SUMMARY OF BYLAWS

Key points are listed below; those in italics indicate a recent change

- Members of the E-board shall return to holding a one year term rather than a semester long term as it was previously in the bylaws.
- Dues determined by the executive board to be $3 per active member (Article III, Section 1, Subsection 1h)
- Shadow executive board - elected within the last 3 weeks of the fall semester, they will spend spring semester shadowing the current executive board; transition occurs within the last 3 weeks of the spring semester (Article III, Sections 2 and 3)
- Chapter bylaw requirements - there is a list of clauses that describe what must be included in all PFC organization's bylaws (Article VI, Section 2, Subsection 2c)
- New member process - organizations must submit their expected start/end dates, must submit roster of candidates at 3 and 6 weeks (Article VIII, Section 2, Subsections 2d and 2g)
- Required events - specific number of events for each category are required to be held by each organization, required to send PFC event summaries (Article IX, Sections 3, 4, and 5)
- General/PFC events - required attendance percentage, fine of $2 per person short of this percentage or $100, whichever is less (Article IX, Section 6, Subsections 6c and 6d)

Please note that this is merely a brief summary of key points; please refer to any corresponding sections for details regarding each matter.

BE IT ENACTED ON THE *FOURTH OF OCTOBER OF THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN*, BY THE ASSOCIATED FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED,

To mandate that the provisions specified thereof shall constitute the governing framework for the PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL, hereafter known as the 'PFC bylaws'

Article I. Identification and Purpose

Section 1. The bylaws for said organization shall be for the Professional Fraternity Council of Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Subsection 1a. The purpose of the Professional Fraternity Council (PFC) shall be: (1) to promote a healthy relationship between all professional fraternities/sororities; (2) to encourage the advancement, development, and unity of all professional fraternities/sororities; (3) to advance the interests of professional fraternities/sororities; (4) to promote and foster relationships with fraternities/sororities of other councils; (5) to represent, advise, and regulate professional fraternities/sororities of Binghamton University in accordance with said bylaws and provisions stipulated by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life of Binghamton University; (6) to investigate and recommend/impose sanctions, when authorized and necessary, for allegations/complaints of impropriety, violation of either federal/state law, Binghamton University rules/regulations, or PFC bylaws by any member(s) of an associated professional fraternity/sorority of the Professional Fraternity Council.

Subsection 1b. The Professional Fraternity Council shall be empowered to fulfill its purpose, mandate, and goals within the parameters stipulated by said bylaws.

Subsection 1c. The Professional Fraternity Council shall defer to the rules, regulations, and authority of the Executive Board and the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life of Binghamton University.

Article II. Membership of chapter professional fraternities/sororities within the PFC

Section 1. This membership section will define the criteria for being recognized as a professional fraternity/sorority under the PFC.

Subsection 1a. A professional fraternity/sorority is an organization whose principal goal is to help foster and facilitate connections between students of a similar field of study or common interest.

Subsection 1b. The fulfillment of the aforementioned goal is made possible through the application of professional, social, and philanthropic components. Professional applications are designed to promote education, knowledge, and understanding regarding the designated field or interest. Social applications are designed to cultivate bonds of friendship and paths of networking among current and future members. Philanthropic applications are designed to cultivate ties to the Binghamton community and develop positive qualities of humility, caring, and sympathy.

Subsection 1c. In order to be considered for recognition and affiliation with the PFC, all professional fraternities/sororities must be nationally recognized and members of the Professional Fraternity Association.

Subsection 1d. No professional fraternity/sorority shall be eligible for recognition with the Professional Fraternity Council if it does not prohibit the intake of new members who at such time are current members of another professional fraternity/sorority.

Subsection 1e. All professional fraternity/sorority chapters must be duly recognized according to the designated procedures of Binghamton University in order to be granted full recognition with the PFC.

Section 2. Professional fraternity/sorority chapters, who are recognized and affiliated by the PFC, shall have all rights, responsibilities, and privileges associated with said bylaws and shall be respectful of and bound by its provisions. Professional fraternity/sorority chapters who are not yet fully recognized, though are in the process of seeking recognition and affiliation, may be granted an observer status and shall have limited rights and privileges to the extent as defined by the legislative association (see Article IV).

Section 3. As defined by this section, the relationship between the Professional Fraternity Council and associated professional fraternity/sorority chapters shall be to serve as a "federal umbrella" in order to execute and to enforce the purpose of such said bylaws and to fulfill obligations outlined by the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board.

Section 4. As defined by this section, the relationship between the Professional Fraternity Council and the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board shall consist of following the designated regulations and procedures in a capacity outlined by the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board and serving as a representative on behalf of all professional fraternity/sorority chapters to represent and advance their interests.

