

Constitution

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The University of Iowa Multicultural Greek Council (hereafter referred to as MGC).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Multicultural Greek Council shall be to serve all MGC organizations as a support group, a governing body in their events and communities, to promote multicultural* awareness, and to improve relations among all campus fraternities and sororities. We seek to develop strong organizations and leaders through personal growth, education, community service, philanthropy, and defying stereotypes. In pursuit of these goals, MGC shall:

1. Strive to develop exceptional individuals through building professional and interpersonal relationships.
2. Advocate for common issues.
3. Create a sense of family through friendship, active support, trust, and respect.

**MGC defines "cultural" to include race, ethnicity, religion, gender and sexual orientation.*

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: It shall be the duty of MGC to administer all business related to the overall welfare of chapters in MGC as well as establish governing policies/procedures for the chapters.

Section 2: Voting members of MGC shall consist of those member chapters established on The University of Iowa campus in accordance with the Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) Expansion and Return Policy and who are affiliated with a national fraternal organization. Non-voting members of MGC shall be those chapters that are on, but not limited to conduct, financial, or academic probation. Probation status may be sanctioned by the MGC Executive Board, Dean of Students Office, or Office of Student Accountability.

Section 3: MGC shall be comprised of the Executive Board, Legislative Council, and Judicial Board.

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the following:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President of Finance & Operations
 - c. Vice President of Membership
 - d. Vice President of Programming
 - e. Vice President of Public Relations & Marketing
 - f. Vice President of Reports & Records
 - g. Vice President of Risk Management and Health

2. The Legislative Council shall consist of one representative from the following chapters:
 - a. The Alpha Chapter of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.
 - b. The Alpha Chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.
 - c. The Rho Chapter of Gamma Rho Lambda National Sorority
 - d. The Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc.
 - e. The Associate Chapter of alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.
3. The Judicial Board shall consist of the following:
 - a. One unbiased member from each chapter on good standing in MGC which will be advised by the Vice President of Finance and Operations

Section 4: There shall be at least one advisor assigned to MGC by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The membership shall be composed of all MGC fraternities and sororities in good standing with MGC and the University of Iowa. Member chapters shall abide by this constitution and have satisfied all payments of dues and fines.

Section 2: If an organization is not currently on campus but wants to (re)establish and become a recognized student organization, they must comply with the FSL Expansion and Return Policy.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The MGC Executive Board shall be composed of the following elected officers:

1. President
2. Vice President of Finance & Operations
3. Vice President of Membership
4. Vice President of Programming
5. Vice President of Public Relations & Marketing
6. Vice President of Reports & Records
7. Vice President of Risk Management and Health

Section 2: The following are the minimum requirements for all members elected to the MGC Executive Board:

1. All candidates must be current UI undergraduate students who are initiated members, in good standing, of organizations holding membership in MGC, and must be active within their chapter.
2. Candidates must have and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA throughout their term.
3. Candidates running for the position of President must have been a member of their organization for at least two (2) semesters and cannot also serve as President of their chapter at any point during their executive board term.

4. Candidates running for any Vice President position must have been a member of their organization for at least one (1) semester.
5. Candidates must have held a previous leadership position, preferably in their chapter, prior to running (e.g., chapter Membership Chair or serving on the Homecoming committee).

**These qualifications can be waived at the discretion of the outgoing Executive Board.*

Section 3: Executive Board elections will take place within the first two weeks of November and officers shall be elected for a term of one year starting at the end of December through the end of the following December.

Section 4: Officers shall be elected by an electoral system where each chapter has one (1) vote. The one (1) vote shall come from the chapter's delegate. These elections shall be open to all of MGC.

Section 5: Given a quorum, officers shall be elected by a 50% +1 majority vote of the legislative body.

Section 6: Upon voting, if no candidate receives a 50% +1 majority vote, a run-off will take place between the two candidates with the most votes. The voting chapters are allowed to ask each of the remaining candidates additional questions prior to the re-vote.

Section 7: In case of a tie, the candidate shall be chosen by the outgoing members of the executive board. Only those members of the outgoing executive board who are not a candidate for the position, may vote.

ARTICLE VI: LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

Section 1: The MGC shall meet twice a week, for regular Executive Board meetings and Legislative meetings, to conduct business throughout the semester. A definitive time will be set at the end of the Spring 2024 semester for the following executive boards to follow.

Section 2: There shall be at least one member from each member chapter required to represent their chapter during the Legislative meeting. If the chapter cannot send a representative, that chapter must arrange accommodations with the MGC President.

Section 3: MGC Legislative meetings shall be open to all of MGC, except for any meetings deemed necessary to be closed at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 4: The Executive Board may call an emergency Legislative meeting with a 48-hour advance notice to chapters.

Section 5: A quorum, which consists of a majority, "50% +1", of all voting members, must be present before any regular business may be pursued.

Section 6: Meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure (Robert's Rules of Order), with the President and MGC Advisor as the final authority.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to this constitution must be presented, written or typed, to the Vice President of Reports and Records. Amendments shall be sent to the floor for discussion and debate one (1) legislative meeting prior to voting. Voting shall occur once the legislative body has been given time to discuss and ask questions about amendments. Amendments will require a two thirds (2/3rds) vote in approval by all voting member chapters for ratification.

Section 2: An amendment is defined as anything that changes the meaning, interpretation, or action of anything laid out in this constitution. Grammatical, spelling, and formatting changes, alongside anything that does not violate that aforementioned rule, may be made by the MGC Executive Board without a vote from the legislative body, but must be presented to the legislative body within two (2) weeks of its implementation.