THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY-SORORITY COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

We, the representatives of said fraternities and sororities, at La Salle University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in order to develop a greater understanding among the Greek Letter Organizations, to seek solutions to our common problems, to assist each other and the University in attaining their educational and cultural objectives, do hereby establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME & PURPOSE

SECTION 1: The name of the organization shall be the Interfraternity-Sorority Council of La Salle University and shall herein be referred to as the IFSC.

SECTION 2: This Constitution is established in order to provide an agency for national and local fraternity and sorority self-government, to provide a medium for democratically considering the needs, purposes, and the conditions arising out of Greek Life on and off campus, to provide an organized vehicle for integrating the interests and affairs of Greek life with the general programs of student life on campus, do hereby establish and agree to abide by this Constitution. The Interfraternity-Sorority Council will not choose elected membership with any regard to color, race, creed, national origin, age, handicap, religion, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE II – LEGISLATIVE POWER

SECTION 1: All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the La Salle University Interfraternity-Sorority Council.

SECTION 2: The La Salle University Interfraternity-Sorority Council shall have the power to pass all measures governing fraternity and sorority matters.

SECTION 3: The La Salle University Interfraternity-Sorority Council, with the executive authority invested in its president, shall enforce its Constitution, By-laws, and regulations.

SECTION 4: Each full member fraternity and sorority shall have one vote in all legislative matters of the Interfraternity-Sorority Council.
ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

La Salle University formally defines formal organizations as either registered or annually funded. A annually funded organization receives an annual budget from the University. A registered organization is simply an acknowledgement from the University that the organization exists. Fraternities and sororities are registered organizations.

SECTION 1: Full Membership

A. The full membership of the La Salle University Interfraternity-Sorority Council shall be composed of all chapter members who have been a registered fraternity or sorority by the IFSC for a full semester.

B. A fraternity or sorority will not be registered as a formal organization at La Salle University unless they are a member of the Interfraternity-Sorority Council.

C. In order to be a full member, the organization must complete at least one semester under the applicant membership guidelines.

SECTION 2: Probationary Membership

A. A fraternity/sorority is placed in this membership category due to violations of the Constitution, By-laws, or rules and regulations as stated in the Student Guide for Rights & Responsibilities.

B. A fraternity/sorority must complete a program as outlined by the Judicial Board.

SECTION 3: Applicant Membership

An applicant shall consist of any group petitioning for registration of the IFSC. (See By-laws, Article I and II).
ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

The officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. These officers shall make up the Executive Board.

SECTION 1: Responsibilities of Officers

A. President

1. Be the executive of the Council and shall have such authority.
2. Enforce the Constitution, By-laws, rules, and regulations of the Council.
3. Be responsible for the conduct of all Greek business.
4. Be the designated representative to outside programs and organizations.
5. Call all meetings to order.
6. Sit on all designated University Committees or delegate that responsibility.
7. Cast the deciding vote.
8. Sit as a Greek representative on the Student Affairs Committee.
9. Sign all official letters.

B. Vice-President

1. Preside in the absence of the President.
2. Assume the office of President in case of removal or resignation and then appoint a new Vice-President.
3. Serve as ex-officio to all committees.
4. Carry out the duties assigned to him/her by the President.
5. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.

C. Secretary

1. Record all minutes at the meetings.
2. Be responsible for the official correspondence of the IFSC.
3. Keep an up-to-date roll of the members of the IFSC organizations.
4. Sit as Greek representative to the Students’ Government Association.
5. Perform all other duties designated by the IFSC Executive Board.

D. Treasurer

1. Keep accurate records of all financial affairs of the IFSC.
2. Be responsible for collecting all fines and dues from member organizations.
3. Be responsible for all IFSC accounts.
4. Develop budget proposals on behalf of the IFSC.
5. Complete all payments through proper University procedures.
6. Sit as Greek representative on the Activities Funding Board.

E. Parliamentarian

1. Keep record of the Constitution and all amendments.
2. See that the Constitution and By-laws of the IFSC are upheld during all meetings.
3. Chair the Constitution Committee when reviewing the IFSC Constitution and By-laws.
4. Assist the President in enforcing the Constitution, By-laws, rules and regulations of the Council.
5. Assist in the facilitation of elections and counting of votes for all Council business.
6. Assist the Treasurer in collecting dues and fines from all member organizations.
7. Keep order in meetings.

SECTION 2: Election of Officers

A. The IFSC President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian shall be elected by the General Assembly.

B. These elections will take place in early December with the terms of office beginning January 1 of the new year.

C. The election of the officers shall be conducted in the following manner:
   1. The date for the election and the announcement nominations shall be set for a late November meeting. Nominations shall follow, with elections taking place at a regular meeting of the General Assembly at least one week after names are placed in nomination.
   2. The Assembly shall vote by secret ballot. A simple majority is necessary to win the election.
   3. In the case of more than two candidates for an office, a preliminary vote will take place to narrow the number of candidates to two.
   4. The order of election of officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.
   5. The President of a fraternity or sorority shall not be permitted to serve as a member of the Executive Board of the IFSC.
6. If a candidate running for President is not elected, he/she may automatically submit his/her name on the ballot for Vice-President.