Section 5. As of Fall 2017 these are the organizations recognized by the Professional Fraternity Council: Alpha Kappa Psi, Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Omega Epsilon, Delta Epsilon Mu, Delta Sigma Pi, Mu Phi Epsilon, Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Chi Theta, Phi Delta Epsilon, and Theta Tau

Article III. Executive Board and Shadow Executive Board

Section 1. The governing body for Professional Fraternity Council shall be a four-person body known as the executive board which shall have general authority and responsibility for the ongoing affairs of Professional Fraternity Council and for the discharge of all responsibilities and duties mandated.

Subsection 1a. Each executive board position shall be held for a one year term by a member of one of the affiliated professional fraternities/sororities recognized and associated by the Council; such a member must be a matriculated student at Binghamton University as an undergraduate student. Executive Board members must be active in their respective fraternities/sororities during the time which they hold office.

Subsection 1b. The executive board may not consist of more than two members who are from the same fraternity/sorority, further, the president and vice-president may not be from the same fraternity/sorority. Should more than two members of the same fraternity/sorority be elected, one or more shall be required to resign, in order to reach two members from the fraternity/sorority in question.

Subsection 1c. The composition of the executive board shall include the following offices: (α) President; (β) Vice-President; (γ) Secretary; (δ) Treasurer

Subsection 1d. Any member of the executive board or legislative association in good standing, or any member of the Professional Fraternity Council who has attended at least three council meetings, is eligible to run for and serve on the executive board.

Subsection 1e. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of President shall involve: (1) overseeing the general functions encompassing the running of the Professional Fraternity Council; (2) carrying out proceedings intended to enhance, protect, and promote the purpose, standing, and reputation of the Professional Fraternity Council and the professional fraternities/sororities represented within; (3) serving as the primary officer tasked with executing the directives as determined by the legislative association; (4) delegating tasks to be accomplished by the legislative association and/or corresponding organizations.

Subsection 1f. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of Vice-President shall involve: (1) assisting other members of the executive board when appropriate and necessary; (2) assisting primarily the president to carry out his/her duties as determined to be necessary; (3) temporarily fulfilling the responsibilities of the

president if deemed necessary, although no longer than 96 consecutive hours; (4) serving as the principal officer charged with ensuring that directives determined by the legislative association are carried out by the affiliated fraternities/sororities using all appropriate means; (5) monitoring the progress of all tasks delegated and ensuring their completion is accomplished in an appropriate and timely manner.

Subsection 1g. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of Secretary shall involve: (1) assisting other members of the executive board when appropriate and necessary; (2) recording and maintaining minutes of all meetings while ensuring that all minutes are professionally written and distributed to all members of the executive board and legislative association within─24 hours─of the meeting's end; (3) maintaining correspondence between the executive board, fraternity/sorority delegates, individual fraternity/sorority executive boards, and all appropriate persons relevant to the business of the Professional Fraternity Council; (4) overseeing, maintaining, preserving, and holding in trust all Professional Fraternity Council records; (5) taking attendance at meetings for the purposes of determining standing; (6) collecting and maintaining all necessary and required paperwork from all affiliated professional fraternities/sororities.

Subsection 1h. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the position of the Treasurer shall involve: (1) assisting other members of the executive board when appropriate and necessary; (2) maintaining money, banking, and tax/FEC filings as necessary, while maintaining complete and accurate records of all expenditures and receipts; (3) overseeing the fundraising activities of the Professional Fraternity Council; (4) levying, coordinating, and recording dues on each of the represented fraternities/sororities as determined by the executive board to be $3 per fully active member of each organization; (5) providing the executive board, and the legislative association at request, with weekly or bi-weekly financial reports in hard copy.

Section 2. The Shadow Executive Board shall be established after elections for the future executive board take place within the last 3 weeks of the fall semester.

Subsection 2a. The purpose of the shadow executive board shall be to shadow the current executive board in order to be trained and informed on the workings and responsibilities of the Professional Fraternity Council to allow for a smooth transition into office at the expiration of the term of the current executive board.

Subsection 2b. The shadow executive board shall be made up of the same offices of the current executive board and shall have limited powers to the extent as designated by the position to which they are shadowing.

Section 3. Transition between the executive board and the shadow executive board shall take place in the late spring semester as determined by the current executive board, but no later than three weeks before the end of the spring semester.

Subsection 3a. The current executive board shall be required to inform the legislative association once the transition takes place.

Subsection 3b. Once the transition takes place, the current executive board is to be considered relinquished from their positions and the shadow executive board shall become the new executive board, with a new shadow executive board to be elected again in the late fall semester.

Subsection 3c. The previous executive board members that have stepped down are now considered to be ordinary members of the legislative association until the end of the spring semester.

