

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Multicultural Greek Council
Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be **Multicultural Greek Council** of the University of Michigan, which will be abbreviated as **MGC**.

Article II – Purposes, Powers, and Scope of Authority

SECTION 1. Purpose

The purpose of the **Multicultural Greek Council** shall be to serve all MGC organizations as a support group in their events and communities, to promote multiculturalism awareness and to improve relations among all campus greeks.

SECTION 2. Powers

- a. To formulate any rules necessary to regulate all Council matters.
- b. To administer and enforce the constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations established by **MGC**.
- c. To enact bylaws and to amend them.
- d. To adopt resolutions, suggestions, policies, to the chapters.

SECTION 3. Scope of Authority

The scope of the authority for the **Multicultural Greek Council** shall be legislative, administrative and advisory. By virtue of the authority vested in it by this constitution, the council shall have the power to regulate all matters of organizational interest wherein the **MGC** is free to make recommendations to the University. Authority for the **Multicultural Greek Council** is derived through recognition by the University.

Article III – Structure

SECTION 1.

Membership chapters of the **Multicultural Greek Council** shall be comprised of initiated college/university national & local fraternities/sororities and be a registered student group with the Michigan Student Assembly.

SECTION 2.

There shall be a General Council consisting of two consistent with at least one mandatory delegate from each Membership Chapter, which shall have final authority on all matters related to this Council, in accordance with the University Guidelines. One representative shall be from the E-board of each Membership Chapter, and the other shall be any other

designated member. One representative shall attend the meetings, although both are strongly recommended.

SECTION 3.

There shall be an Executive Board, subject in all respects to the General Council.

Article IV – Membership

SECTION 1.

The founding Membership Chapters in the **Multicultural Greek Council** shall include: Alpha Iota Omicron, alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Delta Nu Epsilon, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Pi Alpha Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta, Sigma Lambda Gamma, and Zeta Sigma Chi.

SECTION 2.

Active Membership Chapters shall be ones in which abide by this constitution and have satisfied all payments of dues and fines.

SECTION 3.

Inactive Membership Chapters shall be ones that have violated any constitutional component, or failed to pay required dues or fines.

SECTION 4.

Interest Chapters are those groups that have expressed an interest in becoming part of the MGC, and are taking the necessary steps to become a Membership Chapter. Interest Chapters must be registered as a student group with the Michigan Student Assembly and must also be initiated and recognized by their National Councils, if one exists.

SECTION 5.

Associate Chapters are those groups that have completed the Interest Chapter term but have not yet been voted in as a Membership Chapter. Associate Chapters must be registered as a student group with the Michigan Student Assembly and must also be initiated and recognized by their National Councils, if one exists.

Article V– Executive Board

SECTION 1.

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programming Chair, Publicity Chair, and Historian.

SECTION 2.

The Executive Board shall be elected by the Membership Chapters, with each Membership Chapter allowed one vote.

Article VII – Meetings

SECTION 1.

The General Council shall meet weekly. The Executive Board shall determine time and place of the Council Meeting with approval by the General Council.

SECTION 2.

The Executive Board may call an emergency council meeting with 48 hours advanced notice.

SECTION 3. In order for regular business to be conducted, MGC meetings must meet the following criteria;

- a. The MGC President and Secretary or their designated replacement must be on hand to officially run and record the meeting.
- b. One-half of Membership Chapters must be present to vote.

SECTION 4. Two-thirds of the present Membership Chapters shall determine all motions.

SECTION 5.

Each chapter is entitled to only one vote.

Article VII – Finance

SECTION 1.

Dues as specified by bylaws shall finance the **Multicultural Greek Council**.

SECTION 2.

The General Council, prior to the semester, shall approve the financial budget.

SECTION 3.

The Treasurer shall collect dues by the second meeting of the semester, unless special arrangements have been made.

Article VIII – Amendments

SECTION 1.

This Constitution shall be amended by a two-third vote of Membership Chapters present and voting at any Official Council Meeting.

SECTION 2.

All proposed amendments must be brought up during new business and can be voted on the following meeting of the General Council. Voting may occur during old business at the next meeting of the General Council.

BYLAWS
Article I –Officers

SECTION 1. *Duties of Elected Officers*

- a. **President:**
Serve as chairperson of executive board
Preside at all meetings of the executive board and the general council
Serve as official representative and spokesperson for MGC
Serve as official endorser/signer on council's bank account along
with the vice President and Treasurer
Serve as contact person with other Greek Councils

- b. **Vice President:**
Serve as President in the case of an absence
Aide the President in whatever capacity is applicable
To serve as parliamentarian
Recognize speakers at general council meetings
Keep time on topics of discussion
Mediate conversations at general council meetings
Serve as signer on the Council's bank account along with the
President and Treasurer

- c. **Secretary:**
Take role at general council meetings
Take minutes at executive board and general council meetings
Send meeting minutes to chapters and executive board members
Compile roster of MGC members
Compile contact sheet for each organization per semester which
shall include the name, address, e-mail, phone number, and any other
pertinent information of chapter presidents
Handle incoming and outgoing mail

- d. **Treasurer:**
Receive all money from chapter dues and fines and deposit to
council account
Responsible for yearly budget
Serve as an official signer of council's bank account along with
President and Vice President
Oversee any and all monetary transactions
Provide monthly treasury reports
The treasurer must sign all MGC expenditures along with one other signer
Sign all contracts along with one other signer
Compile end of elected term budget report

