

3/14 Interfraternity Council Delegates Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM at TKE

Chapters Absent: Delta Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Chi, and Zeta Psi.

### **Role of Delegates**

Nikhil Bhagat (IFC President):

- The role of delegates is to convey information.
- Your job is important. You must reliably report back to your chapters and act as trustees on their behalf in representing your chapter on the Interfraternity Council.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Jonathan Pollard (Dean of Students), Gil Dong (Fire Marshal)

Jonathan Pollard:

- Kenan is an excellent risk manager, and is working with you to reduce your risks.
- However, I am troubled.
  - o I have a rash of emails from the BFD.
  - o 12 Chapters have had fire safety issues recently.
- If action is not taken, someone will get hurt.
- Gil Dong inspects every year.
  - o He should not be finding major violations – wires cut, etc.
- Why is this an IFC issue?

Steve Delong (Delta Upsilon President):

- There is more wear and tear in IFC houses – we have onsite events.
- Sorority dues are higher, and fund more house work.
- Brothers often do fix-it work themselves.

JP:

- Insurance is also higher because IFC houses have onsite events with alcohol.
- If you're going to invite people over, your house better be safe.
- If you can buy alcohol, you can certainly make sure your house is safe.
- All fire safety issues needed to be handled,
  - o Grahaeme Hesp, Kenan Wang, and Gil Dong are your resources.
- There are substantial risks associated with fire safety.
- I don't intend to call parents about dead children.
- You will get a fire inspection.
  - o Gil Dong will come back thirty days later
  - o If the issues are not corrected, there will be a sanction and a \$2000 fine from Student Judicial Affairs.
  - o If it happens again, recognition will be revoked.
  - o I will inform your national/international headquarters and your alumni boards.
  - o This is not negotiable.

Grahaeme Hesp (Director of Greek Life):

- This has reached a crisis level through active tampering, not just leaving things alone.

- This tampering has felony-level consequences.
- In 1990, three students died in a fire in Phi Sigma Kappa, when a couch smoldered overnight.

JP:

- If you get your citation, YOU NEED TO FIX IT.
- I never want to have this conversation again.
- Make sure your chapter executives know JP is not playing.

Gil Dong:

- Be aware of hookah coals and fires that start from them/smoke detectors that get removed.
- Carbon monoxide is released from the coals, be aware.
- If I find your smoke detectors not working, you get 4 hours to fix it.
- I work with you to be safe.
- 12 chapters need inspections right now.
- Be safe, respect my time, and I will support you.
- Use your self-inspection check list (in party packet).
- I will not approve unsafe events, because people will die.
- In 1997, there was a deadly fire in 2728 Haste.
- Since 12/06, there have been 4 significant fires.
- Smoke detectors save lives.
- There have been 2 fire fatalities in Berkeley in the last two months.
- I will work hard to help you this weekend.
- My number is 5109815585.
- Even Tier I parties need a self-inspection.

Grahaeme Hesp:

- Look in the party packet.
  - o A fire inspection must be requested 10 working days before an event.
  - o Gil needs more than 2 days notice before a Tier I event.

JP:

- 6 Chapters aren't here.
- I communicated; you listened; and you will get an email.

KW:

- Get up to fire code ASAP.
  - o The Risk Management team will work with you.
- These are not minor things – these are big things.
- **FIX YOUR PROBLEMS!!!**
  - o I will work with you.
  - o It is unacceptable that you lie to me.
  - o I will work with you, but you need to work too.

Aashin Nagpal (IFC Programming Chair):

- Here is a sheet of safe and legal exchange ideas.
- 4/28 – there is a flu pandemic preparation day w/ the fire department.
- Warriors game feedback:
  - o People had fun
- Twice as many girls as guys showed up.
- Go back to your chapters and tell them about things we talk about here.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Gratt  
IFC Secretary