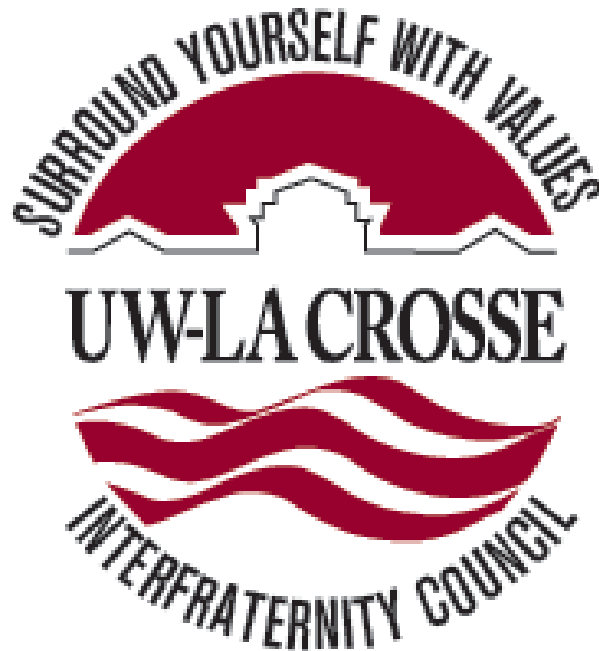


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University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Interfraternity Council



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Mission

We, the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Interfraternity Council, set forth these bylaws in order to cause closer working relationships and coordination among the member fraternities and with the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse.

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Interfraternity Council (IFC).

Article II: Objectives

The objective of the Interfraternity Council shall be to

- A. Promote the interests of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
- B. Promote the interests and ensure cooperation of the member fraternities and other college fraternities in general.
- C. Promote cooperation between the member fraternities and the University of Wisconsin-- La Crosse.
- D. Discuss questions of mutual interest and present to the member fraternities such recommendations, as the Council deems appropriate.
- E. Act in accordance with North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) unanimous agreements, resolutions, and policies.
- F. Act in accordance with such rules established by the Interfraternity Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member men's fraternities.

Article III: Membership

Section1. Membership Clause

Membership includes any social fraternity at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse that is affiliated with a national umbrella organization and is recognized as a student organization by the University.

Section2. Representation

- A. One voting delegate and one membership committee member, chosen by the member fraternity, shall represent each member fraternity. These individuals cannot be officers of the Interfraternity Council simultaneously.
- B. Each member fraternity shall be entitled to one vote.
- C. All regular IFC meetings are open meetings. Although only one delegate and one Membership Committee member is necessary, member fraternities are highly encouraged to send additional members to IFC meetings. This would allow for more varied discussion, a larger sharing of ideas, and a more successful IFC.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. Officer Titles

The officers of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Interfraternity Council shall be the President, Director of Marketing, Director of Recruitment, Director of Finance & Communication, Director of Scholarship, Director of Activities & Philanthropy, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 2. Eligibility

- A. Members from men's social fraternities holding regular membership in the IFC shall be eligible to serve as an officer
- B. Eligibility to serve as an officer shall depend on these criteria
 - a. All officers must be student of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse and initiated members of their respective fraternities
 - b. All members of the Executive Board must maintain at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. In extenuating circumstances, a member may serve at the discretion of majority vote of the Membership Committee.
 - c. The president is required to have served on the IFC as an officer or delegate for a minimum of one year, preceding the year and cannot concurrently maintain the office of president in their respective chapter. In extenuating circumstances, exceptions may be made by a vote of the IFC.

Section 3. Nominations

- A. Nominations shall be placed on the IFC agenda for the second meeting in November with all nominees meeting the eligibility requirements listed in Article IV, Section 2.
- B. A reminder shall be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in November.
- C. Nominations shall occur in the order of office as listed in Article IV, Section 1.
- D. Nominees shall be announced by their respective chapter and must be in attendance to accept the nomination.
- E. All nominations will require a "Second" in order to be placed on the ballot.
- F. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on election day.
- G. A majority vote shall be necessary to close nominations.

Section 4. Elections

- A. Elections shall be placed on the IFC agenda for the third meeting in November.
- B. Elections shall occur in the order of office as listed in Article IV, Section 1.
- C. Before voting on each office, each candidate is granted a maximum of five minutes to address their qualifications for the position they are running for.
- D. A question and answer session may occur follow each candidate speech lasting no more than two minutes.
- E. After all candidates have given their speech, voting shall commence.
- F. Voting shall occur in the manner of secret ballot and the voting delegates shall cast all votes.
- G. Officers shall be elected by majority vote.
- H. In the event of a tie, a new vote shall occur between only the tied candidates

- I. If only two candidates exist with a tie, the current president will decide the result. In the absence of the president, the decided offer shall be the next in sequences per Article IV, Section 1 and follow as necessary.

Section 5. Officer Term

The term for newly elected IFC officers shall begin the day following the conclusion of the fall semester and conclude on the last day of the follow fall semester as dictated by the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse.

Section 6. Vacancy

If a permanent vacancy occurs in any office of the Interfraternity Council, delegates will be notified during the first meeting following vacancy. Delegates should bring nominations from respective chapters to following IFC meeting for approval. Elections would occur following the process outlined in Article IV, Section 3-B. The newly elected officer's term would begin following the current meeting for the remainder of the previous officer's existing term.

Section 7. Removal

Any officer may be removed for any cause by a majority vote of the Membership Committee.

Section 8. Duties of Officers

A. The President Shall

- a. Have overall responsibility for the operation of the Interfraternity council
- b. Call and preside at all regular and special meetings of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council.
- c. Serve as an ex-officio member of all Interfraternity Council Committees with voice but no vote except in the case of a tie.
- d. Communicate regularly with the Interfraternity Council Adviser(s)
- e. Report as required to North American Interfraternity Conference Adviser(s)
- f. Work closely with the Panhellenic Council President and her executive board on matters pertaining to the Greek System as a whole.
- g. Recognize and support all events sponsored by individual fraternities and sororities.
- h. Attend all Presidents meetings as called by the Greek Adviser(s)
- i. Be familiar with NIC manuals and governing documents of the organization.
- j. Notify and enforce conduct phases following the decision of the Membership Committee.
- k. Maintain current copies of the following: University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council bylaws and standing rules; Interfraternity Council budget, contracts executed on behalf of the Interfraternity council, correspondence and materials received from the NIC; all college Interfraternity Council reports to NIC; and other pertinent materials.
- l. Maintain the Council's good standing with the University and submit appropriate paperwork to the office of Student Activities.
- m. Assemble, organize, and maintain the events of the IFC and member fraternities on the FSL calendar.

- n. Ensure that officers are meeting goals and requirements as provided by the Interfraternity Council
- o. Have the ability to appoint committee chairpersons and members.
- p. Serve with the corresponding officer from the Panhellenic Council to promote all Greek activities.
- q. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
- r. Develop new programs and initiatives relating to the office.

B. Director of Marketing

- a. Attend all regular Interfraternity Council Meetings
- b. Perform the duties of the president in his absence, inability to serve or at his call.
- c. Serve with the corresponding officer from the Panhellenic Council to promote all Greek activities.
- d. Work with the Panhellenic Council to coordinate FSL events
- e. Assist in all marketing and promotion of any and all Interfraternity Council sponsored events
- f. Write and submit publicity releases for all events to “Campus Connection”
- g. Write and submit publicity releases or articles (whichever applicable) for public interest columns in The Racquet and La Crosse Tribune for all campus-wide IFC events.
- h. Maintain the IFC campus email address
- i. Manage all IFC social media accounts
- j. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
- k. Develop new programs and initiatives relating to the office.

C. Director of Recruitment

- a. Attend all IFC meetings
- b. Serve with the corresponding officer from the Panhellenic Council to promote all Greek activities.
- c. Work toward increasing recruitment opportunities for all membership fraternity chapters on campus
- d. Schedule and ensure attendance at IFC recruitment events for the benefit of all membership fraternity chapters
- e. Organize and participate in all university-sponsored involvement events (i.e., campus close-ups).
- f. Maintain the fraternity names list from joint recruitment events.
- g. Have a general knowledge on all IFC member fraternity goals and values to be able to unbiasedly present this at all Campus Close-ups.
- h. Organize IFC delegate participation in said involvement events
- i. Coordinate with Director of Marketing to ensure appropriate publicity for recruitment events is created
- j. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
- k. Develop new programs and initiatives relating to the office.