7. Candidates for the IFSC Executive Board shall be at least a sophomore and must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.25. They must also be in good disciplinary standing with the University. The President must have served on IFSC for at least one year. All other Executive Board positions must have served on IFSC for at least one semester.

8. The IFSC Executive Board may repeat their terms of office.

SECTION 3: Removal from Office

A. Any elected IFSC officer whose dereliction of duty adversely affects the operations of the organization shall be subject to disciplinary action or removal from office.

B. A written request stating reasons for dismissal and signed by at least three (3) full member fraternities or sororities of the Council must be submitted at a regularly scheduled meeting.

C. By the next regularly scheduled meeting, written notification of the request and the reasons for dismissal must have been given to the offending officer, who should come to that regular meeting prepared to speak.

D. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the total voting membership is required to remove the officer from office.

E. In the event that the President is impeached, the Vice-President shall assume the Office of the President and a new Vice-President shall be appointed from a pool of interested candidates.

F. Any elected IFSC Officer whose chapter has lost membership with the Council shall be subject to removal from office. The removal may take place immediately or can be delayed until a new election can occur. The President will have the power to appoint a temporary replacement until a special election can occur.
ARTICLE V – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 1: The Council shall consist of at least two active members from each fraternity or sorority none of which could be a member of the IFSC Executive Board. New members shall be elected or selected by their own chapters.

SECTION 2: Only members shall be allowed to participate in the affairs of the Council. However, the Council may invite others to appear or be present at Council meetings.

SECTION 3: In the event that the enrolled representatives of a fraternity or sorority are unable to attend a meeting, the President of the fraternity or sorority may appoint an active member to represent it. The Secretary must be notified of any change in the enrollment of the representative.

SECTION 4: A member may be removed from the roll for cause by two-thirds vote of the total member fraternities and sororities in the Council.

SECTION 5: Each fraternity or sorority may select its representatives in any manner that it sees fit.

SECTION 6: The responsibilities of an Interfraternity-Sorority Council representative are:

A. To attend all regular IFSC meetings and to represent the individual fraternity or sorority on all pertinent matters.

B. To serve on at least one IFSC committee.

C. To report Council activities to their chapters.

D. To decide questions in the best interest of the Greek Community and of La Salle University.

E. To assist in any IFSC activity.

SECTION 7: Good Standing

A. A fraternity or sorority will be considered a member in good standing if they have not missed two (2) meetings in one semester.

B. A $10.00 fine will be levied to any organization for an unexcused absence from an IFSC Meeting.
ARTICLE IV – ADVISOR

SECTION 1: Qualifications

The advisor of the IFSC will be the Coordinator of Leadership & New Student Programs in the Community Development unit of the Division of Student Affairs.

SECTION 2: Responsibilities

A. The advisor shall advise the Council in its long range planning and budgeting.

B. The advisor shall also insure that the Council adheres to the mission, goals, objectives, and regulations of La Salle University, as well as the goals, objectives, and constitution of the IFSC.

ARTICLE VII – JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SECTION 1: Procedure

A. When a fraternity or sorority is involved in an incident that results in the initiation of judicial proceedings, the IFSC will have the option of bringing the charges against the organization or allowing the University to bring the charges to the Judicial Board.

B. If the IFSC chooses to bring charges against the organization they will follow all proper judicial hearing procedures with the assistance of the Division of Student Affairs.

C. The Vice-President of the IFSC will serve as the preliminary IFSC representative for these proceedings.
ARTICLE I – APPLICANT MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: An applicant group, upon fulfillment of the requirements under Article II, may petition the IFSC for registration as a member of the Council. A majority vote of the Council will constitute registration in the IFSC.

SECTION 2: The period of application will be one semester following registration.

SECTION 3: Applicant membership will have the privilege of the floor at regular IFSC meetings, but will have no vote during the applicant period.

SECTION 4: The privilege of the floor will not apply to the applicant group itself if it is under consideration for full membership in the IFSC.

ARTICLE II – APPLICATION FOR APPLICANT MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: An applicant must submit a petition in writing to the IFSC for acceptance by the Executive Board.

SECTION 2: The purpose of applicant status is to educate said fraternity or sorority as to the responsibilities and expectations of a member fraternity or sorority.

SECTION 3: Approval of applicant status must be given by the Executive Board of the IFSC upon review of the written petition.

SECTION 4: By granting applicant status, the IFSC is by no means bound to accept the group into full membership.

SECTION 5: The applicant must fulfill the following requirements during the applicant period:

A. Maintain throughout the entire application period a membership of at least fifteen (15) members.

B. The applicant must submit a list of all members. I.D. Numbers must also be submitted.

C. The applicant must fulfill the requirements, which will be distributed to and signed by them. The criteria will include, but not limited to, the following stipulations:
1. All University requirements for registration of Student Organizations and Fraternities & Sororities as outlined in the *Information Manual for Student Organizations & Advisors*.

