Bylaws of the Multicultural Greek Council of the University of North Texas

Article I – Membership

Section 1. Each member organization must operate in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC).

Section 2. Participation in the MGC and its member organizations shall be free of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, age, or disability.

Section 3: Membership Requirements

A. Maintain a minimum of three (4) members
B. Secure a full-time faculty/staff advisor
C. Maintain registration with Student Activities & Organizations
D. Pay semester dues
E. Attend all MGC meetings
F. Comply with all University and MGC rules and regulations, policies and procedures.
G. Comply with all national requirements and policies

Section 4: The MGC shall charge each member organization dues in the amount of seven dollars ($7) per member and ten dollars ($10) per new member.

Section 5: A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the MGC member organizations is required for all petitioning organizations to receive membership into the council.

Section 6: Colonizing Organization Membership Fee: At the time of acceptance, the colonizing organization shall pay a one-time fee of thirty dollars ($30).

Section 7: In order to allow for the appropriate regulation of the growth of the council based on limited resources and abilities of persons involved in its management, MGC reserves the right to cease expansion or place a moratorium on expansion when deemed appropriate.
Article II – Qualifications of Officers

Section 1: Officer Nominees for MGC President should not currently hold the office of chapter President.

Section 2: Officer Nominees shall have a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 2.5.

Section 4: Officer Nominees must be initiated members in good standing with their respective fraternity/sorority.

Article III – Officer Elections

Section 1: Elections shall be held at the third meeting in April. The new officers shall assume office at the last regular meeting of the semester.

Section 2: Election process will be a three week process: 1st week open floor for nominations, 2nd week close nominations and speeches will be given, 3rd week voting is to take place.

Section 3: The officers shall be elected by a majority vote. Balloting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4: In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1: The first official council meeting shall be held during the second academic week of each semester.

Section 2: The council shall meet weekly during the fall and spring semesters.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall meet weekly during the fall and spring semesters.

Section 4: The Executive Board, upon the majority, may call special meetings of the council.

Section 5: The meeting agenda shall proceed as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of minutes
4. Executive Reports
5. Committees Reports
Article V – Duties of Executive Board Officers

Section 1: General Duties

A. To attend all regularly scheduled and executive board meetings.
B. To prepare a report of activities at the end of their term to the MGC Advisor.
C. Maintain officer hours as determined by consensus of the elected Executive Board.

Section 2: Duties and powers of the President

A. To conduct the meetings of the MGC and the Executive Board.
B. To call special meetings of the MGC and the Executive Board.
C. To supervise all activities and operations of the MGC.
D. To officially represent the MGC in dealings with the University community and the general public.
E. To create and appoint any special committees deemed necessary by the MGC and/or executive board.
F. To attend the President’s meeting held by the Greek Life Advisor.
G. To appoint MGC representatives or delegates to other committees as desired.
H. To represent the MGC during the orientation activities marts.

Section 3: Duties and powers of the Internal Vice President

A. To assume all responsibilities of the president in case of his/her absence or removal from office.
B. To oversee any committees created and appointed by the president.
C. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
D. To assist the president as deemed necessary.
E. Ensure MGC officers are performing and adhering to weekly office hours.

Section 4: Duties and powers of the Vice President of Administration and Finance

A. To record and distribute the minutes of all MGC and Executive Board meetings. Minutes will be posted electronically within 48 hours, with one copy being filed in the MGC archives.
B. To prepare and distribute the agenda for all regularly scheduled MGC meetings and all others.
C. To maintain a membership contact list of the MGC delegates and check attendance at all regular, executive board and committee meetings.
D. To be responsible for the maintenance of the MGC office, equipment and supplies.
E. To bill, disburse, and keep an accurate account of all MGC funds. Prepare accurate financial reports at the end of each month and term for distribution to all chapters and the Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life.
F. Coordinate external audit when actions are deemed appropriate.
G. To impose fines outlined in Article X of the Bylaws.

Section 5: Duties and powers of the Vice President of Community Relations and Expansion

A. To maintain a record of all news from the university and local newspapers.
B. To seek co-sponsorship opportunities with other organizations and businesses for programming.
C. To serve as a liaison between MGC and other councils within the Greek community.
D. Facilitate expansion efforts for MGC.
E. Serve as primary resource for new organizations throughout the expansion process.
F. Coordinate service projects and special events to ensure cultural and social emphasis of MGC.
G. Coordinate public relations efforts.
H. To serve as representative for MGC for the Greek Newsletter Committee.

Section 6: Duties and powers of the Vice President of Council Liaison

A. To attend all other Greek council meetings such as IFC, NPC, and NPHC.
B. To serve as representative of MGC at all other Greek council meetings.
C. To report all information within the councils to MGC.
D. To report all MGC related information to other Greek Councils.
E. To maintain a record of all news from the councils and chapters within the councils.