Section 4. Quorum for all executive board meetings shall be three-fourths of the total executive board.

Article IV. Legislative Association

Section 1. This shall serve as the legislative body of the Professional Fraternity Council. Each affiliated and recognized fraternity/sorority is entitled to be represented by two delegates.

Subsection 1a. Each fraternity/sorority shall select two delegates in a manner of their choosing.

Subsection 1b. The responsibilities, duties, and mandate for the legislative association shall include: (1) passing binding resolutions consistent with carrying out the purpose of the Professional Fraternity Council; (2) promoting cooperation and unity among the recognized professional fraternities; (3) serving as representatives and liaisons from their respective fraternities/sororities to communicate any and all updates from either their respective organizations or the PFC; (4) holding hearings and determining if new applicant fraternities/sororities fit the set criteria for admittance into the professional fraternity council; (5) carrying out all tasks designated by the executive board.

Section 2. The legislative association shall consist of all delegates, as well as each member of the executive board.

Section 3. Quorum for the legislative council to assemble and pass binding decisions shall be two-thirds of its members. If quorum cannot be established a vote to suspend this section must take place so long as quorum within the executive board is present.

Section 4. The passage of all binding resolutions, unless otherwise stipulated, shall be a majority of the legislative association.

Article V. Responsibilities and Powers of the Professional Fraternity Council

Section 1. Responsibility of the PFC shall be defined as attempting, to the best of its ability, to carry out its purpose and enforce its constitution showing no bias or prejudice.

Subsection 1a. All members of the Professional Fraternity Council shall be bound by a strict level of confidentiality and may not disclose of any privileged information unless ordered by the Executive Board, University Judicial Board, or law enforcement/federal/state courts.

Subsection 1b. All members of the legislative association shall act with impartiality, without prejudice or bias, in order to carry out the purpose and interest of the PFC and its associated professional fraternities/sororities.

Section 2. Powers of the PFC in order to carry out its purpose and enforce its constitution shall be carried out by the executive board and delegates under powers articulated within said bylaws.

Article VI. Rights & Duties of All Affiliated Chapter Fraternities/Sororities

Section 1. Rights, as defined by said bylaws, shall be entitled to all affiliated professional fraternities/sororities, and may not be infringed upon, barring exceptions to amendments enacted by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Subsection 1a. Powers and duties not delegated to the Professional Fraternity Council, nor prohibited by said bylaws to affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities, are reserved to affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities respectively.

Subsection 1b. The Professional Fraternity Council shall be prohibited from contacting the national organizations of any affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities, unless a formal request in writing is made by the president of a chapter.

Section 2. Duties of all affiliated chapter fraternities/sororities as defined by said bylaws shall include obligations, protocols, and regulations that all associated professional fraternities/sororities must follow. Such duties include obligations defined by the “Binghamton University Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance” document, Student Code of Conduct, Professional Fraternity Council bylaws, and specific delineated clauses of this section.

Subsection 2a. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to abide by the PFC bylaws, Binghamton University regulation, and state/federal law.

Subsection 2b. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to follow all delineated intake regulations as deemed by the PFC and Binghamton University.

Subsection 2c. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall abide by said clauses, but must also include in their bylaws clauses that:

Subsection 2c (i). Officially recognize the purpose and relationship specified by the Professional Fraternity Council and all affiliated professional fraternities/sororities.

Subsection 2c (ii). Make clear that their executive board or some other designated officer is responsible, and the final authority, on all matters which risk potential hazing violations or potential violations of University, state, and/or federal regulation/law.

Subsection 2c (iii). Make clear who is responsible for compiling and turning over all necessary documentation to the Professional Fraternity Council and office of Fraternity and Sorority Life of Binghamton University.

Subsection 2c (iv). Make clear that the treasurer of the chapter shall be responsible for the transfer of funds to the Professional Fraternity Council when necessary.

Subsection 2c (v). Require all chapter officers to comply with any sanctions initiated by the Professional Fraternity Council, the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs of Binghamton University, and/or the University Judicial Board.

Subsection 2c (vi). Require all newly elected membership educators to retake the mandatory educational program for new members outlined in the Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance document.

Subsection 2c (vii). Disqualify membership educators, former and current, and any member who is a member of a social or ethnic fraternity/sorority active on the Binghamton University campus, from serving as a delegate or executive board member to the PFC.

Subsection 2d. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to submit copies to the Professional Fraternity Council of any document turned over to the office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs.

Subsection 2e. All affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to abide by required necessary professional, philanthropy, social, and/or education activities as determined necessary by Article IX and the "Binghamton University Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance" document.

