

All Rush policies remain valid during summer Rush and for any functions that may occur during and prior to William Jewell College First-Year Student Orientation, and leading up to and throughout formal Rush. Before formal Rush there will be a mandatory meeting attended by each chapter president and Rush chair. Following this meeting, there will be an all fraternity/IFC mandatory meeting to review the Rush schedule/rules with all current fraternity members.

At the conclusion of each rule, there is a number in parenthesis. This is the point value given to this rule, should it be broken. The lower the number, the less severe the infraction. Values will add up when multiple rules are broken. See the “Penalties for Infractions” section of this document for the punishments chapters will receive at different levels of violations.

### **Rush Registration**

- \* *Rush registration shall occur in the Union during Orientation Weekend and the week prior to formal Rush. Potential new members (PNMs) will also be able to sign up for Rush online starting in the summer. There will be no late Rush registration allowed, except in the case of extenuating circumstances, in which case an appeal must be made to and permission granted by the IFC president and the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life before the conclusion of Formal Rush.*
- \* *Rush registration shall be free of charge.*

### **Spending for Rush**

- \* *Any chapter has the right to request that IFC review the amount of money spent on Rush by other chapters.*
- 1. Spending by a chapter on Rush shall be limited to \$1,200 during formal Rush. This includes any expenditure that involves food, prizes, gifts, activities, or alumni gifts. (2)
- 2. Chapters must provide receipts on request for all Rush-related expenditures by chapters, members or members/alums acting on the behalf of the chapter to the IFC Rush Chair prior to the end of formal Rush. (1)

### **Pre – Formal Rush**

- \* *Formal Rush rules apply.*
- \* *Pre-Formal Rush will commence one day prior to athlete move-in day and will end upon the commencement of formal Rush activities.*
- \* *Specific Rush procedures and schedules will be approved each year by the IFC and shall be distributed to fraternity Rush chairs, and anyone already registered for formal Rush, no later than the July prior to the beginning of formal Rush.*
- \* *A Rush clinic for all fraternities shall be held and sponsored by IFC the week prior to Rush to review the Rush schedule and all Rush rules and regulations. Attendance is mandatory unless exceptions are granted by IFC or the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life.*

1. There shall be no Rush events/parties the day prior to athlete move-in day and ending with the first formal Rush activity, except for IFC-sponsored functions designed to sign up potential new members for formal Rush. (2)
2. No Fraternity will present their own promotional information (such as handouts, pamphlets, packets, electronic document/text etc), or verbally promote their fraternity to a PNM unless prior approval is granted by the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life (i.e. CUA Student Activities Fair). There also shall be no posting of individual house promotional materials whether it be printed or electronic documents, until formal Rush is officially over (beyond mandatory information to be shared with PNMs during formal Rush). (2)
3. Fraternities are prohibited from rushing new students during, directly before, or directly after first-year orientation activities, with the exception of the CUA Student Activities Fair. (2)
4. First year students, male or female, are not allowed within, on or around the fraternity houses prior to first night of formal Rush. Fraternity men can interact with PNMs prior to the start of formal Rush on the quad and at extracurricular activities, however, any Greek-related conversation should only promote general participation in Rush and the benefits of becoming a member of the WJC Greek community. (1)
5. Fraternity members are only allowed to interact socially with PNMs who participate in a mutual WJC-recognized activity (sports, debate, etc) or academic class during times designated by the sponsor/coach/teacher given that he or she is present at that activity. (1)
6. Fraternity men are not allowed to attend/host off-campus social events in which any first-year PNM is present. If a PNM shows at such an event, he must be asked to leave (or all fraternity men present must leave). (1)

