The Constitution of Inter Residence Council  
Central Connecticut State University

Article I. Name
Section I. The name of the organization shall be Inter Residence Council of Central Connecticut State University.

Article II. Purpose
Section I. To direct and guide matters affecting student lives in the residence halls in cooperation with the administration of the university and the individual and group responsibility among residence hall student governments.
Section II. To increase the sense of the individual and group responsibility among resident students.
Section III. To plan and implement cooperative social functions for all members of the residence halls.
Section IV. To promote better communication and understanding between residence hall students and the university administration.

Article III. Criteria for Membership
Section I. All residence hall students shall be members of Inter Residence Council, being equally represented by four people - one of which must be the President of the residence hall, three others designated IRC representatives. Each hall may have one alternate who may fill in for a representative who is absent. It is the responsibility of the representative to update the alternate. Resident Assistants and Senior Resident Assistants may not be included as part of the designated IRC representatives.
Section II. Each residence hall recognized by the Residence Life Office shall have representatives as listed in Article III Section I all to be voting members.

Article IV. Affiliation
Section I. Central Connecticut State University Inter Residence Council should be affiliated annually with organizations on the regional and national level. These organizations, NEACURH and NACURH are to be used as references to find out more information on how to enhance the day to day life of the students living on campus.
Section II. The affiliation is the responsibility of the National Communications Coordinator. This position is appointed by the executive board when it is vacant. The term of office for this position is one academic year not ending until after the national conference has taken place. This position is not a member of the executive board as he/she is not responsible for attending executive board meetings. Like members of the executive board, the NCC must hold no lower
than a cumulative 2.5 GPA. The responsibilities of the National Communications Coordinator are listed in the bylaws.

Article V. Voting

Section I. In all matters, unless specifically noted, debate shall be resolved with a majority vote.

Section II. The President of IRC shall have the power to vote only in the case of a deadlock.

Section III. The executive board only has the power to allocate any money that is already a line item in the budget. This excludes any money from the line item for IRC programming. This must be voted upon by general council. If the amount being voted on exceeds $1,000 it must be presented to the general council the first week. Then the allocation must be tabled and the voting representatives of each hall are given one week to discuss it with their hall councils and vote at the next IRC meeting. The general council has the right to waive the waiting period if there is a 2/3 majority of voting representatives.

Section IV. In the event six of nine residence halls are not present nothing can be voted upon.

Section V. The four elected representatives from each Residence Hall shall be the only voting members.

Article VI. The Executive Board

Section I. The Executive board shall be comprised of the following members in order of succession: President, Vice President, Social Affairs Liaison, Treasurer, Secretary.

Section II. Officers shall be elected at least two weeks before the last regularly scheduled meeting of the semester. This will allow for a training/transition period. New members voted in do not have executive voting power until the start of the next semester.

Section III. The terms of office for the officers named in Article V, Section 1, shall be one academic year.

Section IV. Absence without leave: Any officer with three unexcused absences will be removed from office. This individual must contact the Secretary or President to be excused for a valid reason.

Section V. Line of Succession or Vacancy

Part A. The line of succession on the Executive Board will be in the following order: President, Vice President, Social Affairs Liaison, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Part B. In the event an office becomes vacant; the following procedure should be followed. The IRC Executive Board can temporarily appoint the vacant position responsibilities amongst the remaining Executive Board members or temporarily appoint an IRC member to the position until an election can be held.

Part C. Any Inter Residence Council member who has attended at least ¾ of the total number of general council meetings can be nominated to fill the vacancy. Notice of the vacant positions should be formally announced at the next scheduled IRC meeting. Individuals should submit letters of intent by the designated date. An election should be held no later than two
weeks from the date of the vacancy. The date of the election should be determined by the Executive Board and announced at the IRC meeting.

Part D. Every Inter Residence Council executive board member must hold a minimum of a 2.5 GPA to be considered a board member.

Article VII. The Meeting
Section I. Will be held weekly, the day to be determined by the IRC Executive Board at the beginning of the semester.
Section II. Any two residence halls have the power to call a meeting. This is to be handled through a written letter to the President of IRC at least 72 hours prior to the proposed meeting.
Section III. It is the duty of the President of IRC to notify all hall presidents of the impending meeting: time, place and location 48 hours prior to the proposed meeting.
Section IV. A maximum of four Executive Board members from each Residence Hall are to sit around the table at General Council. Only Executive Board members may sit at the table.

Article VIII. Rules of Procedures
Section I. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all matters not covered by the Constitution unless otherwise noted.
Section II. A quorum shall exist when 6 of 9 residence halls are represented. When quorum is present, business can be conducted.
Section III. Impeachment
Part A. A written notice of impeachment intention must be presented to a member of the executive board of IRC at least 24 hours before a regular meeting of IRC. This petition must be signed by at least one half of the entire designated voting representative.
Part B. At this meeting the President will formally notify the accused and full house council of impeachment intentions. Formal notification must be submitted to the accused in writing and stated at the meeting. In the event that the President is being impeached, the Vice President shall preside.
Part C. A special meeting will be called one week later at which time the accused will have had time to make a defense to the charges.
Part D. At the special meeting the accused shall defend himself/herself. This meeting shall be presided over by the highest ranking officer of IRC not directly involved in the case. In the event that no Executive Board member is applicable to preside then the hall presidents present at the hearing will meet and form a group consensus as to determine the presiding individual. Power to preside will be President, Vice President, Social Affairs Liaison Treasurer, Secretary, and Hall Presidents.
Part E. Majority of the votes of the voting members present must be cast against the individual.
Part F. The only members allowed to cast a vote in the impeachment process are the elected voting representatives.

Section IV. Amendments
Part A. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of elected voting representatives from each residence hall.
Part B. By-laws may be amended by a majority of elected votes of elected voting representatives from each residence hall.

Part C. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member. Such proposals must be made in writing and presented at any regularly scheduled meeting.

Part D. All voting on proposed amendments shall be normally tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting, unless otherwise waived by IRC.

Article IX. Inter Residence Council Treasury

Section I. Each resident student will be assessed a $22.00 social fee for Inter Residence Council student fees. These funds will constitute the IRC treasury and will automatically be deposited into the IRC account at the start of each semester.

Section II. At the end of every semester, the executive board has the right to allocate up to $10,000 dollars for opening supplies and programs to use until the budget for the semester is passed at the first regularly scheduled IRC general council meeting. This money would be taken out of the following semester’s budget.

Article X. Elections for the Executive Board

Section I. All Executive Board elections will take place at least two weeks prior to the last regularly scheduled meeting. This will allow for a training/transition period. The new executive board will not assume their official role until the start of the following semester.

Section II. All residents, Resident Assistants, and Senior Resident Assistants present at the meeting will be allowed to vote in a silent, confidential ballot. Ballots will be tallied by the advisors and results will be announced at the end of the meeting.