Subsection 2f. All affiliated Chapter Fraternities/Sororities shall be required to adhere to criteria for fraternity/sorority recognition and continued recognition under the Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance document.

Subsection 2g. In regard to this enacted version of the 'PFC bylaws,' a tax levied on all affiliated professional fraternities/sororities shall be imposed, to the amount determined by the Treasurer on each member active in the affiliated chapters membership and paid each semester. This money shall be used for the working budget of the Professional Fraternity Council, to which the treasurer must submit to the legislative association reports as to its status. The spending of this money shall be determined through the passage of binding resolutions. The executive board shall set a date each semester of when such funds are due.

Article VII. Procedures

Section 1. General & Special Meetings

Subsection 1a. It shall be the responsibility of the president and if necessary the vice president to designate all meetings and for the secretary to correspond with appropriate persons to ensure attendance at such meetings.

Subsection 1b. General meetings shall include, but not be limited to, meetings of the executive board and delegates. Such meetings are to occur once a week during the semester, though no less than once a month during a semester.

Subsection 1c. Special meetings shall include any meeting in which a binding resolution is passed, including, but not limited to, election meetings. Such meetings are to meet as stipulated in aforementioned clauses of said bylaws and when ordered and necessary by the president.

Subsection 1d. The secretary of the PFC shall take attendance at general meetings for the purposes of determining standing and quorum. Members who have more than two unexcused absences shall be held in bad standing and not count toward quorum or be eligible to vote or run for office.

Subsection 1e. Both delegates from each fraternity/sorority must be in attendance at all meetings. If a delegate fails to provide a replacement member of their associated fraternity/sorority to attend a meeting in their place, this will count as an unexcused absence. Replacement members should first be of the organization's executive board; if such a member cannot attend, then another member may be sent in their place.

Subsection 1f. Reasons for an excused absence shall include events in which an entire organization's attendance is required, leaving no member of said organization able to attend, or otherwise determined on a per case basis.

Subsection 1g. Any member of the PFC who is not currently a delegate may also attend general meetings of the council. Attendance to at least three meetings will raise this member to good standing within the legislative association.

Subsection 1h. The running of all meetings shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2. Elections for the Executive Board

Subsection 2a. Elections shall be held at a special meeting toward the end of the fall semester for the election of a new executive board. The resulting "new executive board" shall constitute the shadow executive board once elected. The holding of this meeting shall be designated by President, though such a meeting must occur at least two weeks before the close of the fall semester.

Subsection 2b. A formal email written by the PFC president must be drafted announcing the date of the election at least two weeks before the elections are due to be held. Such correspondence must be addressed to the presidents of all affiliated professional fraternity/sorority chapters and their respective delegates.

Subsection 2c. Members of the legislative association in good standing who seek to run for an Executive Board position may submit a letter of intent to the president at least two days before the scheduled special meeting.

Subsection 2d. Current members of the executive board, barring the president, are allowed to re-run for their position or another executive board position.

Subsection 2e. Only members of the current legislative association are eligible to vote.

Subsection 2f. Anyone running for a position shall be barred from voting in the race in which they are running.

Subsection 2g. During a special meeting for elections, the president shall govern the proceedings and be barred from voting. He/she must keep a record of the votes, later to be sent to the Secretary for recording minutes.

Subsection 2h. In the event of a tie, the officer counting the votes while initially barred from voting, shall be required to be the tie breaking vote.

Subsection 2i. Once the special meeting is called to order, the outgoing President will announce the members running for each position. Secondly, the Secretary will announce all those eligible for voting and disqualify those unable to stand and/or vote in the election.

Subsection 2j. The president, in presiding over the election, will proceed to go through each office, and allow for voting through a secret ballot for each office.

Subsection 2k. In order for a member to be elected to office, a plurality of the eligible voters present, in good standing and eligible to vote, are required to vote in favor for a particular candidate, for that candidate to be elected to the office. Members running unopposed are to be elected to the position by default, although if any member eligible to vote who is present at the meeting through open objection opposes the candidate, a secret ballot may be taken in which a majority vote for the candidate indicates election.

Subsection 2l. Should an office not have at least one candidate, a potential candidate may be nominated at the meeting, co-sponsored by a member of another organization. The potential candidate may either accept or decline the nomination.

Subsection 2m. Should all offices not be filled at the close of the meeting, another meeting must be arranged to fill these offices, following the same special meeting procedures.

Subsection 2n. The outgoing Secretary is required to record the minutes and results of the election.

Subsection 2o. All counted ballots must be kept for twenty-four hours should the election be contested.

Subsection 2p. It is the responsibility of the president to certify all the election results at the end of the special elections meeting and to handle any contention of election results as appropriate. All contesting of an election not done within twenty-four hours are to be considered invalid.

