

**Multicultural Greek Council
University of Nevada, Reno
Constitution**

PREAMBLE

We, the Multicultural Greek organizations have joined together to form this council known as the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) in order to seek a more diverse cooperative existence between sorority and fraternal orders, better meet our individual and joint needs, and voice our concerns while maintaining good faith with the University of Nevada, Reno. 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 following respected chapters founded MGC on April 24, 2007:

- 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 Multicultural Greek Council 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 Multicultural Greek Council 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 of the University of Nevada and the University of Nevada, Reno through the Associate Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students Office.

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.

ARTICLE V ~ 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 three-fourths (3/4) majority of the entire voting membership shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.

ARTICLE VI ~ MEMBERSHIP

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

Section 2. Membership in the MGC is at all times a privilege that may be withdrawn only for good cause by the MGC in accordance with these Constitution, Bylaws, and rules and regulations.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

A. Active Membership Status

- a. Active status shall be defined as a fully recognized chartered organization.
- b. 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.

B. 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 before the event.

- b. If a chapter does not actively participate for two consecutive semesters, the chapter shall automatically be placed on Inactive status.
- c. A member chapter may be placed on Inactive status for a maximum of two (2) semesters during any two-year period, after which time the Council shall review and determine the continuing membership status of the chapter.
- d. Once dismissed, a chapter must be absent from the MGC for 2 semesters, after which time said chapter may petition to reapply according to the Expansion provisions stated in the bylaws.

C. Provisional Status

- a. When a chapter is accepted into MGC it will be considered a provisional chapter until it has reached a chartered status, at which point it will become active status.
- b. A provisional chapter shall have all the rights and duties of an active chapter.

D. Associate Membership

- a. Associate membership will be granted to chapters who are affiliated with the council, but cannot benefit from traditional MGC programming.
- b. Granting associate membership status will be at the discretion of the Executive Board and the MGC Advisor.
- c. Associate membership status grants the chapter exemption from mandatory participation requirements, to events that are not congruent with the membership demographic of their chapter.
- d. Associate chapters will only have the privilege to vote on constitution amendments and executive board elections.
- e. Chapters with associate membership status will only be required to pay half of the amount of dues, as fully active chapters.
- f. Chapters wishing to gain associate membership status must meet the following criteria.
 - i. Have a minimum of fifty percent of their active chapter considered non-traditional students.

Section 4. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A. **Required GPA:** All chapters must maintain a GPA of at least a 2.0 to be in good academic standing. The determination of warning, unsatisfactory, and improvement statuses will be in accordance to the scholarship requirements mandated in the bylaws.
- B. **Academic Fines:** All academic fines will be assessed according to the *provisions* stated in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII ~ ORGANIZATION

Section 1. DELEGATES

Each member chapter of the MGC shall have one seat on the council. The representative of the member chapter will hold the voting seat. Representatives are required to attend all council meetings and be responsible for representing regular MGC reports at Chapter meetings. This delegate will also serve as their chapter's representative, in the circumstance that a judicial board hearing must be called.

Section 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. The elected officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice President, Director of Administration, Director of Activities, Director of Recruitment and Marketing, Director of Judicial Affairs, and Director of Academics.
- B. No MGC executive officer may serve as a chapter's delegate. Executive officers do not have a vote in Council meetings, except that the President is empowered to break (but not create) ties.
- C. The duties and responsibilities of the executive officers shall be outlined in the bylaws

Section 3. MGC Adviser

An MGC adviser is appointed by the Associate Vice President of Student services at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Adviser shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Council, the Executive Board, and other MGC Committees.

ARTICLE VIII ~ MEETINGS

- Section 1. Meeting times of the MGC will be decided at the discretion of the Executive Board. 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. Mandatory Events and Meetings will be decided by the President and they will give at least two weeks notice to mandatory events and meetings.
- Section 4. No absentee votes shall be allowed at any meeting of the Council.
- 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 representations of the member chapters with voting privileges.

- Section 8. Regular MGC meetings shall be open to all members of MGC chapters, the MGC adviser, and guests approved by the President.

Section 9. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to conduct meetings.

ARTICLE 1X ~ ELECTIONS

- Section 1. All executive officers shall be elected for a one-year term and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Elections shall be held at a regular weekly MGC meeting during the first two weeks of November.
- Section 2. All elections shall follow the procedures outlined in the bylaws.

ARTICLE X ~ 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 2/3 vote of the full council.

ARTICLE XI ~ COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The President, at their discretion, shall appoint a 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 follow all guidelines as outlined in the bylaws.

ARTICLE XII ~ DUES, ASSESSMENTS, AND FINES

- Section 1. **DUES**

Active and Provisional status chapters shall pay semester dues of \$10.00 per active member. This amount shall be due week following roster updates for MGC chapters.

Section 2. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND FINES

The Council has the authority, by majority vote, to levy assessments and fines for special purposes.

Section 3. FINANCIAL DELINQUENCY

If a chapter goes two consecutive general body meetings without paying MGC dues, 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 meeting the fines are due. The chapter will regain voting status once the delinquency is at zero (0) from the previous semester.

ARTICLE XIII ~ NONDISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

Section 1. The Multicultural Greek Council does not discriminate with respect to membership on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, gender identity, socio-economic status, physical or mental impairment, or sexual orientation.