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MULTICULTURAL FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES
AT
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Presents

THE CONSTITUTION
OF
THE MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

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PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned Greek organizations have joined together to form this council known as the Multicultural Greek Council at California State University, Fullerton in order to better meet our individual and joint needs and 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 all such organizations. As culturally based organizations, we strive to promote and uplift our common heritages and history. As community oriented organizations, we shall keep our commitments to all under-represented groups. We do hereby establish such an organization and bind ourselves to abide by the provision of the following constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Multicultural Greek Council at California State University, Fullerton hereinafter referred to as the MCGC at California State University, Fullerton.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the MCGC at California State University, Fullerton shall be to create and maintain high standards in the life of fraternities and sororities; to perpetuate constructive fraternity and sorority relationships; to foster an understanding of the structure and method of operation among the affiliate organizations; to address, coordinate, and develop action strategies on matters of mutual concern to the affiliate organizations; and to serve as the conduit for such actions plans as may be developed; to unify organizations, promote higher education, provide community services, enhance leadership and serve as a liaison between the MCGC, the University student body, ASI and administration, thereby improving the campus climate.

ARTICLE III- POWERS & SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

Section 1 Powers

- A. To formulate any rules necessary to regulate all organizational matters.
- B. To administer and enforce the constitution, bylaws and rules, and regulations established by the MCGC at California State University, Fullerton.
- C. To enact bylaws and to amend them.
- D. To adopt resolutions and/or suggestions on policies for the chapters.
- E. To provide advice to MCGC member organizations at California State University, Fullerton.

Section 2 Scope of Authority

The scope of authority for the MCGC shall be legislative, administrative and advisory. By virtue of the authority vested in it by this constitution, the council shall have the power to regulate all matters of organizational interest, except those that are of institutional or IFC, Panhellenic and NPHC policy; wherein the MCGC is free to make recommendations to the University. Authority for the MCGC is derived through recognition by the Office of Greek Life, Dean of Students, and our own member organizations.

ARTICLE IV- STRUCTURE

- Section 1*** There shall be a General Council consisting of one (1) to two (2) official delegates from each recognized MCGC chapter at California State University, Fullerton, which shall have final authority on all matters related to this Council, in accordance with the University guidelines. Delegates must be comprised of currently enrolled California State University, Fullerton students.
- Section 2*** There shall be an Executive Board, subject in all respects to the General Council of the MCGC.
- Section 3*** Undergraduate chapters of the MCGC shall be comprised of California State University, Fullerton, national and regional fraternities and sororities.
- Section 4*** No more than one (1) member of the same organization may serve on the Executive Board, but more than one (1) member of the same organization may serve on Executive Committees.

ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1*** The founding organizations of the Council include: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Beta Upsilon Delta, Chi Sigma Phi, Delta Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Lambda Sigma Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Iota Alpha, Sigma Gamma Rho and Theta Delta Beta.
- Section 2*** Each affiliate organization shall be entitled two (2) official delegates; each organization in attendance at the meetings will have one (1) vote.
- A. Voting delegate will be established at each meeting's roll call on an as needed basis.
 - B. Each affiliate organization may have membership in Committees of the MCGC, with the exception of Executive Board, whose members are elected into office, at California State University, Fullerton.

Section 3 New chapters are required to obtain recognition from the MCGC at California State University, Fullerton, the Office of Greek Life, and the Dean of Students.

ARTICLE VI- OFFICERS

Section 1 The Elected Officers of the Council shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Public Relations.

Section 2 The Council shall have as Primary Advisor a representative from the Office of Greek Life at California State University, Fullerton.

ARTICLE VII- MEETINGS

Section 1 The meetings of the Council will be held once every two (2) weeks and/or dependent upon MCGC decided calendar.

ARTICLE VIII: FUNDS AND OBLIGATIONS

Section 1: *Membership Dues*

Membership dues will be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for one (1) semester, per individual member organization with membership within their own organization under 10 or below, active and currently enrolled California State University members.

Any individual member organization with membership within their own organization at 10 or above active and currently enrolled California State University members, shall pay the membership fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for one (1) semester, and an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for every active member above ten (10).

Section 2: *Money Collection*

All monies collected on campus belonging to the MCGC shall be deposited and disbursed through an Associated Student Inc. agency account established for the MCGC at the Associated Students Inc. Accounting Office. All funds must be deposited within twenty-four (24) hours after collection. The advisor to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

ARTICLE IX: SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

Section 1: The Vice President shall create and provide a calendar with all general meeting dates and tentatively scheduled MCGC activity dates and events for the following

semester. The calendar will be presented to the MCGC for approval at the beginning of each semester.