Subsection 2q. Should the president be unable, unwilling, or removed and therefore incapable of fulfilling their responsibilities in preceding over the elections, the vice-president shall fulfill the duties of the administrative magistrate strictly with regard to election proceedings.

Section 3. Adoption of New Chapters

Subsection 3a. Any new professional fraternity/sorority chapter seeking recognition is to submit a formal letter declaring their intention to seek recognition and affiliation with the PFC.

Subsection 3b. Consideration of recognition for any new chapter by the PFC, with recommendation that such a chapter receive official University recognition by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and be accorded all rights and privileges associated with official university recognition, requires that the chapter demonstrates: (1) the characteristics of a professional fraternity/sorority as outlined in Article II, Section 1, Subsection {1a} {1b} {1c} {1d} {1e}; (2) a copy of their chapter and national bylaws; (3) a detailed copy of their members roster/officer roster, which must contain at least fifteen full-time undergraduate students enrolled in Binghamton University with at least a minimum cumulative GPA each of 2.50 and at least twelve complete credit hours during matriculation at a college campus; (4) an outline of the goals and the purpose of their organization; (5) an explanation of how they could provide a benefit to the Binghamton University campus consistent with the goals and purpose of the PFC; (6) copies provided of all documentation submitted to the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life requesting recognition and proper status on the Binghamton University campus.

Subsection 3c. The legislative association shall be empowered to require an applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter to fulfill a certain amount of professional, social, and/or philanthropy events within certain parameters before consideration of the resolution for recognition is moved to a vote.

Subsection 3d. Any applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter shall be required to answer any questions inquired by the legislative association and provide any requested documentation, should the legislative association choose to hold hearings to determine if new applicant fraternities/sororities fit the set criteria for admittance into the Professional Fraternity Council.

Subsection 3e. When the legislative association is satisfied with the credentials submitted by an applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter, may a vote, requiring a three-fourths majority to pass, on a resolution of recognition for such a chapter be moved into consideration.

Subsection 3f. All members of the legislative council shall be eligible to vote on such a resolution. The president will be prohibited from voting, though shall be responsible for chairing such a meeting, counting the votes, and recording/reporting the results.

Subsection 3g. If a resolution is passed, the applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter is to be granted preliminary recognition and affiliation with the PFC until recognition through the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life of Binghamton University is achieved, afterward de jure recognition is automatically granted.

Subsection 3h. If a resolution for recognition fails, a separate resolution deferring the question or denying recognition for the applying professional fraternity/sorority chapter may be considered.

Subsection 3i. It is defined that preliminary recognition shall include all responsibilities consistent with PFC bylaws and non-voting observer status within the PFC. It is defined that de jure recognition shall include all rights, responsibilities and privileges in full.

Section 4. Resignation of officers

Subsection 4a. A member of the Professional Fraternity Council holding the position of any officer may resign from his/her position at any time provided that they submit a formal letter of resignation to the president.

Subsection 4b. All resignations go into effect thirty-six hours after being accepted by the president. During this thirty-six hour period, the resigning officer may withdraw their letter, provided such a withdrawal is submitted in writing to the president.

Subsection 4c. After a resignation has gone into effect, it shall be the responsibility of the governing executive board to appoint through a special-closed executive board meeting, a new member to temporarily fulfill the vacated position.

Subsection 4d. In the event that the president seeks to resign, he/she must submit a formal letter of resignation to the entire executive board. All resignations by a president go into effect immediately.

Subsection 4e. After a resignation by the president has gone into effect, it shall be the responsibility of the governing executive board to appoint within one week, through during a special-closed executive board meeting, a new president to fulfill the position. Current members of the executive board may be appointed to the position of president and are assumed to have resigned from their previous executive board position, after accepting and being elevated to the position of president. Until a new president is selected, the vice-president shall act in capacity only as president in order to fulfill necessary duties.

Subsection 4f. Should within one week a new president not be selected, the governing executive board will be considered dissolved and illegitimate. In such an event, special elections shall be called for the next scheduled meeting, to elect a new executive board, with the dissolved executive board to serve as a “caretaker” until a new executive board shall be elected. Such an election shall be governed by Article VII, Section 2 clauses.

Subsection 4g. If a shadow executive board has already been elected at the time the previous executive board is considered to be dissolved, clauses of Article III, Section 3 shall take effect immediately.

Subsection 4h. Should an officer die or become so seriously ill that they are no longer able to carry out the duties, they will be considered to have exercised a de facto resignation and the provisions in the aforementioned sections shall govern their replacement.

