

## **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**

*The mission of the MGFC is:*

- 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**

*The goals of the MGFC are:*

- 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.**

##### *Powers*

- 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.**

##### *Scope of Authority*

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**

#### **Section 1. Executive Council**

The MGFC Executive Council shall be composed of two representatives from each member organization and will follow a “one organization, one vote” policy on all matters.

#### **Section 2.**

Undergraduate chapters of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council shall be comprised of college/ university national and local fraternities and sororities.

#### **Section 3.**

No more than two (2) members of the same organization may serve on the Executive Committee or run for a position.

## **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1.**

- a) Each affiliate organization shall be entitled to 2 representatives; each organization will have one vote.
- b) Voting Representatives will be established at each meeting's roll call.
- c) In case of hardship, membership from committees may be waived as deemed appropriate by the Judicial Board.
- d) Each affiliate organization is required to pay biannual dues to the council:
  - i. Dues shall be set at \$3 per active member of the house.

### **Section 2.**

New chapters are required to obtain recognition from the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton, and the Office of Greek Life.

## **ARTICLE VI. RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS**

### **Section 1.**

Membership shall be composed of Multicultural based Fraternities and Sororities, which are in good standing with the University, and the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council.

### **Section 2.- Current Member organizations (in alphabetical order)**

alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc.  
Gamma Sigma Zeta Fraternity, Inc.  
Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.  
Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Lambda Sigma Upsilon Fraternity, Inc.  
MALIK Fraternity, Inc.  
Sigma Omicron Pi Sorority, Inc.

### **Section 3.**

- A. Member organizations of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council at the State University of New York at Binghamton shall have permanent membership at the Council.
- B. Each organization has the right to equal amount of votes regardless of organization size (1 per organization).
- C. Each full-fledged member shall have the right to vote in provisional members to reach full-fledged status.

## **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.

## Section 5

- A. Fines
  - a. The following are the dollar amounts fined for attendance and behavior infractions:

### Missed Event

Educational program missed: \$15.00

Meeting missed: \$10.00

### Late Fines

Late for meeting: \$1.00 per minute late

After 15 minutes it becomes a missed meeting

- B. There is a 5-minute grace period for all events **excluding** educational programs.
- C. An absence must be excused by the President and Vice President 24 hours in advance.

## ARTICLE X. SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

### Section 1

Each organization will provide a calendar of their events for the following week during the weekly meetings.

### Section 2

- A. A minimum of one (1) social event per semester is required to be done by the council and all its active member organizations.
- B. A minimum of one (1) academic or cultural event per semester is required to be done by the council and all its active member organizations.
- C. Each organization must hold a minimum of two (2) events, at least one academic, the other may be a social event, with another organization within MGFC per semester.

- a. If an organization does not meet this minimum, that organization will pay a \$5.00 fine and will add the number of missing events to the two minimum events the following semester.
- b. There will be a two (2) strike maximum for the number of missing events and if the two (2) strikes have been met, that organization will lose executive board position and voting privileges for one (1) academic year.

## **ARTICLE XI. JUDICIAL BOARD**

### **Section 1**

The Judicial Board will be responsible for matters involving council regulations and organization disputes. In addition, violations by members may result in disciplinary action against an individual in accordance with university regulations.

- A. The Judicial Board shall consist of one (1) member from each organization. The Vice President officer shall preside as Chair of the Judicial board.
- B. Any organizations accused of a violation shall be notified of such and given a maximum of five (5) business days to present its case before the Judicial Board.
- C. The organization must abide by all levied sanctions.
- D. An organization can be penalized for an action or non- action if such action would violate University policy, Council policy, or violate the policy of its respective organization.
- E. Any sanction levied against an organization can be appealed to the current serving advisor.
- F. Should an issue arise that cannot involve the professional staff advisor, the Judicial board will hear the case and resolve it in finality. Should the issue be recurring after the board has made its decision, the offending organization shall be put under probationary status within the council.

## **ARTICLE XII. HAZING**

### **Section 1. Anti- Hazing**

- A. All member organizations must follow the University anti- hazing Policy, as well as any anti- hazing laws of the State of New York.
- B. All member organizations must file a copy of their National anti- hazing policy with the Campus Activities and Orientation Office.
- C. Member organizations violating the anti- hazing policy will be in review by the Campus Activities and Orientation Office at the State University of New York at Binghamton, the MGFC and the office of Judicial Affairs.

## **ARTICLE XIII. AFFILIATION**

### **Section 1.**

- 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.
- E. All other officers shall have the following qualifications:
  - a. In good standing with their respective affiliate organization.
  - b. One semester as member in affiliate organization, except under extenuating circumstances.
  - c. Have at least a 2.5 GPA in the coming semester immediately prior to the election or appointment.
- F. Officers shall serve for a one-year, or under peculiar circumstance, one-semester period, serving in the office from May of the elected year to May of the following year or August – December or January – May with a transition period from April to May (for yearly term) for the educating of incoming officers.
- G. It is mandatory that all respective organizations need to hold a seat in all open officer positions. If there is a moment where there are less active organizations than there are open positions, organizations are able to hold more than one position.

