



NIC Guidance for Interfraternity Councils Considering Community-Wide Actions

The NIC supports student-led actions that aim to tackle critical issues on college campuses, such as alcohol and substance abuse, hazing and sexual misconduct.

Before taking community-wide actions, IFCs should consult these guidelines:

1. Any action should stem from authority granted in the Council's bylaws. Click [here](#) for sample bylaws.
2. All chapter presidents and IFC delegates should be involved in the decision-making process. Student leaders should be given sufficient time for discussion with the space to openly express their thoughts with minimal external pressure. This helps cement student buy-in, which will be needed to enforce the community's collective actions.
3. Restrictions should focus on addressing the health and safety concerns of the community and not interfere with positive experiences fraternities provide. For example, a restriction on social events with alcohol is appropriate, but restricting students from chapter meetings or service projects is not.
4. Any action taken should clearly outline how long the action will last, what steps will be required to modify or renew actions in the future, and who is responsible for enforcing the actions.
5. IFC leaders should consult with the NIC staff prior to taking community-wide action to ensure a proper communication plan is in place for internal and external audiences.

Email our Campus Support team at campus@nicindy.org for assistance.