D. Director of Finance & Communication

- a. Attend all IFC meetings
- b. Serve with the corresponding officer from the Panhellenic Council to promote all Greek activities.
- c. Maintain IFC bank account and provide account balances at each IFC meeting.
- d. Assemble budget from projected dues each semester, presented at the first meeting of the semester and voted on the second meeting of the semester.
- e. Hand-out chapter dues invoices by the second meeting of the semester
- f. Collect dues by the fourth official meeting of the semester.
- g. Transition signer on account to incoming officers name following elections.
- h. Plan at least one fundraising event for the IFC for the year.
- i. Track attendance at all Interfraternity Council meetings, including guests.
- j. Keep full minutes of all meetings of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council and a record of all actions taken by the Interfraternity Council.
 - i. Distribute these minutes to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse IFC via MyOrgs or official campus e-mail (to include google docs)
- k. Determine quorums as dictated by the bylaws at the direction of the president
- l. Take minutes for all formal judicial meetings, in particular Membership Committee meetings.
- m. Notify Sergeant-at-arms of any breach in IFC attendance policy
- n. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
- o. Develop new programs and initiatives relating to the office.

E. Director of Scholarship

- a. Attend all IFC meetings.
- b. Serve with the corresponding officer from the Panhellenic Council to promote all Greek activities.
- c. Gather updated information for accurate fraternity rosters.
- d. Inform chapters of important academic dates and deadlines.
- e. Work individually with scholarship chairs of chapters below all men's average.
- f. Conduct and execute a minimum of two Academic Roundtables per semester with member fraternity scholarship chairs.
 - i. The purpose of an Academic Roundtable shall be to share scholarship--related successes and failures, and suggest new program ideas/changes for the benefit of all fraternities.
- g. Plan and execute a semester campus-wide all day Study-a-Thon event with respective Panhellenic Officer to promote scholarly excellence.
- h. Collect and distribute information of campus academic services, i.e., tutors, writing lab, math lab, learning assistance, interest tests, career counseling, career workshops, and unique library resources.
- i. Implement risk management/GAMMA programming on a semester basis (i.e. regarding alcohol issues, sexual assault, substance abuse, confrontation skills, etc.), along with diversity training programming both annually and on alternating semesters.

- j. Be responsible for conducting Roundtable for Chapter Risk Management & Social
- k. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.
- l. Develop new programs and initiatives relating to the office.

F. Director of Activities & Philanthropy

- a. Attend all IFC meetings.
- b. Serve with the corresponding officer from the Panhellenic Council to promote all Greek activities.
- c. Be responsible for planning and executing Greek Week, all Greek new member social once a semester, and all Greek social community service activities.
- d. Plan all IFC social and service events with the minimum requirement of one IFC social and one service event per semester.
 - i. Volunteer once per semester as the fraternity community with Operation River Watch.
- e. Develop new programs and initiatives relating to the office.
- f. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office, including maintenance of the officer binder.
- g. Develop new programs and initiatives relating to the office.

G. Sargent-at-Arms

- a. Attend all IFC meetings.
- b. Keep order in the meeting and maintain Robert's Rules of order.
- c. Collect fines from fraternity members represented in the IFC as dictated by the Membership Committee.
- d. Ensure meeting room is set up appropriately for each week and returned to order at the conclusion of the meeting.
- e. Enforce the rules set forth in the bylaws.
- f. Facilitate bylaw review with the Membership Committee once a year in the fall semester prior to elections.

Article V: Voting Delegates

Section 1. Eligibility

- A. Be an initiated member of a member fraternity
- B. Attend at least one IFC meeting in the fall semester preceding term
- C. Have a cumulative grade point average of a 2.75 or higher
- D. Cannot be a Membership Committee member or IFC officer.

Section 2: Term

Newly elected delegate terms shall begin the day after the conclusion of the fall semester, as dictated by the calendar of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The term shall conclude the last day of the fall semester in the following year.

Section 3: Composition

The Delegate panel shall be composed of one member from each IFC member fraternity. This member is to be selected through the appointment/election process of each IFC member fraternity

Section 4: Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Attend all IFC meetings and is responsible for finding an alternate delegate if unable to attend a meeting.
- B. Provide a chapter report, including chapter issues, to the IFC meeting.
- C. If a vote is required, the delegate must know the stance of his respective member fraternity and return to the following IFC meeting with the information. Should the member fail to determine the stance of his fraternity, they must abstain from the vote.
- D. Vote on behalf of the delegate's member fraternity.
- E. Email Director of Marketing any open recruitment events the delegate's member fraternity would like publicized by six o'clock Sunday evening.

Article VI: Membership Committee

Section 1: Eligibility

- A. Be an initiated member of a member fraternity
- B. Attend at least one IFC meeting in the fall semester preceding term
- C. Have a cumulative grade point average of a 2.75 or higher
- D. Cannot be a voting delegate or IFC officer.

Section 2: Term

Newly elected Membership Committee member terms shall begin the day after the conclusion of the fall semester, as dictated by the calendar of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The term shall conclude the last day of the fall semester in the following year.

Section 3: Composition

The Membership Committee shall be composed of one member from each IFC member fraternity and chaired by the IFC Sergeant-at-Arms. This member is to be selected through the appointment/election process of each IFC member fraternity.

Section 4: Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Attend all IFC meetings
- B. Know and understand the IFC Bylaws
- C. Issue notices of warning, probation and/or immediate suspension to IFC president, to be dispersed to IFC member fraternities including but not limited to all instances laid out in Article VI, Section 5.
- D. At conclusion of any Membership Committee decision, the committee shall provide a detailed description of decision to the Sergeant-at-Arms and FSL Adviser.
- E. Removal of any committee chairman, committee member appointed by the president who in the opinion of the membership is not satisfactorily performing the duties for which the committee person has been appointed.

Section 5: List of Potential Infractions

- A. IFC nonattendance
- B. All-Greek event nonattendance
- C. Failure to pay dues by due date
- D. Failure to meet GPA requirements
- E. Creation of a women's auxiliary group
- F. The perpetuation of a new member program for longer than eight (8) weeks
- G. Failure to have risk management policies that address alcohol use, fire safety, hazing, and sexual assault/abuse
- H. Failure to be alcohol-free at all rush/recruitment activities including formal, informal, and summer break recruitment activities
- I. Failure to have alcohol-free new member programs
- J. Failure to adhere to policies regarding hazing and pre-initiation period
- K. Participation in fraternity-sponsored underage drinking events.
- L. Participation in fraternity-sponsored illicit drug use.
- M. Participation in significant inter-fraternal disputes brought forth to the IFC President.

Section 6: Conduct Process

- A. Membership in the IFC is at all times a privilege, which may be withdrawn for good cause as determined by the Membership Committee of the IFC in accordance with these bylaws.
- B. In the event of an alleged violation of the IFC Bylaws, the matter will be referred to the Membership Committee for prompt review and rendering of an conduct.
- C. There shall be three phases of conduct; warnings, probation, and suspension. One violation will result in warning phase. Subsequent infractions while in a phase of conduct shall cause the fraternity to advance to the next phase in the order listed above.. In no case shall a member fraternity be issued the same or lesser phase of conduct if they currently holding a phase of conduct status.
- D. Warnings, probation and suspension are to be determined by the Membership Committee and issued by the IFC President.
 - a. Warnings: If a fraternity is given a warning, said fraternity loses no rights or privileges.
 - b. Probation: If a fraternity is placed on probation, said fraternity loses rights to attain an all-Greek award. These lost rights are unattainable while on probation . Probation time can be compounded.
 - c. Suspension: A suspended fraternity loses all privileges of membership including, but not limited to participating in an IFC executive office. A suspended fraternity's national headquarters will be notified as soon as possible following the finalization of the decision to suspend. A suspended fraternity retains the privilege of participating in IFC-sponsored leadership workshops and community service projects. A suspended fraternity must continue to fulfill the obligations of membership including paying dues, submitting rosters, attending meetings, and complying with all IFC and University policies.
- E. Duration: The Membership Committee is to determine the duration of time a member fraternity is placed on a phase based on the severity of the infraction, but shall last no longer than six months from the official decision.

