

## **Article XII. Expansion Guidelines**

1. In accordance with the guidelines of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the Interfraternity Council (IFC) of the University of Oklahoma supports open expansion.
2. Admission of a new fraternity chapter to the University of Oklahoma IFC must abide by the following voting procedures, in the order they are listed:
  - a. IFC Executive Council and IFC Advisor
    - i. If a simple majority of all members of the IFC executive council and the IFC advisor does not vote to open IFC for expansion, the requesting fraternity will not be heard further.
    - ii. If a simple majority of all members of the IFC executive council and the IFC advisor votes to open IFC for expansion, the request will move to IFC Congress.
    - iii. Each member of the IFC executive council, and the IFC advisor, will each have one vote.
  - b. IFC Congress
    - i. The requesting fraternity must give an in-person presentation to IFC Congress, explaining why they should be granted admission.
    - ii. If a two-thirds majority of IFC Congress does not vote to admit the fraternity, the fraternity will not be granted admission to the University of Oklahoma IFC.
    - iii. If a two-thirds majority of IFC Congress votes to admit the fraternity, the request will move to the IFC President.
  - c. IFC President
    - i. If the IFC President chooses to allow the requesting fraternity admission to the University of Oklahoma IFC, the fraternity will be granted admission.
    - ii. If the IFC President chooses to veto the requesting fraternity's admission to the University of Oklahoma IFC, the request will return to IFC Congress, which may override the IFC President's veto with a three-fourths majority vote in favor of granting admission.
3. The IFC Executive Council must complete the following steps of review for any fraternity seeking reestablishment that was previously expelled from the University of Oklahoma for violation of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code of Conduct maintained by the Office of Student Conduct:
  - a. Consult the Student Conduct Office regarding the fraternity's previous expulsion terms and ensure that admission of the fraternity is not in violation of any terms set forth by the University of Oklahoma.

- b. Obtain a detailed loss prevention plan from the fraternity with steps to prevent future violations of student conduct codes similar to those for which they were previously expelled.
  - c. Present the loss prevention plan to, and consult with, the Student Conduct Office and any other resource it deems necessary.
4. Any fraternity granted admission to the University of Oklahoma IFC must adhere to the following guidelines:
- a. The fraternity must establish its chapter at the University of Oklahoma IFC within two years of being granted admission.
  - b. During the semester prior to the agreed upon date of expansion, the potential chapter must maintain regular contact with the IFC Advisor regarding specific expansion plans. Chapters are required to have the following plans outlined:
    - i. The development of an alumni support board
    - ii. A detailed recruitment plan
    - iii. A support system from the national organization, including visits from the national headquarters' staff and/ or officers, to help with recruitment and membership development efforts.
  - c. Potential chapters will gain membership status at the beginning of the semester in which expansion has been scheduled, and therefore, is not only granted all the rights and privileges of a University of Oklahoma IFC member chapter, but is also expected to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution of the University of Oklahoma Interfraternity Council.
5. If the potential chapter fails to satisfy any of the requirements in Art. XII, Sec. 3 of the IFC Constitution, the chapter's eligibility for admission will be reviewed by the IFC Judicial Board.
- a. The potential chapter shall have the opportunity to present its case to the IFC Judicial Board
  - b. If the IFC Judicial Board votes against admitting the potential chapter, the chapter shall have its admission to Oklahoma IFC rescinded.
  - c. If the IFC Judicial Board votes in favor of admitting the potential chapter, the chapter shall continue to be allowed admission to Oklahoma IFC.