Subsection 4i. Any person who is appointed to fulfill a vacated executive board position due to resignation or impeachment/no-confidence, will be subject to confirmation by the legislative association. A two-third majority vote by secret ballot within two weeks shall be required for confirmation. Failure to achieve confirmation after two ballots shall see that another member be appointed and confirmed.

Section 5. Impeachment/no-confidence of officers and removal of officers

Subsection 5a. Only members of the current legislative association may draft a memorandum of impeachment/no-confidence against any member of the executive board. Such memorandums must be distributed to all members and observes of the legislative association.

Subsection 5b. All memorandum of impeachment/no-confidence are required to list, explain, and justify removal of the targeted officer from office. Cause for removal shall be defined as abuse of power, malfeasance, nonfeasance of assigned duties, or being under indictment for a felony or class C misdemeanor or higher.

Subsection 5c. The president shall chair all impeachment/no-confidence proceedings; if the president is under impeachment/no confidence, the meeting shall be chaired by the vice-president.

Subsection 5d. Once such a special meeting is called to order, the sponsor of such a memorandum is to formally call for a vote of impeachment/vote of no confidence against the targeted officer. All such motions for a vote impeachment/no-confidence must be moved into first on the agenda by the sponsor, in order for the "motion" to be moved into consideration .

Subsection 5e. Once a "motion" for a vote impeachment/no-confidence is moved, it is to be submitted to a vote by secret ballot, with a majority of the quorum required for sanction of impeachment/no-confidence to pass.

Subsection 5f. A targeted officer for impeachment shall be allowed to speak for three minutes prior to a vote of impeachment/no-confidence and prior to a vote for removal from office, in order to defend themselves against the accusations leveled against them. Further, the member of the legislative association calling for impeachment/no-confidence shall likewise be entitled to speak for three minutes articulating the reasoning for such action.

Subsection 5g. Should a sanction of impeachment/no-confidence pass, a second vote is to be taken, to remove the targeted officer from office. Such a vote, is to be taken by an open ballot, with a super-majority of the legislative association in quorum (two-thirds) required for the officer to be removed from office.

Subsection 5h. All officers who are removed from their positions shall be stricken from representing the Professional Fraternity Council or from ever holding any future within the Professional Fraternity Council. Such removed officers may also be referred to the University Judicial Board for possible charges and sanctions as deemed appropriate by the legislative association.

Subsection 5i. In the event that an officer is removed from office, the provisions of Article VII, Section 4 shall go into effect as if the officer resigned for the purposes of replacing the removed officers .

Section 6. Amendments to the 'PFC Bylaws '

Subsection 6a. Any member the legislative association in good standing may draft a memorandum of amendment to the PFC bylaws. Such memoranda must be distributed to all delegates and executive board members within two weeks.

Subsection 6b. All memoranda of amendment to the bylaws are required to specify the section and the precise amended language. Secondly, such memoranda must describe why the amendment is being proposed.

Subsection 6c. All memoranda of amendment to the PFC bylaws must be co-sponsored by another member of the council in good standing from another fraternity/sorority prior to being submitted for passage.

Subsection 6d. All memoranda of amendment to the PFC bylaws are to be considered at a special meeting of the legislative association, chaired by the president.

Subsection 6e. ln order to pass the amendment, a vote is to be taken by open ballot, with a supermajority (two-thirds) of the members of the legislative association in quorum required for the amendment to pass and be effectively incorporated into the bylaws.

Subsection 6f. Any amendment to the PFC bylaws which is in violation of federal, state, or University regulation/law shall automatically be null and void.

Section 7. Mechanisms for the initiation of an investigation and/or imposition of sanctions

Subsection 7a. Any grievance, alleging a violation of Binghamton University rules/regulations or PFC bylaws, shall be referred to the Fraternity/Sorority Advisor of the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life for consultation, who is to determine: whether the Professional Fraternity Council may exert jurisdiction to investigate the alleged incident and where appropriate, if sanctions are to be imposed, or whether jurisdiction/potential action by the Professional Fraternity Council is to be superseded by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life consistent with clauses governing the Fraternity/Sorority Review Board referenced in the "Binghamton University Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance" document.

Subsection 7b. The Professional Fraternity Council, when authorized, may impose sanctions on any affiliated professional fraternities/sororities for violation of federal/state law, Binghamton University regulation, or the PFC bylaws. Such sanctions by the PFC shall not supersede any sanction or future sanction that may be imposed by the Fraternity/Sorority Review Board, and such PFC sanctions may be endorsed, amended, or revoked at the discretion of the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Subsection 7c. The imposition of sanctions may come as a result engaging in activities such as, though not limited to, one defined as hazing, engaging in impropriety, violation federal/state law, violation of intake regulations, failure to comply with requirements set by the PFC bylaws, sexual harassment, failure to cooperate with the PFC executive board, or failure to cooperate with previously designated sanctions.