F. **Possible Sanctions**

- a. Fines: The Membership Committee, at their discretion, may assess fines of no more than \$100.00 for all infractions laid out in Article IV, Section 6.
- b. Educational/Programming: At the discretion of the Membership Committee, fraternities found in violation of infractions in Article IV, Section 6 may be subject to creating and/or attending educational programming (i.e., alcohol education)
- c. Community Service: At the discretion of the Membership Committee, a member fraternity found in violation of the infractions in Article IV, Section 6 may be subject to community service requirements.

G. **Fraternity Rights**

- a. Appeals: The Membership Committee's decision is subject to appeal by an Appeal Committee if requested and approved by a majority of delegates (Approval Committee).
- b. The Appeal Committee is composed of the fraternity IFC member presidents. An appeal may be approved with a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of this Appeal Committee.

Article VII: The Interfraternity Council

Section 1: Scope of Authority

The Interfraternity Council's scope of authority will include both administrative and legislative policies. The scope will also include the course of action taken by the Interfraternity Council. By virtue of authority vested in it by the constitution, the Council will have the authority to decide policy that is deemed necessary pertaining to the chapters represented by the Council. The Council has the authority to administer these policies and adjudicate these policies, except those that are of institutional policy. They may do this by means determined by the Council and administer the appropriate action of these policies. Authority for the Interfraternity Council is derived through recognition by the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Student Association.

Section 2: Regular Meetings

Regular Interfraternity Council meetings shall be held weekly on Monday evening at six o'clock during the regular academic school year per the calendar for the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Section 3: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the IFC President at any time, and must be called at the request of any two member fraternities. The President must give twenty-four hour notice of the meeting to all applicable parties.

Section 4: Place of Meeting

The location for regular meetings shall be established at the beginning of each academic term. Twenty-four hour notice must be given to all member fraternities and advisers in the event of a change in regular meeting location.

Section 5: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority vote of all member fraternity delegates

Section 5: Vote Requirements

- A. The voting members of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council shall be the Voting delegates. The president will have a voice, but no vote.
- B. Proposed motions on issues that impact a chapter as a whole must be announced at a previous meeting to allow opportunity for chapter input before a vote may be taken on the issue.

Section 6: Rules of Order

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse IFC shall use Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure and shall be maintained by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 7: Distribution

The IFC's most recent approved bylaws will be .pdf-accessible to each member fraternities' members (active and new) by November 1st of each year.

Article IIX: Finances

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity council shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 2: Budget

- A. The budget shall be established by the Director of Finance & Communication of the IFC by the first meeting of the semester.
- B. The budget shall be developed using the projected income based on the dues per member.
- C. Each member fraternity will also pay in addition to the itemized budget \$35 to be put into savings for this IFC.
 - a. This money will be utilized for programing including but not limited to education, guest speakers, and retreats.
- D. Voting for approval of this budget will be accomplished at the second IFC meeting of the semester.
- E. Voting shall be approved by a majority vote of the delegates.

Section 3: Dues

- A. NIC College Interfraternity charter dues shall be paid yearly to the NIC office.
- B. The dues of the Interfraternity Council are \$5.00 per active initiated fraternity man, each fall and spring semester (not including members on inactive status).
- C. The Director of Finances and Communication will provide an invoice for each chapter by the second meeting of the semester
- D. The dues of each Interfraternity Council member fraternity shall be due the fourth meeting of the semester.

Section 4: Contracts

Signatures of the Interfraternity Council President, Director of Finances & Communication, and the Fraternity and Sorority Life Adviser shall be required to bind the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council on any contract.

Section 5: Checks

All checks issued on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council shall be signed by the Interfraternity Council Director of Finance & Communication and the Fraternity and Sorority Life Adviser.