### **Formal Rush**

- \* *Formal Rush shall begin with the informational meeting on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and shall conclude following the distribution of formal bids no later than 8:30 PM on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*
  - \* *PNMs must attend Rush on the required nights and attend all house parties that they are required to attend. An IFC monitor will have a stamp at each house that is specific to all four houses. This stamp is required for each PNM.*
  - \* *Each fraternity shall take responsibility for the actions of every individual member and alumnus members, making their individual actions representative of actions by the entire fraternity and subject to IFC rush violation penalties.*
1. During formal Rush events, all fraternities are required to provide PNMs a list of required charges, including housing costs, for the spring and fall semesters. (1)
  2. All fraternities must declare their alcohol and substance-free housing status. (1)
  3. All fraternities must present their values and core beliefs. (1)
  4. All fraternities must present an accurate overview of mandatory requirements/time commitments during the official chapter pledgship/association period. (1)

5. Rush Monitors shall represent the IFC from every organization every night of formal Rush to monitor the activities of each fraternity. The fraternity that each monitor is sent to will be chosen randomly by fair means (ideally, no IFC monitor will monitor the house in which they are affiliated).
  - a. All organizations must allow house entry and/or attendance to any IFC officer/representative or school officials during scheduled Rush functions. All members must treat representatives and officials with the same respect they give to their own members and to PNMs. (2)
  - b. IFC monitors should refrain from unnecessary interaction with any PNMs who are attending the chapter's function. (2)
6. The wearing of fraternity letters and pins shall be allowed at all times, except by orientation leaders during orientation functions. No Fraternity member shall be permitted in the residence halls during orientation week, or formal Rush unless he is a resident of said hall, an orientation leader or otherwise approved by IFC. Fraternity men shall be allowed to help first year students move in to their living space on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 during specified times. (1)
7. Contact with PNMs immediately following formal Rush events is limited to directly returning the PNMs to the Union lobby. During formal Rush, no unnecessary contact shall be made with any PNM except as pursuant to specific IFC regulations. Normal social interaction on the quad and at extracurricular activities is allowed, however, any Greek-related conversation should only promote general participation in Rush and the benefits of becoming a member of the WJC Greek community. (1)
8. During formal Rush, only members of the fraternity sponsoring a specific party may be in contact with PNMs during the scheduled time. This includes all verbal, written and electronic communication. (2)
9. All fraternity Rush chairs or Presidents must sign or stamp a visitation card for each PNM prior to that member leaving their fraternity each night of formal Rush. (1)
  - a. Late stamps on visitation cards are permitted if approved by IFC or Director of Student Activities/Greek Life; it shall be the responsibility of each chapter to show its facilities and give any other important/required information to any excused PNM before signing his card.
10. All Rush events during formal Rush shall be on campus. (3)
11. No first year male shall receive a bid, be promised a bid, or receive a bid shirt during summer, pre-formal or formal Rush. Returning students not participating in formal Rush must wait to receive/accept bids until after formal Rush is over. (3)

### Formal Bids

- \* *Fraternities shall be permitted to issue bids no earlier than 6:00 PM on the final day of formal Rush and no later than 8:30 PM. After \_\_\_\_\_ on the final day of formal Rush, only IFC officers shall be permitted to distribute the bids. No pledging, shirting, or signing shall be permitted during formal Rush, before \_\_\_\_\_ or after \_\_\_\_\_ on the final day.*
  - \* *No PNM who has not submitted a complete visitation card shall be permitted to pledge, take a shirt, or sign until open Rush begins.*
1. The names of all individuals to whom bids have been extended must be filed with the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life by the fraternity upon issuance no later than 9 a.m. on bid day. (1)
  2. Fraternities shall submit final bids of people to whom bids have been extended and a list of persons who have accepted such bids to the Director of Student Activities/ Greek Life by noon on the Tuesday following the conclusion of formal Rush. (1)

### Alcohol and Dirty Rushing

- \* *A conviction for dirty Rushing will face penalties determined by IFC. See the penalty section of this document for details on violations.*
1. There shall be no alcohol consumed in the presence of PNMs. Nor shall alcohol be served to or around any PNM by any fraternity members on or off campus. (3)
  2. No member of any fraternity will engage in “dirty rushing.” Dirty rushing is defined as follows:
    - a. Slander of any kind towards another fraternity. (3)
    - b. 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. (3)
    - c. Making unjustified claims about ones own chapter. (3)
  3. There shall be no statements conveyed to a PNM about another fraternity through verbal or written or electronic means of communication. (3)

