Athletics, and ROTC.
SECTION VI. Potential members may not wear fraternity t-shirts or other fraternity paraphernalia during the formal recruitment period. This includes the actual rush events. Potential members will be asked to leave and can return only after they have changed into a non-fraternity t-shirt or removed the fraternity paraphernalia. If in leaving they miss the informational meeting or more than one of the rotational events, the potential member cannot be extended a bid for that formal rush period.

SECTION VII. Any fraternity member (including new members and alumni) living with a potential new member will not discuss fraternity matters.

SECTION VIII. Prospective members are not permitted to consume alcohol before or during any Interfraternity Council function.

SECTION IX. Prospective members are not permitted to be at a fraternity house or a fraternity member's house other than at designated Interfraternity Council functions during formal recruitment period.

SECTION X. Potential members cannot have any contact with fraternity members, new members, and or alumni beginning at the conclusion of preference night. During this time fraternity members are not allowed to initiate contact with those that will receive bids.

SECTION XI. Potential members are not obligated to sign a bid.

SECTION XII. There will be no discussion among potential members during fraternity bid signing.

ARTICLE IV

Interaction with Potential New Members

SECTION I. The Interfraternity Council will designate a no-contact period during formal recruitment. This no-contact period is defined in the following manner: no member of a fraternity (active, in-active, alumni, or otherwise associated with a fraternity in anyway) shall be allowed to initiate contact with a potential new member, by any means, once the period has begun. If any rushee contacts a member of a fraternity, the member of that fraternity must end the contact without conversing in any regard about rush or any other fraternity related matter. Contact with a potential new member is defined as any verbal, written, electric, or otherwise accessible way of communication between two or more people.

SECTION II. Any contact with a potential new member during the week of formal recruitment outside of approved Interfraternity Council rush events will be in direct violation of The Interfraternity Council’s By-laws as prescribed by Article II Section VII. Any violations of this policy will be treated as a violation of the No-contact period policy stated in Rush Rules and Regulations Article II Section I.

SECTION III. No gifts shall be given to any potential new member. Gifts are defined as anything the fraternity either paid for or had built for them either by a member or someone else. Meals are included in this definition. For example, if a rush event occurs at a restaurant and a potential new member orders food and/or a drink and has that paid for either by the fraternity and/or an individual member; that would be a violation of this rule. Any food and/or drinks bought in large quantities that are meant to be distributed to brothers and all potential new members is not a violation of this regulation. The promise of extending a bid to a potential new member at any time will be considered a violation of this rule, and the bid to this specific rushee will be revoked and the rushee will not be allowed to participate in any form of recruitment for a minimum of one full semester.
SECTION IV. Any conversation between potential new members and members of a fraternity cannot demean, degrade, or otherwise belittle another fraternity. Stating a fact (ex. “that fraternity is on social probation right now” or “that fraternity has a lower GPA then we do”) is not considered demeaning. Forging or otherwise lying about any facts, concerning one’s own fraternity or another, will be considered a violation. Inferring reasoning or causes for those facts (ex. “that fraternity is on social probation because they can’t get their lousy grades up” or “that fraternity has a lower GPA then us because their chapter is a bunch of alcoholics”) is considered belittling and will result in a violation of this regulation.

SECTION V. There will be no “hot-boxing” of potential new members at any time. “Hot-boxing” is defined as whenever one or more members of a fraternity place a potential new member in an unnecessarily pressuring or persuasive situation in order to force a promise of accepting a bid and/or the members threaten consequences if the extended bid is not accepted. Violation of this regulation is considered unfair rushing practices.

SECTION VI. There shall be no parties held during the formal recruitment period by an Interfraternity Council member. There shall be no parties held during any orientation period, as prescribed by Columbus State University policy. There shall be no parties advertised during formal rush or any orientation period. Violation of this rule is considered unfair rushing practices.

SECTION VII. No alcohol is allowed at any Interfraternity Council recruitment function. No member of a fraternity can be under the influence of alcohol at a recruitment or orientation function. No alcohol can be present at the venue of a recruitment event, excluding venues that own permits for alcohol. For example, if there is a rush event at a restaurant that serves alcohol, no member or potential new member may partake in consuming alcohol, but the venue is acceptable. If there is a rush event at an Interfraternity Council member’s house, there can be no alcohol on the premises for the duration of the event and while any potential new members are at the house on the day/night of the event. Violation of this rule will be considered unfair rushing practices.

SECTION VIII. Only members of each fraternity (active and alumni only) are allowed to participate in formal recruitment activities. The Interfraternity Council does not allow any female participation at formal recruitment. Women may help with set-up and break down, but they must vacate the venue at least one hour before the activity begins and return no soon than thirty minutes after the potential members have left. University personnel are excluded from this rule. Violation of this rule is considered unfair rushing practices.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Campus Officials

SECTION I. A pre-approved campus official must be present at all Interfraternity Council recruitment events. Each fraternity must have an advisor present at all Interfraternity Council meetings and rush events. This advisor will be present at the venue during the entire rush event. The Interfraternity Council advisor is responsible for organizing officials to attend each recruitment event. If the Interfraternity Council advisor fails to attend, or have a campus official attend, each pre-approved recruitment event, the fraternity shall suffer no penalty.

SECTION II. All rush infractions must be turned into the Interfraternity Council advisor within 48 hours of being witnessed and must be emailed to include a timestamp and written out in a formal complaint to be turned into the Interfraternity Council advisor. At least one of the two forms of complaint must be filed within the 48 hours.

