

Bylaw Motions 2009-02-06 (Annotated)

This document contains the bylaws passed out at the previous meeting on 2/6/2009, annotated with explanations of what their effects are. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Motion 1

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article III, Section 3.2.1 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

Each Fraternity shall be represented by the president and a second representative at all IFC-A meetings. In case of absences, two (2) alternate delegates must represent the Fraternity.

To:

Each Fraternity shall be represented by two (2) delegates of their choosing at all IFC-A meetings. IFC Officers and Committee Chairs are not eligible to serve as delegates for their houses. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Explanation:

This change will clear up and make things more flexible for members – the house president is not required to be one of the delegates (but is more than welcome too if he so chooses). Also, IFC officers and chairs are not eligible to pull double duty under this change – we (E-Board) feel that their primary responsibility should be to their position, and that houses should be more than capable of having two delegates in addition to any chairs they may hold.

Motion 2

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to remove Article III, Section 3.2.2 of the IFC-A Constitution:

Each Fraternity shall have two (2) votes when a motion is voted upon. The voting members should be the house president, and the assigned delegate. Shall the house president not be present; a delegate may cast a vote in their place.

Explanation:

This is an administrative change, as the previous motion added a clause stating that each delegate receives one vote, making this section of the constitution obsolete.

Motion 3

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article III, Section 3.3.1 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

By first week Tuesday of each section, the IFC-A President shall notify the representatives in writing of the date and time for the first meeting of that term. At the first weekly meeting, the IFC-A shall decide on a day, time, and place for the remaining weekly meetings, unless certain circumstances, the President shall notify all member Fraternities by one week notice of the next IFC-A meeting.

To:

By first week Tuesday of each term, the IFC-A President shall notify the member Fraternities in writing of the date and time for the first meeting of that term. At the first weekly meeting, the IFC-A shall decide on a day, time, and place for the remaining weekly meetings, unless certain circumstances, the President shall notify all member Fraternities by one week notice of the next IFC-A meeting.

Explanation:

Wording changes – from “section” to “term”.

Motion 4

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article III, Section 3.3.2 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

Member Fraternities are allowed one (1) unexcused absence from an IFC-A meeting per academic year. All subsequent unexcused absences shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25). Request for excused absences shall be submitted in writing to the IFC-A President. The IFC-A President shall make his decision by the next IFC-A meeting.

To:

Member Fraternities are allowed one (1) unexcused absence from an IFC-A meeting per academic term. For each subsequent unexcused absence, the member fraternity shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25). Requests for excused absences shall be submitted in writing one week prior to the meeting to be missed to the IFC-A President. The IFC-A president shall make his decision the day after the request is made at the latest.

Explanation:

Cleaning up wording, and sets up that an excused absence must be submitted in writing at least a week before the meeting in question. Also clears up how quickly the decision will be made, in this case, it has been changed to be quicker.

Motion 5

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to add Article III, Section 3.3.1, Subsection 3.3.2.1 of the IFC-A Constitution

A member Fraternity shall be considered present when both of its delegates are present.

Explanation:

This clarifies and makes official that a member fraternity is only counted as present at the meeting when *both* its delegates are present. We feel that this is not asking too much of our member Fraternities.

Motion 6

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article III, Section 3.3.3 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

The Secretary shall take attendance at all mandatory IFC-A meetings. The Secretary shall notify the IFC-A President, in writing, of any absent fraternity.

To:

The Secretary shall take attendance at all IFC-A meetings. The Secretary shall notify the IFC-A President, in writing, of any absent fraternity.

Explanation:

The secretary already takes attendance at all our meetings; this is correcting and making official his responsibilities.

Motion 7

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article III, Section 3.3.4 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

The IFC-A President may call emergency meetings of the IFC-A as deemed necessary.

To:

The IFC-A President may call emergency meetings of the IFC-A as deemed necessary. In the event that an event that an emergency meeting is called, the IFC-A President shall notify member Fraternities at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to meeting.

And remove Section 3.3.5,

In the event that an emergency meeting is called, the IFC-A President shall notify member Fraternities at least twenty four (24) hours prior to meeting.

