Multicultural Greek Council  
University of Nevada, Reno  
Constitution and Bylaws

PREAMBLE

We, the Multicultural Greek organizations have joined together to form this council known as the Multicultural Greek Council in order to seek a more diverse cooperative existence between sororial and fraternal orders, better meet our individual and joint need, and voice our concerns while maintaining good faith with the University. 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. We do hereby establish the following Constitution and Bylaws and bind ourselves to abide by its provisions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF PRINCIPLE ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations are responsible for establishing and maintaining the MGC. The MGC was founded on April 24, 2007 by the following respected chapters:
- Kappa Alpha Psi, Xi Phi Chapter
- Lambda Psi Rho, Founding Chapter
- Lambda Phi Xi, Epsilon Chapter
- Nu Alpha Kappa, Omicron Chapter
- Kappa Delta Chi, Alpha Eta Chapter

ARTICLE I ~ NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Multicultural Greek Council at the University of Nevada, Reno hereinafter referred to as the MGC.

ARTICLE II ~ PURPOSE

The purpose of the MGC at the University of Nevada, Reno shall be to develop and maintain high standards in the life of fraternities and sororities by:
1. Assisting culturally diverse sororities and fraternities in the achievement of their noble purposes
2. Providing a forum of government and the regulation of chapter affairs while enriching chapter life on campus and promoting superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement
3. Encouraging diversity, social service and philanthropic activities for the development of members within the community.
4. Acting as a liaison between our member chapters and the University administration by establishing a communication network, promoting unity among our chapters and the college community.

5. Furthering leadership education and development within the Greek community and throughout campus, and promoting communication between all Greek organizations on campus.

**ARTICLE III ~ POWERS AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

Section 1. Powers

a. To formulate any rules necessary to regulate all MGC matters.
b. To administer, enforce, and amend the constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations established by the MGC.
c. To provide advice on MGC policies for the member chapters.

Section 2. Scope of Authority

The scope of the authority of the MGC shall be to program, legislate, administrate, and advise. By virtue of authority vested in it by these Constitution and Bylaws, the Council shall have power to regulate all matters of member interest, except those that are of institutional policy, to which the MGC is free to make recommendations to the University. Authority for the MGC is derived through recognition by the Associated Students and the University through the Vice President for Student Life Services.

**ARTICLE IV ~ STRUCTURE**

Section 1. There shall be a General Council consisting of one delegate from each recognized MGC chapter which shall have final authority on all matters related to this Council, in accordance with the University guidelines.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Board, subject in all respects to the General Council of the Multicultural Greek Council.

Section 3. Chapters of the MGC shall be comprised of university recognized fraternities and sororities.

Section 4. No more than three (3) members of the same organization may serve on the Executive Board.
ARTICLE V ~ MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the MGC shall consist of sorority and fraternity chapters that are in good standing with Nevada and, if applicable, with the National or Regional organization.

Section 2. Membership in MGC is at all times a privilege which may be withdrawn only for good cause by MGC in accordance with these constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations, as specified in Article IX.

Section 3. Membership Status

A. Provisional membership status is defined as any colony or former active chapter that is developing its membership, policies, or other chapter operations. Provisional organizations shall have the following rights and responsibilities.

   a. Voice on all issues that come before the council, but will be listed as a non-voting party.
   b. Pay dues.
   c. Participate in MGC activities.
   d. Comply with MGC and University policies.

A. ACTIVE MEMBER STATUS

1. The Council may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire voting membership, grant Active Status. Such status may be withheld only with reasonable cause, as determined by the Council. If a Provisional chapter is denied Active Status, it may reapply anytime during its Provisional Status time period.

2. Active status shall be defined as a fully recognized chartered organization. To be considered Active Status the chapter shall meet the following conditions.

Section 4. Inactive Status

A. Inactive status grants the chapter participation in MGC affairs and activities at the discretion of the Council without the privilege of voting. Inactive status relieves the chapter from paying MGC dues. To participate in an event, an Inactive chapter must make a written request to the MGC
Council Executive Board at its regular meeting prior to the event.

B. If a chapter mean falls below a 2.3 G.P.A for two consecutive semesters, the chapter shall automatically be placed on Inactive status.

Section 7 Scholarship Requirements

A. If a chapter’s semesters GPA is below 2.50 but higher than or equal to 2.00 for one semester, the chapter shall be placed on MGC Academic Warning status. If the chapter is on Academic Warning for a second consecutive semester, the chapter shall be placed on Academic Unsatisfactory status. Such a chapter must meet with the MGC Advisor to discuss improvements. Also, all of the chapter’s active members must complete 25 hours of documented study hours per month to be documented and submitted monthly to the Scholarship Director.