Section 6: Payments

All payments due to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council shall be received by the Director of Finance & Communication or adviser, who shall record them. Checks for payments shall be made payable to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council.

Section 7: Fundraising

A minimum of one fundraising event per year will be held, with profits going toward IFC savings and future programming.

Article IX: Membership Fraternity Policies

Section 1: Fraternity Duties

- A. **Legislation Accountability:** It shall be the duty of the member fraternities to uphold and abide by the bylaws and rules and regulations of the IFC.
- B. **Delegate Attendance:** It shall be the duty of member fraternities to have a representative delegate present at every regular and every special meeting of the IFC.
- C. **Attendance Clause:** If a member of the IFC misses more than two (2) consecutive meetings the Membership Committee must be notified by the Director of Finance & Communication.
- D. **Dues Accountability:** It shall be the duty of member fraternities to pay their respective dues voted on and approved by this IFC by the third IFC meeting of the semester.

Section 2: GPA Requirements

- A. **New Member GPA Requirements:** It is the responsibility of each member fraternity to ensure a newly initiated member's college GPA to be both a minimum of 2.5 and be at or above the campus all-men's average. If the new member is a first semester freshman, the member fraternity must check their high school transcripts and ensure their GPA is above a 2.3.
- B. **Member Fraternity GPA Requirements:** Each member fraternity will maintain an annual cumulative GPA of both:
 - a. A minimum 2.5, and
 - b. At or above each campus all-men's average

Section 3: Attendance Policies

A. Major Events:

- a. A major event shall be determined by a majority vote of the IFC delegates. Any major event requires 75% of each individual fraternity's members to be in attendance.
- b. Voting to determine a major event shall be called by the IFC President.
- c. A two (2) week notice shall be required on the IFC President in order to call for a major event.

B. Minor Events:

- a. A minor event shall be determined by a majority vote of the IFC delegates. Any minor event requires 50% of each individual fraternity's members to be in attendance.
- b. Voting to determine a minor event shall be called by the IFC President.
- c. A two (2) week notice shall be required on the IFC President in order to call for a major event.

Section 3: Women's Auxiliaries

No member fraternity will have a women's auxiliary group, such as "little sisters."

Section 4: Risk Management Policy Requirements

Each member fraternity will have risk management policies that address and educate on alcohol use, fire safety, hazing, and sexual assault/abuse.

Section 5: Recruitment Event Requirements

Each member fraternity will be alcohol free at all rush/recruitment activities including formal, informal, and summer break recruitment activities.

Section 6: New Member Period and Initiation

All University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council members shall follow the new member period and initiation rules as stated below:

- A. A man must be a regularly enrolled, full-time or part-time student at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to be eligible for recruitment and becoming a new member of a NIC fraternity.
- B. A NIC member fraternity may not issue an invitation for membership or formally invite/bid a man during any school recess
- C. A new member may be initiated whenever he has met the requirements of the fraternity to which he has joined.
- D. Each member fraternity new member education period shall last no longer than eight weeks.
- E. Each member fraternity shall have alcohol-free new member education programs

Section 7: Hazing

All University of Wisconsin-La Crosse IFC member fraternities shall adhere all local, state, and federal laws regarding hazing, the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse anti-hazing policies, and fraternity inter/national polities.

Article X: Expansion

Section 1: Procedure for Expansion

- A. Membership in the IFC is available only to national or international North American Interfraternity Council (NIC) affiliated social male fraternities.
- B. While the IFC supports the growth of the community, no more than one fraternity shall operate with colony status at any given time.
- C. Determining the need for expansion and colonization of the UW-L fraternal community rests with the IFC, supported by the advisement of UW-L. The Expansion Committee will be responsible for fully investigating and recommending opportunities for expansion. The Expansion Committee will follow the IFC Policy on Fraternity Expansion. The Expansion Committee shall be composed of:
 - a. The President of the Interfraternity Council
 - b. Two representatives of the Interfraternity Council
 - c. One Executive Board representative from each IFC member fraternity
 - d. A representative from the Panhellenic Council
 - e. The Advisor(s) to the Interfraternity Council
 - f. Two current faculty/staff advisors and/or two general faculty/staff members
 - i. The Chair of the Expansion Committee will be the President of the IFC, and will only have voting rights in the case of a tie.
 - ii. All other Expansion Committee members will have the right to vote pertaining to recommendations regarding expansion.

