INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
RUSH POLICIES AND GUIDELINES
Missouri Western State University
Fall Rush 2011

General Rush Policies

1) **No bids** shall be given out until the specified Bid Date. Refer to the 2012 Rush Schedule for details.

2) Rush week dates will be set a semester in advance and will consist of seven days starting officially at 6:00 pm **Thursday, September 6th** and lasting until **Friday, September 14th** at 10:00 am. The phrase “rush week” applies to the seven day period where all IFC Rush Policies and Procedures must be followed.

3) There shall be no consumption of alcohol in the presence of Potential New Members (PNM’s), nor shall there be any alcohol served around PNM’s on or off campus. Alcohol consumption is prohibited during all recruitment activities up to and including **Bid Day**. 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.

4) No member of IFC will engage in “Dirty Rushing” defined as the following:

   a) The promise of Bids or membership before the specified bid day.
   b) Making unjustified claims of one’s chapter.
   c) Slander of any kind toward another fraternity.
   d) Giving information, true or false, about another fraternity, this includes but is not limited to information regarding pledgeship/associateship, chapter activities and policy, or stereotyping of a chapter.

5) Any fraternity that does not turn in their chapters’ rush schedule by the time specified will receive a $50 fine, per day, to be paid to the Interfraternity Council (IFC).

6) There shall be **no communication** with a PNM outside of Recruitment Rooms. PNM’s will be aware of the seriousness of these infractions and therefore will understand if a chapter isn’t communicating with them. Violations of any recruitment guidelines by a PNM will lead to ineligibility of that individual to receive a bid from any fraternity for the entire year (formal and informal recruitment).
7) PNM’s may not visit living areas of active and/or alumni fraternity members during the formals recruitment period except to attend recruitment events. The Vice President of IFC (recruitment coordinator) MUST be notified in advance of the recruitment period of any living arrangement (i.e., biological brothers living together)
   
a) If any PNM or Fraternity member is employed by MWSU as a Residential Assistant (RA), that employee may visit the other party’s on-campus living area for official business only.

8) No fraternity member will be allowed to wear letters until the first day of individual chapter rush events.
   
a) The Executive Council of IFC will be permitted to wear their fraternity letters, but only at their own fraternities’ individual rush events.

9) All rush violations must be reported to the Director of Student Life for review. Only Executive officers of an organization of IFC can file a rush complaint. Violations will be reviewed by the IFC Executive Council and the Director of Student Life within 24 hours of the report violation.

10) All policies and procedures regarding the execution, operation and eligibility for participation for both Fraternity chapters and PNM’s during Formal Rush are enforced primarily, and set at the discretion of, the Director of Student Life and Leadership.

Expenditures

1) Any expenditure made by a chapter for the purpose of improving a rush week event must be approved by the Director of Student Life and Leadership.

2) Chapters must provide receipts, upon request, for any recruitment related expenditure made by an active member on behalf of their chapter.

Scheduling

1) Thursday, September 6th, will consist of a “Fraternity life” informational hosted by the IFC Executive Board in the location designated by the 2012 Rush Schedule provided with this packet. The seminar will emphasize on the following aspects of fraternity life: a) Brotherhood, b) Service/Philanthropy, c) Leadership, and academics/Scholarship. No Fraternity member may wear letters during this time.
a) Each Fraternity may allow up to five total members (excluding IFC executive board) who are in good standing with their Fraternity to answer questions after each seminar.

b) No Fraternity member may wear letters during this time.

3) On Tuesday, September 11th and Wednesday, September 12th, Fraternities may have individual rush events. Rush event schedules must be turned in, no later than one business week before classes begin, to the Director of Student Life and Leadership.

4) The Director of Student Life 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 back-up events planned in addition to the events already planned in case of unforeseen circumstances. The Director of Student Life must approve the backup rush events 24 hours prior to the event taking place.

