Constitution for the Illinois Tech Greek Council

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Illinois Tech Greek Council and from now on will be known as “Greek Council.”

Article II: Mission Statement and Code of Ethics

Section 1: Mission Statement
The Greek Council shall create and foster Greek relationships by acting as a governing body and providing services to the Illinois Institute of Technology Greek and campus community.

Section 2: Code of Ethics
As Greeks united under the Greek Council, it is understood that the actions of the Greek community and its members will reflect positively on IIT and its communities. The Greek community will maintain mutual respect and trust between all its members and will promote, teach, and honor the values of honesty and integrity in addition to the ideals instilled upon us by our respective Constitutions, Creeds or Rituals through actions and words. All members of the Greek community will remain loyal to their brotherhood or sisterhood and to the values and model of behavior addressed in the IIT Code of Conduct. All members will strive to promote the growth, acceptance, and advancement of Greek Life now and in the future.

Article III: Statements

Section 1: Statement on Hazing
The Greek community will not conspire, engage in, or commit any act that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow students or persons attending the institution.

Section 2: Statement of Compliance
The Greek community shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulations. The Greek Council shall also comply with all local, state, and federal laws.

Section 3: Statement on Substance Use
The Greek community does not condone the illegal use of drugs, alcohol, or any other illegal substances. The Greek community does not excuse the use of chapter funds to purchase alcohol, or the purchase of alcohol in bulk quantity by its members. Greek Council prohibits the use of alcohol at Greek Council sponsored events, unless the event is planned in accordance to the IIT alcohol use for campus events policy.

Section 4: Statement on Inappropriate Behavior
The Greek community does not tolerate inappropriate behaviors by its members, including, but not limited to, drunkenness, sexual misconduct, and violence.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1: Active Chapter
Sub-Section A: Definition
An Active Chapter is a Greek Organization on IIT’s Campus that is a Student Organization, not on Inactive Status with the Greek Council, and currently recognized by the Greek Council.

Sub-Section B: Current Members
The members of the Greek Council shall be: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Phi Delta, Omega Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Phi, Triangle, and Zeta Pi Omega.

Sub-Section C: Requirements
To be an Active Chapter, a Greek Chapter must fulfill all of the following requirements:
1. At least one of the Delegates must have attended two of the previous three meetings. Attendance from the previous semester shall carry over.
2. The Chapter must have a semester GPA of 2.7 or greater.
3. The Chapter is up to date with their dues, fines, and fees in accordance with the Greek Council By-Laws.
4. The Chapter must meet all requirements defined by Section 1, Sub-Section A of this article.

Sub-Section D: Termination of Chapters
The following are reasons for a chapter to be terminated from the Greek Council:
1. If the National Organization or Alumni Association of the Chapter removes the Chapter’s charter.
2. If the Chapter breaks Hazing Rules defined by the Greek Council’s By-Laws
3. If the Chapter remains Inactive for 2 consecutive semesters. In order to become Active the Chapter will have to follow all the steps in Article III, Sub-Sections A and C.

Sub-Section E: Rights of Active Chapters
Active Chapters will have voting rights and a voice at meetings. They will be able to participate in any Greek Council sponsored events.

Sub-Section F: Active Chapter Probation Definition
An Active Chapter on Probation is a Greek Organization on IIT’s campus that is on Probation as defined by Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section G.

Sub-Section G: Reasons for Active Chapter Probation
An Active Chapter will be placed on probation the first semester they do not meet requirement 2 of Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section C.

Sub-Section H: Rights of Active Chapters on Probation
An Active Chapter on Probation will
1. Have voting rights
2. Be required to meet with the Greek Council Vice President of Education and Greek Council President to determine a chapter Scholarship plan for the probationary semester.
3. Will not be allowed to participate in any event planned by the VP of Programming or their committee unless approved by the Greek Council with a ⅔ vote.

Sub-Section I: Length of Active Chapter Probation
A chapter may be on active probation for up to one semester. Should they fail to meet the requirements after 1 semester to be an active chapter as listed in Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section C they will be placed on inactive status.

