

**INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
STANDING RULES FOR EXPANSION
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE**

PURPOSE AND ROLE OF THE IFC

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) serves as the governing body for all recognized national men's fraternities on the University of California (UCI) campus. Each member chapter has been selected to provide an undergraduate collegiate experience that will contribute to the education, leadership development, and character development of its members. The IFC serves to enhance the quality of fraternity life by communicating standards and developing policies and procedures to uphold those standards.

PHILOSOPHY OF EXPANSION OF THE FRATERNITY SYSTEM

Membership in the IFC includes representatives from all recognized chapters and colonies of (inter)national men's fraternities at UCI. By virtue of their authority and jurisdiction, the IFC (with advisement from the University) is responsible for determining the appropriate timing to expand the fraternity system. The Council believes that organized, thoughtful growth of the system will ensure continued quality of fraternity life at UCI. Unplanned growth is viewed as detrimental to group accountability and a quality fraternity experience.

IFC EXPANSION LEGISLATION

IFC Delegates are responsible for reviewing the fraternity system and approving a plan for expansion for the following 12-24-month period. Expansion discussion will take place during IFC Regular Meetings. A proposal should be approved by the end of February of each year. IFC must follow the criteria and spirit of this policy in devising a proposal. The IFC Advisor, 2 campus administrators, and a member from the sorority community shall be invited to attend and participate in IFC meetings regarding expansion. These members will have IFC voting rights regarding expansion.

EXPANSION CRITERIA

The Standing Committee for Expansion should review the following information to make the decision on whether or not fraternity expansion is both desirable and feasible:

- The number of chapters and colonies on campus.
- The number of active and pledge/associate members in each chapter.
- The average size of chapter memberships as well as the median number of members in all chapters.
- Chapters and colonies currently experiencing membership problems and an assessment of projected measures to assist them.
- The University's current enrollment information and projection of enrollment trends.
- Number of national fraternities currently expressing interest in colonizing at UCI.

- Date and outcome of previous two expansion efforts.

SELECTION CRITERIA

IFC will send letters announcing to all national fraternities not recognized at UCI that the fraternity system is requesting applications for fraternity expansion. The overall objective is to select an organization that will contribute to the college undergraduate experience of its members. This organization will espouse ideals consistent with those of the University and will commit the human and financial resources necessary to ensure achievement of these ideals. Included with the letter will be a copy of *the Requirements for Establishing New National Fraternity Chapters*, information about UC Irvine, and current statistics/overview of the UCI Greek community. The following information will be solicited from interested organizations.

A. Local Alumni Support

Including strength of alumni associations, number of local alumni, alumni support in establishing a chapter at UCI, selection and training program for alumni, and potential advisors/house corporation members.

B. National Strength

Assessed by number of active chapters, number of chapters gained and lost in the last five years, recruitment statistics, national programming initiatives, and success on other Southern California campuses.

C. Support Staff:

Number of staff members that will be involved with the colonization; including titles of staff. (Ex: Director of Expansion, and 2 consultants)

D. Success of Recent Colonizations

IFC will solicit the opinions of IFC Advisors on other campuses where the fraternity has recently made colonization efforts.

E. Quality of Programs

Fraternities should provide written materials describing their education programs, policies on hazing, alcohol and drug abuse, non-discrimination policy, member development programs , programs for active/alumni interaction, recruitment and membership selection programs, and any other leadership programs.

F. Chapter Development/Programs

Fraternities must provide written materials describing chapter programs and methods of implementation for scholarship development, officer training, self-discipline, character development, and broad based involvement of membership in chapter responsibilities.

G. Proposed Colonization Procedure

Fraternities must submit a detailed outline of colonization procedure.

IFC will review materials received from interested national fraternities and select several fraternities to make on-campus presentations. From the groups making presentations, one or more organizations will be chosen to colonize based on the criteria listed above.

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest groups of national fraternities may petition the Interfraternity Council for membership. An interest group consists of a minimum of 10 UCI students interested in forming a national fraternity colony. Interest groups must provide IFC the information requested in the *Expansion Criteria* section of

this document. Upon receiving an Interest Group proposal, IFC shall schedule an expansion presentation by the Interest Group within four academic weeks. Members of the interest group, alumni advisors, and/or national staff may present on behalf of the interest group. After an Interest Group is approved to become a member of the Interfraternity Council the *Minimum Requirements for Establishing New Chapters* must be adhered to.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING NEW CHAPTERS

The Interfraternity Council takes very seriously the process for establishing new chapters at the University of California, Irvine. Once an official invitation has been extended for a new national fraternity to establish at a chapter at UCI, both the Interfraternity Council and the University wish only that the process be successful. It is with this goal in mind that the Interfraternity Council has established requirements for all new fraternity colonies.

Please note that these requirements are intended to address minimum standards and expectations, and that any national fraternity invited to colonize at UCI must be willing to commit to them in their entirety. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of membership in the University of California, Irvine Interfraternity Council.

1. Verification in writing that the UCI Interfraternity Council invitation to establish a new national fraternity chapter is endorsed and supported by the national leadership and headquarters staff of the fraternity. Copies of such documentation shall be provided to the President of the UCI Interfraternity Council and the UCI Director of Greek Life.
2. Written documentation of the national fraternity's policies addressing:
 - Officer training
 - Hazing
 - Non-discrimination
 - Scholarship development
 - Leadership programs (national and regional)
3. Submittal of the national fraternity's five (5) most recent colonizations. This should include the name of the institution, date of the colonization, current colony/chapter size, and scholarship ranking.
4. Submittal of a detailed colonization plan to both the IFC President and the UCI Director of Greek Life. This written plan must be provided at least four (4) months prior to the agreed upon colonization date. (Interest Groups must submit a detailed recruitment plan for the following 18 months.)
5. Commitment to assigning at least two (2) national staff extension members to the UCI campus for a minimum of three (3) consecutive weeks. The names, titles, and e-mail addresses of these individuals should be provided at least four (4) months prior to the agreed upon colonization date. (Interest Groups must have two (2) national staff members present during the first recruitment period following IFC approval.)
6. At least six (6) weeks prior to the colonization process, submit to the UCI Director of Greek Life the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of those individuals that have agreed to serve on the Alumni Advisory Board. (Interest Groups must submit advisor information within one month of IFC approval.) This list should identify those individuals who will serve in the following capacities:
 - Chapter Advisor

- Recruitment Advisor
 - New Member Educator
 - Financial Advisor
 - Scholarship Advisor
 - Social/Risk Management Advisor
7. Commitment in writing to maintaining an active Alumni Advisory Board throughout and beyond the colonization process.
 8. Commitment in writing to provide quarterly on-campus visitations by a staff member of the national fraternity for a period of two years from the date of colonization. Such visitations should include meetings with members of the fraternity colony, the Alumni Advisory Board, and UCI Director of Greek Life. Copies of quarterly visitation reports should be provided to the UCI Director of Greek Life.
 9. At the conclusion of the initial colonization process, register as a campus organization through the UCI Dean of Students Office. (Interest Groups must register as a campus organization through the UCI Dean of Students Office within 2 weeks of IFC approval.)
 10. Commitment from the colony to adhere to University policies as outlined in the *University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students*.

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