

CONSTITUTION OF THE
MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Mission

We, the Multicultural Greek Council at The University of Texas at Dallas, hereby affirm multicultural necessity within the Greek community, so members of all cultures can promote diversity while displaying their own identity. Thus, we the Multicultural Greek Council unite to promulgate diversity within our university and advance the ideas of collective fraternal values within our council.

Article I–Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Multicultural Greek Council of The University of Texas at Dallas, hereinafter referred to as the MGC.

Article II–Purpose:

The purpose of the MGC shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Section 1. To serve as a forum to advance important relationships developed through common meaningful experiences and based on progressing the purpose and the ideals of member organizations.

Section 2. To assist organizations in the accomplishments of fraternal goals.

Section 3. To provide service, resources, programs, and activities that aid in the development of individuals engaged in culturally-based organizations at The University of Texas at Dallas.

Section 4. To support the mission of The University of Texas at Dallas and to complement other organizations invested in advancing the fraternity and sorority community in its entirety

Article III – Membership:

Section 1. Membership Eligibility

Membership in the MGC is open to chapters and colonies of any Greek-letter organization affiliated with a national/international body being recognized as such by The University of Texas at Dallas with approval by a majority of council chapters.

Section 2. Member Organization Minimum Expectations:

Each member organization shall adhere to and abide by the following expectations:

- A. Each member organization shall comply with all policies set forth by:
 - a. The MGC Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and other policies
 - b. The rules and regulations of The University of Texas at Dallas
 - c. The general values-based conduct of a fraternity man or sorority woman
- B. Each member organization shall maintain a minimum annual cumulative GPA of a 2.50
- C. Each member organization shall maintain a minimum of five (5) members
- D. Each member organization shall secure a full-time faculty/staff advisor
- E. Each member organization shall be considered a student organization by The University of Texas at Dallas
- F. Each member organization shall be current on all MGC dues owed
- G. Each member organization shall submit required membership rosters to the secretary as follows:
 - a. Active Member Roster: Active member roster shall be submitted no later than the second general meeting of each semester.
- H. Each member organization shall comply with the attendance policies for the MGC General Body and the MGC Judicial Committee, as outlined within this Constitution.
- I. Each member organization shall comply with all inter/national requirements and policies
- J. Each member organization shall be free of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, age, or disability

A member organization which has failed to meet any of the minimum expectations outlined in this section shall be referred to the vice president for potential judicial review.

Section 3. Membership Status for Member Organizations

The membership status of member organizations shall be as follows:

- A. Good Standing: A member organization shall be deemed in good standing if the member organization is not currently operating under Non-Status Sanctions or Status Sanction, as defined within the MGC Bylaws, and is currently meeting the minimum expectations outlined in Section 2 of this Article.
- B. Good Standing on Probation: A member organization shall be deemed to be in good standing on probation if the member organization is currently operating under Non-Status Sanctions and currently meeting the minimum expectations outlined in Section 2 of this Article.
- C. Poor Standing: A member organization shall be deemed to be in poor standing if the member organization has been placed under suspension by the MGC or has currently failed to meet the minimum expectation outlined in Section 2 of this Article.

Article IV – MGC GENERAL BODY

Section 1. MGC General Body

The powers of the MGC shall be vested in the MGC General Body. The MGC General Body shall be the governing legislative body responsible for the general policies of the MGC, for electing its Executive Board, and for instructing its Executive Board the direction of all activities and operations of the MGC. All such activities shall respect the individual sovereignty of each member organization and shall not relinquish any governance authority to any other governing body.

Section 2. MGC Representative

Each member organization shall have a MGC representative, chosen by that member organization, who serves on the MGC General Body.

In order to serve as the MGC representative for a member organization, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- A. Be an active member, in good standing, of a member organization
- B. Maintain good academic standing with The University of Texas at Dallas
- C. Be devoted to the general ideas and principles of Greek Life and conduct themselves in a professional manner consistent with the Mission and Purpose of the MGC, as defined within this Constitution
- D. Have working knowledge of the MGC Constitution and Bylaws, The University of Texas at Dallas policies, and risk management policies
- E. Not be a current member of the MGC Executive Board or currently serve as their member organization's MGC Judicial Committee Justice.

