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Multi-Cultural Greek Council

The Ohio State University
Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Multi-Cultural Greek Council (MCGC) at The Ohio State University.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to inspire culture, trust, support, understanding and friendship between its members, the Greek community, the University, and Columbus community. It shall unite the diverse organizations affiliated with Student Activities/Greek life to work towards diversity and multicultural awareness through its objectives:

- *Serve all MCGC organizations as a support group in their events and communities.
- *Encourage communication among chapters of the organization.
- *Promote the cultures of all organizations represented by the MCGC.
- *Promote high standards of scholarly achievement.
- *Provide service to the campus and community.
- *Inspire diversity and promote unity.
- *Improve ties with other Greeks on campus.
- *Create a strong voice and presence on campus.

Article III - Non-discrimination Policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Article IV – Harmonious Clause

The policies and procedures of the MCGC shall be in accordance with those of the Greek

Life office.

Article IV - Membership

- A. The founding members of the MCGC are Alpha Psi Lambda, Beta Kappa Gamma, Delta Lambda Phi, Kappa Phi Lambda, Pi Delta Psi, and Omega Tau Zeta.
- B. All organizations, in order to keep an active status within the council, must adhere to the Activeness section of the MCGC bylaws.
- C. All other Greek Organizations wishing to join the MCGC must adhere to the guidelines and policies set forth in the expansion section of the MCGC bylaws.
- D. Voting privileges and procedures for delegates
 - 1. Voting membership of the MCGC shall consist of one officially recognized delegate from each chapter. In the absence of the officially recognized delegate, the chapter president may represent his or her chapter as its voting member.
 - 2. The Executive Board shall be the conducting voice of all official MCGC meetings.
 - 3. In the event that a tie occurs in a vote, the delegates shall be given a second opportunity to discuss an issue and then vote again. If a tie still remains, then the issue shall be voted upon by the Executive Board who shall vote in the interest of the council. The majority decision on the Executive Board will decide the outcome of a tie.
 - 4. Additional members of MCGC organizations may attend MCGC meetings but must speak through their officially recognized delegate.
 - 5. In all matters pertaining to Executive Board elections, Constitutional Amendments, or prospective membership in the MCGC of new organizations, all chapters must have voting delegates present in order for a motion to pass. In all other voting matters, a majority quorum of 50 % plus one organization must be present in order for motions to pass.

Article V – Organizational Leadership

- A. The duties of all MCGC officers for the terms for which they are elected are to:
 - 1. Attend each meeting;
 - 2. Carry out his or her duties as specified in the bylaws.
 - 3. Maintain the minimum grade point average as regulated by the Student organization guidelines.
 - 4. Maintain accurate records of all activities and programs for which he or she is responsible;
- B. Procedures for Executive Board officer elections
 - 1. Each elected officer shall serve a term of one year, from the start of summer quarter to the end of spring quarter.
 - 2. Officer elections shall be held in spring quarter.
 - 3. Newly elected MCGC Executive Board members shall attend MCGC meetings spring quarter in a period of tutelage as non-speaking, non-voting members.

4. No elected individual may hold the same Executive Board office more than two (2) terms. In the case of an Emergency Appointment, the person who fills a vacated office is eligible to run for election to that same office for a following term.
5. Each Chapter shall only be permitted to hold two (2) executive board positions per term.
6. Officers shall be elected according to a tier system as follows: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Ambassador, (4) Treasurer, (5) Secretary. Once the voting for the President has been completed and the President has been elected, then voting for Vice Presidency candidates shall occur. This pattern shall continue through the entire tier system.
7. An application process shall accompany officer elections in which candidates may outline their preferred Executive Board office and secondary choice. If an individual is not elected to his or her primary or secondary choices, he or she shall be ineligible to serve as a member of the Executive Board.
8. In the case that all candidates running for a particular office are declared ineligible, the application process will be re-opened to candidates from chapters that are still eligible to receive an Executive Board office.
9. In the case that more than five (5) individuals run for a given office, then the current executive board shall choose four candidates to run for that office. Voting delegates from chapters which do not have a member on the MCGC Executive Board may participate in this process with Executive Board members.
10. The requirements to run for any Executive Board position shall be as follows:
 - a. Each candidate must fill out an application.
 - b. Each candidate must make a 3-minute speech at the designated MCGC meeting, and then answer 2 minutes of questioning from voting delegates.
 - c. For President only, all candidates must have previously held an Executive Board position, a delegate position, or a chapter presidency.
11. Applications for all executive positions will be available in the Greek Life Office on the fourth (4) week of winter quarter and deadline to turn in is the seventh (7) week of the quarter.
 - a. The only exception to the election procedure is for Spring 2004 elections, when elections will take place the third to last week of the quarter.