## **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 Board Meeting.
- c. Cast no vote during meetings except in the case of an equal division among the members.
- d. Reserve the right to call an emergency meeting with 48- hour notification.
- e. Be the official representative of the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton, to the Student Association.
- f. Assume all duties as deemed necessary.

#### B. Vice- President

- a. Serve as the President's aid and confidant.
- b. Perform all duties of the President in his/her absence, removal or at his/ her request.
- c. Serve as the liaison between the President, the e- board members as well as the general body.
- d. Oversee all committees, including judicial board.
- e. Preside as the official warden for all MGFC events including executive board meetings and take note of applicable fines for missing and/or lateness to events and meetings.
- f. Ensure that all active members and Executive Board officials maintain good standing within the university.

#### C. Secretary

- a. Keep minutes of all meetings.
- b. Distribute all internal administrative material.



- 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.

D. Treasurer

- a. Keep a record of all income and expenses of the council.
- b. Function as the accountant in collecting, holding and dispensing all moneys of the Council.
- c. Create and maintain the council budget and present a financial report at each meeting
- d. Be actively involved in developing fundraising ideas in conjunction with the Fundraising and Community Service Chairs.
- e. Perform other duties as deemed necessary.

E. Fundraising

- a. Act as the aide of the treasurer and maintain thorough records of expenses and revenue of all fundraisers and report accordingly to the council at weekly meetings.
- b. Propose fundraising ideas to the council and upon approval; execute said ideas with the rest of the Executive Board by setting dates, booking tables, presenting marketing schemes...etc.
- c. Coordinate at least one fundraising effort per semester involving all members of the council.

F. Social Chair

- a. Coordinate activities to promote unity and cohesion amongst the member organizations of the MGFC at the State University of New York at Binghamton, in the form of socials and other events decided upon by the Council.

- 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 service announcements, and/or ways deemed necessary by the Council.
- d. Relay all messages sent to the council from social media outlets and reply accordingly in a polite and professional manner.

H. Community Service Chair

- a. To implement community service projects in which all member organization are required to participate in by the member organizations to be carried out throughout the academic school year.
- b. To coordinate joint community service based functions with the IFC, Pan- Hellenic, LGC, AGC and NPHC to promote future cohesion amongst the State University of New York at Binghamton, Greeks.
- c. Coordinate at least one community service project per semester involving all members of the council.
- d. The community service chair is required to completely plan and execute all three events within the school year.

### Section 3

#### Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall make a report of its activities at the general meetings.
- B. In extenuating circumstances, the Committee shall take action between general meetings with the advisor's approval that are in the best interest of the Council; after which they shall inform the general body of the Council.

- 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**

##### *Elections:*

- 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 for Recognition as outlined in the Binghamton University Fraternity/Sorority Recognition and Governance Policy. The Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Board will be responsible for granting provisional recognition to all eligible chapters.

From the date of the granting of provisional recognition to the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council, the chapter will have one year to complete the process and/or guidelines for becoming a fully recognized chapter of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council as outlined in the constitution and approved by the F/S Leadership Board. At the end of the provisional year the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council must make one of the following recommendations to the F/S Leadership Board based on the chapter meeting this Council's criteria:

- a. Recommend to the F/S Leadership Board that the group be granted Full Recognition.
- b. Recommend to the F/S Leadership Board that the group's Provisional Recognition be extended.
- c. Recommend to the F/S Leadership Board that the group's Provisional recognition be withdrawn.

## **Section 2.**

The following criteria must be met by all provisional chapters in order to be recommended for full recognition by the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council:

1. Completion of at least three different community services per semester
  - a. One of the three must be an event organized or co-sponsored by the group seeking recognition.
  - b. 2/3 of the members must attend each community service.
2. At least three social events per semester. Parties and mixers count.
3. At least three self-organized/co-sponsored educational activities on campus.
4. Must be elected by simple majority by full-fledged members of the council in order to reach full-fledged status. In the case that this is not achieved, provisionary members must undergo another semester of probationary status.

Written documentation of all events must be provided by the second to last meeting of each semester. Any event taking place after that date that will be counted toward requirements for that semester must be submitted at the first meeting of the following semester, at the latest.

## **Section 3.**

Types of Membership of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council:

- A. Full Membership: The rights of a full member shall consist of full voting privileges, in addition to full social and philanthropic privileges within MGC provided the group maintains recognition at the University and within their Fraternity/Sorority headquarters.
- B. Provisionary Membership: The rights of a provisionary member shall consist of all privileges consistent with full membership, negating voting rights and the right to hold positions.

## **ARTICLE III. SUPPORT**

### **Section 1.**

- 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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