Multicultural Greek Council

Bylaws

ARTICLE I – Member Expansion

Section 1. Process

a. Any interested organizations wanting to join MGC must first apply. Then, they must prepare an oral and written presentation consisting of a chapter history, constitution/bylaws, and reasons for wanting to join the MGC. This is to be presented at a general council meeting.
   i. Interested organizations must apply in the Spring semester.

b. Following the application process, the Chapter Representatives will vote, and a passing vote of two-thirds or higher is required for the applicant to gain chapter member status.
   i. If an interested organization is rejected for admission into the Council, the interested organization must wait one semester before re-applying.
   ii. If the number of votes does not result in an integer, the amount of votes required will be rounded down.

ARTICLE II – Membership Termination and Probation

Section 1. Membership Revocation

a. A member organization will forfeit their position as a member of MGC if a 3rd strike is levied according to Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

Section 2. Voluntary Membership Termination

a. If an organization determines they no longer wish to be a member of MGC, they must meet the following requirements:
   i. Been a member of MGC for a minimum of two full semesters
   ii. Be a full member organization at the time of application.

b. The member organization must first meet with the MGC Advisor to discuss the reasoning behind their resignation from MGC. If the organization gains the approval from the Advisor, the Executive Board shall make the decision to allow or reject the organization’s request.

Section 3. Social Probation

a. A member organization is subject to be placed on Social Probation when one or more of the following criteria are met:
   i. Receiving a 1st strike.
   ii. Chapter Mean Grade Point Average is below 2.5

b. Social Probation includes:
   i. Loss of scheduled weeks and/or any events that are hosted by the member organization on or off campus.
   ii. No participation hosted by any registered organization at the University of Oklahoma
iii. Absolutely no parties
iv. Loss of UOSA funding for the semester

Section 4. Suspension

a. A member organization is subject to Suspension when one more of the following criteria are met:
   i. Receiving a second strike.
b. Suspension includes:
   i. Loss of scheduled weeks and/or any events that are hosted by the member organization on or off campus
   ii. No participation in events by any registered organization at the University of Oklahoma
   iii. Absolutely no parties
   iv. Voting privileges will be revoked
   v. Loss of UOSA funding for the semester
   vi. The organizations and regional headquarters are to be notified

Section 5. Regaining Full Member Status:

a. An Associate Chapter may regain as a full member organization if the reason(s) for placement in the category is resolved.
   i. Associate Chapters must remain in this category for a minimum of one full academic semester.

ARTICLE III - Membership Dues

Section 1. Dues

a. The amount of dues per member for each member organization shall be determined no later than the beginning of each semester by the Vice President of Finance.
   i. Dues per member shall not exceed more than $15.00.
b. The total amount of dues for each chapter each semester shall be based on the official Multicultural Greek Council fall and spring membership roster submitted to Fraternity and Sorority Student Life.
c. The minimum amount of dues will be $70 per member chapter.
d. The Vice President of Finance shall collect dues by the first meeting of the semester unless special arrangements have been made.

ARTICLE V – Committees

Section 1. Creation and Disbandment

a. The power to form and disband committees is vested in the MGC President
b. All committees must be formed with a specific purpose and goal that is beneficial to MGC and its members.
c. All committees created must have an Executive Council Officer as chair.
d. A maximum of ten members may be on a committee.
e. Membership in these committees is appointed, and is open to any individual in MGC.

Section 2. Powers
a. A committee is advisory in nature.
b. A committee has the right to research and investigate whatever is relevant to the committee.

ARTICLE VI – Membership Recruitment

Section 1. Formal Membership Recruitment
a. The formal recruitment period shall take place the first week of the fall and spring academic semester.
b. The MGC Advisor will set the date based on the Official University Academic Calendar.

Section 2. Membership Recruitment Rules
a. Guidelines, policies, procedures, and rules relating to recruitment are set forth in a separate document.
b. Changes or amendments to the “Multicultural Greek Council Recruitment Rules and Procedures” require a two-thirds vote of the Chapter Presidents, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular or special meeting.

Section 3. Bids
a. The Executive Council will decide, on a semester basis, when member organizations are able to send potential members bids during or after formal recruitment.

ARTICLE IV – Parliamentary Authority

Section 1.
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern MGC in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order MGC may adopt.

ARTICLE V – Infractions and Sanctions

Section 1. Infractions
a. Infractions shall be defined as one or more of the following:
   i. Violating the laws of MGC as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws.
   ii. Conducting ones selves unbecoming of MGC, granted sufficient evidence is provided by the Executive or Judicial Board for this claim.
b. Sanctions will be levied on any infraction

c. Infractions may include, but are not limited to the following acts:
   i. Distributing bids prior to the standardized time and date set by the Executive Council
   ii. Distributing alcohol or any illegal substances at any organization sponsored event that is not properly registered with the University.
   iii. Failing to pay MGC dues when required.
   iv. Failing to attend President’s meetings
   v. Failing to maintain a cumulative grade point average as determined by Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution.

d. If a member organization reaches three infractions for a semester, they will be issued a strike.
e. If an infraction is deemed exceptionally unfavorable, said affected member organization will be given a hearing

f. Member organizations may appeal to any infraction

Section 2. Sanctions

a. Sanctions shall be defined as punishments for any infraction.

b. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to the following:
   i. Warnings
   ii. Fines
   iii. Loss of voting rights for a number of meetings, as determined by the Executive Council
   iv. Temporary suspension of reservation rights to buildings on the University of Oklahoma Norman Campus for any reason other than study rooms or chapter meetings.
   v. Temporary Social Probation

Section 2. Strikes

a. Strikes shall be given to member organizations granted they receive a certain amount of infractions as defined in Article V, Section 1, Subsection d. of the Bylaws. The following sanctions will be levied for each offense:
   i. 1st Strike - $250 and possible social probation
   ii. 2nd Strike - $350 and possible suspension
   iii. 3rd Strike Removal from MGC

b. A strike will remain on an organization’s record for six full member status semesters after the semester the strike has occurred.

ARTICLE VI - Fines

Section 1. Absences and Tardiness

a. Absences to any MGC meeting shall be defined as:
   i. Not being present or tardy at a meeting.

b. The fine for an absence shall be set at $25.00

c. Each member organization is allowed one excused absence per semester without any repercussions. An excused absence is when prior written notice is given to the VP of
Administrative Affairs at least 24 hours prior to the general council meeting. Any other type of absences will fall under unexcused.

Section 2. Tardiness
   a. Tardiness to any MGC meeting shall be defined as:
      i. Not being present when a meeting is called to order for member organizations.
      ii. Being no later than ten minutes after a call to order.
   b. The fine for a tardy shall be set at $10.00

Section 3. Miscellaneous Fines
   a. All other fines will be established at a President’s meeting by the VP of Finance, with the approval of the Chapter Representatives.

Section 4. Collection of Fines
   a. All monetary sanctions placed on a member organization must be paid by the first meeting of the following semester.
   b. Monetary sanctions must be collected at the same time as dues.

ARTICLE VII - Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1.
These bylaws may be amended at any President’s or Special meeting by a two-thirds majority vote by all full member organization’s Representatives, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous President’s meeting.