

## **IFC Rush Policies and Guidelines**

### **General Rush Policies**

- 1) Rush week dates will be set a semester in advance and will consist of ten days starting officially at 8:00 pm Wednesday, September 17 and lasting until Friday, September 26 at 6:00 pm. The phrase “rush week” applies to the ten day period where all IFC Rush Policies and Procedures must be followed.
- 2) Rush week is to be entirely dry. There are no regulations against active members talking to potentials at a bar or club. The only regulation is that they may not purchase or distribute alcohol to any potential. All active members and active alumni of each fraternity must comply with all IFC Rush Policies and Procedures. Any non-active member or alumni must comply as well if involved in any aspect of rush week.
- 3) Wednesday, September 17, will consist of Meet the Greeks where potential new members will learn of rush policies and visit with each fraternity for a pre-specified time limit.
- 4) Thursday, September 18, will consist of a Greek Barbeque at night where potential new members will be able to socialize with all fraternities in a more comfortable and relaxed setting which will include food and a DJ.
- 5) Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20, will have 3 fraternities each day that are assigned to have a rush event. Each fraternity may only have an event on their designated day.
- 6) Friday, September 26, a Formal Bid Ceremony will take place on the Cannon Greens at 7:00 pm. All potential new members will reveal, in front of all the fraternities, which fraternity they have chosen to pledge.
- 7) All rush dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of IFC and the Office of Greek Affairs.
- 8) There are no regulations as to when a fraternity may begin advertising for their rush events. Recruitment will be permitted year around. Banner slogans must be approved by the Office of Greek Affairs exactly one week prior to hanging them. Only pre-approved banners may be displayed and must follow all UWF banner guidelines.
- 9) Each Fraternity must submit their rush schedule by the second IFC meeting of the fall semester. The Office of Greek Affairs will approve each schedule. Once approved, any deviance from the original schedule will be considered a rush violation. It is imperative that each fraternity have a back up events planned in addition to the events already planned incase of unforeseen circumstances. The Office of Greek Affairs must approve the back up rush events 24 hours prior to the event taking place.
- 10) The Executive Council of IFC will have the duty of ensuring that each fraternity follows their approved rush schedule and will do this by attending the events with at least one representative.
- 11) All rush violations must be reported to the Office of Greek Affairs where the IFC Executive Council and the Greek Advisor can review them. Only Executive officers of an organization of IFC can file a rush complaint. Violations will be

- reviewed by the IFC Executive Council and the Office of Greek Affairs within 24 hours of the report violation.
- 12) IFC will have the duty to advertise all information regarding rush week and rush events.
  - 13) The Executive Council of IFC will be permitted to wear their fraternity letters only at their own fraternities' rush events.

### **Advertising/Banner Policy**

- 1) Each fraternity must comply with all UWF policies in regards to advertising which includes those policies set forth by the Office of Greek Affairs and IFC Executive Council.
- 2) Any banners not found in compliance are subject to removal by IFC or any other able University Official with the consent of the Greek Advisor. Repeated offenses of this nature are considered a rush violation and a fraternity found responsible is subject to disciplinary action.
- 3) Each fraternity may have **as many banners needed to promote Formal Rush Week, but only three are allowed at any one time.**
- 4) Any advertisement showing a particular event which has already occurred must be removed within twenty-four hours.
- 5) The removal of any banners by any organization other than the one to which it belongs or by anyone not authorized through these policies is subject to disciplinary actions. If it was a fraternity as a whole the act will serve as a rush violation and will be reviewed by the IFC Executive Council.
- 6) IFC Executive Council will handle any and all complaints regarding advertising violations.

### **Bid Policies**

- 1) By 11:59p.m., the ninth night of rush week, each chapter must turn into the Office of Greek Affairs a list of each potential member the chapter is giving a formal bid to. The office will be open from 8:00p.m.-1200a.m. to accept these items. No list or invitations will be accepted past 12:00a.m.
- 2) Invitations should have all the valid information on them such as name of chapter, location of event, time, dress, and contact information for one individual (i.e. Rush Chair).
- 3) When a chapter turns in their list and invitations a check will be made between the chapter's list and the chapter's invitations to guarantee that each potential, the chapter wishes to invite, has an invitation from those chapters.
- 4) Once the list and invitations are turned over to the Office of Greek Affairs, changes will **not** be allowed.
- 5) Greek Affairs will place invitations in large envelopes marked for each individual potential.

- 6) Potential members will be allowed to pick up their envelopes starting at 8:00a.m. until 5:00p.m on the last day of Rush Week. Any potential not able to pick up their envelope must contact the Office of Greek Affairs for verbal notification.
- 7) Chapters may not have contact with potential members from the end of their Thursday event until the Formal Bid Ceremony begins, unless approved by IFC Executive Board or the Office of Greek Affairs.
- 8) Each potential **must** have on file an IFC Rush Application prior to receiving their Bid Event Invitations. If the potential member does not have an application on file they will not be allowed to receive an invitation.
- 9) If a potential does not meet the grade requirement of a 2.25 GPA, set by NIC, they will not be allowed to participate in rush nor receive a bid from a chapter.
- 10) Deadline for submission of Rush Applications will be Wednesday, or the eighth day of Rush Week at 5:00p.m.
- 11) Chapters will receive a list of all potentials that have turned in applications and meet grade requirements by Thursday, the ninth day of Rush Week by 5:00p.m.
- 12) Chapters **must** turn in a list by 5:00p.m. on the first Monday after Rush Week of all potential members who have accepted a bid to become a pledge to that chapter. If not judicial actions will be taken through the IFC Executive Council.
- 13) Any potential given a bid and accepted but not registered through IFC will not be allowed to join and will result in a rush violation.
- 14) Any deviation or violation of the Bid Policies and Procedures will result in a rush violation and will be dealt with by IFC Executive Board and the Office of Greek affairs in a suitable manner.
- 15) Any chapter that blanket bids will be identified as a blanket bidding chapter and all potentials going through rush will be notified of the actions.

### **Rush Violations**

- 1) Any action that violates the rules set forth above.
- 2) Any comments made about a fraternity by a member of another fraternity is only considered a rush violation if it is written and can be used as physical evidence.

### **New Member Policy**

- 1) All new members are subject to all IFC Rush Policies and Procedures.
- 2) Each new member must attend any event set forth by the Office of Greek Affairs which will be considered as an orientation into the UWF Greek System.
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