

# **The Constitution for the Multicultural Greek Council at Saint Louis University**

## **The Preamble**

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) will serve as the primary governing board of any Greek organization that identifies with the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and/or any other minority affiliated multicultural Greek organization at Saint Louis University. The governing powers within this (MGC) will abide within this document alongside the selected delegates made up of each organization recognized by Saint Louis University.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the (MGC) is to increase the participation and retention of underrepresented Saint Louis University students in each respected organization by providing the following:

- 1) Support of the activities and involvement of participating members of the (MGC).
- 2) Promotion of the educational, philanthropic, and historical thrust of participating members of the (MGC).
- 3) Advocacy for a process for new Greek-letter organizations seeking recognition at Saint Louis University.
- 4) Promotion of diversity awareness, inclusion, and integration among the members of the (MGC), Interfraternity Council (IFC), and the Panhellenic Council (PHC).

It will be the responsibility of the (MGC) to establish and enforce the policies and bylaws for its members of each Greek organization at Saint Louis University.

## **Saint Louis University Multicultural Greek Council Policy and Procedures**

### *Section 1. Acceptance*

1. Each Greek-letter organization seeking membership representation with the MGC must submit the following items to the Saint Louis University Student Involvement Center:
  - Copy of the chapter charter
  - List of affiliated institutions
  - Brief history of national and local chapters
  - Copy of chapters mandated and education thrust and programs

- Submit an updated chapter roster each semester to the Student Involvement Center in order to maintain membership and voting privileges within the (MGC):

-Chapter rosters should include:

- Each member's full name, institution, year in school, and email address.
- A list of all chapter officers, their names, email addresses, phone number and term dates.
- Advisor contact information: email, phone number
- A signed non-hazing consent form for each member

### *Section 2. Event Submission Criteria*

- Submission Criteria for events: Recognized chapters will adhere to guidelines and policies set forth by the Saint Louis University Student Organizations Policies within the Code of Student Conduct.
- If a member of the (MGC) does not have any student representation at Saint Louis University, they will only be allowed to host new member recruitment events. At least two members of the (MGC) executive board must be present at each event run by non Saint Louis University members of (MGC).

### *Section 3. Designation of chapter representative as liaison between chapter and university:*

- Preferably an undergraduate student presently enrolled at Saint Louis University; but in the case that the organization has no representation at Saint Louis University, another undergraduate chapter member, advisor, and/or graduate member may act as the liaison between chapter and university. If such a thing should occur, the chapter will be designated as an Associate Member of the (MGC).

### *Section 4. Relationship with (IFC) and (Panhellenic)*

- It is important that the (MGC) participate in at least (1) multicultural enrichment activity with the (IFC) and (Panhellenic) Greek Councils. This can include but not

limited to: shared community service events, cultural enrichment events, and social activities.

- The (MGC) must select a liaison that will be charged with governing the communication and activity efforts between organizations.

#### *Section 5. (MGC) Greek Week*

- Each (MGC) organization must participate in a fall Greek Week in order to keep membership and voting privileges. In addition, the (MGC) will participate in the IFC/PHC Spring Greek Week as well.
- The (MGC) shall designate a committee of members to facilitate the fall Greek week, and the Executive Secretary will be a chair for the spring SLU Greek Week.

#### *Section 6. Recruitment and Membership Intake Process:*

- Each organization must submit an updated chapter roster of new membership within (2) weeks of initiating its new members.

### **Executive Board Positions and Roles**

#### *Executive President duties:*

- A. Serve as the (MGC) chief operating officer and preside over all meetings for the council.
- B. Be responsible for appointing necessary committees and executing the (MGC) programs, making sure that the implementation of such programs are in alignment with the Saint Louis University calendar.
- C. Be familiar with bylaws and regulations of the (MGC) and university procedures.
- D. Maintain open communication and meet as needed with the (MGC) Advisor.

#### *Executive Vice President duties:*

- A. Approve and supervise the correct implementation of the new membership programs and act as membership chairperson.
- B. Act as the president in the absence of the executive president.
- C. Perform any duties assigned by the executive president.

#### *Executive Secretary duties:*

- A. Keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
- B. Send copies of minutes and financial report to members.
- C. Keep an accurate count of (MGC) absences.

D. Chair a committee to carry out the events of the fall Greek Week; and be a liaison for the spring Greek Week.

*Executive Treasurer Duties:*

- A. Receive dues and all other monies collected
- B. Collect all (MGC) dues, and deposit them into the (MGC) SLU account, in adherence with University policy on cash handling.
- C. Pay all bills upon receipt.
- D. Financial reports to the executive board at each meeting.

*Executive Liaison duties:*

- A. Handle communication between St. Louis City (NPHC), SLU (IFC) and SLU (Panhellenic) councils about events and joint projects.

*Greek Week Committee:*

- A. Committee of (MGC) members who are appointed by the executive secretary to run the Greek week during the fall and spring semesters.

## **Saint Louis University Multicultural Greek Council By Laws**

### **Article I. The Name**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be known as the Multicultural Greek Council; hereafter referred to as the MGC; at Saint Louis University.