### Access to Potential New Members and Fraternity Houses

1. During the formal Rush period, all PNMs must be returned to the Union by 11:15 p.m. Contact with PNMs may begin at 8 a.m. on the quad granted all Rush rules are followed. This is to prevent PNMs from staying at the fraternity houses over night. (2)
2. Women, with the exception of fraternity employees or college staff, are not allowed in the fraternity houses or at any functions where PNMs will be present. (2)
3. The location and times of all scheduled Rush functions shall be made known to the IFC and the Director of Student Activities. (1)
4. No contact with the PNM is allowed in the residence halls, on residence hall property, or other locations where the PNM may reside unless the visit has received the prior approval of the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life or the IFC President. (2)

### Open Rush

- \* *Open Rush shall begin one day after the close of formal Rush.*
- \* *Formal Rush rules in regards to alcohol and dirty Rushing shall remain in place during informal Rush.*
- \* *Each chapter shall submit to the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life the names of those persons who pledge, depledge, or deactivate in the event that such an event occurs.*
- \* *The IFC will support a system of continuous open bidding for all fraternities, provided that individual fraternities' international or national policies do not conflict with the aforementioned.*
- \* *Snap bids may be extended at any time during the year with the exception of the period designated as Formal Rush. First-year students are not eligible to receive snap bids until the conclusion of Formal Rush.*
- \* *Spring Rush shall be informal, but shall comply with the same rules governing fall formal Rush with the exception of those rules pertaining to formal visitation and individual fraternity events.*

**Comment [ATC1]:** Decide on a timetable for this.

### Summer Rush

- \* *Summer Rush shall commence one full week after spring commencement and will end one day before athlete move-in day.*
  - \* *Rules of formal Rush shall be followed during summer Rush, including but not limited to, restriction of alcohol and women at summer Rush parties.*
1. Spending by a chapter on summer Rush shall be limited to \$500. This includes any expenditure that involves food, prizes, gifts, activities, or alumni gifts. (1)
  2. Receipts for summer rush spending are due to IFC before the first IFC meeting of the 2008-2009 school year. (1)

## **Rush Infractions**

- \* *Rush infractions should be reported directly to the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life and an IFC officer or representative by means of a formal letter.*
- \* *Both fraternity men and PNMs shall have the right to report a Rush infraction.*
- \* *If a chapter feels there has been a Rush infraction, the chapter should contact the IFC Rush Chair who will conduct an investigation if necessary. All chapters and individuals involved shall be made aware of the situation.*
- \* *All Rush infractions will be investigated by both IFC and the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life.*
- \* *Upon completion of the investigation, the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life will present their findings to the IFC, which shall hold final jurisdiction over the matter.*
- \* *Violations of any Rush rule or guidelines by a PNM will lead to the ineligibility of that individual to receive a bid from any fraternity during formal Rush and he will not be allowed to attend Rush parties.*
- \* *Violations of any Rush rule, guidelines or the IFC constitution by a fraternity or fraternity member shall be subject to IFC's official ruling.*

## **Bid Day/Night**

- \* *Bid Day activities will be held on the Saturday following rush week Dead Day starting at 6 p.m. in the Yates-Gill Union.*
  - \* *Bid Night Parties: All social functions with alcohol must be registered by completing a Greek Function/Activities Notification Form and submitted to the Director of Student Activities in the Student Affairs Office by no later than seven days prior to the date of the event. Functions not registered by this deadline will not be permitted by WJC or the Greek Council (comprised of executive members of both the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils). Chapter events shall not commence prior to 9:00 PM and must end by 1:00 AM. See the bid night event registration form for all additional guidelines/restrictions/policy.*
1. A list of bids offered from each chapter shall be submitted to the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life by 9 a.m. on Bid Day. (1)