

Interfraternity Council Standards Board

Article I: Authority and Jurisdiction

- A. The Interfraternity Council Standards Board (IFCSB) will preside when there is alleged violation involving one or more of the social Greek chapters in the Interfraternity Council. This violation could be a violation of the Greek Governance Statement, Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, or any other body or rules or regulations that IFC chapters are expected to abide by.
- B. The IFCSB will hear or decide cases that involve an IFC social Greek chapter.
- C. The judicial proceedings shall follow the guidelines set forth by the Office of Judicial Programs and the protocol in this document.
- D. The IFCSB shall be under the authority of the Office of Judicial Programs, and the Greek Governance Statement; and shall be in compliance with the Greek Governance Statement and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Article II: Membership of IFCSB

Section: 1 Membership Requirements

- A. The membership of the IFCSB shall be composed of one representative from every recognized IFC chapter, all IFC recognized colonies or non-voting chapters shall have one non-voting representative.
- B. The representative must be in good standing with his chapter, and Southwest Missouri State University.
- C. The representative should have 30 credit hours completed before he will be recognized by the IFCSB.
- D. The representative shall have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 at the beginning of his term on the IFCSB. No further GPA requirements will follow.
- E. This representative is subject to approval by the IFC, and will be done so at an IFC Council meeting.
- F. This representative shall not be the president of his chapter.
- G. The representatives of the IFCSB shall adhere to expectations of membership developed by the Chief Justice and approved by the IFC.
- H. The term of the representative to IFCSB is for the calendar year.

Article III: Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice

Section: 1. Selection and Vacancy

- A. The Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice shall be ex-officio members of the IFC Executive Board.
- B. The Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice shall be duly elected by the voting members of the Interfraternity Council.
- C. Procedures for Election of IFCSB Justices:
 - 1. Qualifications for the positions will be in accordance with those for the IFC Executive Board as stated in the IFC Constitution and by-laws, and shall also be in accordance to the minimum standards for IFCSB membership.
 - 2. The Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice shall not be members of the same respective fraternity.
 - 3. Elections will be concurrent with the IFC Executive Council.
- D. In the event the positions of Chief Justice or Associate Chief Justice become vacant, the Interfraternity Council Executive Committee shall duly appoint an IFC member, the appointment subject of IFC approval.

Section: 2. Duties

- A. Along with individual duties, the Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice shall work in concert with IFC fraternities to fulfill the IFCSB.
 - Chief Justice:
 - 1. The term of office will run concurrent with the IFC Executive board terms, which will be set by the outgoing IFC President.
 - 2. The Chief Justice will preside over hearings of the IFCSB as a non-voting member.
 - 3. Work in accordance with the Office of Judicial Programs and the Dean of Students.
 - 4. Set the schedule for the hearings. He must accommodate these hearings to the members of the IFCSB.
 - 5. Send written notice to all parties involved with the hearing.
 - 6. Hold at least 2 office hours throughout the week **in the Greek Life Office.**
 - 7. Work in concert with the Associate Chief Justice, IFC Executive Board, and IFC fraternities.
 - 8. Every claim brought before the IFCSB **will be investigated.**
 - 9. Work with all parties on resolving the matter outside of the hearing procedure.

Associate Chief Justice:

10. Work with and fill in for the Chief Justice at his request or when the Chief Justice's chapter is involved with the hearing.

Article IV: Rights of the Accused

- A. The IFCSB recognizes that every student by virtue of being an SMSU student will retain his/her student rights as outlined in article I of The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities of Southwest Missouri State University.
- B. The chapter must receive written notice indicating the time, location, and date of the hearing. This notice must be postmarked at least 10 class days before the hearing. The written notice shall contain the following information:
 1. A concise summary of the alleged violation.
 2. The date, time, and location of the alleged violation.
 3. The sections of the Social Greek Governance Statement or other University policies or IFC policies allegedly violated.
 4. A list of the Complainant's witnesses.
 5. A deadline to contact the Chief Justice. **The chapter must respond no later than 5 class days.**
 6. If the accusing chapter is open to resolving the matter through mediation outside of the hearing.
- C. A Chapter has the right to a closed hearing.
- D. The chapters have the right to have an advisor present, but will be limited in his role according to the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- E. The chapters have the right to hear all testimony presented against them.
- F. The chapters have the right to present witness and/or statements in accordance with Interfraternity Council Standards Board (IFCSB), and The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- G. The chapters must be informed of the right to appeal and the procedures for making an appeal.
- H. The chapters have the right to expect a fair and expedient hearing.
- I. A chapter reserves the right to review its judicial record at any time.

It should also be understood that the IFCSB is not a court of law. It is a judicial authority as defined by the Social Greek Governance Statement by Southwest Missouri State University.

