



Multicultural Greek Council  
at The Ohio State University  
**Constitution**

**Article I Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization**

Section 1. Name

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Multicultural Greek Council at The Ohio State University.

Section 2. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this organization shall be to inspire culture, trust, support, understanding and friendship between its members, the Greek community, the University, and Columbus community. It shall unite the diverse organizations affiliated with Student Activities/Greek life to work towards diversity and multicultural awareness through its objectives:
  - I. Serve all Multicultural Greek Council organizations as a support group in their events and communities.
  - II. Encourage communication among chapters of the organization.
  - III. Promote the cultures of all organizations represented by the Multicultural Greek Council.
  - IV. Promote high standards of scholarly achievement.
  - V. Provide service to the campus and community.
  - VI. Inspire diversity and promote unity.
  - VII. Improve ties with other Greeks on campus.
  - VIII. Create a strong voice and presence on campus.

Section 3. Non-Discrimination Policy

- A. This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 4. Harmonious Clause

- A. The policies and procedures of the Multicultural Greek Council shall be in accordance with those of the Ohio Union.

**Article II Membership**

Section 1. Founding Members

- A. The founding members of the Multicultural Greek Council are Alpha Psi Lambda, Beta Kappa Gamma, Delta Lambda Phi, Kappa Phi Lambda, Pi Delta Psi, and Omega Tau Zeta.

Section 2. Categories of Membership

A. Chapters

- I. Every active chapter has voting membership during all votes in General Body meetings of the Multicultural Greek Council.

- a. Voting membership is defined as limited to currently active members in the active chapters of the Multicultural Greek Council, with each chapter receiving exactly one vote per issue.
  - B. Interest Groups
    - I. Interest groups do not have voting membership during votes in General Body meetings of the Multicultural Greek Council.
      - a. Active members of interest groups are encouraged to become members and participate, but as non-voting associate members.
- Section 3. Qualifications
- A. All organizations (chapters and interest groups), in order to keep an active status within the council, must adhere to the “Active” section of the Multicultural Greek Council Bylaws. [Refer to Multicultural Greek Council Bylaws, Article II, Section 2]
  - B. All other greek organizations wishing to join the Multicultural Greek Council must adhere to the guidelines and policies set forth in the “Procedures for Becoming a Member” section of the Multicultural Greek Council Bylaws. [Refer to Multicultural Greek Council Bylaws, Article II, Section 1]
- Section 4. Method of Removing Officers and Members
- A. Removal of Executive Board Members
    - I. In the event that the a member of the Executive Board fails to meet the expectations of their office as set for them in the governing documents of the Multicultural Greek Council, they may be objectively removed from office by the remaining Executive Board members.
    - II. The rules contained in the *Robert’s Rules of Order* for the removal of an Executive Board member shall govern this process.
  - B. Removal of Chapters
    - I. In the event that a Chapter fails to meet the expectations of membership as set for them in the governing documents of the Multicultural Greek Council, they may be objectively removed from their chapter status within the Multicultural Greek Council by the Executive Board and Advisor.
    - II. The rules contained in the *Robert’s Rules of Order* for the removal of an Executive Board member shall govern this process.
  - C. Non-Discrimination Policy
    - I. The Non-Discrimination Policy listed in this Constitution protects members from removal based upon those listed statuses. [Refer to Multicultural Greek Council Constitution, Article I, Section 3]

**Article III Organization Leadership**

Section 1. Titles

- A. Executive Board
  - I. President
  - II. Executive Vice President
  - III. Vice President of External Affairs
  - IV. Vice President of Finance
  - V. Vice President of Communications
- B. Chapter Delegates
- C. Advisor

Section 2. Terms of Office

- A. Executive Board
  - I. All members of the Executive Board shall serve a term of one year, with dates in accordance with the terms set by the Ohio Union.
- B. Chapter Delegates

- I. Chapter Delegates shall serve the term set for them by their individual chapters.
  - C. Advisor
    - I. The terms of office for the Advisor will be set by his/her employer within the Ohio Union.
- Section 3. Type of Selection
- A. Executive Board
    - I. All members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the general body of the Multicultural Greek Council.
  - B. Chapter Delegates
    - I. Chapter Delegates are to be chosen by their individual chapters in accordance with the governing documents of that chapter.
  - C. Advisor
    - I. The Advisor will be the Coordinator of Sorority and Fraternity Life as employed by the Ohio Union, or his/her designee.

**Article IV Standing Committees**

- Section 1. Names
- A. Fundraising Committee
  - B. Service Committee
  - C. Social Committee
- Section 2. Purposes
- A. The purpose of the Fundraising Committee shall be to raise funds for the Multicultural Greek Council.
  - B. The purpose of the Service Committee shall be to arrange cooperative philanthropy and/or community service opportunities for all members of the Multicultural Greek Council.
  - C. The purpose of the Social Committee shall be to organize social events for all members of the Multicultural Greek Council.
- Section 3. Composition
- A. All committees shall consist of the delegates from each organization of the Multicultural Greek Council, and any general members of same organizations.

**Article V Advisor**

- Section 1. Qualification Criteria
- A. The advisor will be the Coordinator of Sorority and Fraternity Life as employed by the Ohio Union or his/her designee, as stated in this Constitution. [Refer to Multicultural Greek Council Constitution, Article I, Section 3, C.]

**Article VI Meetings of the Organization**

- Section 1. General Body Meetings
- A. There shall be at least bi-weekly meetings every regular academic term.
  - B. The first meeting will be no sooner than the second week of the academic term.
  - C. Meetings are required every academic term, except for summer.
- Section 2. Executive Board Meetings
- A. Executive Board meetings are to be scheduled as residing executive board sees fit.

**Article VII Method of Amending the Constitution**

- Section 1. Proposals
- A. Proposals for constitution amendments should be formally written down and subsequently presented during a General Body meeting of the Multicultural Greek Council.
  - B. Proposals should not be acted or voted upon, but read aloud in the General Meeting during which they are proposed.

- C. Proposals are permitted to be presented only during the fifth week of the second academic term of the regular school year. All proposed bylaw changes following that specified week shall not be voted on until the following year.

Section 2. Notice

- A. Proposals should be read again at one subsequent General Body meeting of the Multicultural Greek Council, during which a vote will not take place.
- B. From the time of proposal to time of vote, Delegates shall present the amendment for approval or refusal in his/her respective chapter in order to return with a consensus from his/her chapter for the vote.

Section 3. Voting Requirements

- A. Voting membership of the Multicultural Greek Council has been defined in the Multicultural Greek Council Constitution. [Refer to Multicultural Greek Council Constitution, Article II, Section 2, A. I. a.]
- B. Voting may occur two weeks after the initial proposal, but no sooner.
- C. The rules contained in the *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the specific voting procedures during a constitution amendment.

**Article VIII** Ratification of the Constitution

Section 1. Ratified May 11, 2011.