



NORTH AMERICAN
INTERFRATERNITY
CONFERENCE

Developing an Alumni IFC

Starting with the basics.
College/University



Purpose of an Alumni IFC.

- Through leadership and guidance, the purpose of the Alumni Interfraternity Council is to work with the fraternity community and existing support structure to enhance the fraternity experience so as to positively contribute to the co-curricular environment and to infuse a standard of conduct that is respected by the university and the community at large.



Interfraternal Ground Rules.

To establish the trust necessary to do something meaningful, we must:

- *Be brutally honest*
- *Be transparent*
- *Be humble*
- *Be confident*
- *Be solution oriented*
- *No drama or politics*



5 Goals of an Alumni IFC.

1. **Fraternity Education:** Assist the Interfraternity Council and university staff in developing and implementing policies and educational programs that foster community self-governance, interfraternity rights and responsibilities, responsible and legal behavior regarding alcohol and drug use, relationship with women, men's development, and men's health issues.



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2. **Housing and Finance:** Assist the Interfraternity Council and university staff in establishing developing programs to ensure safe, well-managed, and affordable housing.



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3. **Community Relations:** Assist the Interfraternity Council and university staff in developing plans and programs to promote understanding and positive relations with the university and the community.



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4. **Membership Recruitment:** Assist the Interfraternity Council and university staff in developing policies and programs to foster the recruitment of quality members who will support the plans and policies of their fraternities, the Interfraternity Council, the university, and the community.



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5. **Interfraternity Relations:** Assist the Interfraternity Council and university staff in developing plans and programs to promote a spirit of collegiality and cooperation within the fraternity community, including sororities, at the university



Overall approach.

- Assist the Interfraternity Council and university staff in encouraging and assisting in the enhancement of the academic experience of each fraternity and their members.
- The Alumni IFC represents alumni of fraternities at the university, other universities, partners, and friends as recognized by the IFC and works to keep them informed on common issues so that action can be coordinated and communications maximized.



The Alumni IFC does this by:

- Fostering responsibility and accountability by the students, by the fraternities, and by the IFC for the condition of fraternities and the comportment of fraternity members.
- Facilitating and encouraging the university and the community to support and aid in the improvement of fraternities and fraternity houses.



The Alumni IFC does this by:

- Strengthening the fraternity system at the university by encouraging alumni, partners, and friends to participate in the affairs of their fraternities and to provide continuity in the management of fraternities.
- Pursuing opportunities with the university, alumni, students, local officials and the community to enhance the position of fraternities.
- Conferring with the Interfraternity Council and other organizations on matters affecting fraternities.



The Alumni IFC does this by:

- Maintaining relationships with the IFC, university board, the administration of the university, the faculty, the Alumni Association as well as the local community and government that will facilitate the exchange of ideas related to fraternity matters.
- Considering the common interests of fraternities and sororities at the university and to discuss with representatives of sororities potential benefits of combined or coordinated alumni/alumnae efforts.



Alumni support is needed.

- The Alumni IFC solicits input from all dues-paying fraternity members on a wide variety of challenges and opportunities facing fraternities at the university.
- The most important emphasis is on alumni support (whether it be regarding financial support, advising, and/or hands-on interaction) of the active chapters.



Working together.

- Heavy emphasis is placed on communicating effectively with the IFC, headquarters, the NIC, the office of fraternity and sorority life, and the university administration so that everyone is well informed and efforts for mutual success are well orchestrated.



First/Next steps:

- Pay your IFC dues.
- Purchase/Get proof of IFC insurance.
- Be NIC standards compliant.
- Focus on health and safety.
- Develop governmental relations priorities.

