Multicultural Greek Council  
University of Utah  
Constitution  

PREAMBLE  

We, the undersigned organizations have joined together to form this council known as the Multicultural Greek Council at the University of Utah in order to better meet our individual and joint needs, and to voice our concerns. We resolve to increase awareness and promote a positive image of these organizations through the encouragement of community service and philanthropy, support for high academic standards, and the development of campus and community leaders, thus committing ourselves as individuals and organizations to honor and abide by the tenets of the following constitution and bylaws.  

The following chapter is the founding member of the Multicultural Greek Council at University of Utah.  

Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Inc.  

Article I – NAME  

The name of this organization shall be the University of Utah Multicultural Greek Council, hereinafter referred to as the MGC at the University of Utah.  

Article II- DEFINITION OF MULTICULTURAL  

The definition of "multicultural" as it is used in this document refers to the following: All racial and ethnic identities are inherently culturally rich and should be supported, maintained, valued, and respected. These people have the ability to express their own identities in any manner they see fit. Difference is an asset, not a hindrance.  

Article III – PURPOSE  

The Multicultural Greek Council at the University of Utah, hereby strives to be a proactive entity that will seek the development, maintaining good faith with the University, and continuing growth of its participating organizations. It is of the utmost importance to promote unity, as a means of increasing resources; promote respect and equality; providing a network for involved students to grow and improving retention of minorities in higher education.  

Section 1   Objectives
A. To coordinate semester activities to ensure adequate cooperation and harmony among member organizations and other campus activities.
B. To provide a forum for discussion of general concerns, issues, and topics that affect member organizations.
C. To serve as a representative body of the organizations approved for membership.
D. To organize activities and events that will increase the support for member organizations amongst the student body at the University of Utah.
E. To promote scholarly excellence as a pathway to increasing retention numbers of members and to promote higher education opportunities by supporting university efforts to recruit and admit a diverse applicant pool.
F. To serve as a liaison between Multicultural Greek Council members and other Greek organizations at the University of Utah to foster successful relationships within the Greek community at the university.

Article IV – AUTHORITY AND POWER

Section 1: Scope of Authority
The scope of the authority of the MGC at the University of Utah shall be to program, legislate, administrate, and 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 respective organizations’ national matters; wherein, the MGC is free to make recommendations to the university.

Section 2: Powers
A. To formulate any rules necessary to regulate the MGC in matters pertaining to University affairs.
B. To administer and enforce the constitution, bylaws and rules and regulations established by the MGC.
C. To enact bylaws and to amend them.
D. To submit recommendations to the University regarding Greek life and matters pertaining to the member organizations.

Article V – MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICPATION
The membership of MGC shall be composed of all member chapters/colonies in good standing, of any general fraternity or sorority that meets the following criteria:

Section 1: Full Membership
In order to remain in complete active status a member organization must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA per semester among its active members, be recognized and be in good standing with the University of Utah, and be in good standing financially with MGC.

A. Full Membership has the right to a vote in any matter.
B. If Full Members are not in good standing with MGC or their National Board, the immediate consequences will be the following.

Offenses:
1st semester of bad standing: Loss of voting privileges, the respective chapter/colony is still required to attend mandatory events.
2nd consecutive semester: Loss of voting privileges and social probation
3rd consecutive semester: Loss of voting privileges, social probation, and must go through a judicial board hearing to review chapter/colony recognition.

C. To keep full membership status every organization must receive its charter within 4 semesters following the founding line’s crossing date.

Section 2: Associate Membership
A. All associate membership of the Multicultural Greek Council shall be composed of member chapters/colonies in good standing of any general fraternity or sorority which has received an invitation by MGC to colonize at the University of Utah, and is recognized as a student organization.
B. The Associate member organizations are granted a voice but not a vote in the council or able to hold office.

Section 3: Meetings & Events
A. Representatives need to attend all meetings called and scheduled by the MGC.
B. Actively participate in all events and activities sponsored by the MGC which require representation.

Article VI – MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL OFFICERS

Section 1: Requirements and Eligibility
A. Must be in good standing with their respective organization and MGC
B. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, and 2.5 GPA the semester prior to election and each semester in office.
C. Be registered at the University of Utah for at least 9 credits.
D. No person serving as president of his or her organization may serve as President of the Multicultural Greek Council.
E. The Executive Board must be available to attend pre-determined meetings during the semester.

Section 2: Members
The members of the MGC shall include the Executive board and delegates from MGC member groups.

