CONSTITUTION OF

Morehead State University Interfraternity Council

Pending Student Life Committee Approval

PREAMBLE:

We the members of the Interfraternity Council at Morehead State University, in order to promote good feeling, better understanding and a spirit of cooperation among the members of the community and to better secure the place of the fraternity in our college life, do hereby establish this constitution.

Article I - NAME:

The name of this association shall be Morehead State University Interfraternity Council, also known as IFC.

Article II - PURPOSE:

The Interfraternity Council is the supervisory and governing body of all men's social fraternities at Morehead State University. It shall establish and administer rules governing recruitment, pledging and initiation; regulate all inter-fraternal social and recreational activities; promote scholarship among its members; and uphold the interests of its members and the University to the end that the conditions of the fraternities and their relations with the University may be enhanced.

Article III - SOVEREIGNTY:

Section 1: **Authority**: The IFC shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations governing all areas listed in this Constitution, and adjudicate the same, with oversight of MSU.

Section 2: **Required Membership**: All single-sex men's social fraternities (excluding those affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council) at Morehead State University are required to be a part of IFC (herein, this is used as the definition of "men's social fraternity"), inclusive of colonies of the same. The penalty for resignation from the IFC shall be the revocation of registered status by Morehead State University.

Article IV - ORGANIZATION/MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: **Membership**: The regular membership of the Morehead State University Interfraternity Council shall be composed of a voting delegate (who must be a duly elected chapter executive officer) and an alternate delegate (who must be a fully initiated member, except in the case of a colony) from each men's social fraternity or colony at Morehead State University. Each fraternity shall select delegates by the first IFC meeting in the spring semester and their term shall be for one calendar year. Each chapter shall have one vote, as given by the voting delegate.

If a voting delegate is absent during and Interfraternity Council meeting, the alternate delegate of the fraternity may fulfill the duties of the voting delegates in all matters.

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- Section 2: **Qualifications**: Voting delegates and alternate delegates must be in good academic and social standing with MSU and have a minimum of a 2.50 cumulative MSU GPA. Further requirements for delegates may be established in the bylaws.
- Section 3: **Colony Membership**: Colonies of men's social fraternities shall send delegates to the IFC, as specified above, but they will not have a vote or hold an office.
- Dues: Dues for chapters and colonies of men's social fraternities shall be established in the bylaws. These dues cannot be changed more than once every calendar year. An account will be delinquent thirty (30) days after the date determined by the IFC Executive Committee. A member fraternity delinquent in meeting its financial obligations shall be penalized 15 percent of the original assessment and lose its power to vote until full payment is received.
- Section 5: **Advising**: A member of the Division of Student Life of Morehead State University shall be an advisor to this organization, as appointed by the Dean of Students or the Director of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development. The IFC Advisor is an exofficio, non-voting member of the IFC, the Executive Committee and all other IFC committees.

Article V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES:

- Section 1: **Elected Leadership**: A president and a recruitment vice president shall be elected from the fully initiated membership of men's social fraternities. The president and recruitment vice president are members of the Executive Committee and cannot be from the same chapter. Each man filling these positions must have served on IFC prior to his election. They shall serve for one calendar year beginning with the last Interfraternity Council meeting of the fall semester. The president shall preside over the IFC meetings and make appointments for non-elected officers. He, or the executive committee officer presiding at a meeting in his absence, shall vote only in case of a tie. Other duties for each officer may be established in the bylaws.
- Section 2: **Other Elected Officers**: Other elected officer positions and their duties shall be designated in the bylaws. These officers should each be from a different fraternity, unless there is not enough men seeking office to make this so. They shall serve for one calendar year beginning with the last Interfraternity Council meeting of the fall semester.
- Section 3: **Executive Committee Composition**: The Executive Committee of the Morehead State University's Interfraternity Council shall be composed of all elected officers and collectively designated the "Executive Committee officers." Duties and procedures of the Executive Committee may be defined in the bylaws. The members of the Executive Committee shall not have voting power on IFC, with the exception of the presiding Executive Committee officer, who will vote only in case of a tie.
- Section 4: **Non-Elected Officers**: IFC may, from time to time, establish appointed officer positions to chair ad-hoc committees or initiatives. Appointments are made by the IFC president and must be ratified by a majority vote of a quorum of the IFC, unless otherwise stated in this constitution. Non-elected officers are not part of the Executive Committee and may

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be removed from their position by the IFC president, or a majority vote of the IFC quorum. Their term shall be established by the IFC, but not be longer than a year.

Section 5: **Qualifications**: All officers must be in good academic and social standing with MSU and be full-time students, have a minimum of a 2.50 cumulative MSU GPA and be fully initiated members. Further requirements for office may be established in the bylaws.

Section 6: **Vacancy**: When a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee, the order of succession (or other process) will be established in the bylaws to choose a student to fill the remainder of the vacant term. Replacements must meet the same qualifications as originally elected officers. Vacancies for non-elected officers shall be filled in accordance with section four of this article.

