

Be it resolved that the following document shall be known as the:  
Expansion and Recognition Bylaws of the Inter-Greek Council at the State University of New York  
College at Geneseo

## **Article I -- Expansion**

The IGC Executive Board, the sub-division presidents, and the Coordinator of Greek Affairs shall meet annually to determine whether to impose a moratorium on new organizations for that year.

## **Article 2 -- Chapter Recognition Procedure**

### **Section 1. Declaration of Intent**

- A. The petitioning group shall submit a letter of intent to join IGC and the appropriate sub-division (Inter Fraternity, Inter Sorority, Panhellenic, or Multicultural Greek Council).
  - 1. The letter shall be submitted to the Executive Board of IGC.
  - 2. The letter shall include a statement explaining the group's purpose and reasons for affiliating with IGC.
  - 3. The IGC President shall provide the organization with all necessary information to begin the recognition process, including but not limited to IGC constitution, College recognition papers.
  - 4. In the case of a petitioning group seeking recognition through the Panhellenic Council, all NPC policies governing expansion supersede the requirements of the Inter Greek Council policy outlined below.

### **Section 2. Pre-Recognition Status**

- A. A formal application for pre-recognition status shall be submitted to the IGC.
  - 1. The application shall be submitted during a regularly scheduled IGC meeting
  - 2. The application will only be accepted during a period extending from the first IGC meeting after the conclusion of recruitment until the end of the semester.
  - 3. The application shall include the following:
    - a. written constitution and bylaws, including:
      - 1. the name of the organization consisting of Greek letters
      - 2. description of governance structure (officers, committees, etc)
      - 3. a clause stating no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, political affiliation or sexual orientation
      - 4. provisions for regular meetings, special meetings, and order (Robert's Rules of Order)
      - 5. provisions for the election of officers, including a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and one IGC representative. Duties for officers shall be outlined.
    - b. a statement of the background, purpose and goals of the petitioning group.
    - c. a statement of policies and standards for recruiting, selecting and educating of new members.
    - d. a list of all members (there must be at least 15 charter members). Members must be full-time undergraduate members with a minimum of 15 completed credit hours and a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
    - e. a letter of support/endorsement from the organization's inter/national headquarters.
  - 4. The petitioning group shall provide one copy of the application for the IGC executive board and one copy for the expansion committee.

B. One week following the submission of the application for pre-recognition status, the Executive Board of IGC shall either accept or deny the application based on whether or not the above criteria have been met. A denial must be in writing and specify the reason(s) for the decision.

C. Once approved, a pre-recognition period of one year shall be set up, beginning the day following the acceptance of the application by IGC.

1. During the pre-recognition period the fraternity or sorority shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations granted by IGC of a fully recognized organization except they shall have no voting privileges in the IGC or its constituent sub-councils and may not hold office. Rights and privileges provided by the College are not granted until College recognition is approved.

D. An expansion committee shall be established by the IGC.

1. A standing expansion committee shall be appointed by the President of IGC. The Committee shall consist of one representative of a local sorority, one representative of a national sorority, one representative of a national fraternity, one representative of a local fraternity, and one representative of a multicultural fraternity/sorority.

2. The Chair of the expansion committee (the sub-division President) shall call a meeting of the executive officers of the petitioning organization and the committee no later than one week after the beginning of the pre-recognition period.

3. The committee will evaluate the activities of the group, assure they are following all required procedures and evaluate the organization's performance based on fulfillment of prescribed criteria.

4. Criteria.

a. accept the IGC constitution

b. hold a fundraiser, proceeds of which will go to the IGC budget

c. hold/sponsor at least five philanthropic events, two of which must be for the Geneseo community.

d. host ten social events involving at least five different IGC organizations.

e. demonstrate that all members of the organization have at least a 2.0 GPA.

f. attend all IGC meetings.

g. apply to College Union and Activities (CU353) to be recognized as a student organization.

### Section 3. Final Acceptance -- Full Recognition

A. A final application shall be submitted to the expansion committee one week before the end of the pre-recognition period.

1. The application shall include a description of the organization's activities undertaken during the past year to fulfill the requirements for full recognition.

2. The group shall provide one copy of the application for the IGC Executive Board and one copy for the Expansion Committee.

3. The organization shall submit a list of members. The list must include the names of at least 15 of the original charter members (See Section 2. A. 3. d.)

B. At the next IGC meeting the Expansion Committee shall recommend approval or denial of the application. The decision shall be based solely on an assessment of the organization's compliance with the criteria set forth in Section 2. D. 4. above.

C. At the same meeting IGC shall vote for approval or denial based on the recommendation of the probation committee. A decision of denial shall be communicated to the organization in writing and shall specify the reason(s) for the decision.

1. When an application is denied, IGC may grant an extension of the probation period for a maximum of six months.

a. at the end of this time the petitioning organization shall submit a new application for full recognition to the expansion committee.

b. if, at the end of the extended pre-recognition period, the organization has not fulfilled the membership criteria, the Executive Board of IGC shall terminate pre-recognition status, which shall result in the withdrawal of any provisional recognition granted by the College.

c. if approved, the new organization shall become a full voting member of IGC and its constituent sub-councils

#### Section 4. Maintaining Recognition

All IGC organizations must comply with college policy for the re-recognition of student organizations established by the Department of Union and Activities.