Explanation:

This section adds the stipulation that should the president decide to call a meeting, it cannot be done unless a 24 hours notice is given. It combines this into Section 3.3.4, and removes the redundant Section 3.3.5.

Motion 8

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article III, Section 3.4.1 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

Upon recognition by Kettering University and review/approval by the IFC-A judicial committee, a newly recognized member Fraternity is subject to a one-year probationary period. During this time, the Fraternity is required to pay all IFC-A dues but may not hold an office (elected or appointed) of the IFC-A.

To:

Upon recognition by Kettering University and review/approval by the IFC-A general assembly, a newly recognized member Fraternity is subject to a one-year probationary period.

Explanation:

Firstly, this changes the party responsible for review of the new fraternity to the IFC-A general assembly rather than just the Judicial Board. Secondly, we have removed the requirement that the probationary member pay all IFC-A dues for their probationary period. We feel that charging dues, but denying any offices or votes is unfair to the probationary member.

Motion 9

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article III, Section 3.4.2 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

If, during the probationary year, no reason is brought before the IFC-A in regards to this Fraternity's not being granted full membership, the Fraternity shall automatically receive all of the IFC-A membership privileges set forth in this Constitution exactly one year from the date of their preliminary acceptance into IFC-A.

To:

Upon completion of the probationary period, the IFC-A general assembly shall conduct a vote to determine the acceptance of the new Fraternity.

Explanation:

This ensures that upon completion of the one-year probationary period, a vote must be held by the IFC-A general assembly to determine whether or not the new Fraternity shall be accepted as a full member of the IFC and receive all privileges befitting a IFC member.

Motion 10

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article IV, Section 4.5.5, Subsection 4.5.5.1 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

The Committee Chairman may appeal this decision, which shall be brought to the IFC-A General Assembly to vote on. The vote shall pass with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

To:

The Committee Chairman may appeal this decision, which shall be brought to the IFC-A General Assembly to vote on. This vote shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to overturn the E-Board's decision.

Explanation:

This is clarifying the wording of this section; if a committee chairman appeals his decision, and two-thirds of the general assembly votes in his favor, than the E-Board's decision shall be overturned.

Motion 11

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to remove Article IV, Section 4.6.3 of the IFC-A Constitution,

The President shall appoint a parliamentarian.

And add Section 4.7.4,

The Vice President shall serve as parliamentarian.

Explanation:

This would make the vice-president always responsible for the knowledge, education and enforcement of parliamentary procedure in IFC-A meetings; basically adding a new responsibility to the job description of vice president (and ensuring there is always a parliamentarian).

Motion 12

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article IV, Section 4.9.2 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

The Secretary shall be responsible for the distribution of the IFC-A meeting minutes to the members of IFC-A.

To:

The Secretary shall be responsible for the distribution of the IFC-A meeting minutes and agendas to the members of IFC-A.

Explanation:

This adds the additional responsibility to the secretary of distributing agendas in addition to minutes to the IFC-A members.

Motion 13

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article XII, Section 12.1.1 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

The Constitution of the IFC-A may be amended by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of membership in IFC-A.

To:

The Constitution of the IFC-A may be amended by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the IFC-A general assembly.

Explanation:

Cleaning up wording – the IFC-A general assembly is defined to be under Section 11.1 – “The general assembly shall be known as the voting members present at IFC-A meetings”. The earlier description is somewhat nebulous – what defines the ‘membership in IFC-A’? Include probationary members? Include suspended chapters? This sets a clear definition on who exactly is needed to amend the constitution.

Motion 14

We, Kettering IFC-A Executive Board, hereby move to amend Article XII, Section 12.2.1 of the IFC-A Constitution

From:

Any Fraternity believing a specific amendment contradicts their fraternal principles may appeal to the IFC-A Advisor regarding exemption. The IFC-A Advisor's decision shall be returned in writing to the IFC-A president within two (2) weeks of the appeal.

To:

Any Fraternity believing a specific amendment contradicts their fraternal principles may submit a written appeal to the IFC-A Advisor regarding exemption. The IFC-A Advisor's decision shall be returned in writing to the IFC-A president within two (2) weeks of the appeal.

Explanation:

Updating the section to require a written appeal, as something of this nature should be a written appeal anyways, and filed for reference.