Appendix B

Resolution on Sexual Assault Education

Whereas words and beliefs that promote misogyny, sexism, and a number of other beliefs are contrary to the values of our organizations; and

Whereas such words and beliefs can promote rape culture, which detract from the physical safety and emotional well-being of members of the William & Mary community; and

Whereas indifference, fueled by ignorance of the severity of the issue, inhibits intervention in instances such as these and others that may detract from the physical safety and emotional well-being of members of the William & Mary community; and

Whereas education on sexual assault prevention may enable and empower potential bystanders to intervene in conversations and actions that promote rape culture, sexual aggression/assault, and any other actions that may endanger members of our community; and

Whereas the brothers of organizations within the Interfraternity Council at The College of William and Mary affirm that the empowerment of members of the Fraternity community can contribute to a safer and stronger campus community; therefore

Be it resolved that the member organizations of the Inter-Fraternity Council pledge to:

1. Establish annual sexual assault prevention and bystander intervention programs for their chapter. Presenting organizations must be by an organization, to be decided by the chapter, whose mission is to provide prevention and education efforts on the issues of sexual assault and bystander intervention. Organizations may include, but are not limited to, Center for Student Diversity, Someone You Know, Health Outreach Peer Educators, and the Student Health Promotion Services. These programs will be conducted once a year and reported to the Interfraternity Council to ensure accountability. Chapters satisfying this pledge will be recognized and promoted by the Interfraternity Council.

2. Work towards the eradication of harmful words and beliefs within our chapters that may objectify or denigrate any group of people, including women.

3. Strive to create within our houses and organization, an environment where anyone – of any gender—feels safe from sexual assault and physical/emotional abuse.