SECTION III. For every formal rush period, each fraternity is required to complete the following tasks:  
   a. All material to be distributed or shown (videos, banners, pictures, flyers, computer generated presentations, etc...) must be approved by the IFC advisor no later than (7) days prior to the rush event. All material cannot contain violence, sexually explicit, alcohol related or degrading material. Anything deemed in bad taste by the Interfraternity Council Advisor will not be shown during Formal
Rush activities. Failure to comply will be cause for immediate dismissal of the violating material and any sanctions the Interfraternity Council Advisor and Interfraternity Council Executives (excluding the member from the guilty fraternity) unanimously agree upon.

b. Create (1) IFC banner and (1) Organizational banner. The IFC banner must be hung first and must include each participating fraternities name and dates for formal rush. If a fraternity elects to hang no banner promoting their own rush, they will not be violating this rule. If a fraternity hangs their own banner without an IFC banner, that organization will be subject to fines.

c. Communication at orientation activity fairs and other orientation events are permitted but limited to distribution of approved IFC rush flyers and individual organization flyers. More than one organizational flyer is permitted and must be approved by IFC prior to the formal recruitment period.

SECTION IV. These rules will only be amended with a 3/4th majority vote

ARTICLE VI

Bid Extension

SECTION I. Bids can only be extended to such students that meet all the requirements of a potential new member and who have been cleared by the Interfraternity Council Advisor.

SECTION II. The period for which bids can be offered and extended to potential new members will begin at noon on designated bid days until the end of Open Rush. During Formal Recruitment, Bids will be given to the Greek Advisor by 2:00pm of bid day where the Greek Advisor will keep the bids until a designated time where the Advisor will be able to formally give the potential new member the bids he received from whichever Interfraternity Council member chose to give him a bid.

SECTION III. Any potential new member that wishes to receive a bid must attend at least one information night and one other night of a fraternity’s formal rush. If a rushee attends multiple information nights, he will have met the attendance requirement for receiving a bid. If the Interfraternity Council should decide to only have one information night in the formal rush schedule, that night becomes mandatory to receive a bid, unless the Interfraternity Council advisor approves an absence. An absence must be filed within 24 hours with the Interfraternity Council advisor.

SECTION IV. Any violations of the Bid Extensions, whether through giving bids outside of the designated time frames, to a student who does not meet the potential new member requirements, or to a student who did not attend at least two nights of formal rush, will be subject to removal of the bid extension and additional sanctions.

ARTICLE VII

Sanctions and Fines

SECTION I. The following Sanctions are to be applied to any fraternity for violating the corresponding Rush rule. If no sanction is listed for a Rush Rule, then the sanction is at the discretion of the Interfraternity Council Advisor. In the event that there are multiple infractions of the same nature during the same incident, the fine and/or penalty will only apply once. For example, if a fraternity purchases meals for 3 individual potential new members (a violation of Article II Section III) that fraternity will only suffer one sanction, not 3 separate sanctions. Also, some rush rules will have more than one of the following sanctions.

SECTION II. $100 dollar fines will be assessed for the following infractions:

a. If Rush materials are not approved by the Interfraternity Council advisor (Article IV Section III a)

b. If a banner promoting your fraternity recruitment is hung without an IFC banner also being on display (Article IV Section III b)
c. If an IFC flyer is not distributed around campus with any material promoting your own fraternity (Article IV Section III c)
d. If there is any violation of the bid extension policies (Article V Section IV)

SECTION III. $200 dollar fines will be assessed for the following infractions:

a. If a fraternity violates the No-contact period (Article III Section I)
b. If any fraternity gives a gift to a potential new member (Article III Section III)
c. If any fraternity demeans another fraternity’s good name or falsifies facts about themselves (Article III Section IV)
d. If any fraternity participates in any activity deemed to be “hot-boxing” (Article III Section V)
e. If any fraternity advertises or holds any party during formal recruitment or orientation (Article III Section VI)
f. If any fraternity member violates the no alcohol policy (Article III Section VII)
g. If anyone other than fraternity members and university personnel participate in formal recruitment events (Article III Section VIII)
h. If any Pi Chi reveals to a potential new member the fraternity said Pi Chi is affiliated with (Article II Section IX)

SECTION IV. Any fraternity that commits a violation that is deemed as an unfair rushing practice will be subject to much harsher punishments. An unfair rushing practice is defined as any activity that will alter the view of a) your fraternity in a positive light and b) other fraternities in a negative light, in the minds of potential new members in such a significant way that it would be impossible for another fraternity to compete for the attention of those potential new members on an even playing field. All unfair rush practices violations will be subject to all of the following sanctions:

   a. $250 fine (as well as any above mentioned fine that is acceptable)
   b. Forfeit of all but 5 bid extensions for the semester in which the violation took place
   c. Forfeit of open rush privileges for the semester in which the violation took place
   d. If any fraternity violates the unfair rushing practices twice within 3 semesters, that fraternity will suffer the following

       a. $350 fine (as well as Section III fines that are applicable)
       b. Forfeit of all bid extensions for the semester in which the violation took place
       c. Forfeit of open rush privileges for one full calendar year

A third offence of unfair rush practices within 3 semesters of the first would simply repeat the above punishments for a second offence and reset all applicable dates.

The reasoning for the harshness of these punishments is to encourage proper rushing practices, not to hinder growth of any Interfraternity Council member. If any of the unfair rushing practices take place, it would sway the minds of all the potential new members that are affected in such magnitude that they would undoubtedly ignore any and all advances by other fraternities, even if those potential new members would be better suited in these fraternities. Removal of just formal bid extension would simply allow the fraternity being punished to take in all comers through open recruitment, so that is why there will be no open rush for the guilty.