Section 6: Removal of Officers

A. The failure to perform officer duties as defined in Article V of the Bylaws shall constitute grounds for impeachment.
B. Officers shall be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting of the MGC provided that a quorum is present.
C. A motion for impeachment must be made minimum of one (1) meeting before a vote is taken. Proposed impeached office should be notified within 48 hours of motion.

Article VI – Fiscal

Section 1: The books and records of the Vice President of Administration and Finance shall be reported monthly and of which must be audited annually. The copies of the reports shall be filed with each UNT undergraduate member organization.

Section 3: Dues
A. The MGC shall charge each full status member fraternity/sorority dues of seven dollars ($7) per active member and ten dollars ($10) for new members, to be due at the second regular scheduled meeting for the semester.
B. A $2 fine per member shall be assessed if the bill is not paid on time, for each week dues are not received by appointed date.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1: Committees shall meet regularly throughout the fall and spring semesters at the discretion of the committee chairman.

Section 2: Any additional committee members may be added at the request of the committee chairman.

Section 3: Each fraternity/sorority shall serve on the MGC recruitment committee.

Section 4: The President shall create and appoint any special committees deemed necessary by the MGC and/or Executive Board.

Article VII - Intake process

Section 1: Each organization shall adhere to their National Mandate as a guideline for accepting a candidate(s) for membership.

Section 2: The MGC Council will not tolerate Hazing, both mental and/or physical. Activities considered hazing are defined in the University policy and state law.

Section 3: All MGC member organizations must inform the Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life/MGC Advisor of the intent to participate in the intake process for both fall and spring semesters.
Section 4: Each chapter shall not hold interest meetings of recruitment specific events prior to the MGC showcase at the beginning of each semester.

Section 5: Prior to the MGC Showcase, organizations are encouraged to provide useful information about their group’s and publicly display their chapters through paraphernalia.

Article IX – Organization Roster

Section 1: All member organizations must submit their official roster by the second meeting of the semester to the Vice President of Administration and Finance. Failure to comply will result in the assessments of fines, according to Article X. The signature of the President and MGC advisor must appear on all changes to the roster. Chapters must file copies of all changes in the MGC Archives.

Section 2: Updated rosters must be submitted no later than one week after completion of Membership Intake Process.

Article X – Fines

Section 1: If for any reason a fraternity/sorority does not attend an MGC event, a fine of ten ($10) dollars will be assessed. The only variation to this would be set by the importance of the event and the fine will be stated on date of the event announcement.

Section 2: If at any time a fraternity/sorority does not have one (1) representative at a scheduled meeting, the following assessments will be made:

   A. Fine of $10 dollars (for the 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting)
   B. Fine of $10 dollars (for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting)
   C. Fine of $30 dollars (for the 3\textsuperscript{rd} meeting)
   D. Loss of MGC vote after the 4\textsuperscript{th} meeting
   E. Suspension (remainder of semester) from MGC after 5\textsuperscript{th} meeting

Section 3: A fine of five ($5) dollars will be assessed each following week after violation and non-payment.

Section 4: Chapters must submit monthly calendars to the Vice President of Administration and Finance by the 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting of every month. A fine of $5 will be assessed each following week.
Section 5: Chapters must submit official membership rosters by the second meeting of the fall and spring semester. Failure to do so will result in a fine of $5 per week thereafter until roster is received.

Section 6: All fines will be due within ten business days of the date the fine was imposed.

Article XI – Expansion

Section 1: Statement on Expansion

Expansion is defined as the growth of the fraternal community through the addition of new or returning organizations. The MGC provides leadership for organizations identifying as culturally-based social fraternal organizations at the University of North Texas (UNT). The MGC views expansion as influencing the advancement of fraternity and sorority life at UNT as it provides options for non-members. Expansion also allows for the advancement of a widely growing movement of culturally-based organizations nationally to positively impact our community at UNT. With this in mind, our approach is to openly consider expansion efforts; however, such growth requires resources from the MGC, the Office of Greek Life, and many constituents. Expansion is not an easy task. With this in mind, the MGC will work with the Office of Greek Life to consider expansion opportunities while understanding the collective capacity of all involved in making successful expansion happen. We reserve the right to limit expansion at any time when reasonable efforts to support new groups cannot be made.

Section 2: Refer to the MGC guidelines on expansion for details regarding the process for beginning a new organization in the MGC.

Article XII– Amendments:

Section 1: Bylaw amendments shall be read one (1) meeting prior with written copies available for every member chapter. A bylaw shall be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote at a regularly scheduled meeting, provided that a quorum is present.

Section 2: Bylaw amendments shall be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) of its voting members.

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