### **Article II. Membership**

#### *Section 1. Interest Groups*

- A. A potential member of the (MGC) cannot function for more than one semester prior to petitioning for recognition. If more than one semester is needed, it may be brought up to the (MGC) executive board for review.
- B. In the case that a petition for recognition is submitted to the (MGC) for recognition of a new fraternity or sorority, the group in question must make a presentation to the (MGC). A vote for membership shall then take place, and two-thirds majority will determine if group is accepted by the council. Expelled and suspended chapters must follow the same procedures to gain membership into the (MGC).
- C. In order to be eligible for membership into the (MGC) potential groups must first satisfy the following requirements:
  - 1. Be a member chapter of an underrepresented fraternity or sorority.
  - 2. The charter, national constitution, and other related documents must be free of restrictive clauses based off of race, class, or religion.
  - 3. Receive a two-thirds vote from the (MGC).
  - 4. Have an active membership within their respective organization.
  - 5. Maintain a chapter minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher
- D. Restrictions:
  - 1. Executive Board members of (MGC) must be a student of Saint Louis University and maintain a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher.
  - 2. In order to receive full rights and privileges, that include voting, (MGC) members must pay membership dues.

## *Section 2. Expulsion/Probation Period*

- A. Any members or affiliated chapters of the (MGC) that violate any rules of the Constitution or bylaws, including any other rules of Saint Louis University or their national/international organization may be expelled or placed on probation from the (MGC) and university as determined by a committee of its peers, the Student Involvement Center at Saint Louis University, or the Saint Louis University Committee on Student Conduct.
- B. The probation period should be determined by the judicial board members of the (MGC) under the instruction of the Student Involvement Center advisor at Saint Louis University.

## *Section 3. Membership Dues*

- A. Any affiliated chapter with the (MGC) must pay dues in order to receive all the rights and privileges of the council.
- B. Dues are to be collected from each chapter that wishes to have representation at Saint Louis University, no matter if the chapter member's affiliation is with Saint Louis University or another institution.
- C. Dues will be determined at the start of each semester by majority vote of the Executive Board and administered and collected by the Executive Treasurer. Dues must be collected by the 4<sup>th</sup> week from the start of classes at Saint Louis University; otherwise (MGC) members will lose the right to vote, until the dues are paid.
- D. Dues will be \$50 per academic year per chapter, no matter if the chapter member's affiliation is with Saint Louis University or another institution.

## *Section 4. Membership Voting Privileges*

- A. In order for both Saint Louis University students and non SLU students to receive voting privileges, their respective chapter must be in good standing, which includes being up to date on due payments and not under any disciplinary suspensions or expulsions.
- B. Voting on (MGC) business is generally conducted through majority vote, unless otherwise stipulated within the Constitution or Bylaws.
- C. Full members of the (MGC) are member chapters of the council that are represented by a Saint Louis University student. Full members may vote on all business of the (MGC).
- D. Associate members may vote on all business of the (MGC), provided that the number of Associate members is not equal to or greater than the number of Full members of the (MGC).

- a. In order to maintain the status of a recognized organization at Saint Louis University, the voting membership must be a majority of SLU students.
  - b. In the event that the number of Associate members is equal to or greater than the number of Full members of the (MGC), voting for Associate Members will be suspended, until the majority of (MGC) members is once again Full members.
- E. If a chapter does not have any undergraduate members who are eligible to serve on the (MGC), then a graduate advisor may present but is ineligible to vote.

### **Article III. Meetings**

#### *Section 1. Time and Frequency of Meetings*

- A. Meetings among the (MGC) members are to be held at least once month or as needed. Additional meetings can be called by the (MGC) president.
- B. Each meeting is to be conducted in proper quorum, using Roberts Rule of Order for voting purposes only.
- C. All of the executive board officers and committee chair persons shall report at each (MGC) meeting.
- D. The executive board shall meet at least two times per month. Closed off to (MGC) members unless invited by executive board members.

#### *Section 2. Attendance at Meeting*

- A. Proper attendance is defined as being present for the majority of the meetings by at least one of the registered voting members of the organization; not limited only to members who attend Saint Louis University.
- B. The secretary shall take attendance at each (MGC) meeting, and notify the president of any absences.
- C. A verbal warning will be issued for an organization's first missed meeting. The second missed meeting will result in voting privileges being revoked. Voting privileges can be restored after member attends at least one meeting.
- D. If a member needs to miss a meeting, they are to contact the secretary or president about their absence prior.
- E. If an organization misses three meetings in one semester, they will be placed on probation until the end of the following semester. If any organization is on probation they are not allowed to receive any of the funds.

## **Article IV. Infractions**

Section 1. When an organization believes that an infraction has occurred; a written report shall be sent to the (MGC) president and (MGC) advisor. Within a week's time the involved parties should be contacted by the president of the (MGC) in order to meet discussing possible solutions. If a solution is not found; there will be a vote on behalf of the (MGC).

## **Article V. Hazing**

Section1. The (MGC) recognizes that any physical and/or emotional harm shall not be tolerated by Saint Louis University. The definition of hazing is described in the Saint Louis University Code of Student Conduct. Each Greek member associated with the (MGC) will be required to read the Hazing Policy of Saint Louis University and sign a document against hazing; having each semester as a requirement for membership and voting privileges.

Section2. Should an organization be found responsible of hazing, discipline will be exercised by a committee of its peers, the Student Involvement Center at Saint Louis University, or the Saint Louis University Committee on Student Conduct, resulting in possibly a loss of recognition of the (MGC).

## **Article VI. Amending the Constitution**

Section 1. Any voting representative or executive member may propose amendments to the (MGC) constitution.

Section 2. After an amendment to the constitution is proposed, the (MGC) will have a maximum two weeks from the day of its proposal to vote.

Section 3. An amending constitution requires a 2/3 majority vote from voting members of the (MGC).