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INDEPENDENT GREEK COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Preamble

Seeing the need for a diverse representation of Greek Organizations not affiliated with the existing Greek Councils at Bowling Green State University, and acknowledging that only through the unification and empowerment of all recognized Fraternities and Sororities with the goal of increasing multiculturalism, friendship, unity and representation for each organization in academics, social interaction, service, chapter development, and brotherhood/ sisterhood, as well as serving as a resource for these organizations, the members of the Independent Greek Council do hereby adopt this Constitution.

Article I: Name

Section 1.

The name of this Council shall be the "Independent Greek Council" and shall be further referred to as "IGC."

Article II: Purpose and Aims

Section 1.

The purpose of the IGC is to serve as a resource for those organizations within the Council and will act as an intermediary between organizations and their respective national boards. The Council will not be used for political actions and will only serve as a resource to those organizations within the Council.

Section 2.

To promote and foster positive fraternal relations, communication, and development of all fraternal organizations through mutual respect, leadership, honesty, professionalism, and education.

Article III: Organizations of the Council

Section 1.

The organizations that are part of the Council are collegiate Greek organizations composed of men and women of all cultures and backgrounds. This Council will consider recognizing and supporting those fraternal organizations, under proposal and admission to IGC that are not affiliated, with the existing Greek Councils at BGSU. Furthermore, these organizations must

comply with the aims of IGC. The founding organizations of the IGC will be Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. (Nu Beta Chapter), and Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. (Omicron Chapter).

Article IV: Membership

Section 1.

Membership within this Council shall be open to BGSU Officially Recognized Greek Letter Organizations compliant with standards of excellence set by BGSU. Chapters must be in accordance with the guiding principles of Greek Affairs (Scholarship, Service, Leadership, & Brotherhood/Sisterhood). Chapters joining the board shall have a minimum of a 2.60 cumulative G.P.A. and shall maintain a 2.60 semester G.P.A. to remain in good standing with the Council. Membership shall be attained by submitting official membership application to the Council, a letter of recommendation from the organization's advisor, an interview by and a presentation to the General Body of the IGC, and finally the vote of membership by those organizations within IGC.

Section 2.

If a chapter that is of a "colony" status is voted into IGC, they will be considered "Associate Members" until they reach chapter status. Associate Members are prohibited from voting or holding executive positions on the Independent Greek Council.

Section 3.

All Chapters must abide by the BGSU IGC Intake Policy. (see separate policy)

Article V: Government

IGC will be maintained by six elected positions, whose chain of command is listed as follows: President, Vice President, Chief Justice, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programming Chair. These positions will serve as the Executive Board. These individuals shall be selected from members of the organizations within the Council, are to be elected into these positions by each organization within the Council, and will uphold all business through the Council.

Article VI: Voting

Each organization will send two representatives to the Independent Greek Council meetings each with their own vote. An alternate will also be chosen to serve as a proxy when a representative cannot attend a general meeting. If only one representative is present only their vote will count.

Article VII: Elections

Elections will be held in the Spring Semester of each school year. Elections will held according to Article V. Section 1. of the Bylaws.

Article VIII: Quorum

Two-thirds of the voting delegates shall constitute as quorum for the transaction of any business by the Independent Greek Council.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in writing by any active members of Independent Greek Council at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments will be voted upon at the next general meeting by the representatives of those organizations within Independent Greek Council. An amendment may be adopted only by the vote of three-fourths of all representatives. The amendment will go into affect following the approval. The Secretary will then add the new amendment to the constitution and distribute the revised copy to the presidents of each recognized organization of the Independent Greek Council.

Article X: Suspension of the Constitution

Suspension of the Constitution will require the vote of three-fourths of all representatives and approval of the Executive Board. Without the approval of the Executive Board, the vote will have to be unanimous.



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