Subsection 7d. The Professional Fraternity Council's executive board shall have the power to pass resolution imposing sanctions on any affiliated professional fraternity/sorority on the basis of, though not limited to, factors concerning the alleged violation, past history of the professional fraternity/sorority and report submitted by the Professional Fraternity Council chief magistrate.

Subsection 7e. Any imposition or repeal of a resolution of sanctions requires an open three-fourths majority vote.

Subsection 7f. The sanctions which may be considered by the PFC include: (1) a formal written warning on record; (2) a final formal written warning on record; (3) suspension of voting and electability rights; (4) imposition of additional professional, educational, or community service activities on said fraternity/sorority; (5) order of delay for the professional fraternity/sorority beginning their intake process; (6) application to the University Judicial Board, University Police, and/or Fraternity/Sorority Review

Board to conduct an investigation for the purposes of determining the validity of allegations of impropriety, violations of the Student Code of Conduct, violations of University Fraternity/Sorority regulations, PFC bylaws, and/or conducting illegal activities; (7) recommendation to the Vice-President of Student Affairs that the recognition of the fraternity/sorority in question be withdrawn.

Article VIII. Recruitment, New Member, Professional, Social, Philanthropy, & Educational Events

Section 1. Recruitment Regulations

Subsection 1a. Professional fraternities/sororities recognized and affiliated with the PFC must follow the rules and regulations outlined by the PFC and the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life of Binghamton University with regard to recruitment procedures for the requirement of new members.

Subsection 1b. It is prohibited that the Professional Fraternity Council or any of its associated professional fraternity/sorority chapters bar any person from joining on account of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation.

Subsection 1c. Any student wishing to join an organization must have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 and have completed at least twelve credits at a college campus .

Subsection 1d. The new member period may not commence, nor may any associated activities take place until the designated recruitment period has passed.

Subsection 1e. At the end of each semester, the legislative association shall pass a resolution stipulating the start and end dates of the recruitment period for the following semester. This resolution shall also stipulate the date of the Professional Fraternity Council United Rush event.

Subsection 1f. No professional fraternity/sorority may hold individual recruitment events of any kind prior to the start of the designated recruitment period passed by the Professional Fraternity Council.

Subsection 1g. The designated Professional Fraternity Council recruitment period must be 'dry' and therefore no alcohol may be served during this period at any official recruitment function; violation may result in sanctions from the Professional Fraternity Council and/or Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Subsection 1i. Advertisement for any individual professional fraternity/sorority recruitment events must include the terms "PFC Chartered" and "University Chartered" at the bottom of any poster/flyer advertisement distributed on the Binghamton University campus.

Section 2. New Member Process Regulations

Subsection 2a. All professional fraternities/sororities may not engage in any activity which shall constitute hazing or engage in activity of impropriety as defined by federal/state law, Binghamton University Regulations and Code of Conduct, and/or PFC bylaws.

Subsection 2b. Any violation on account of engagement in activities of hazing or impropriety shall subject such a professional fraternity/sorority to potential sanctions by the Professional Fraternity Council, Binghamton University Judicial authority, and/or local authorities as deemed appropriate.

Subsection 2c. A professional fraternities/sororities new member process may begin as early, but not sooner, than the end of the designated recruitment period.

Subsection 2d. Professional fraternities/sororities shall be required to notify the Professional Fraternity Council in writing of the start and end dates of its new member process, which may not exceed eight full weeks, unless a specific request for an extension is submitted and approved by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and the Professional Fraternity Council legislative association.

Subsection 2e. A person may only join one professional fraternity/sorority at a given time and may not pledge a social fraternity/sorority at that time.

Subsection 2f. A person may withdraw from the new member process at any time for any reason, although the professional fraternity/sorority chapter may hold such withdrawal with prejudice and prohibit such a person from retrying the process in a future semester.

Subsection 2g. Professional fraternities/sororities shall be required by the third and again at the sixth week of their new member process, to submit a roster of all their candidates to the Professional Fraternity Council.

Section 3. Professional Events

Subsection 3a. Each professional fraternity/sorority is required to hold at least three professional events in a given semester.

Subsection 3b. A professional event shall be defined to be an event that helps develop knowledge and understanding of the similar major and/or common interest that defines the professional fraternity/sorority in question, be that for instance law, engineering/computer science, business, medicine/health, or service. A professional event may be held jointly with another professional fraternity/sorority, a social fraternity/sorority, an SA group, and/or open to the general campus.

Subsection 3c. A professional event must have at least one-third of the total membership of the professional fraternity/sorority who is hosting the event present, in order for it to be fulfilled as an event.

