Interfraternity Council Minutes
University of Georgia

Date: 1/23/13
Start Time: 6:20
End Time: 6:45

Announcements:

Chiara Gustafson, a Representative from the UGA Office of Sustainability, came to talk about this year’s UGA Green Cup Challenge. The contest begins February 4th and ends March 2nd, emphasizing recycling and conserving energy. If your fraternity is interested in participating, please email Chiara at chiara54@uga.edu with your selected representative for the Green Cup as well as the in-house members of your fraternity. Chiara also informed us that beginning in 2014, multi-family homes in Athens will be forced to recycle, so let’s start learning how to ahead of time!

Committee Reports:

VP of Administration Morgan Wells:

As previously harped on, Applications for being on an IFC Committee are due next Tuesday, January 29th in the Greek Life Office. Please encourage members of your fraternity, especially freshmen and sophomores, to apply because it’s a great way to stay involved. Contact Morgan if interested in committee work at mwells40@uga.edu or download an application from ifc.uga.edu. Also, next Tuesday, we will need to meet with all of the Committee Chairs to pick the members of their committees.

VP of Recruitment Cody Mauldin:

A big thank you for turning in your Spring Bid Cards on Tuesday! We apologize for the inconvenience of switching the meeting deadline from Sunday to Tuesday, but it all worked out. A fun fact: we had approximately 140 kids take bids this spring, up 20 from last year. Also, if you are in Pi Kapp, Chi Psi, or Phi Tau, you still have bid cards to turn in so please bring them down to the Greek Life Office ASAP or contact Cody at mcodymauldin@gmail.com. Also, please contact Michael Pisciotta if you are interested in fielding a second Spring Pledge Class, and please email Cody your updated Rush Chair’s name and email address for the IFC Website.
VP of Judicial & Risk Management JD DeYonker:

If you haven’t already, please email JD the dates of your spring parties at johndeyonker@gmail.com. Also, for those who were not in attendance yesterday (shame on you,) Grad Assistant Patrick Richardson passed out the Plan of Accountability, due back to the Greek Life Office next Thursday, January 31st. Please also remember the UGA Hazing Policy in regards to your respective new recruits, and for those travelling to the Super Bowl or Party Gras in the upcoming weeks, be safe.

VP of Public Relations Matt Steininger:

The new issue of The Parthenon is out, so please look for that online. There’s a very good looking picture of six well-dressed individuals on Page 8, I believe. The IFC Grade Report is out too, so make sure to take a looksee as to where your fraternal organization ranks among the general populace. As always, please support IFC by liking our page on Facebook (just search UGA IFC) and make sure to follow us on Twitter (@UGA_IFC). Social Media is a great way to get your name out, so if you scratch our backs, we may just scratch yours.

Secretary/Treasurer Michael Griffin:

As harped on from last meeting, please remember that two absences from the BiWeekly General Body Meeting is a $100 fine, strictly enforced, with each subsequent absence another $100 fine. Yesterday’s attendance was 24/26, bringing total attendance this semester to 49/52 so let’s keep up the good work, and for those laggards who chose not to show, you’re missing an intensely fun meeting. Dues will still be distributed on February 5th, and must be turned in February 19th, so be orderly with those. In case you were wondering, the IFC dues are $30 per initiated member and $9 per new initiate, so please get those in ASAP.

President William Costabile:

As Mr. Costabile stood graciously at the podium, he informed us all of the new Bus Route Tracking App available for the UGA Bus System so instead of chilling at the bus stop for 30 minutes waiting for the Milledge Bus to come, you can go back inside and track the bus while watching Sportscenter or something. Also, he wants all the Committee Heads to meet together, sooner rather than later, to plan out what the goals of their committee should be. Hail to the Chief!

Greek Life Graduate Assistant Patrick Richardson:

As mentioned in Mr. DeYonker’s report earlier, Graduate Assistant, Accounting Student Extraordinaire, and Chi Phi House Dad Mr. Patrick Richardson emphasized the need to turn in the Plan of Accountability distributed to each fraternity. The Plan of Accountability will serve as something on record for each fraternity this semester, so please fill that out in a timely fashion and put it under Mr. Richardson’s door (Greek Life Office #173) with all contact information of
officers (meaning name, phone number, and email address). Also, please note that if you did not take a spring class this semester, don’t worry about filling out the New Member Hazing Compliance Form, but please still fill out the Chapter Officer Hazing Compliance Form.

IFC Advisor Michael Pisciotta:

We were very fortunate to be graced with the presence of Mr. Michael Pisciotta for today’s meeting! Mr. Pisciotta acknowledged the masses, thanking everyone for attending Wednesday’s meeting, even though we were all cramped in a tiny room. He commended all of us for what a wonderful cumulative GPA all fraternity men have (I believe it was 3.20) but stressed that we would like to see that number go up to 3.25. If our grades are good enough this semester, Michael informed us that the Provost of the University of Georgia (not quite sure what a Provost is) promised the Fraternity Presidents a fun surprise if our grades improve, so whether that’s a Pizza Party at Chuck E Cheese or a Tab at City Bar, emphasize good grades to your chapter this semester so we all can reap the benefits. Finally, Michael really wants representation from all fraternities on the IFC Committees this semester, so tell your guys to head on down to the Greek Life Office and sign up!

Old Business:

New Business: