Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Joint Homecoming Resolution

1. **Purpose**
    a. The purpose of the Joint Homecoming Resolution is to provide a structure for homecoming events sponsored by PC and IFC chapters.
    b. The purpose of the Joint Homecoming Resolution is to provide a fair, safe and enjoyable environment for all chapters participating in homecoming events.
    c. A homecoming event shall be defined as any organized gathering between members of the paired PC/IFC chapters.
    d. The Homecoming Resolution shall have jurisdiction over events sponsored by IFC and PC chapters. This jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to:
        i. The pairing of chapters
        ii. Rules and regulations regarding homecoming events
        iii. Any activity, singularly or jointly, held during homecoming that would reasonably be found under the jurisdiction of PC and IFC leadership
2. **Procedures**
    a. Dates and Events
        i. Dates for the week of homecoming are set by the University of Florida.
    b. **Pairing**
        i. Pairing will take place on a discretionary week of the Spring Semester.
        ii. Chapters that wish to participate in the homecoming pairing process will:
            1. Submit a form to their respective Council's President and Executive Vice President with qualifying information in order to opt into the pairing process.
                a. This information is discretionary to each council executive board.
                b. This is due on the Saturday prior to the pairing week.
        iii. On the Saturday prior to the pairing week, IFC Chapters opting into the pairing process must submit three Panhellenic Council chapters, ranked as first, second, and third preference, prior to IFC presentations. Submission of fewer than three preferences in Round 1 shall render a chapter ineligible to participate in the pairing process, barring extenuating circumstances approved by the IFC and Panhellenic Presidents/EVPs.
            1. This form will be entitled "IFC Initial Pairing Decisions" on the Master Sheet for Presidents.
        iv. On the day of the pairing process, IFC Chapters will be allowed to give a presentation to their top three preferences.
            1. This presentation must be no longer than ten (10) minutes in duration.

2. IFC chapters are allowed a **maximum** of ten members or the current size of the executive board, whichever is larger, to present at the aforementioned presentation.
3. This presentation will be informative in nature including:
    a. Possible homecoming events.
    b. Why the IFC Chapter is interested in having homecoming with the Panhellenic Chapter.
    c. Any other information pertinent to the decision making process of the Panhellenic Chapter.
    d. No gifts, trinkets, or offerings of any kind will be rendered or promised to the PC chapter.
    e. All presentations should be formal and respectful in nature.
4. IFC Chapters will be required to submit a rough draft version of their homecoming week schedule to the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Presidents and EVPs for approval.
    a. This is on the document entitled “Interfraternity Council Homecoming Agreement 2025”
5. Homecoming schedules presented during the pairing process shall be considered a material factor in the pairing decision. Once a pairing has been established, any proposed changes to the agreed-upon homecoming schedule must be mutually approved by the executive boards of both paired chapters.
    a. In the event that one chapter unilaterally alters the schedule without mutual consent, and no agreement can be reached between the executive boards, chapters may report the matter to the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Presidents and EVPs. The respective councils may convene a hearing to determine whether the chapter that made the non-mutual decision shall be subject to sanctions, including but not limited to restriction or removal of eligibility to participate in the homecoming pairing process in the following year.

v. After IFC presentations, the Panhellenic chapters must rank no less than 3 IFC chapters. Panhellenic chapters are permitted to list any IFC chapter and are not limited to those that presented to them.
    1. The preference form will be due via Google Forms to the Panhellenic Council no later than 12:00pm (Noon) on the Tuesday following IFC presentations.

2. Chapters are able to leave valid concerns as to why they would not want to pair with an IFC chapter.
    a. In that case, on the Google Form for preferencing, they will not rank that chapter, and leave notes in the comments section.

vi. Once a fraternity or sorority chapter opts to participate in a round of the homecoming pairing process, that chapter is required to remain in that round until round pairings are finalized.

vii. Following the completion of the first round of pairings, any chapter that remains unpaired may elect to withdraw from subsequent rounds of the pairing process if it does not wish to be paired with the remaining eligible chapters.

viii. Chapters may not withdraw from the pairing process after being matched with any of their submitted preferences.

ix. Pairs will be made at the discretion of the council Presidents and EVPs following a system of highest average preference.

x. Respective council advisors will preside over the meeting where pairs are established.
    1. For example: If chapter A ranked chapter B as second preference and chapter B ranked chapter A first overall, there would be an average preference score of 1.5. These two chapters will be paired unless there is another combined chapter pairing with a lower average score.

xi. IFC Chapters under 100 active members may come to an agreement with another IFC chapter under 100 active members in order to combine resources and be considered as one entity during the pairing process.

xii. Sororities and fraternities may not pair for two (2) consecutive years.
    1. If chapters pair for two consecutive years: there will be a $5,000 collective fine split evenly between the PC and IFC Chapters
    2. If any chapters are left unpaired after the week of the pairing process, those chapters will not be able to pair with another chapter for the upcoming homecoming week. Certain circumstances may warrant exceptions dictated by the current IFC and Panhellenic Presidents.

c. Courting

i. Courting will be defined as any attempt to win over a Panhellenic Council chapter using, but not limited to:
    1. The giving of gifts, sweets, cards, and other items

2. The visiting of Panhellenic Council chapter facilities for the purpose of singing, serenading, gift giving, etc.
    a. Panhellenic Council chapters are mandated to report any violations of these attempts by IFC Chapters.
        i. If they fail to report a violation to the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Executive Boards, they could be subject to a monetary fine.
3. Shows of grandeur, especially ones that may draw undue attention to the University of Florida IFC

ii. Chapters that attempt to court
1. Will be subject to punishment up to the discretion of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic executive boards based on the offenses committed. Said punishments may include, but are not limited to:
    a. Monetary fines
    b. Loss of homecoming pairing privileges
    c. The inability to take part in the pairing process the following year.

d. Greek Homecoming Week Participation

i. The purpose of this clause within the homecoming compact is to better IFC and PC relations while simultaneously improving the public perceptions of our community.
    a. IFC and Panhellenic Council Homecoming Pairings shall not host any events during the Gator Growl Concert.
    b. IFC and PC Homecoming Pairings will be required to create homecoming floats to be featured in the annual Homecoming and Gator Growl Parade.
        i. The parade will take place on the Friday of homecoming week, designated by the University of Florida
        ii. Float building will take place on the Thursday prior to the parade from 10am - 12 noon.
    c. Each pairing will produce one (1) float that:
        i. Contributes in a beneficial way to the University of Florida community.
        ii. Showcases the skills and talents of the chapter members of the homecoming pairing.
        iii. Exhibits adequate effort in its creation.

iv. Does not reflect any inappropriate behaviors related to drugs, alcohol, or profanity

d. IFC and PC homecoming floats will be entered into a closed competition which will be judged based on:
   i. Physical appearance
   ii. Creativity
   iii. School Spirit
e. The winner will be granted:
   i. $100 donation to their respective philanthropy for both the IFC and Panhellenic Chapters
f. Each pairing will also create a banner to be hung up in front of the chapter facility on the day of the homecoming football game.
   i. These banners will be:
      1. Creative in nature
      2. A joint venture between the two paired chapters
      3. Something that brings honor to both chapters that have created it
      4. A banner that avoids vulgarity and inappropriate phrasing
      5. Does not reflect any inappropriate behaviors related to drugs, alcohol, or profanity

ii. All schedules must be submitted to both respective councils no later than two (2) academic weeks before the Sunday of homecoming week.

3. Compliance

a. All homecoming events must be in compliance with the Joint Homecoming Resolution and must comply with the rules of the following organizations: the University of Florida, the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life, the Inter/National Organization of the sponsor, and the Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council.
b. All homecoming events must comply with the rules stated in the Student Organization Handbook and the OSFA Sorority and Fraternity Social Event Guidelines Policy.
c. All on-campus events must be permitted through GatorConnect at least 21 days in advance.
d. The failure to comply with the Joint Homecoming Resolution will result in mediation from the respective council's standards board.
e. All questions of interpretation shall be referred to the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council presidents.

f. Conduct
    i. Fraternity and sorority presidents must understand the importance of communicating with one another regarding homecoming events, activities, and times.
        1. This communication will overall support the goals of improving inter-Greek relations.
    ii. If a fraternity or sorority individually chooses to create a banner, all language on the banner must portray a positive image of the Greek Community. Anything considered lewd or offensive by the respective Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council Presidents will be referred to by the respective council's judicial board.
        1. Please note that any violations of the Student Conduct or Honor Code may be taken through the Student Conduct process with the University.

4. Voting

a. Initial Implementation
    i. All decisions concerning the PC/IFC Joint Homecoming Resolution approval of events will be made and voted on by one chapter delegate from each chapter. The initial resolution must have 3⁄4 vote to be passed and therefore implemented.
        1. All revisions and amendments to the PC/IFC Joint Homecoming Resolution shall be proposed and voted on by one chapter delegate.
            a. An amendment will need a 2⁄3 vote to pass and therefore be implemented.
            b. In the case of a tie, the council president shall cast a vote to break the tie.

b. Amendments
    i. Every chapter in good standing regardless of council classification will have one vote.

5. Final Agreement

a. Through reading this document and signing the contracts, the following chapter presidents agree:
    i. To adhere to the pairing and Homecoming guidelines listed above.
    ii. To pair for Homecoming 2025 (date to be determined) upon signing this document.
    iii. That this document and agreement are binding. If either party were to break this agreement and pursue courting another chapter after its signing or be found guilty of deceptive financial, scheduling, or other dishonest practices; they will face reprimand by IFC and Panhellenic that includes but is not limited to:
        1. Monetary Fines

2. Loss of IFC/Panhellenic Privileges
3. Loss of Homecoming Privilege

iv. The following form(s) will be required as part of the joint homecoming compact:
    1. A joint financial budget set forth by the IFC and PC chapters after they have agreed to pair.
    2. The actual joint budget may not fall outside of the proposed by greater than +/-$5,000