Section 3. Term of the of MGC Representative

The term of the MGC representative shall be until their graduation, resignation, or replacement under the procedures determined by each member organization; or upon their election to serve on the MGC Executive Board or as their member organization's MGC Justice for the MGC Judicial Committee.

Section 4. MGC General Body Meeting Policies

The MGC general body shall conduct its meetings according to the following requirements:

- A. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to run all meetings.
- B. A majority of member organizations present shall constitute a quorum in order to conduct MGC general body business.
- C. The MGC general body shall conduct regularly scheduled business meetings at least twice a month during the academic year except during periods of final examination or university scheduled vacations.
- D. Special meetings may be called by the MGC President at any time or at the request of two member organizations, with notice of the time, location, and purpose of the special meeting provided to all member organizations at least 72 hours in advance.
- E. Each member organization's MGC representative is required to attend all meetings of the MGC. Notification of absence is to be reported to the secretary prior to the time of the meeting. More than two absences per academic year shall result in the member organization being referred to the vice president for a potential judicial review.
- F. If a member organization has an unexcused absence, they shall be fined \$10.00. After the first unexcused absence the member organization will be referred to the vice president for a potential judicial review.
- G. A member organization will be marked late once roll is called during the meeting. If a member organization is late they will be fined \$5.00.

Section 5. MGC General Body Voting Policies

The MGC general body shall operate utilizing the following voting policies:

- A. Each member organization in good standing shall have one vote.
- B. Individuals holding MGC executive board positions are not entitled to a vote.
- C. In the event of a tie the MGC executive board shall cast the deciding vote.
- D. With the exception of the election of MGC executive board positions, there shall be no secret ballot votes and no proxy votes.

Article V- MGC Executive Board

Section 1. MGC Executive Board

The executive board shall be responsible for carrying out the purpose and policies of the MGC and for its day-to-day operations and activities as directed by the MGC General Body.

Section 2. MGC Executive Board Composition

The executive board shall be composed of the following positions with duties and responsibilities outlined within the bylaws:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Social Chair
- F. Community Service Chair
- G. Academics Chair

Section 3. MGC Executive Board Eligibility

In order to be elected and serve as a member of the executive board, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- A. Be an active member in good standing of a member organization
- B. Maintain good academic standing of a 2.5 cumulative GPA and above with The University of Texas at Dallas
- C. Be devoted to the general ideals and principals of Greek Life and conduct themselves in a professional manner consistent with the mission and purpose of the MGC as defined within this Constitution.
- D. Have working knowledge of the MGC constitution and bylaws, The University of Texas at Dallas policies and risk management policies.
- E. Not currently serve as their member organization president
- F. Must complete formal judicial policies and procedures training.

Section 4. MGC Executive Board Meeting Policies

The executive board shall conduct its meetings according to the following requirements:

- A. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to run all meetings.
- B. A majority of MGC Executive Board members present shall constitute a quorum in order to conduct business.
- C. The MGC Executive Board shall conduct regularly scheduled meetings on a weekly basis.
- D. Special meetings may be called by the MGC President with notice of the time, location, and purpose of the special meeting provided to each executive board member at least 72 hours in advance.
- E. Each executive board member is required to attend all executive board meetings and all general body meetings. Absences may result in removal from office.

Section 5. MGC Executive Board Voting Policies

The executive board shall operate utilizing the following voting polices during executive board meetings:

- A. Each executive board member shall have one vote.

- B. The president should refrain from casting their vote except for in the event of a tie. In such instances, the president shall cast the deciding vote.
- C. There shall be no secret ballot.

