

Multicultural Greek Council CONSTITUTION

Article I. PREAMBLE

We the undersigned Greek organizations have joined together to form this council known as the Multicultural Greek Council at Stephen F. Austin State University in order to better meet our individual and join needs as well as to voice our concerns. We recognize that there are certain areas of action and programming that can be best carried out by the joint efforts of such organizations. We do hereby establish such an organization and bind ourselves to abide by the provision of the following constitution and by-laws.

Article II. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Multicultural Greek Council at Stephen F. Austin State University, referred to as the MGC.

Article III. PURPOSE

We the members of the MGC at Stephen F. Austin State University shall be to create and maintain high standards in the life of fraternities and sororities. We will address, coordinate, and develop strategic action plans to unify our organizations. We will serve as a liaison between our member organizations, the university student body, administration, IFC, NPHC, and NPC.

Article IV. POWERS AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

Section 4.01 Powers

- (a) To formulate any rules necessary to regulate all MGC on SFASU matters,
- (b) To administer and enforce the constitution, by-laws, and regulations established by the MGC,
- (c) To enact bylaws and to amend the constitution,
- (d) To provide advice on MGC policies for the chapters.

Section 4.02 Scope of Authority

The scope of authority of the MGC shall be to program, legislate, administrate, and advise. By virtue of the authority vested in it by the constitution and by-laws of MGC, the council shall have the power to regulate all matters of organizational interest, except those that are established by university policy, wherein, MGC is free to make recommendations to the university. Authority for the MGC is derived through the recognition by Student Activities.

Article V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 5.01 There shall be three classes of membership: regular, provisional and probationary.

- (a) Regular of the MGC shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing Stephen F. Austin State University. All national organization must also be in good standing with their national sorority or fraternity.
- (b) Provisional of the MGC shall be composed of all chapter members in good standing with Stephen F. Austin State University and when warranted their national office but who have been recognized for less than a year by MGC.

- Section 5.02 Probationary membership Status
- (a) Any organization not meeting the requirements during the present semester will be put on a probationary membership for one semester to improve their status.
 - (b) If the organization's performance does not improve during that time period, the council will vote on whether or not the organization shall retain membership within the council.
 - (i) Before voting, the organization(s) on probation shall present to the council why they wish to continue to be a member.
 - (c) If the organization is voted to stay, they will keep their probation status for the following semester.
 - (i) If, at the end of that semester the organization does not improve their involvement, they will then be removed from the council.
 - (ii) If at the end of the semester, the organization significantly improves their involvement; their status will then be changed to active.

Article VI. OFFICERS

- Section 6.01 The officers of the MGC shall be President, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Standards and Community Service and Public Affairs.
- Section 6.02 The officers shall be delegates from organizations holding regular and associate membership in the MGC. Delegates from organizations holding provisional membership shall not be eligible to hold office.
- Section 6.03 The officers shall serve for a term of one year. The new officers will be installed at the last formal meeting of the fall semester and assume the responsibility of their office immediately following the installation,
- Section 6.04 Any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined in Article III of the MGC Bylaws shall removed and a successor be designated by election or as provided in Article III Section 3.02 of the MGC By-Laws.

Article VII. Executive Board and Council Meetings

- Section 7.01 The joint meeting of the executives and delegates of MGC shall be called Council meetings.
- Section 7.02 It shall be the duty of the council to administer all business related to the overall welfare of the MGC and to compile rules governing the MGC which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities.
- Section 7.03 **Membership**
- (a) The Council shall be composed of the two delegates, one chapter executive delegate and one alternate delegate, from each regular member group at Stephen F. Austin State University. Provisional members will have voice but not vote in Council business.
 - (b) Selection of delegates: The delegates to Council shall be selected by their respective sorority/fraternity chapters to serve for a term of one semester and/or year. It is recommended that one alternate delegate be a new initiate.
 - (c) Delegate vacancies: when a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the sorority/fraternity concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the MGC Administration & Finance of their name, address and telephone number.
- Section 7.04 **Officers:** The officers of the MGC shall serve as the officers of the Council. These officers shall serve as the executive board of the Council and shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the bylaws of the MGC.
- Section 7.05 **Regular Meetings** of the Council shall be held at a time and place established at the beginning of each college term.
- Section 7.06 **Special Meetings** of the Council may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called on upon the written request of any member delegate of the Council.
- Section 7.07 **Quorum:** two-thirds of the member fraternities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 7.08 **Voting:**
- (a) The voting body of the shall be the Council
 - (b) The power of one vote shall be granted to each regular member fraternity
 - (c) The voting member of Council shall be the head delegate of each member fraternity holding regular membership in MGC. If the delegate is absent, alternate delegate shall cast the vote of their fraternity. If the delegate and alternate delegates are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the fraternity, providing their credentials along with the head delegate's proxy (signed and dated by the Executive Delegate) have been presented in writing by the substitute delegate to the MGC President prior to the meeting.
 - (d) Two-thirds of the voting members of the Council shall be required to establish to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions.
 - (e) **Voice:** The provisional member, executive council, alternate delegates (when not acting for the head delegate) and alumnae advisers to Council shall have voice but no vote. Voice shall also be granted to visitors to the meetings by the MGC President

Article VIII. MEETINGS

- Section 8.01 Regular: The Council shall hold bi-weekly meetings during each long semester.
- Section 8.02 Special: Meetings of the Council may be called by the president as necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any regular or provisional member fraternity at Stephen F. Austin.
- Section 8.03 The delegate from each regular, associate or provisional member fraternity shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the MGC.
- Section 8.04 An organization will be fined \$10 after missing two excused or unexcused meetings. This may be the delegates. At least one member of the organization must attend a MGC meeting not including members on the executive board. An organization will be fined \$10 if the member of the executive board does not attend the MGC meeting with out prior notice.
- Section 8.05 To increase participation in MGC the council will offer an incentive program. Points will be awarded in the following criteria: Attending Mandatory events such as Council Meetings, Community Service, Fundraisers, Socials, paying dues on time, and those officers designate mandatory. Extra points can be awarded by attending other orgs events (per org member) and donating to MGC. For these events provide proof of attendance such as a picture, signature from an org member sponsoring the event, or finding an officer at the event. *If only one delegate attends events that require at least two delegates, half of the points will be awarded to the organization.

Article IX. FUNDS AND OBLIGATIONS

- Section 9.01 Membership Dues: Each organization shall be assessed MGC membership dues as prescribed in the MGC By-Laws.
- Section 9.02 An organization will be fined \$5 for not turning in required materials on time (ex. rosters, reports, etc.)

Article X. MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL ADVISOR

- Section 10.01 The Multicultural Greek Council advisor shall be appointed by Stephen F. Austin State University
- Section 10.02 SFA administrator and shall serve in an advisory role to the MGC-

Article XI. STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 11.01 The MGC shall appoint standing committees to carry out the work of the MGC.

Article XII. AMENDMENTS

- Section 12.01 Any changes recommend for this constitution must be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the Council and voted on at the next regular meeting of the Council
- Section 12.02 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the MGC.