Sub-Section J: Removal of probation for an Active Chapter on Probation
Once the probation semester is concluded, the Active Chapter will have all the rights granted to an Active Chapter should they again meet the requirements in Article IV, Section 2, Sub-Section B.

Section 2: Inactive Chapter
Sub-Section A: Definition
An Inactive Chapter is a Greek Organization on IIT’s campus that is on any Inactive Status defined by Article IV, Section 2, Sub-Section B.

Sub-Section B: Reasons for Being on Inactive Status
The following are reasons a Chapter will be placed on Inactive Status:
1. Academic Inactive Status: If the Chapter fails to meet Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section C, Number 2 of this document. This status will be removed once the above requirement is met.
2. Attendance Inactive Status: If the Chapter fails to meet Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section C, Number 1. This status will be removed once the above requirement is met.
3. Financial Inactive Status: If the Chapter fails to meet Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section C, Number 3. This status will be removed once the above requirement is met.
4. Judicial Board Inactive Status: The Greek Council Judicial Board may place a Chapter on Inactive Status. They will set the requirements that are needed to be met to be removed from the Inactive Status.

**Sub-Section C: Rights of Inactive Chapters**
Inactive Chapters will not be allowed to vote and will not be allowed to participate in Council sponsored events except for events programmed by the Vice President of Education, Vice President of Recruitment, Philanthropy Chair, and Judicial Risk Management Chair. The Chapter will have a voice in meetings and will be allowed to be represented as part of any expansion committees.

**Sub-Section D: Activation of an Inactive Chapter**
Once the Inactive Status is removed as defined by Article IV, Section 2, Sub-Section B, they will have all the rights granted to an Active Chapter.

**Sub-Section E: Termination of an Inactive Chapter**
A Chapter may remain on Inactive status for up to two semesters. After two semesters, they will follow the procedure of an Associate Chapter.

**Section 3: Associate Chapter**

**Sub-Section A: Definition**
An Associate Chapter is a Greek Organization on IIT’s campus that has been approved by IIT Office of Campus Life and the Greek Council. This Status is only given to new colonies on IIT’s campus or chapters that have been Inactive more than 2 semesters.

**Sub-Section B: Fraternity/Sorority Expansion**
Applications for new Fraternities and Sororities to colonize at IIT are subject to the IIT Greek Life Expansion Policy.

**Sub-Section C: Rights of Associate Chapters**
Associate Chapters shall have no voting rights at meetings but will have a voice. Associate Chapters will be allowed to attend all Greek Council sponsored events.

**Sub-Section D: Requirements of an Associate Chapter**
An Associate Chapter is required to meet with the Greek Council’s Executive Board once a month to report on their progress as a new Chapter. They will also meet with the Greek Advisor twice a month to give a similar report.

**Sub-Section E: Activation of Associate Chapters**
An Associate Chapter’s Status will expire after three semesters. In order to become an Active Chapter, the Chapter must complete the following requirements:
1. Meet the requirements in Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section C.
2. Meet the requirements in Article IV, Section 3, Sub-Section A and D.
3. Be voted in by the Greek Council with a 2/3rd majority.

**Section 4: Chapter Delegate**

*Sub-Section A: Definition*

A Chapter Delegate is the Chapter’s President.

*Sub-Section B: Duties*

An Active, Inactive and Associate Chapter all have Delegates that are required to attend Greek Council Meetings. They must fulfill the duties outlined in Article IV, Section 1, Sub-Section C.

**Section 5: Junior Delegate**

A Junior Delegate may be an Active or New Member of a Chapter. They are elected by their respected Chapter and help the Chapter Delegate fulfill their duties.

**Section 6: Active Member**

An Active Member shall be defined as any initiated collegiate member that is an active member of an active Chapter.

**Section 7: New Member**

A New Member shall be defined as any non-initiated collegiate member of an active Chapter.

**Article V: Officers**

**Section 1: Executive Board**

*Sub-Section A: Members*

The Executive Board for the Greek Council shall consist of, in the following hierarchy, the President, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of Education, Vice President of Recruitment, and Vice President of External Affairs.