Section 6. MGC Executive Board Election Policies

The following policies and procedures shall be utilized for the election and removal of executive board officers:

- A. Nominations for executive board positions shall open two meetings prior to the last business meeting of each academic year.
- B. Elections and installations of executive board officers shall take place during the last business meeting of each academic year.
- C. Each executive board officer shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the general body.
- D. Any individual serving in an executive board position may be removed from their position by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the general body.
- E. In the event of a vacancy, the president shall appoint a successor to complete the term under the advice and consent of the remaining members of the executive board.
- F. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the president, a special election shall be held within two meetings after the vacancy was created.

ARTICLE VI – MGC JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. MGC Judicial Committee Jurisdiction

The MGC shall be a self-governing organization with an independent judicial committee which shall have jurisdiction over cases involving alleged member organization violations, including but not limited to:

- A. The MGC Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct, and other policies.
- B. The general values-based conduct of fraternity men and sorority women

Section 2. MGC Judicial Committee Composition

The MGC judicial committee shall be composed of one MGC justice from each member organization, chosen by that member organization, and shall be chaired by the vice president.

Section 3. MGC Justice Eligibility

In order to serve as a justice an individual must meet the following requirements:

- A. Maintain good academic standing with the institution.
- B. Be devoted to the general ideals and principles of Greek Life and conduct themselves in a professional manner consistent with the mission and purpose of the MGC, as defined within this constitution.
- C. Have a working knowledge of the MGC constitution and bylaws, The University of Texas at Dallas policies, and risk management policies.
- D. Not be a current member of the MGC executive board or serve as their member organization's MGC representative for the MGC general body.
- E. Must complete formal judicial policies and procedures training prior to serving on an MGC judicial board hearing.

Section 4. Term of Office of MGC Justices

The term of office for MGC justices shall be until their graduation, resignation, or replacement under the procedures determined by each member organization; or upon their election to serve on the MGC executive board or as their member organization's MGC representative for the MGC general body.

Section 5. MGC Judicial Policy

The Judicial Committee shall perform all duties and be subject to all regulations contained within the MGC Judicial Policy in the Bylaws.

Section 6. MGC Judicial Board Hearing Justice Selection

The MGC vice president will select five (5) judicial committee justices, as predetermined by an alphabetical rotation of the member organizations, to hear a case. In the event the MGC judicial committee rotation for service on a judicial board hearing falls upon a MGC justice whose member organization is involved in the alleged violation, the rotation will skip to the next member organization in the alphabetical rotation.

Section 7. MGC Judicial Board Hearing Attendance

All MGC judicial board hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

- A. All justices assigned to an MGC judicial board hearing shall be present in order to conduct business on behalf of the judicial committee.
- B. Each Justice assigned to a judicial board hearing is required to attend the hearing. Failure to attend a judicial board hearing shall result in their member organization being referred to the vice president for potential judicial review

Section 8. MGC Judicial Board Hearing Voting Policies

All MGC judicial board hearings shall operate utilizing the following voting policies:

- A. Each justice serving on a judicial board hearing shall have one vote.
- B. A majority vote shall govern all actions of a judicial board hearing.

ARTICLE VII – MGC COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

The MGC shall have the following standing committees chaired by its respective corresponding officer of the MGC Executive Board:

- A. Social Committee
- B. Service Committee
- C. Academic Committee

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees

The MGC executive board or president may form ad hoc committees as deemed necessary to perform the work of the MGC. The MGC president shall appoint the ad hoc committee chairman and committee members with the concurrence of the executive board.

Section III. MGC Committee Meeting Polices

All committees of the MGC shall conduct its meetings according to the following requirements:

- A. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to run all meetings.
- B. A majority of committee members present shall constitute a quorum in order to conduct committee business.
- C. Each committee shall meet as called by its committee chair.

ARTICLE VIII – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section I. Constitutional Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of the general body provided notice of the proposed amendment has been provided to member organizations at the preceding regularly scheduled business meeting of the general body

Section 2. Adoption

The constitution shall become effective and shall supersede all previous constitutions of the MGC when adopted by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of the MGC general body.