

# **Constitution**

of

## **Inter-Sorority Council**

at

## **The University of Virginia**

2025

We, the members of women's fraternities and sororities at the University of Virginia, hereafter referred to as "sororities," in order to facilitate the governing of said sororities, do hereby obtain and endorse the Constitution for our representative body, the Inter-Sorority Council at the University of Virginia.

### **Article I - Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Inter-Sorority Council at the University of Virginia (ISC).

### **Article II- Object and Purpose**

**Sec. 1** The object of the ISC shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternal relations at a high level of accomplishment and in so doing to:

- a. Enhance the experience of all Greek and potential Greek women at the University by providing resources and opportunities for leadership, service, and social and scholastic development in an atmosphere conducive to friendship and sisterhood
- b. Cooperate with all member fraternities and the university administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standard
- c. Act in accordance with the National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements, and policies
- d. Act in accordance with such rules established by the Inter-Sorority Council as to not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of member fraternities.

## **Article III – Membership**

**Sec. 1** There shall be three classes of membership: Regular, Provisional, and Associate.

- a. The Regular membership of the Inter-Sorority Council at University of Virginia shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities at the University of Virginia.
- b. The Provisional membership of the Inter-Sorority Council at the University of Virginia shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies and pledged chapters and fraternities at the University of Virginia.
- c. The Associate membership of the Inter-Sorority Council at the University of Virginia shall be composed of all members in good standing of local sororities or interest groups or national or regional non-National Panhellenic Conference member groups that have met the requirements for membership in the Inter-Sorority Council.

**Sec. 2** Criteria for Associate Membership

- a. The minimum membership of any Associate group or group seeking Associate membership in the ISC must be 30 people. All women in the prospective Associate member group must not be members of any other group currently in the ISC.
- b. The group seeking Associate member status must be in existence for two semesters before applying for Associate member status.
- c. Before a prospective associate group can attain Associate Member status, all of the group's internal policies and procedures must comply with the requirements of the policies of the ISC and the University of Virginia.
- d. The Representative Body will approve the application for Associate member status with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote.
- e. Applications for Associate membership will be received and reviewed by the ISC Executive Board before being forwarded to the Representative Body. The Executive Board will make a recommendation to the Representative Body concerning the approval of the application.

**Sec. 3** Privileges and Responsibilities of Associate Members

- a. Representatives from Associate member groups may attend the Representative Body meetings and Presidents Council meetings as non-voting members.
- b. Associate member groups are not permitted to participate in ISC Informal or Formal Recruitment.
- c. Associate members are not permitted to serve on the ISC Executive Board.
- d. Associate member groups are subject to the judiciary and mediation proceedings of the ISC.
- e. Associate member groups are permitted to participate in all-Greek programming,
- f. Associate membership status does not imply or guarantee that an Associate member group will be permitted to affiliate with an NPC group. Such affiliation occurs through the separate Extension process.
- g. Associate member groups will keep the ISC President informed of their programs and events.

- h. Associate member groups will be monitored by the ISC in order to ensure compliance with ISC policies to ensure their continued status as an Associate group

**Sec. 4.** In order to join the ISC, a potential new member must have completed one full semester at the University of Virginia or at another collegiate institution. In order to participate in recruitment, a potential new member must be an enrolled student at the University of Virginia at the time the recruitment period begins. Membership is not restricted on the basis of age, citizenship, color, disability, race, religion, national origin, political affiliations, or sexual orientation.

**Sec. 5.** In compliance with NPC Unanimous Agreement III, the ISC shall follow NPC membership regulations: a woman who is or who has ever been an initiated member of an existing NPC sorority shall not be eligible for membership in another NPC sorority.

- a. NPC Unanimous Agreement III remains in effect even if the initiated woman's chapter is not recognized by the Inter-Sorority Council of the University of Virginia.

**Sec. 6.** The Inter-Sorority Council at The University of Virginia does not restrict its membership, programs, or activities on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, marital status, military status (which includes active-duty members, reserve service members and dependents), national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, and family or genetic information absent an approved petition restrict.

**Sec. 7.** A student organization is ineligible for CIO status when the organization restricts its membership, programs, or activities on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, marital status, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, veteran status, and family and genetic information. Notwithstanding these requirements, a CIO may petition to restrict its membership based on gender (e.g. all-male or all-female a cappella groups) or an ability to perform the activities related to the organization's purpose by filing a written request with the Office of the Dean of Students. In evaluating any such requests, the University will look not merely to the constitution of an organization but to its actual practices and operations.

