

PREAMBLE:

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

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this council shall be the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council at the State University of New York at Binghamton, here in after referred to as the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

ARTICLE II. MISSION AND GOALS

Section 1. MISSION

- A. To act as the governing body for Multicultural fraternities and sororities at the State University of New York at Binghamton.
- B. To create an effective working relationship between member organizations and the Campus Activities and Orientation Office at the State University of New York at Binghamton.
- C. To foster an understanding of the structure and method of operation amongst member organizations.
- D. To establish mutual respect amongst member organizations.
- E. To bring awareness to the State University of New York at Binghamton, to the community at large with cultural, political, professional, and social issues affecting the Multicultural community.

Section 2. GOALS

- A. To address, coordinate, and develop action strategies on matters of mutual concern.
- B. To promote the highest quality of social, cultural, and community oriented programming amongst member organizations.

- C. To serve as a source of organizational growth in conjunction with academic preparation.

ARTICLE III. POWERS & SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

Section 1.

- A. To formulate any rules necessary and regulate all matter within the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton.
- B. To administer and enforce the constitution, bylaws and rules- regulations established by the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton.
- C. To enact bylaws and to amend them.

Section 2.

The scope of authority of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council shall be to program, legislate, administrate, and to advise. 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, Pan- Hellenic or NPHC policy, LGC, AGC; wherein, the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton, is free to make recommendations to the university. The Office of Greek Life, Department of Student Life, and Division of Student Affairs derive authority for the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton, through recognition.

ARTICLE IV. STRUCTURE

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1

Elected Officers: The elected officers of the Council shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising, Public Relations, Social Chair and Community Service Chair.

Being that there are six residing organizations and eight E-board positions to fill, there has to be at least one representative of each organization holding an E-board position. In the case of an unbalance, there should be no more than two representatives per organization in E-board positions.

Section 2

The Council shall have as primary advisor, a representative from the State University of New York at Binghamton, Department of Student Affairs.

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising, Public Relations, Social Chair and Community Service Chair.

Section 2

The Council President shall establish any committees necessary to carry out the programs of the Council.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

Section 1

The meetings of the Council will be held weekly, or as deemed necessary.

Section 2

A quorum to convene and transact business shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members.

Section 3

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be considered adopted by a three-fourth (3/4) vote. The President shall call all special meetings. Each organization shall be notified of a special meeting at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

Section 4

- A. Each organization must have a minimum of one (1) representative present at weekly executive board meetings
 - a. Two (2) unexcused missed executive board meetings by an organization will lead to a probationary period during which the said organization must meet with the Judicial Board (not including the organization on probation) who will then decide whether the organization can remain on MGFC or find a suitable sentence up to their discretion.

- A. All member organizations must only affiliate and associate with good standing, university recognized organizations.
- B. All member organizations must only collaborate with good standing, university recognized organizations (workshops, parties, mixers, fundraisers, etc.).
- C. Member organizations violating Article XIII will be in review by the current standing executive board of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council at State University of New York, Binghamton.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS

Section 1

Eligibility and Terms for Officers: The President and Vice President shall have the following qualifications:

- A. In good standing with their respective affiliate organization.
- B. At least one (1) year membership in affiliate organization.
- C. At least one (1) semester membership in the MGFC executive board in the coming semester immediately prior to the election or appointment.
- D. Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative G.P.A. and at least a 2.5 G.P.A. in the coming semester immediately prior to the election or appointment.

Section 2

Officers and their Duties

A. President

- a. Preside over all executive and general council meetings.
- b. Be the official representative of the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton, to the university, as well as the Leadership

- c. Keep roster list of all Executive members and councilmen.
- d. Reserve meeting facilities.
- e. Issue all necessary correspondence on behalf of the Council
- f. Arrive to executive board meetings 5 minutes earlier to make sure room is available and door is unlocked
- g. Perform other duties as deemed necessary.

- b. Coordinate joint functions with the IFC, Pan- Hellenic, LGC, AGC and NPHC to promote future cohesion amongst the State University of New York at Binghamton, Greeks.

G. Publicity Chair

- a. Coordinate all social media outlets of the council including but not limited to: Instagram, Facebook page, Email..etc.
- b. Upon request, must publish fliers, posters and other council and council members' memorandums on corresponding social media mediums.
- c. To promote all activities of the Council in the form of flyers, public

- C. If an Executive Committee member cannot attend a meeting or a MGFC event, he or she has 24 hours to contact the President and Vice President prior to the absence.
- D. If an Executive Committee member misses 2 meetings and/or events, he or she will be brought up to the Executive Committee as well as the Judiciary Committee for questioning of impeachment.

Section 4

- A. Nominations will be held at the end of the respective semester for the upcoming semester.
- B. Elections will be held the week subsequent to nominations.
- C. All candidates shall be required to give a speech, not exceeding 10 minutes, detailing their reasons for seeking office and their qualifications.
- D. The mode of elections shall be by secret ballot after direct nomination from the floor. The nominee receiving simple majority shall be elected. In the case of a tie, a run- off 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 Committee will determine a winner by a simple majority.

ARTICLE II. EXPANSION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

All new fraternities and sororities seeking recognition must first complete the Procedures

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- A. Each organization affiliated with MGFC must support all other organizations also affiliated with MGFC.
- a. Each organization must send 50% of its active house to support any academic/informational event another organization in MGFC hosts during the school week (Mon-Fri).
 - b. If an organization in MGFC is hosting an entire week of events, all other organizations in MGFC must attend 50% of those events, with at least 50% attendance.
 - c. It is up to the hosting organization to notify and inform the Vice President about which organizations did not attend or show support to the hosted event.
 - d. Two (2) unexcused missed events by an organization will lead to a probationary period during which the said organization must meet with the Judicial Board (not including the organization on probation) who will then decide whether the organization can remain on MGFC or find a suitable sentence up to their discretion.
 - e. An organization must give 48 hours notice of mandatory events
 - f. If an organization is unable to attend an event hosted by another affiliated organization, they must notify both the Vice President and the organization holding the event about their conflict. As long as prior notice was given, and the organization holding the event communicates whether or not they are understanding of the conflict, the conflicting organization may miss the event without incurring fines.
- B. No organization within MGFC can host a competing event against an MGFC full council event.

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