C. Voting for the Executive Board

1. At the meeting in which voting occurs, all candidates will be brought in one by one to give their speech. After all candidates for a specific position give a speech for that specific office, delegates will vote on that office position.
2. Candidate with most votes will win position. Votes will be hand counted.
 - a. In case of first round tie: Delegates will discuss pros and cons of

candidates and revote in the form of a secret ballot.

- b. In the case of second round tie: All executive board members not running for the position can vote along with chapter delegates to break tie. Each executive officer has one (1) vote.
- c. In the case of third round tie: ONLY executive board will vote. If the case arises that an even number of executive board members exist, lowest person on the tier system will excuse himself/herself from voting process.

D. Emergency Appointment

- 1. In the case that an Executive Board member resigns or a chapter dissolves of which an Executive Board officer is a member, an emergency appointment shall be made to fill the vacated position.
- 2. Emergency appointments must occur within two (2) weeks of a declared officer vacancy. Nominations will occur during an emergency Executive Board meeting in which the voting delegates of chapters who do not hold an Executive Board position will be present and voting. Once the Executive Board and additional delegates have voted on and approved a nominee, the nominee must be approved by 2/3 of all chapter voting delegates at a duly called business meeting.
- 3. During the time period of an office vacancy, the President shall appoint another Executive Board member to fulfill the duties of the vacated office, or fulfill the duties him or herself.
- 4. In the case that the MCGC President resigns, the Vice President shall immediately take over as President. The emergency nomination process shall then be used to fill the vacated position of Vice President.

Article VI – Delegates

- A. Delegates are defined as the officially recognized voting members of each chapter.
- B. Responsibilities of delegates are as follows:
 - 1. Report to chapters any business that was conducted at MCGC meetings.
 - 2. Give updates and announcements at MCGC meetings as needed.
 - 3. Submit chapter vote during Council business.
- C. Serve on MCGC committees. Each delegate is required to serve on at least one committee during his or her term.

Article VII – Finances

- A. The finances of the MCGC that are stated in the MCGC bylaws must be upheld through the year, and any changes to them must be done so through the bylaws.

Article VIII – Advisor

- A. The advisor will be Coordinator of Greek Life as employed by the Ohio Union or his/her designee. This designee must be approved by the MCGC delegates no later than the first meeting of fall quarter.
- B. The advisor shall serve as a liaison between the council and the university. The

- advisor will be required to be knowledgeable of the MCGC purposes, policies, and procedures. Also, the advisor is to help maintain inter-council relations while always keeping in mind the best interests of member chapters and organizations.
- C. The advisor shall serve as a member of the Executive Board with all privileges granted to other Executive Board members except for voting.

Article IX. Amendments

- A. Proposals for an amendment to the Constitution must be presented at any duly called Multicultural Greek Council meeting.
- B. There must be at least a two (2) week time period between the times of the proposed Constitutional Amendment and voting on the Amendment, during which time each chapter's delegate shall present the amendment for approval in his or her respective chapter.
- C. Amendments require three-fourths (3/4) approval of the voting delegates to pass and cannot pass unless all chapters have voting delegates present. Voting delegates are bound to vote in line with his or her chapter's majority decision regarding the amendment.

Article IX – Bylaws

- A. For all other matters not listed in the MCGC constitution please refer to the MCGC bylaws.