6) Each PNM must attend all events designated by the Director of Student Life and Leadership as mandatory. Violation of this policy may result in ineligibility of accepting a bid.

7) The Director of Student Life and Leadership or appointed designee 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.

8) Refer to the 2012 Rush Schedule provided with this packet for all official dates, times, locations and mandatory event status.

8) All rush dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of IFC and the Director of Student Life.

Advertising/Banner Policies

1) IFC will have the duty to advertise all information regarding rush week and rush events.

2) Each Fraternity must comply with all MWSU policies in regards to advertising which includes those policies set forth by the Director of Student Life and IFC Executive Council.

3) Banner (and slogans) must be approved by the Director of Student Life exactly two weeks prior to hanging them. Only pre-approved banners may be displayed and must follow all MWSU banner guidelines.

4) 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 or Director of Student Life. Repeated
offenses of this nature are considered a rush violation and a fraternity found responsible is subject to disciplinary action.

5) Each Fraternity may have up to three banners at any one time (excluding the dates between the first day of classes, until the first day of individual chapter rush events) to promote themselves.

6) IFC will promote rush week during the summer with vinyl banners (if available) so no rush banners during the summer.

7) Any advertisement showing a particular event which has already occurred must be removed within twenty-four hours.

8) 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.

9) IFC Executive Council and the Director of Student Life and Leadership will handle any and all complaints regarding advertising violations.

10) IFC will be responsible for promoting IFC Formal Rush Week during Summer Orientation. No Fraternity may promote only their Fraternity’s letters during Summer Orientation.

**Bid Policies**

1) By 8 AM on Friday, September 14th, the seventh day of rush week, each chapter must turn in, to the Director of Student Life and Leadership, a list of their desired potential members and invitations for each PNM. The office will be open at 8 am to accept these items. No list or invitations will be accepted past 8 am.

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 chapters list and the chapter’s invitations to guarantee that each PNM the chapter wishes to invite has an invitation from those chapters.

4) Once the list and invitations are turned over to the CSE changes will not be allowed.

5) The CSE will place invitations in large envelopes marked for each individual potential.
6) Potential members will be allowed to pick up their envelopes starting at 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm on the last day of Rush Week. Any potential not able to pick up their envelope must contact the CSE 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 Director of Student Life.

8) Each PNM must fill out 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 2.5 GPA, set by MWSU, 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 Monday, September 10, or the third day of Rush Week at 5:00 pm.

11) Chapters will receive a list of all potentials that have turned in applications and meet grade requirements by Tuesday, the fourth day of Rush Week by 5:00 p.m.

12) Chapters must turn in a list by 6:00 pm on Friday, the last day of 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 Director of Student Life 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.
MWSU Fall 2012 Formal Rush Schedule

Thursday, September 6th
- IFC General Informational – **Mandatory** – 6PM in Spratt 101
- Chapter Breakouts – **Mandatory** – 6:30 PM
  - Spratt 109, 203 & 208

Friday, September 7th
- Event TBA at mandatory Informational night

Monday, September 10th
- Capture The Flag – 8 PM at the Clock Tower

Tuesday, September 11th
- Individual Chapter Events
  - Phi Delta Theta – Dodgeball – 9 PM in Looney Complex
  - Phi Sigma Kappa – TBA – 8:30 PM in TBA
  - Tau Kappa Epsilon – Video Game Night – 8 PM in Blum 223

Wednesday, September 12th
- Individual Chapter Events
  - Times and locations TBA at the mandatory Informational night.

Thursday, September 13th
- Interviews – **Mandatory**
  - Phi Delta Theta – 8:00 PM in Spratt 205
  - Phi Sigma Kappa – 6:30 PM in Spratt 211
  - Tau Kappa Epsilon – 5:00 PM in Spratt 205

Friday, September 14th
- Bid Selection List Due – 8 AM

Saturday, September 15th
- IFC Bid Ceremony/Ball – **Mandatory** – 9PM