- e. Programming Chair:
Maintain contact list of university officials and public professionals pertinent to MGC business
Coordinate all committees for MGC events
Collect and compile event calendars from each chapter and distribute to all MGC members
Responsible for scheduling rooms for meetings and events
Coordinate one social and one community service event per elected term
- f. Publicity Chair
Maintain promotion and advertisement of all MGC events, including fliers, e-mails, tickets, etc
Responsible for attending all meetings to obtain campus publicity, including Diag boards, showcase, banner poles, etc
Responsible for summer publicity in coordination with the Office of Greek Life
- g. Historian:
Responsible for keeping track of all past paperwork including rosters, executive board, publications, etc
Responsible for all media on MGC events including pictures, videos, etc

SECTION 2. *Election of Officers*

- a. The Officers shall be elected by at least majority (50%+1) vote.
- b. Balloting shall be secret ballot and shall be counted by the secretary.
- c. In case of a tie, the current Executive Board shall cast the deciding vote.
- d. Term for each Officer shall be one full academic year.
- e. Officers are allowed to succeed themselves once in any office.
- f. Elections must be held one month prior to the end of the winter semester to allow a transition period for the new Executive board.
- g. Current Executive Board must all be present to hold elections.
- h. If a majority (50%+1) vote is not met after the first vote, another vote will be taken in which only the top 2 candidates will be considered. A 2nd place tie can be broken in the same manner, considering only the 2 candidates tied for 2nd place, and then revote with the top 2 candidates.

Article II – Executive Board

SECTION 1. Duties

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to:

- a. Act for the **Multicultural Greek Council**, in the interim between General Council Meetings.
- b. Deliberate on all policies and problems.
- c. Approve the time and place of General Meetings with consent of the Council.

SECTION 2. Filling a Vacancy

- a. In case of a vacancy before the President's term expires, the Vice-President shall fill the vacancy in the interim. At the next General Council Meeting, a president shall be elected.
- b. In case of an unexpired term of other officers, the President shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy as an interim with the approval of the General Council.
- c. Open nominations and election shall be held by the General Council to elect a person to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 3. Removal of Officers

- a. An officer may be removed if s/he has either violated any part of the constitution, or has not satisfactorily represented the MGC for its Membership Chapters.
- b. To remove, the Executive Board, minus the individual in question, must be consulted. There must be an open discussion in any general council meeting, if the matter is not resolved. Then, by the 2nd meeting in which there was discussion there must be a vote to either Remove the office or not.
- c. If any Officer is not a full time student of the University of Michigan, or is not an active member of his or her fraternity/sorority, the officer will be removed from office.
- d. The vacancy will be filled as stated in Article II, Section 2, of these Bylaws.

Article III – Expansion and Removal

SECTION 1.

Active chapters of the Multicultural Greek Council include Alpha Iota Omicron, alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Delta Theta Psi, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Pi Alpha Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta, Sigma Lambda Gamma, and Zeta Sigma Chi.

SECTION 2.

Interest Chapters must prepare oral and written presentations consisting of a chapter history, constitution/bylaws, and reasons for wanting to join the MGC, to be presented at a general council meeting. They must then attend two consecutive meetings after the presentation meeting. The delegates from each Membership Chapter will then vote at the final meeting on whether the interest group shall be allowed to become an Associate Chapter of the **Multicultural Greek Council**. The group will remain an Associate Chapter for 12 consecutive, scheduled meetings. The group is subject to same attendance policies as the Membership Chapters (Article IV), with the exception of the probationary period. Instead, their Associate Chapter status will be terminated. After the completion of the Associate Member term, the General Council will vote as to whether or not Membership Chapter status shall be granted. A passing vote will be one of two-thirds or higher.

SECTION 3.

If a chapter fails to maintain an active membership they will lose recognition from the **MGC**.

Article IV – Absences and Tardiness

SECTION 1.

- a. Each Membership Chapter is allowed one excused absence per semester without any repercussions. An excused absence is when prior written notice is given to the Executive Board at least 24hrs prior to the general council meeting. Any other type of absences will fall under unexcused.
- b. After one unexcused absence, the Membership Chapter will lose voting rights for the next meeting.
- c. After two unexcused absences, the Membership Chapter will be placed on probation and subject to disciplinary actions by the Council. The Council will determine reinstatement of voting rights.
- d. Probation will consist of two stages.
Stage 1: Social Probation-Membership Chapter will not attend any MGC events.
Stage 2: Membership Chapter will be given one meetings time to appeal to the general council, and vote will be taken to remove Membership Chapter from the MGC.

- e. Membership Chapters must attend three consecutive meetings, or be voted off probation by the general council before being released from social probation. Membership Chapter may request for time to plead its case at any council meeting while on probation.

SECTION 2.

- a. Tardiness is defined as not being present when a meeting is called to order for Membership Chapters.

3 tardy = 1 Unexcused absence 20 min late = 1 Unexcused absence

- b. For Executive board, tardiness is defined as not being present at designated meeting times.

Article V – Dues, and Fines

SECTION 1.

The amount for dues will be voted on prior to the end of the winter term, and will be collected on a semesterly basis.

SECTION 2.

- a. The fine for Tardiness will be set at \$3 for each occurrence.
- b. The fine for an Unexcused Absence will be set at \$10 for each occurrence.
- c. The fine for not turning in chapter dues by the deadline designated by the Executive Board will be set at \$10 for each meeting
- d. Other fines will be set at the general council meeting with the approval of the council. (i.e. late dues, absences from required events, etc...)