## **Article IV – Composition**

**Sec. 1** The ISC shall be divided into the Presidents' Council, the Executive Board, the Judicial Board, and the Representative Body.

**Sec. 2** The ISC, at all times, will be bound by the Unanimous Agreements of the National Panhellenic Conference.

**Sec. 3** The Presidents' Council shall consist of the elected Presidents of each chapter of the Inter-Sorority Council. This group will meet regularly. The President's Council will serve as an advisory board to the Executive Board and Representative Body.

**Sec. 4** The Representative Body shall consist of one representative from each ISC chapter and serve as the voting body of the ISC. The Representative Body shall meet to manage the affairs of the ISC. If the representative cannot attend a meeting, she may send an alternative in her place who can vote on behalf of her chapter.

**Sec. 5** The Judicial Board shall consist of one representative from each ISC chapter and serve as the sanctioning body of the ISC. The J-Board shall meet to ensure the bylaws and policies of the ISC are up to date, are understood, and are fairly enforced.

**Sec. 6** The Executive Board shall consist of six elected members, the President of the Inter-Sorority Council, the Vice President for Judiciary, the Vice Presidents for Recruitment, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and a number of selected chairs responsible for the areas of service, wellness, public relations, women's issues, alumni relations, community & outreach and sisterhood and the Pi Chi Co-Directors.

**Sec. 7** The Executive Board will act as an advisory and programming body in all matters concerning the Inter-Sorority Council.

**Sec. 8** Each member of the Executive Board shall be elected or selected in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

**Sec. 9.** The Vice President of Finance be accountable for the proper usage of funds and the fining of chapters within the ISC. Mishandling of funds by the Vice President of Finance will be addressed by the President of the Inter-Sorority Council and the Executive Board.

## **Article V – Meetings**

**Sec. 1** The voting body of the Inter-Sorority Council shall be its Representative Body. The Representative Body will meet weekly as needed under the direction of the ISC President. The time and location of the Representative Body meeting will be set by the ISC President.

**Sec.2** In order for a vote to take place, a quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the members of the Representative Body or their replacements, or 10 out of 14 chapters present. Quorum is not necessary to conduct normal meeting business.

**Sec.3** Executive Board meetings shall be held once a week. The date and time is to be determined by the Executive Board.

**Sec. 4** Presidents' Council meetings shall be held weekly at a time designated by the ISC President. The President of the ISC shall notify sorority presidents of the first meeting.

**Sec. 5** Joint meetings (with the Executive Board and the Representative Body) shall be held monthly as needed under the direction of the President of the ISC. The time and location of the joint meeting will be set by the President.

**Sec. 6** The voting membership of the ISC shall be the representatives of each fraternity holding regular membership. The representative of each fraternity holding associate membership shall be a voting member if the right is granted by the ISC as outlined in article 3. If a representative is absent, the vote of her fraternity shall be cast by its alternate

**Sec. 7** A special meeting of the President of the ISC may be called when necessary and shall be called by her upon either the written request of any Regular or Associate member fraternity at the University of Virginia or by the President as the need arises.

### **Article VI- Unanimous Agreements and Policies**

**Sec. 1** All members of the ISC shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by the National Panhellenic Conference in the Unanimous Agreements.

**Sec. 2** All ISC rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference.

### **Article VII- Violations**

Violations of the National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements, any regulations of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, of membership recruitment rules, of rules concerning matters other than membership recruitment, shall be adjudicated through the NPC judicial procedure as presented in the ISC Judiciary Committee Bylaws which are in accordance with the NPC Manual of Information.

### **Article VIII - Advisor to the Inter Sorority Council**

**Sec. 1** A designated full time staff member in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) shall advise the ISC in all matters. The appointment of the designated staff member is left to the University administration.

**Sec. 2** Each ISC Executive Board officer is expected to meet with the ISC Advisor in OFSL upon her election/selection. Additionally, each ISC Executive Board officer is expected to keep the ISC Advisor informed of all her planned programs/events.

**Sec. 3** The ISC Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the ISC and shall always ultimately defer to the ISC, consistent with the principles of student self-governance at the University of Virginia.

### **Article IX- Amendment**

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Representative Body provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding Representative Body meeting.