2. Must attend all IFSC Meetings.

3. Approval of the Executive Board shall be sought for any planned events.

4. Group is subject to all IFSC and University regulations.

5. Any violations will result in a Judicial Board hearing or possible revocation of applicant status.

6. Must complete three (3) community service projects.

**ARTICLE III – VOTING**

**SECTION 1:** Each fraternity or sorority shall be allowed in all proceedings of the Council to cast their vote by either the representatives or the President of the organization.

**SECTION 2:** Each organization is entitled to one vote.

**SECTION 3:** The Executive Board Members shall not vote individually. However, in case of a tie vote in a Council meeting, the Executive Board shall be allowed to decide the vote. Executive members can not serve as a voting member of the Council.

**SECTION 4:** If the sole representative of a fraternity or sorority present at an IFSC meeting is nominated for an office he/she shall be permitted to cast a vote for his/her organization in the election.

**SECTION 5:** There will be no proxy voting.
ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Below are descriptions of the functions and composition of the different IFSC committees. Committee chairpersons are selected at the beginning of the Spring Semester, followed by the selection of the committee members. Each committee starts work immediately. Committee positions are open only to the General Assembly.

SECTION 1: Scholarship/Philanthropy

A. The Scholarship/Philanthropy Committee promotes excellence in the Greek Community by hosting scholarship workshops, speakers, and recognizes academic achievement with trophies, scholarships, and dinners.

B. This committee also works on all IFSC sponsored events, which will benefit charitable organizations. An activity is planned and approved every semester.

SECTION 2: Publicity/Community Relations

A. There are several groups on campus and within the Community that the IFSC is concerned about having a positive interaction with. On campus, they include the Athletic Department, Alumni, independent students, SGA, Division of Student Affairs, faculty, administration, and many more. As for the community, it provides a great opportunity for partnership within the Greek System.

B. This committee will also be responsible for promoting all Greek related events to the University Community in a positive way.

SECTION 3: Events

A. The greatest charge to this committee is planning Greek Week. Greek Week is held each year in the Spring with the purpose of promoting relations between chapters and their image on campus and in the community.

B. This committee will also be responsible for:

1. The organization and execution of a proper recruitment period.

2. In the spring, a pledge weekend is planned with the sole purpose of educating new members.
ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Representatives from a majority of the fraternities and sororities in the Council shall constitute a quorum for all business. A single representative from a fraternity or sorority shall be deemed sufficient in counting a quorum.

SECTION 2: The President shall call meetings and set the time and place.

SECTION 3: The President shall call a special meeting upon receiving a request signed by four (4) representatives from different organizations.

SECTION 4: Committee chairpersons shall call meetings and set the time and place of such meetings.

ARTICLE VI – PENAL CODE

SECTION 1: The council shall have the right to suspend an organization for violation of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules or Regulations by a two-thirds vote for such a period as the Council shall decide.

SECTION 2: The Council shall have the power to take sanctions against an organization for violations of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules or Regulations.

SECTION 3: The council may impose either Section I or Section 2 or both for violations.

SECTION 4: All IFSC dues must be paid on time. A fine of $10.00 per week shall be levied on an organization that does not fulfill its financial obligation.

ARTICLE VII – HAZING

The IFSC believes that true fraternalism is nurtured in an atmosphere of social and moral responsibility, respect for duly constituted authority, and loyalty to the principles of higher education. The Council further believes that a fraternity or sorority without morally sound precepts and practices is not a constructive influence among college men and women. The IFSC further believes that a fraternity/sorority has a solemn obligation to the development of its “pledges”/new members/associate members.

The Council believes that one of the most damaging instruments to the Greek System is the employment of a program of education, which includes hazing, and that this unproductive, ridiculous, and hazardous custom has no rightful place in the Greek System at La Salle University.
The IFSC defines Hazing as:

ANY ACTION TAKEN OR SITUATION CREATED, INTENTIONALLY, WHETHER ON OR OFF CAMPUS PREMISES, TO PRODUCE MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISCOMFORT, EMBARASSMENT, HARASSMENT, OR RIDICULE. SUCH ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: PADDLING IN ANY FORM, CREATION OF EXCESSIVE FATIGUE, PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL SHOCKS, WEARING PUBLICLY APPAREL OR OBJECTS THAT ARE CONSPICUOUS AND NOT NORMALLY IN GOOD TASTE, ENGAGING IN PUBLIC STUNTS AND STUPIDITY, MORALLY DEGRADING OR HUMILIATING GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, LATE WORK SESSIONS WHICH INTERFERE WITH SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH GREEK LAW, RITUAL, OR POLICY, OR THE REGULATIONS AND POLICIES OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND THE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY INTERFRATERNITY-SORORITY COUNCIL.

In addition to the above statement, IFSC will recognize any action or situation which creates any substantive risk to an individual as a violation of its hazing policy.

Furthermore, violations of the hazing policy will be referred to the La Salle University Judicial Board and its interpretation of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: This Constitution is subject to amendment by a three-fourths vote of all full member organizations. Each organization shall have one vote towards ratification of a proposed amendment.

SECTION 2: This Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations are subject to review every two (2) years.

SECTION 3: In order to amend either the Constitution of By-Laws, a proposal shall be submitted to each organization at a regular business meeting. The proposed amendment shall be voted on at the following business meeting.