Section 3: Executive Board
Upon the approval of adjustment to the bylaws of the University of Utah Greek Council, the Executive Board of the Multicultural Greek Council shall serve as MGC officers/liasons for the Greek Council Executive Committee.

Section 4: Tenure of Office
Officers shall serve December to the next December of one year with a transition period scheduled during the month of May. New officers will be installed no later than the last general assembly meeting of the year.

Section 5: Vacancies
If a vacancy should occur in any elected office except for President, nominations will be held immediately and elections will take place at the next meeting following election procedures of the By-laws. If the vacancy is the president, the Vice President will assume the responsibilities and an election will be held for Vice President.

Section 5: Removal and Replacement of Officers
A. Any officer may be voted out of office by the MGC General Assembly for breach of duty or failure to represent the MGC in a positive manner.
B. If more than four absences occur then the officer will undergo removal of office proceedings.
C. Removal by the General Assembly will require two third (⅔) vote of the chapters/colonies in good standing.

ARTICLE VII: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The legislative body of the MGC shall be the General Assembly. The General Assembly will act as the entity with in the MGC that will administer all business related to the overall welfare of the MGC and the University of Utah Multicultural Greek Community.

Section 1: Membership
The General Assembly shall be composed of at least one representative and one alternate chapter/colony representative and
the MGC Executive Board. Each organization is responsible for having the one representative present at all meetings.

**ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

Section 1: Regular Meeting
There shall be bi-weekly meetings of the MGC Executive Board held during the academic year, the dates, time and location of which shall be designated by the MGC Executive Board. Meetings shall alternate from Executive board to General Assembly. Proper parliamentary rules are to be followed in meetings for the Executive Board or the General Assembly.

Section 2: Special Meetings
A special meeting may be called by the President when necessary, and shall be called by her/him upon the written request of any three regular or associate member organizations. Notice shall be given to the MGC Representatives of each organization forty-eight (48) hours in advance. If a chapter/colony representative cannot be present a substation can be sent in their place.

Section 3: Attendance
Executive Board Officers and chapter/colony representatives are expected to attend scheduled meetings and elections. Fines will be given for tardiness and absence.
A. MGC Representatives will be considered tardy after ten minutes of commencement of meeting. An unexcused tardy will result in a $10.00 fine.
B. An absence will result in a $20.00 fine and loss of a vote for that meeting.
C. Failure to pay the tardy or absence fines by established due date will result in an additional $10.00 per day charge and will not be considered in good standing until the fine is paid.
D. Any representative or officer missing a meeting must contact the President or Secretary who will determine if an absence or tardy is excused.

Section 4: Quorum
Two thirds of the member organizations representatives gives in good standing shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business.

**Article IX – FINANCES**

Section 1: All contracts must have the signatures of the chapter/colony representatives and the Greek Council Advisor to bind the University of Utah MGC.
Section 2: All checks issued on behalf of the University of Utah MGC shall be signed by the Greek Council Advisor.

**Article X: COMMITTEES**

Section 1: Committees and special officers may be necessary to carry out the tasks of the MGC and shall be appointed for the duration deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

**Article XI: AGREEMENTS, RULES, POLICIES**

All MGC rules and policies should not conflict with the University of Utah Student Code of Conduct, the specific policies of the individual national/international organizations, or federal, state, or municipal laws, which govern the University. Meetings will be run using Robert’s Rules of Order.

A. All MGC business should be presented then tabled and then voted on during the general assembly meeting.

B. All internal issues may be presented and voted on at the same meeting.

**Article XII: VIOLATIONS**

If a chapter/colony/officer is thought to be in violation of this Constitution, Bylaws, or policies of the Multicultural Greek Council, the MGC executive Board shall schedule a mediation session to resolve the problem.

**Article XIII: JURISDICTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: The jurisdiction of the University of Utah Greek Council shall be limited to chapter and colony homes, annexes, and surrounding areas, respective members, as well as Greek Row, bounded by Salt Lake City ordinances, following the enforcement of the Greek Council Constitution, Bylaws of Multicultural Greek Council, University of Utah Policies and Procedures, and Salt Lake City ordinances.

Section 2: Proposed amendments to the constitution or its by-laws must be presented in writing to the Executive Board before coming to the General Assembly.

Section 3: Must be tabled for one general assembly meeting and voted upon at the next general assembly meeting.

Section 4: A two third (2/3) vote from the MGC chapters/colonies in good standing shall be required.
Section 5: All amendments to the constitution and by-laws take effect immediately after voted in.