Article V: Hearing Procedure

- A. All hearings will be conducted with the consent and assistance of the Office of Judicial Programs.
- B. The IFCSB will consist of every representative who is in attendance except those whose chapter are directly involved in the matter.
 - 1. Should an IFCSB representative be called to give testimony, the president of his chapter may sit on the board as his replacement provided he has completed the IFCSB training.
 - 2. In the event that the president and IFCSB representative are called on to give testimony regarding the same event, that chapter will not have an IFCSB representative for that hearing.
- C. Any member of the IFCSB arriving late will not be permitted into the hearing, or be permitted to take part in the deliberations.
- D. One person shall be designated as the presenter of each side of the case. One advisor may also be present to assist the presenter.
- E. The Chief Justice will allow the complainant to state its case and reasons to uphold the sanctions proposed by this party. The sanctions must be type-written and previously handed into the Chief Justice **by the start of the hearing.**
- F. All witnesses that have been submitted to the Chief Justice can be called by the complainant at this time. The witnesses will be held in an anteroom and only be allowed into the hearing for their part in the case.
- G. After the complainant has completed its case the defendant may proceed using the same procedure as the complainant.
- H. After both sides have completed their cases, all parties will be excused except IFCSB representatives and the Chief Justice. The judicial advisor may be called in to answer any questions that may arise during the deliberation.
- I. The vote will be secret ballot and counted aloud if front of all who are present for the deliberations. No abstentions are allowed. If a member refuses to vote he will be subject to removal of the IFCSB.
- J. The decision will be expressed with a method that has been established prior to the discharge of the hearing.

Article VI: Rights of the Complainant and Witnesses

It is the belief of this board that all members of the campus community should have the right to bring complaints concerning any IFC chapter. The belief of this board is in testifying, witnesses should not become the accused. They should be accorded certain rights and treated with respect by this board and all bodies participating in judicial matters.

- A. Any student, faculty member, staff, or administrator has the right to appear before and/or file a complaint with IFCSB.

- B. All statements or testimony given before the IFCSB will be kept in strict confidence by all individuals involved.
- C. Individuals giving testimony reserve the right to remain silent only when the evidence given may be self-incriminating. The Chief Justice may direct the person to answer any question that is not self-incriminating. If the witness refuses, the Chief Justice may rule that the witness testimony be dismissed.
- D. No witness will be forced to answer leading or inappropriate questions, as determined by the Chief Justice.
- E. All witnesses will be informed of these rights prior to presenting testimony.

Article VII: Appeal Procedure

The appeal process for the IFCSB shall be the same as for any judicial body and follow the procedure outlined in Article VIII of The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Article VIII: Amendments and Review of Policy

A policy review board will convene at the end of the Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice's term. The review board will include the Dean of Students, any member of the Judicial Programs staff, Assistant director of Student Activities for Greek Life, the IFC executive board, the Chief Justice, and the Associate Chief Justice. The board shall discuss any necessary changes that coincide with the overall goal of self governance or the purpose of self governance. Suggested changes should be referred to the Interfraternity council where it must pass a 2/3 vote as well as approval by the Dean of Students in order to become effective. Any other motion for amendment will also be subject to a 2/3 vote and approval by the Dean of Students.

Article IX: Removal of a member of the IFCSB

- A. A representative can be removed for conduct unbecoming of an IFCSB member by a 2/3 vote of the IFC, and if this takes place that chapter cannot replace the representative until the next IFCSB is formed the next academic year.
- B. If a representative quits the IFCSB a replacement can only be obtained through a vote of the IFC.
- C. Any IFC member can petition the IFC executive board to follow through on the procedure to remove a representative of the IFCSB.
- D. After a complaint is made to the IFC executive board about a representative of the IFCSB they shall proceed with the following procedure:

1. Informing the representative(s) of the complaint and investigate the alleged violation.
2. This representative(s) will then be invited to a council meeting to answer any questions. The IFC executive board will report the results of their investigation. Any questions from the IFC chapters shall be asked and answered at this meeting. After this meeting no open discussion is allowed at the IFC council meeting regarding the alleged violation.
3. A secret ballot vote will take place at the following council meeting.

Article X: Sanctions

It is a belief that the sanctions should be an educational endeavor to educate the entire Greek Community. Therefore, it is recommended that all sanctions have educational basis rather than be a simple punitive measure, although more than one sanction may be delivered pending each case.

Whether or not the chapter is being sanctioned by their nationals or the police should be weighed when this body is sanctioning. A chapter can receive disciplinary action from more than one body, but other sanctions should be weighed before this body hands down a sanction if possible.

The sanctions may be recommended by the complainant and the accused, and the IFCSB shall review both of them and may make any recommendation to the Dean of Students for approval.