B. If a chapter is on MGC Academic Unsatisfactory but increases their GPA by 0.15 or more, they shall be considered to be in MGC Academic Improvement. Such a chapter must complete all of the requirements discussed with the MGC Advisor as stipulated above.

ARTICLE VI ~ ORGANIZATION

Section 1 Delegates

Each member chapter of the MGC shall have one seat on the council. The voting seat will be held by the representatives of the member chapter. Representatives are required to attend all council meetings. Be responsible for representing regular MGC reports at Chapter meetings. Submit any required lists of chapter personal or other information to the Executive board

Section 2 Executive Board

A. The elected officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice President, Director of Operations, Director of Finance, Director of Activities, and Director of Recruitment and Marketing.

B. No MGC executive officer may serve as a chapter’s delegate or representative. Executive officers do not have a vote in Council meetings, except that the President is empowered to break (but not create) ties.

C. The Executive Board shall meet twice during the month. Also at such other times deemed necessary by the MGC President. The Executive Board reserves the right to take action on behalf of the Council if action must as necessary to be taken during a school break or when it is not
D. The duties and responsibilities of the executive officers shall be as follows:

1. **PRESIDENT:** Shall preside at all meetings, regular and special; to appoint a parliamentarian, to appoint all committee chairs and with the concurrence of the Council; and, to act as a representative from the MGC at conferences, meetings, and all other functions. The President has the authority to break a tie in the Council meetings.

2. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Shall perform the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to perform his or her duties; to be responsible for all committees and other duties delegated by the President; and to plan and coordinate all education programs. As well as perform the duties of sergeant of arms. Work with Greek Leadership Advisor and chapter academic chairs to maintain up-to-date grades. Maintain an up-to-date publicly online calendar of all MGC chapter events

3. **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Shall call roll, distribute the minutes, determine quorums at the direction of the President, determine absences, and carry on all correspondence of the MGC; shall take minutes at all formal meetings. Organize MGC files and historical documentation, such as newsletters, university documentation and records of the events and activities of the MGC outside the meetings. To keep up-to-date roll of members of MGC. To keep an up-to-date file which include the minutes of the MGC meetings, copies of all contracts made by MGC

4. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:** Shall collect, take charge of, and disburse when authorized, any funds or moneys acquired by the Council, and to be responsible for said moneys and funds; to present a proposed yearly budget by the last meeting of the Spring Semester which shall be approved by a majority vote of the Council; to coordinate a minimum of one major fundraising event per semester.

5. **DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES:** Shall plan, coordinate and execute all social and community service activities; to make an activities calendar prior to each semester; help chapter activity chairs with traditional weeks such as Homecoming, Mackay and Greek Weeks. Organize and plan Greek Week, All Greek Ball, and Greek
Midweek with IFC and Panhellenic counterparts. Meet with IFC and Panhellenic counterparts once a month to discuss upcoming events

6. DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT AND MARKETING: Shall plan coordinate, and execute all MGC recruitment activities; to compile and publish a master recruitment events calendar, MGC Recruitment publications. Maintain a complete and up-to-date PR file which will include all media correspondence a list of publicity contacts. Will meet with IFC and Panhellenic counterparts at least once per month. In conjunction with IFC and Panhellenic counterparts help produce two electronic issues of the Greek Times

F. Through the bylaws additional offices may be added as needed.

Section 3. MGC Advisor

An MGC Advisor is appointed by Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno. The Advisor shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Council, the Executive Board, and other MGC Committees.

ARTICLE VII ~ MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of the MGC shall be called every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Any additional meetings can be called at the discretion of the executive board.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Council may be called by petition of any 70% of the member chapters, or the Executive Board, provided only that 48 hours notice is given to each member chapter.

Section 3. No absentee votes shall be allowed at any meeting of the Council

Section 4. An MGC executive officer may not represent or vote for his/her chapter.

Section 5. Only delegates and executive officers can make motions.

Section 6. Quorum
All matters not specifically mentioned in the Constitution and Bylaws shall be decided by a majority of a quorum. A quorum shall consist of at least 2/3 representation of the member chapters with voting privileges.
Section 7. Regular MGC meetings shall be open to all members of MGC chapters, the MGC Advisor, and guests approved by the President.

Section 8. Parliamentary Authority
Robert’s Rules of Order shall be used to conduct meetings.

ARTICLE VIII ~ ELECTION

Section 1. All executive officers shall be elected for one year terms. Elections shall be held at a regular weekly MGC meeting during the first week of November. Installation of the new executive officers shall be two academic weeks from the date of the election. The last meeting shall be two weeks before finals week.

Section 2. Nominations shall be open at the regular weekly meetings prior to the meeting in which elections are held.

