

THE BYLAWS OF THE  
MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL  
at the  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

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# PREAMBLE

*We, the Multicultural Greek Organizations, have joined together to form this council known as the Multicultural Greek Council at the University of California, Irvine in order to better meet our individual and joint needs and voice our desires to the community.*

*By establishing this council we, the members of this council, will educate and serve the campus and the multicultural community through cooperation, communication, and participation.*

*Furthermore, we will strive to develop unity and provide support for Member Organizations. As part of the Multicultural Greek Council, we hereby agree to abide by the following Multicultural Greek Constitution and its bylaws.*

## Founding Member Organizations

Alpha Gamma Alpha  
Alpha Epsilon Omega  
Alpha Kappa Alpha  
alpha Kappa Delta Phi  
Alpha Phi Alpha  
Delta Lambda Chi  
Delta Sigma Theta  
Delta Phi Gamma  
Zeta Phi Rho  
Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Zeta Phi  
Lambda Theta Delta  
Lambda Theta Nu  
Pi Alpha Phi  
Sigma Delta Alpha  
Sigma Lambda Beta  
Sigma Lambda Gamma  
Sigma Omicron Pi  
Tau Theta Pi  
Phi Zeta Tau

# BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I: OFFICERS

### SECTION 1- Duties of Elected Officers

A. The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Officers shall be:

1. PRESIDENT

- a. Preside as chair for the Multicultural Greek Council.
- b. Preside over all Multicultural Greek Council meetings.
- c. Prepare agenda for meetings.
- d. Serve as the liaison between the Multicultural Greek Council and the University of California, Irvine.
- e. Designate committees as necessary.
- f. Serve as an authorized signer.
- g. Abide by the will of council.

2. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

- a. Assume all presidential duties and responsibilities in the absence of the President.
- b. Oversee and assign committees for each event.
- c. Be the liaison between the Multicultural Greek Council Member Organizations.
- d. Create a calendar of events hosted or sponsored by the Multicultural Greek Council and the Member Organizations.
- e. Serve as the liaison between the Multicultural Greek Council and the Cross Cultural Center.
- f. Serve as the liaison between the Multicultural Greek Council and interested Greek Organizations/ Associate Member Organizations to ensure compliance with the regulations outlined in the expansion policy.

3. VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

- a. Prepare the budget for the fiscal school year.
- b. Maintain budget and provide accessibility to budget documents.
- c. Create and update budget proposals.
- d. Collect dues from Member Organizations.
- e. Serve as an Authorized Signer for the Multicultural Greek Council.

4. VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS
  - a. Archive material distributed at General Body meetings.
  - b. Record Member Organization and Associate Member Organization attendance.
  - c. Maintain a current roster of all Member Organizations' representatives.
  - d. Take minutes at Executive Board and General Body Meetings.
  
5. VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING
  - a. Oversee methods to publicize events hosted and endorsed by the Multicultural Greek Council.
  - b. Responsible for coordinating events with other members of the Greek Community.
  - c. Inform and encourage support of programs hosted or endorsed by Member Organizations.
  - d. Coordinate the Multicultural Greek Council events at least once per quarter.
  
6. VICE PRESIDENT OF SCHOLARSHIP
  - a. Collect chapter Grade Reports quarterly.
  - b. Maintain and strive to improve the Multicultural Greek Council's GPA.
  - c. Regulate minimum GPA as well as provide resources to improve a Member Organization's GPA.
  - d. Organize meetings and provide resources to the Member Organization's scholarship chairs.
  
7. VICE PRESIDENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT
  - a. Responsible for establishing and implementing a risk management program.
  - b. Assist Member Organizations with establishing and maintaining local risk management procedures.
  - c. Work with counterparts in the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Association (PHA) to promote risk management in the Greek Community, including serving as the point person for registering bussed events.
  - d. Serve as Multicultural Greek Council representative for all Risk Management-related campus events, including UCI Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force (or similar task force).

- e. Organize risk management workshops and roundtables for all Multicultural Greek Council Member Organization presidents, social chairs, and risk management officers.
- f. Oversee risk management related to Multicultural Greek Council related programs.
- g. Attend mediation training by UCI Ombudsman's office (if offered).
- h. Assist in the development of risk management officers in each Member Organization.
- i. Preside as Sergeant At Arms at General Body and Executive Board meetings.

## SECTION 2- ELECTIONS

- A. The term for each Executive Board Officer shall be one full academic year.
- B. Elections shall be held two weeks prior to the end of the Fall Quarter to allow a transition period for the New Executive Board.

## SECTION 3- NOMINATIONS

- A. Nominations will be held Week 5 of Fall Quarter.
- B. Elections will be held Week 8 of Fall Quarter.
- C. All candidates shall be required to give a speech Week 7 of Fall Quarter, not exceeding three (3) minutes, detailing their reasons for seeking office and their qualifications.
- D. The mode of elections shall be by secret ballot Week 8 of Fall Quarter. The nominee receiving a simple majority vote shall be elected. In the case of a tie, a runoff election shall be held between the candidates. The candidate receiving the highest number of vote shall be declared the winner.
- E. In the case of three (3) consecutive ties reached by the membership, the Executive Board, excluding the President, will determine a winner by a simple majority.
- F. New officers will officially hold the new position Week 10 of Fall Quarter.