Section 7: **Impeachment**: The process for impeachment of elected officers or delegates shall be established in the bylaws. Impeachment of officers or delegates shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership.

Article VI - MEETINGS AND VOTING:

Section 1: **Quorum**: To conduct business, a simple majority of men's social fraternities, as well as one Executive Committee officer, must be in attendance. Two-thirds of the chapters must be present for all elections.

Section 2: **Voting percentages**: Motions dealing with amendments to this Constitution and the removal of Executive Committee officers or delegates will require a two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership. Changes to bylaws and recruitment rules require a majority vote of the total voting membership. All other motions will require a simple majority vote of the quorum to pass, unless otherwise stated in this constitution.

Section 3: **Frequency of meetings**: The IFC shall meet at least once a month during the academic year. The time and place shall be determined by the Executive Committee officers and delegates before the third week of the semester. The President, or a majority of the chapter presidents, may call a special meeting. Chapter presidents file their request for a special meeting with the advisor. Verbal or e-mail notice of special meetings will go out to the delegates, alternate delegates and Executive Council not less than 24 hours in advance, sent by the advisor.

Section 4: **Open meetings**: All IFC meetings shall be open to active members of the men's social fraternities. The rights to the floor shall be reserved for voting delegates, alternate delegates, Executive Committee officers, appointed officers, advisors and invited guests.

Section 5: **Parliamentary authority**: The Constitution of this organization shall be the supreme authority in parliamentary procedure at all meetings. The bylaws of this organization shall be the next highest authority. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the procedure used to conduct meetings except where it conflicts with the Constitution or with the bylaws.

Section 6: **Missing meetings**: Penalties for absences will be established in the bylaws.

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Section 7: **Delegate responsibilities**: The delegates from each fraternity shall be responsible for notifying their chapters of all matters discussed in regular and special meeting of the IFC.

Article VII - REGULATIONS:

Section 1: **Bylaws/Recruitment Rules**: The Interfraternity Council shall have the power to create and establish bylaws for the execution of duties described in this Constitution. Bylaw revisions go into effect immediately upon adoption by the IFC, unless IFC specifies otherwise. Recruitment rules shall be a document independent of, but with the same authority as, the bylaws.

Section 2: **Violations**: If any men's social fraternity violates any regulations of this Constitution, any of the IFC's bylaws, recruitment rules, the Student Code of Conduct or any federal, state or local law, it may be subject to the penalties of the Morehead State University Interfraternity Judiciary Committee.

Section 3: **Judiciary Committee**: The composition, scope of authority and processes for the IFC Judiciary Committee shall be established in the IFC bylaws. Charges against an IFC member organization, or individual fraternity member, may be brought by anyone with knowledge of a violation. Each chapter, or individual fraternity member, shall be given a fair public hearing to address charges before any penalty is recommended or imposed.

Section 4: **Recruitment Committee**: The composition, scope of authority and processes for the IFC Recruitment Committee shall be established in the IFC bylaws. The recruitment committee shall be chaired by the recruitment vice president. The Recruitment Committee shall recommend to the full IFC rules governing recruitment. Execution of the rules, once adopted, is the responsibility of the Executive Committee officers.

Section 5: **Eligibility for Fraternity Membership**: The IFC shall establish high standards for fraternal membership at MSU in the bylaws and/or recruitment rules, as well as the process for new member affiliation, that do not conflict with Morehead State University policies.

Section 6: **Ad-Hoc Committees**: The composition, scope of authority and processes for any committee not established in this constitution shall be established in the IFC bylaws.

Article VIII- AMENDMENTS:

Section 1: **Proposal of Amendments**: Any member fraternity may submit a proposed amendment to this Constitution in typewritten form through its voting delegate at any regular meeting. The Executive Committee may also propose amendments.

Section 2: **IFC Ratification**: The proposed amendment shall be read to the Council when presented. A two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership is required for ratification.

Section 3: **Chapter Adoption**: Upon ratification by the Council, the proposed amendment shall be placed before the members of the fraternities for adoption. IFC will specify, when an

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amendment is ratified, how much time chapters have to vote on adoption; the time shall not be less than one week. Two thirds of the chapters must vote in favor before the amendment is adopted.

Each voting delegate will report to the IFC President and IFC advisor if a majority vote of their chapter approved the amendment. That vote will be announced at a regular or special meeting of IFC, for the record.

- Section 4: **Student Life Committee Approval**: All amendments shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on Student Life of Morehead State University.
- Section 5: **Incidental Changes**: Changes in this document related to Morehead State University employee titles, grammar or spelling, format changes or other changes which do not materially impact the intent or authority of this document may be made by the IFC advisor, with notice given to the IFC and to the Dean of Students, without the need of the full amendment process. Should either the IFC or the Dean of Students object, the changes will not be made, but by the amendment process.

Initial IFC Ratification: Initial Chapter Adoption: Initial Student Life Approval: March 6, 2012, by a vote of 7-0-1 March 13, 2012

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