Subsection 3d. All held professional events must be documented and outlined with a summary submitted to the PFC detailing a description of the event, the purpose of the event, commentary on its success or failure, and a signed attendance sheet of members who attended or a signed statement from the president of that fraternity/sorority acknowledging that at least one-third of its membership has attended the event.

Section 4. Social Events

Subsection 4a. Each professional fraternity/sorority is required to hold at least two social events in a given semester.

Subsection 4b. A social event shall be defined to be an event that helps cultivate a social bond of friendship in order to advance lasting relationships and to advance paths of networking among current and future actors of the professional fraternities/sororities defining major and/or common interest.

Subsection 4c. At least one social event must be done with another professional fraternity/sorority. A social event may be also be held jointly with a social fraternity/sorority, an SA group, and/or open to the general campus.

Subsection 4d. A social event must have at least one-third of the total membership of the professional fraternities/sororities who are hosting the event present, in order for it to be fulfilled as an event.

Subsection 4e. All held social events must be documented and outlined with a summary submitted to the Professional Fraternity Council detailing a description of the event, the purpose of the event, and commentary on its success or failure, and a signed attendance sheet of members who attended or a signed statement from the president of that fraternity/sorority acknowledging that at least one-third of its membership has attended the event.

Subsection 4f. All professional fraternities/sororities when hosting a social event must abide by all applicable federal/state and Binghamton University law/regulation concerning, though not limited to, alcohol, noise, size capacitates, and financial concerns. Any violation of such law/regulation shall subject such a professional fraternity/sorority to potential sanctions by the Professional Fraternity Council, Binghamton University Judicial authority, and/or local authorities as deemed appropriate.

Subsection 4g. The Professional Fraternity Council legislative association shall be empowered to pass any binding resolution of all associated professional fraternities/sororities outlining and detailing further social procedures and regulations .

Section 5. Philanthropy Events

Subsection 5a. Each professional fraternity/sorority is required to hold at least one philanthropy event(s) in a given semester.

Subsection 5b. A philanthropy event shall be defined to be an event that cultivate ties to the Binghamton community and/or benefits the Binghamton community/campus. A philanthropy event may be held jointly with another professional fraternity/sorority, a social fraternity/sorority, an SA group, and/or open to the general campus.

Subsection 5c. A philanthropy event must have at least one-third of the total membership of the professional fraternity/sorority who is hosting the event present, in order for it to be fulfilled as an event.

Subsection 5d. All held philanthropy event(s) must be documented and outlined with a summary submitted to the PFC detailing a description of the event, the purpose of the event, commentary on its success or failure, and a signed attendance sheet of members who attended or a signed statement from the president of that fraternity/sorority acknowledging that at least one-third of its membership has attended the event.

Section 6. General Events Criteria

Subsection 6a. Professional, Social, and/or philanthropy events may be combined together for a single activity/event if they meet the criteria/purpose of both categories. In such situations, the event can count towards the required amount of events for both given categories, although may not count toward more than two categories.

Subsection 6b. At the end of each semester, each fraternity/sorority must submit to the PFC a summary document outlining and detailing all professional, social, and philanthropy events performed.

Subsection 6c. Events sponsored by the Professional Fraternity Council involving all ten affiliated professional fraternities/sororities may be counted as one activity towards one of the three designated categories of required events but cannot count towards more than one category. At least half of the organization's membership must have attended the PFC activity in order for it to count towards the requirement. An email from the chapter president acknowledging that at least half of its membership attended the event is required for the event to count towards fulfilling a category.

Subsection 6d. Events sponsored by the Professional Fraternity Council will require a minimum 75% active member attendance as set by the Executive Board, unless otherwise dictated. Failure to meet this attendance requirement will result in a fine of $2 per person short of the required attendance percentage or a maximum of $100.

Article IX. Enactment

Section 1. The executive board and fraternity/sorority chapters affiliated with the Professional Fraternity Council hereby agree to follow the terms and conditions of NYS Article 129A governing student organizations.

Section 2. Should any of the mentioned clauses conflict with existing federal, state, or "Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance" regulations, such clause(s) shall be considered null and void without voiding the remainder of the PFC bylaws.

Section 3. The above mentioned provisions shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

Subsection 3a. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to inform appropriate persons of any subsequent amendments to the PFC bylaws.

Subsection 3b. Previous versions of the PFC bylaws shall be considered null and void after activation of Article IX.

Subsection 3c. The PFC bylaws will be respectfully submitted and adopted by the Professional Fraternity Council Executive Board and delegates of all affiliated and recognized professional fraternities/sororities.

SIGNED AND WITNESSED ON THE *FOURTH OF OCTOBER OF THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN* BY:

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