Section 2: Requirements

Once an organization has been approved to join the UW-L fraternal community, the IFC and UW-L want the new organization and their members to be supported and successful from the start. To aid in this, there are a few expectations that the inter/national organization must commit to providing. If the organization is unwilling to meet this expectations, this may impact the invitation to join the fraternal community.

- A. A written letter of acceptance to the UW-L IFC and Fraternity and Sorority Life Office accepting the invitation to colonize, and agreement to meet all expectations outlined in the Expansion Policy.
- B. Complete the UW-L student organization recognition process, which will provide the colony with all the rights and responsibilities of student organizations at UW-L.
- C. Provide a written colonization plan, including all chartering requirements, fee structures, and timelines, to the IFC President and Fraternity and Sorority Life Office.
- D. Ensure the creation of an alumni advisory board to assist the group through the colonization period, and beyond. Additionally, the name, contact information, and organizational information for the members of the board should be provided to the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office. This should include a copy of the board structure, and identifying information for the person(s) responsible for the following categories
 - a. Colony Advisor
 - b. Scholarship
 - c. Risk Management
 - d. Recruitment/New Member Education
 - e. Finances

- E. A written commitment to providing the colony with a minimum of one visit per semester by a staff member or assigned volunteer of the inter/national fraternity. These visits will occur for a minimum of two years. Copies of visitation reports should be submitted to the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office.
- F. Commitment to providing at least five weeks of on-campus support for the colony over their first year of operation. This will include a minimum of two consecutive weeks dedicated to recruitment and the building of the organization, which should coincide with recruitment cycles at UW-L. The organization will need to provide the name of the contact staff/volunteer member who will be assigned to this role.

Article XII: Fraternity & Sorority Life Senator Policy

Section 1: Greek Senator Duties and Expectations

- A. Attend all joint council meetings
- B. Report student senate topics and issues at all joint meetings (including but not limited to resolutions, voting outcomes, director reports, etc.)
- C. Present an FSL report at each senate meeting during the organization reporting time (including but not limited to open chapter events, philanthropy events, council programs, etc.-can be taken from chapter reports at joint council)
- D. Represent Greek life appropriately and in a respectful manner, limit their own individual opinion
- E. Perform chapter outreach once per semester to each chapter
- F. Attend all mandatory meetings and programs for Student Senate (including but not limited to weekly meetings, committee meetings, retreats, training, etc.)
- G. Adhere to all Student Association duties and expectations for senators
- H. Term is one full academic year (September-May)
- I. Attend Senator interest meetings (when held)

Section 2: Qualifications for Greek Senator:

- A. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- B. Must be a member of a University of Wisconsin-La Crosse membership fraternity or sorority chapter in good standing with the university
- C. Must be in good standing with respective membership chapter
- D. Must be an initiated member of respective membership fraternity/sorority for at least one full semester
- E. Must be able to hold position for entire term

Section 3: Elections

Election committee will convene every February to review election process and application materials as laid out in the FSL Senator Policy Statement (application materials are subject to change)

Article XII: Interfraternity Council Adviser

Section 1: Appointment

The Interfraternity Council adviser shall be the Fraternity/Sorority Adviser at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Section 2: Authority

The Interfraternity Council Adviser shall serve as an advisory capacity to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Interfraternity Council. The IFC Adviser shall have a voice, but no vote in all meetings of the Interfraternity Council.

Article XII: Amendments

Any member may submit a proposal for amendment of these bylaws. These bylaws may be amended by first launching an investigation by the Membership Committee headed by the Sergeant-at-Arms. In the Membership Committee the proposed amendment will be formulated and written. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Council and to the presidents of the member fraternities. A conclusion backed by a simple majority vote by the membership committee can allow the delegates to vote on the proposed amendment. The new amendment will then be proposed at the next business meeting of this IFC and a vote will follow the following week. A simple majority vote of representatives of the member fraternities is necessary to pass the amendment.