Section 2: Each member organization is encouraged to co-sponsor/co-program with other member organizations.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: *Method to Amend the Constitution*

- A. Proposed constitutional amendment(s) or change(s) will be presented in writing to the MCGC, one meeting before this amendment is voted on.
- B. Approval by Two-Third (2/3) of the voting members present at a regular MCGC meeting will pass this proposed amendment. The amendment is immediately effective unless otherwise stipulated in the proposal.
- C. A copy of the amended Constitution/by-laws and/or amendments to this Constitution must be filed by in the Dean of Students Office at California State University, Fullerton.

ARTICLE XI: COLONIZATION/EXPANSION

Section 1: Any fraternity or sorority desiring to enter into the MCGC shall submit a petition to the Executive Board to establish its eligibility and possible membership status.

Section 2: A presentation before the MCGC is required before colony status can be granted. The presentation should include the following information:

- A. The number of alumni in the Southern California area (if applicable).
- B. The number of members at California State University, Fullerton, associating with the fraternity/sorority.
- C. Degree of managerial and financial support available to the colony.
- D. Sample of all literature and publications of the fraternity/sorority available to or for the use of the colony. This portfolio shall include the constitution, and by-laws, as well as, other rules, regulations, policies, websites, photos, etc. pertaining to the colony.
- E. The number of colonies under probationary status at institutions of higher education.
- F. A list of chartered chapters.

Section 3: A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the MCGC, including the Executive Board is required for entry into the MCGC under colony status.

- Section 4:** If approval to colonize is granted, a letter will be sent to the petitioning organization containing the recommendation of the Council, and the Greek Advisor, including, but not limited to the conditions of the colonization, as well as, the requirements for installation of an active chapter.
- Section 5:** The colony may be established either by transfer of members from another chapter and/or by a representative of the fraternity/sorority.
- Section 6:** The colony is bound by the MCGC Constitution, by-laws, and all University rules and regulations pertaining to organized chapters.
- Section 7:** The colony must appoint faculty and/or staff advisor(s) and maintain these positions.
- Section 8:** During colony membership, a group shall fulfill the following requirements.
- A. Submit to the MCGC a progress report at the end of each semester. Included in this progress report shall be evaluations of the group's:
 - (1) Growth
 - (2) Scholastic Achievement
 - (3) Financial Stability
 - (4) Social Activities
 - (5) Service to the University and Community
 - (6) Future Plans, Goals and Projects
 - (7) Other data relating to the group's progress
 - B. Said report shall be read and discussed at the last MCGC general meeting of the semester for approval by a majority vote.
 - (1) If the report receives a majority vote of approval by the MCGC in two consecutive semesters of colonization, the colony shall receive full voting rights in the MCGC. The right to vote must be renewed for the following semester by approval of the next semester's progress report.
 - a. Full voting rights shall not be granted if the colony was found responsible for any infraction of the Constitution and the by-laws or any other laws, rules, regulations, or policies in force at California State University, Fullerton.

- b. Full voting rights will not be granted if the colony has missed more than two (2) meetings or if the colony has any unpaid fines due to the MCGC.
- (2) If the report does not receive a majority vote of approval by the MCGC, the colony will have no voting rights for the following semester. The MCGC Executive Board shall also recommend to the colony's headquarters that it not receive its charter for an additional semester.

ARTICLE XII: INSTALLATION

Section 1: A colony must operate for at least two (2) consecutive school semesters, excluding the summer session. Recognition shall be granted after approval by the MCGC by a two-thirds (2/3) vote and the Coordinator of Greek Life.

Section 2: The colony and fraternity/sorority must petition to MCGC and Coordinator of Greek Life requesting a charter for the established colony. The petition should include the following information:

- A. List of all colony members, associate members, and new members, accompanied by their scholastic standings and academic classifications.
- B. The by-laws of the colony.
- C. Brief history of the colony.
- D. Financial report for the past semester showing the colony's good standing.
- E. Letter of approval and support from the headquarters of the fraternity/sorority assuring that the colony will be chartering the fraternity/sorority.
- F. Any additional letters of recommendation or support that the colony cares to submit.

Section 3: The colony shall consist of not less than fifteen (15) enrolled California State University, Fullerton students, who meet MCGC standards for initiation, with two-thirds (2/3) eligible and planning to return to California State University, Fullerton, the following semester, before it shall receive consideration for the receiving of its charter.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I- OFFICERS

Section 1: Elected Officers and their Duties

- A. President

The President shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Board; should conduct and preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and the General Council; serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, execute and oversee all vouchers for expenditures of the budget funds; perform the duties which are usually executed by the chief officer. The President shall be the official representative of the MCGC and will abide by the will of the council.

