

Standards of Conduct Bylaws

Be it resolved that the following document shall be known as the:

Standards of Conduct Bylaws of the Inter-Greek Council at the State University of New York College at Geneseo

Article I: Purpose

The Vision of the Inter-Greek Council states its goals as: to celebrate life-long fraternal and sororal bonds while continuing to grow through academics, campus involvement, community service, leadership and social engagements; while further recognizing the responsibility of each member and member organization to serve as role models and promote these opportunities to the College community to further its development.

To comply with this vision, the Inter-Greek Council shall uphold certain STANDARDS OF CONDUCT among its members and member organizations. They shall be noted as follows.

Article II: Alcohol and Drugs

- A. Possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages while on Chapter-identified premises during an official fraternity or sorority event or in any situations sponsored or endorsed by the chapter must be in compliance with any and all laws of the Village, State and College. Chapter-identified premises are those with the organization's letters clearly identifiable outside of the building.
- B. Chapter members collectively or individually shall not purchase alcoholic beverages to serve, to sell, or to give for use to any minor under the legal drinking age.
- C. The possession, sale and/or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances at any house identified with the Chapter, any chapter-sponsored event, or any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity or sorority, are strictly prohibited.
- D. Events sponsored at bars in the community will be the total responsibility of the owner of the bar. Fraternities and sororities will not provide bartenders, bouncers or other assistants in the supervision of the event: supervision will be the sole responsibility of the bar owner. Such events are permitted as fund raising activities.
- E. All recruitment functions associated with any Chapter will be dry.
- F. No member shall force another person to participate in drinking as part of the activities of the Chapter.
- G. No alcohol shall be supplied at any new member program activity of the Chapter.
- H. Use of alcohol within any house identified with a fraternity or sorority shall be in compliance with the alumni charter or rental agreement if they exist. If the home is owned by the Chapter or by the landlord, the College will have no

responsibility for any relationship between Greek organizations and their alumni chapters or with landlords.

Article III: Violent Acts

- A. Any acts of violence committed by a fraternity brother or sorority sister must be met with a self sanction within the organization in order for the chapter to avoid judicial review by IGC.
- B. Fraternities and sororities recognized by the College will not tolerate or condone any form of sexually abusive behavior on the part of their members whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions on or off campus, which are demeaning to men or women including, but not limited to, date rape, gang rape or physical or verbal harassment.
- C. Violence in any form will not be tolerated by the Inter-Greek Council, acts of violence may be as mundane as yelling insults or as severe as property damage or theft.

Article IV: Hazing

- A. No Chapter shall conduct hazing activities on or off campus. Hazing is defined as: Any activity taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off chapter premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations may include paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue or physical or psychological stress; morally degrading or humiliating activities; or late work sessions, which interfere with scholastic activities.

Article V: Fire, Health and Safety

- A. The College has no jurisdiction over off-campus residences owned or rented by Greek organizations. It is in the best interest of all students living in these facilities to be aware of all local and state fire, health and safety codes, laws or rules. Appropriate inspectors from the Village or Town of Geneseo should be contacted for assistance when there are problems or identifiable hazards. (The College cannot assist you in these matters and therefore outside agencies must be contacted.)

Article VI: Education

Each organization shall send its new member class to a seminar supervised by a representative from the Greek Affairs office to discuss the above guidelines and their meaning. Any current member of a Greek organization is welcome to attend portions of this meeting.