## SECTION 4- VACANCIES

- A. In the event of a vacancy in office, all vacant Executive Board positions shall be elected by the Multicultural Greek Council. The appointment process will be the standard mode of elections for Executive Board Officers as conducted by the Multicultural Greek Council. An announcement will be made at general meeting of the vacancy. Qualified applicants shall have one week to turn in a letter of interest to the Executive Board, followed by elections.

## **ARTICLE II: FINANCE**

### SECTION 1- Dues

- A. The amount for dues per member will be collected based on the Member Organization's previous quarter Grade Report.
  - a. Dues will increase by \$1 increments per member starting Winter Quarter 2017 until it reaches \$5 per member maximum.
  - b. Dues are will be \$3 per member in Winter Quarter 2017, \$4 per member in Spring Quarter 2017, and \$5 per member in Fall Quarter 2017 and will remain \$5 per member after that.
- B. Dues shall be collected Week 4 of each quarter of the school year.
- C. Failure to pay the Member Organization's dues on time will result in additional fines.
  - a. After Week 4 the Member Organization will owe the amount due and an additional fine, 50% of the original amount due.
- D. If any Member Organization would like an exemption, they shall petition to the Vice President of Finance.
- E. Failure to pay dues and late fines by the next collection period will result in probation.

## **ARTICLE III: ATTENDANCE**

### SECTION 1- Absence

- A. Member Organizations are allowed two absences per quarter.
- B. A Member Organization shall lose their voting privilege if their representative is not present at the previous meeting. See constitution Article VI Section 2C.

- C. After two absences, the Member Organization will be placed on probation and subject to disciplinary action.

## **ARTICLE IV: PROBATIONARY STATUS**

### SECTION 1- Sanctions

- A. The Member Organization shall be placed on probation if they fail to meet the attendance and financial requirements outlined in Article IV: Membership.
- B. A Member Organization on probation is not able to:
  - a. Publicize with the Multicultural Greek Council.
  - b. Vote during General Body Meetings.
  - c. Vote during Multicultural Greek Council elections.
- C. Member Organizations who fail to meet the GPA requirement outlined in the Constitution Article IV: Membership shall face additional sanctions.
  - a. The Member Organization must attend mandatory study hours proctored by the Member Organization's academics chair and other academic related events as directed and enforced by Vice President of Scholarship for two quarters immediately following a low grade report.
  - b. The Member Organization shall be placed on probation if they fail to raise their GPA to the minimum 2.0 GPA by the 3rd quarter.
    - i. During the 3rd quarter the Member Organization must attend mandatory study hours proctored by the Member Organization's academics chair and other academic related events as directed and enforced by the Vice President of Scholarship.
  - c. The Member Organization may petition the Multicultural Greek Council for an extension to raise their GPA if they have not raised it to the 2.0 minimum by the 3rd consecutive quarter.
  - d. The Multicultural Greek Council shall with a ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote to either allow the Member Organization to continue on probation and raise their GPA or terminate the Organization's membership in the Multicultural Greek Council.
- D. It is the duty of the Vice President of Finance to work closely with Member Organizations on probation as a result of finance.
- E. It is the duty of the Vice President of Communications to work closely with Member Organizations on probation as a result of attendance.

F. It is the duty of the Vice President of Scholarship to work closely with Member Organizations on probation as a result of GPA.

G. Reactivation

a. Delinquent Dues

i. Organizations wishing to reactivate as a Member Organization must pay the current quarter dues and any outstanding financial obligations to the Multicultural Greek Council.

b. Attendance

i. Organizations wishing to reactivate as a Member Organization shall petition (letter format) the Executive Board in order to present their case before the council.

ii. The Organization shall present a formal explanation to the Multicultural Greek Council for their absence and receive a ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority to vote to regain their Member Organization status.

c. GPA

i. Organizations wishing to reactivate as a Member Organization shall petition (letter format) the Executive Board once their GPA is raised to the required 2.5 quarterly and cumulative GPA.

## ARTICLE V: INACTIVE STATUS

### SECTION 1- Terms and Conditions

A. If a Member Organization enters inactive status as defined by their National Body, lost recognition as a Member Organization, or by failure to abide by the sanctions of the probationary period, the following shall be implemented:

- a. Loss of voting privileges.
- b. May not publicize with the Multicultural Greek Council.
- c. May not participate in Multicultural Greek Council functions or events.
- d. Must meet with the Greek Life Advisors.

B. If all of Member Organization's members graduate the Member Organization shall be placed on inactive status.

C. Reactivation

- a. Organizations wishing to reactivate as a Member Organization shall petition (letter format) the Executive Board to present their case before the Multicultural Greek Council.
- b. The Organization shall present a formal explanation to the Multicultural Greek Council for their absence and receive a ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote to become an Associate Member.
  - i. See Article IX: Expansion Policy for more details.

#### **ARTICLE VI: AUTHORIZATION**

- A. The President of the Multicultural Greek Council at the University of California, Irvine is authorized to speak on behalf of the council.

#### **ARTICLE VII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

- A. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all matters not provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws of the Multicultural Greek Council.