B. Vice President

The Vice President will assume all Presidential duties in absence of the President and oversee all committees. The Vice President shall create and provide a calendar with all general meeting dates and tentatively scheduled MCGC activity dates and events for the following semester.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall issue and maintain a record of all necessary MCGC correspondence; keep, provide and distribute all minutes and agendas of meetings to all member organizations; read minutes before each General and Executive Board meeting; keep record of attendance of all meetings; maintain a current roster of all MCGC member information; and perform all other clerical duties of the MCGC. Secretary shall be responsible for forwarding copies of the MCGC agenda for the next meeting and minutes of the previous meeting, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the next MCGC meeting, to the Office of Greek Life and to the Associated Students Inc. office.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive, collect and manage all monies from the dues, fundraisers, fees and assessments and deposit same; issue checks for the expenditures of all funds upon receipt of voucher properly executed; maintain accurate records of the receipts and expenditures of funds. Three signatures will be needed for all MCGC expenditures (President, Treasurer and Advisor).

E. Historian

The Historian shall collect and compile historical data, consisting of: photos, handout of events, pamphlets, and any applicable material pertaining to the MCGC and all affiliate organizations. The Historian shall be responsible for forming a Historian committee.

F. Public Relations

It shall be the duty of Public Relations to oversee methods to publicize programs and activities of the MCGC. Develop ways to promote the interests, concerns, and ideals of the MCGC. Inform and encourage support of programs and/or activities of individual council member organizations. Shall be responsible for coordinating similar efforts with other respective members of the Greek community. Public relations shall be responsible for forming a Public Relations committee.

Section 2: Election of Officers

- A. Nominations will be held at the first meeting in February.
- B. Elections will be held at the first meeting in March.
- C. All candidates shall be required to give a speech on the day of elections, not exceeding five (5) minutes, detailing their reasons for seeking office and their qualifications.
- D. The mode of elections shall be by secret ballot after speeches from all candidates have been completed. The nominee receiving simple majority vote shall be elected. In the case of a tie, a run off election shall be held between the candidates. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.
- E. In the case of three (3) consecutive ties reached by the membership, the Executive Board, excluding the presiding President, will determine a winner by a simple majority.
- F. New officers will officially hold the new position at the last meeting of the Spring semester.

Section 3: Vacancies and Impeachment

A. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in office, all vacant offices shall be appointed by the MCGC. The appointment process will be the standard mode of elections for officers as conducted

by the MCGC. An announcement will be made at a general meeting of the vacancy. Qualified applicants will have one week to turn in a letter of interest to the Executive Board.

B. Impeachment

1. Removal From Office:
 - a. All elected officers may be subject to impeachment consistent with violation of any article of the MCGC Constitution and Bylaws.
 - b. Grounds for dismissal of officers or members shall include: neglect of duty; more than three (3) absences from meetings per semester, unless notification of absence is submitted in writing to a member of the Executive Board twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting or event; failure to accept responsibilities, or failure to work in harmony with the purpose of the organization.
2. Procedure: Any active member organization(s) or Executive officer may bring an officer of the MCGC at California State University, Fullerton, up for impeachment with due cause. The alleged violations must be presented in writing and appear with the sponsoring organization(s) or Executive officer on the established agenda.
3. Notification: All Executive Board members will be notified in writing of the alleged charges, the officer accused, and the date and time of the complaint.
4. Hearing: The Executive Board of the MCGC at California State Fullerton, will convene and formally hear the accusations of the sponsoring organization(s) or Executive officer and the rebuttal from the accused officer.
5. Sanctions:
 - a. Removal from office (2/3 vote of the Executive Board required)
 - b. Probation and review

- c. Fine (amount to be determined by the Executive Board)
- d. Educational Sanction
- e. Community Service
- f. Combination of all the above.

6. Decision: The decision of the Executive Board is Final.

ARTICLE II: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Public Relations.

Section 2: All committees shall be formed and established in accordance with the needs of the MCGC to carry out the programs of the council. The establishment of such committees will be under the direction and supervision of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III: FINANCE

Section 1: Collection of Dues

Dues shall be collected at the second meeting of each semester.

Section 2: Special Fees and Fines

All dues and assessments due are payable to the dates which shall be set by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Board, and are subject to a late fee if not received by this deadline.

Section 3: Sanctions for Late Dues, Fines and Outstanding Debts

A. A late fee of ten percent (10%) on the twenty-five dollar (\$25) membership due amount, will be levied to be paid for each week the payment has not been received, unless special arrangements have been made with MCGC.

B. The repercussions for not adhering to the above will be as follows:

1. Will not be allowed to participate in Council functions

And

2. Voting rights revoked until financial status is regained.

C. It is the duty of the Treasurer to work closely and be sure of the financial status of each member organization before any voting may take place.

Section 4: Reactivation

Organizations wishing to reactivate with the MCGC must pay the current semester dues and any outstanding financial obligations to the Council.

ARTICLE IV – AUTHORIZATION

Section 1: The President of the MCGC at California State University, Fullerton is authorized to speak on behalf of the council. The President shall authorize any others speaking on behalf of the MCGC at California State University, Fullerton.

ARTICLE V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The latest edition of Robert’s Rule of Order shall govern in all matters not provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws of the MCGC. Roberts Rule can be suspended by a majority vote.

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