*Sub-Section B: Eligibility for the Executive Board*

To be eligible for an Executive Board Position, the person must be an Active Member of an active Chapter and have a cumulative grade point average of a 2.7 or higher and be in good academic standing with the school. The specific positions must as well meet the following expectations:

1. *President:* Have been a Greek Council Executive Board Member or been a previous Executive Member of their Chapter

*Sub-Section C: Term of Office*
The Executive Board shall serve a one year term. They will be elected at the end of the Fall Semester.

**Sub-Section D: Resignation**

Any Executive Board Member can resign. Should an Executive Board Member resign, nominations for the Member’s position will be opened during the meeting at which the Member resigns. Elections will be held during the following meeting.

**Sub-Section E: Impeachment**

If an Executive Board Member is not fulfilling their duties, they can be impeached. A motion must be made during business and be tabled for one meeting. At the following meeting, a discussion will take place, followed by a vote. A two-thirds majority must vote in favor of impeachment in order for the motion to pass. Should the motion pass, nominations for the impeached Member’s position will be opened, with elections to be held during the following meeting.

**Sub-Section F: Meeting Attendance**

An executive board member will be eligible for impeachment if they have two unexcused absences within a semester. The absences can be approved by the Greek Council Advisor or the Greek Council President.

**Sub-Section G: Limitations on Membership**

Any Chapter may not have more than two members on the Greek Council Executive Board.

**Sub-Section H: Election**

The Executive Board and all its Members will be elected at the second to last Meeting of the Fall Semester. Nominations will be opened at the third to last meeting of the Fall semester. Eligible candidates will then give a three minute speech to the Greek Council followed by five minutes for questions. Once all candidates have completed a speech and questions, they will leave the room and discussion will take place for five minutes. The ballots will then be handled by the Greek Advisor and Greek Council President. The Greek Council President will inform the winning candidate. The newly elected Executive Board shall be sworn in immediately following elections.

**Sub-Section I: Vote**

Executive Board Members will not get a vote in meetings, but they do have a voice.

**Article VI: Committees and Chairs**

**Section 1: Committees**

*Sub-Section A: Standing Committees*
The Standing of Committees will be the Philanthropy Committee, Judicial Risk Management Committee, Recruitment Committee, Greek Week Committee, Sports Committee, and Social Committee.

Sub-Section B: Eligibility for the Standings Committees
To be eligible for a Standing Committee the person must be an Active Member of a Chapter and in good academic standing with their respective chapter and the university for the semester(s) in term. The specific positions must as well meet the following expectations:

1. **Philanthropy Committee**: Be their Chapters respected VP of Philanthropy, Philanthropy Chair or Chapter equivalent. The Committee shall consist of a member of each Chapter and be led by the Vice President of Philanthropy.
2. **Judicial Risk Management Committee**: Be their Chapters respected VP of Risk Management Chair or Chapter equivalent. The Committee will be led by the Judicial Risk Management Chair.
3. **Recruitment Committee**: Be their Chapters respected VP of Recruitment, Recruitment Chair or Chapter equivalent. The Committee shall consist of a member of each Chapter and be led by the Vice President of Recruitment.
4. **Greek Week Committee**: Be their chapter’s respective Greek Week Chair or chapter equivalent. The Committee shall consist of a member of each Chapter and be led by the Greek Council Greek Week Chair.
5. **Sports Committee**: Be their Chapters respected Sports Chair or Chapter equivalent. The Committee shall consist of a member of each Chapter and be led by the Council’s Sports Chair.
6. **Social Committee**: Be their Chapters respected VP of Programming, Social Chair or Chapter equivalent. The Committee shall consist of a member of each Chapter and be led by the Social Chair.
7. **Special Session Committee**: Be the Chapter Delegate. The Committee will be led by the President of the Council.
8. **By Laws Committee**: Be an Active Member of a Chapter. The Committee will be led by the President of the Council.
9. **Junior Delegate Committee**: Be a current Junior Delegate.

Sub-Section C: Term of Office
The Committees shall serve for one semester.