Section 3. Candidates for the following positions are required to have one semester of active leadership experience (held office) in their respective organization.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Director of Operations
4. Director of Finance
5. Director of Activities
6. Director of Recruitment and Marketing

Section 4. Officers shall be elected by majority vote. There will be a runoff election between the top two candidates if no candidate receives a majority vote.

Section 5. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

ARTICLE IX ~ VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1. An election for a vacancy on the Executive Board shall be held at the MGC meeting following the meeting of the official announcement. Nominations and elections will be held at the following meeting. Vacancies may be temporarily filled by presidential appointment until the position is filled by an election.

Section 2. Should the President vacate his/her office for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President. If the Vice President does not accept the position, the Vice President will temporarily assume the office until an election is held.
Section 3. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, remove any executive officer with two or more unexcused absences from Council meetings or Executive Board meetings during the semester.

Section 4. Recall of Officers
An Executive Officer may be recalled after written charges have been signed by 1/3 of the voting delegates or representative. Once signed, the written charges are to be presented to the full council, where the officer will be provided the opportunity to address these charges. The actual recall vote must pass by 2/3rd vote of the full council.

ARTICLE X ~ COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President at their discretion, the chairperson of any committee necessary to perform the functions of MGC. The appointments of the chairperson are subject to the confirmation of a majority of this Council.

Section 2. The Chairperson of each committee shall appoint, with the approval of the President, the members of his/her respective committee.

Section 3. The Executive Board may remove any committee chairperson or committee member, as deemed necessary who are not satisfactorily doing the duties for which they have been appointed.

Section 4. The Chairperson of each committee shall submit a report to the Council at each meeting of MGC.

Section 5. Recruitment Committee
The Recruitment Committee shall consist of a chairperson (Director of Recruitment and Marketing) and a member from each chapter. This Committee shall be responsible for all MGC council matters related to recruitment

ARTICLE XI ~ REGISTRATION

Section 1. ROSTERS
Each member chapter shall be required to submit a list of its active initiates, social affiliate members and active alumni by the end of the fourth week of each semester to the Vice President. Failure to comply shall result in suspension from this Council until such time the lists are submitted.
Section 2.  ACTIVE INITIATES
An active initiate is defined as an initiated member regularly enrolled in seven or more units at the University of Nevada, Reno (does not include Extended Studies or Open University classes) as a graduate or undergraduate student, paying active chapter dues and fees.

Section 3.  ACTIVE ALUMNI
An active alumni shall be defined as an initiated member who has graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno and still participates actively (i.e. social events, pays dues, etc.) within a MGC chapter.

ARTICLE XII ~ DUES, ASSESSMENTS, AND FINES
Section 1.  DUES
Active and Provisional status chapters shall pay semester dues of $5.00 per active member. This amount shall be due one week following roster updates for MGC chapters.

Section 3.  SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND FINES
The Council has the authority, by majority vote, to levy assessments and fines for special purposes.

Section 4.  FINES
1. A fine of twenty dollars ($20.00) will be assessed to chapters who have not paid their dues two weeks after the due date assigned by the Executive Board
2. Unexcused absence at any MGC sponsored meeting is subject to a twenty dollar ($20.00) fine.
3. Any MGC member who misses a deadline will be subject to a $10 fine
4. Any two unexcused tardies without 4 hour notice, unless an exigent circumstance, is subject to a $10 fine
5. Excused or unexcused will be determined by the chair of the meeting.

Section 5.  FINANCIAL DELINQUENCY
If a chapter goes an entire semester without paying:
   a. MGC dues
   b. Attendance Fines incurred by missing MGC meetings and or sponsored events.
That chapter will lose all voting rights until said chapter is in good financial standing with the MGC treasury. Good standing requires that a zero (0) balance be shown prior to the next semester. The chapter will regain voting status once
the delinquency is at zero (0) from the previous semester.

ARTICLE XIII ~ AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSION OF THE BYLAWS

Section 1. AMENDMENTS
Amendments to these Constitutions and Bylaws may be proposed in writing at any meeting, during which they shall be read for the first time. Proposed amendments shall be printed and circulated to the member chapters and then voted on at the next regular meeting. A two-third (2/3) majority of the entire voting membership shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.

Section 2. SUSPENSION OF THE BYLAWS
Any provision of these Constitution and Bylaws may be temporarily suspended only by the unanimous consent of the member chapters present and eligible to vote at an MGC meeting, providing a quorum is present (see Article VII, Section 6) and provided that such suspension

Signature of Representatives from Principle Organizations

Kappa Alpha Psi: __Absent________________________ Date: __May 14, 2007__________

Lambda Phi Xi: ________________________________
________________________ Date: __________________

Lambda Psi Rho: ________________________________
________________________ Date: __________________

Nu Alpha Kappa: ________________________________ Date: __________________