Sub-Section D: Vote
Committees do not have a vote in meetings, but they do have a voice.

Sub-Section E: Additional Committees
Any additional Committees can be created by the Executive Board whenever they are needed.

Section 2: Chairs
Sub-Section A: Members
The Chairs will be Judicial Risk Management Chair, Philanthropy Chair, Student Government Representative, Greek Week Chair, Sports Chair and Social Chair.

**Sub-Section B: Eligibility for Chairs**
To be eligible for a Chair Position, the person must be an Active Member of an active Chapter and have a cumulative grade point average of a 2.7 or higher and be in good academic standing for the semester(s) in term.

**Sub-Section C: Term of Office**
The following Chairs hold their office for one year, elected in the Fall: Judicial Risk Management, Social, Sports, Philanthropy Chair.
The following Chairs hold their office for one year, elected in the Spring: Greek Week, and Student Government Senator

**Sub-Section D: Resignation**
Any Chair can resign. Should a Chair resign, nominations for the Chair’s position will be opened during the meeting at which the Chair resigns. Elections will be held during the following meeting.

**Sub-Section E: Impeachment**
If an chair is not fulfilling their duties, they can be impeached. A motion must be made during business and be tabled for one meeting. At the following meeting, a discussion will take place and then, followed by a vote. A two-thirds majority must vote in favor of impeachment in order for the motion to pass. Should the motion pass, nominations for the impeached chair’s position will be opened, with elections to be held during the following meeting.

**Sub-Section F: Meeting Attendance**
A chair will be eligible for impeachment if they have two unexcused absences within a semester. The absences can be approved by the Greek Council Advisor or the Greek Council President.

**Sub-Section G: Election**
The Chairs will be elected at the second to last meeting of the Fall or Spring Semester, depending on the chair’s term. Nominations will open at the third to last meeting of the semester. The eligible candidates will then give a two minute speech to the Greek Council followed by three minutes for questions. Once all candidates have completed a speech and questions-the candidates will leave the room and discussion will take place for three minutes. The ballots will then be handled by the Greek Advisor and Greek Council President. The Greek Council President will inform the Greek Council of the winning candidate.

**Sub-Section H: Vote**
Chairs do not have a vote in meetings, but they do have a voice.
Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Regular
The Council shall meet bi-weekly while school is in session. The meeting time and place will be specified by the President of the Greek Council.

Sub-Section A: Quorum
Two-thirds of the Chapter Delegates must be present for Business to take place. Meetings can be started if Quorum is not met but no Business can be conducted.

Sub-Section B: Procedure
Robert’s Rules of Order shall be recognized as the parliamentary authority.

Sub-Section C: Voting
The following define Voting at Council Meetings:
1. Chapter Delegates are the only members who have a vote in meetings. Junior Delegates may vote for Chapter Delegates, if the Chapter Delegate is not present.
2. A majority is needed to pass a motion or an election unless otherwise required by this document. In the case of a tie in an election, the two candidates with the highest votes will be re-voted on. If a tie continues then the President of the Greek Council will be the deciding vote.
3. There is no absent voting.
4. Secret Voting shall take place for votes regarding elections, judicial matters, or impeachments, or at the discretion of the Greek Council President.

Sub-Section D: Voice
All present at the meeting have a voice.

Sub-Section E: Attendance
Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each meeting by the Vice President of Internal Affairs. This attendance will be the official Greek Council Attendance record.

Article VIII: Advisor

Section 1: Definition
There shall be one advisor who will serve as a mentor to the Greek Council. The advisor is a non-voting member of the council.

Section 2: Selection
The Greek Advisor shall be the Assistant Director for Community Standards and Greek Life or, in the absence of a Assistant Director for Community Standards and Greek Life, a representative from the Office of Residence and Greek Life.
Article IX: Dissolution

Section 1: Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Greek Council, the outgoing Greek Council President will ensure that all funds within the Greek Council SAF budget returns to the SAF, all funds within the Greek Council account will be distributed amongst the chapters and all property of the Council shall be handed over to the Office of Residence and Greek Life.

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