

**Latino & Multi-Ethnic Greek Council at the
University of Delaware**

Constitution

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS: We are similar in structure with both undergraduate and graduate chapters, with regional structure and hierarchies AND,

WHEREAS: We share similar backgrounds in terms of founding, and membership from the Latino and diverse communities AND,

WHEREAS: We share similar goals in terms of uplifting the Latino and Ethnically diverse communities locally and nationally AND,

WHEREAS: We recognize the need for coordination and cooperation in activities of intercollegiate Greek-letter organizations and that there are certain areas of action and programming that can best be carried out by the joint efforts of all such organizations,

HEREBY: We, the representatives of the Historically Latino and Multicultural Greek community service fraternities and sororities, propose to establish the Latino & Multi-Ethnic Greek Council (henceforth referred to as the LMGC) and bind ourselves to abide by the provisions of the following Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Latino & Multi-Ethnic Greek Council at the University of Delaware.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of the LMGC shall be to develop and sustain Minority Greek Life and inter-fraternal relations at a high level of accomplishment and in doing so to:

- (1) Consider the goals and ideals of member groups as continually applicable to campus and personal life
- (2) Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement
- (3) Cooperate with member organizations and University administration in concern for and maintenance of high social and moral standards
- (4) Perpetuate constructive organizational relationships
- (5) Address, coordinate, and develop action plans on matters of mutual concern to the affiliate organizations

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership will consist of all Greek-letter organizations that, after review, are deemed to have similar goals, and will be granted membership based on the following status guidelines:

- (1) Full Membership: will be granted to those organizations that have been recognized as having good standing by the University.
 - a. Full Membership in the LMGC will stand regardless of number of current, active members.
 - i. *Members will still have to abide by University guidelines.
 - b. Full Membership in the LMGC entitles members the rights including but not limited to:
 - i. Vote
 - ii. Request Funds
 - iii. Hold office
- (2) Colony Membership: will be granted to those organizations who are expanding to the University of Delaware in the following manner:
 - a. A group of at least 6 interested individuals present to the Student Centers.
 - b. The National Organization must then submit a letter of intent after which the Student Centers requires the following (more information in letter):
 - i. List of prospective members
 - ii. Description of organization
 - iii. Details on Chapter Policies
 - iv. Information on National and Local Expenses
 - v. Proof of Alumni and National support
 - vi. Constitution with structure and operational procedures
 - vii. Proof of Insurance of at least \$1 Million
 - c. The LMGC will then vote to allow membership to the LMGC. A 3/5 vote is required.
 - d. The LMGC will then be allowed to designate a semester during which the organization will be allowed to expand and begin an intake process.
 - e. After this, Colonies will then be granted Full Membership.

ARTICLE IV. NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

The local organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six fulltime undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- (1) The Elected Officers of the LMGC will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recruitment Chair, Programming Chair, and if possible, one delegate from each member organization.
- (2) If an organization does not have a member on the Executive Board, then that organization will have a delegate member of the Executive Board.
- (3) Each member of the Executive Board, Delegate or otherwise, will have one vote on voting matters.
- (4) The terms of elected will consist of one year.
- (5) No more than one individual from any one organization can hold an office in any one given term.
- (6) The officers will be representatives from Organizations holding Full Membership in the LMGC. Delegates from organizations with Provisional Membership will only be allowed to hold an elected office in the case that there is no other option, under all guidelines.
- (7) In the case of an unfinished term, the Executive Board will nominate someone for the position. Upon accepting the nomination, the Executive Board will vote on the matter. If there is no available option, the responsibilities of the missing position will be evenly distributed among the existing members.
- (8) Qualifications for all officers will be as follows:
 - a. Must be a full time matriculated undergraduate student at the University of Delaware.
 - b. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.25
 - c. Must be able to complete a full academic calendar year (i.e. no second semester seniors, semester abroad students) unless agreed upon by board
- (9) Any officer failing to perform his or her duties as outlined shall resign or be removed.
 - a. Any LMGC member (delegate, committee, or officer) may submit a letter (anonymous or signed) to the President and/or Vice President to express concern about an officer's performance of duties.
 - b. Upon receipt of such a letter, the executive board will consider the letter and its validity. If the board agrees with the seriousness of the concerns presented, they will vote to offer the person a warning, or a request to resign, depending on the seriousness of the concern. If said person chooses not to resign, the board must then vote to remove said officer.
 - c. The executive board member in question will be informed of the council's decision to vote and it will be a closed vote.
 - d. For immediate removal, a three/fifths vote is required.
- (10) The duties of the Officers are as follows:
 - a. The President: shall preside at all meetings; establish an agenda for all meetings; recognize member entitled to the floor; state and put to vote all motions; have the power to establish all special committees and to assign duties and chairs therein; be responsible for registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization; have other duties as assigned. Also, condition allowing, The President of the LMGC can not be president of their respective chapter.

- b. The Vice President: shall work closely with the President to fulfill the duties described above; shall preside and act as the president in the absence thereof; shall act as overseer of committees; chair the business of the Executive Board; also should be responsible for checking organization's mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by other Registered Student Organizations and business promotions.
 - c. The Secretary: shall keep accurate records of all proceedings including minutes of events, records of all events, and communications; will be the official communicator between the Executive Board and the rest of the Organization; will take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary; should maintain membership list and email database.
 - d. The Treasurer: shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues; shall keep accurate records of all receipts and financial proceedings that affect the funds of the LMGC; shall write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities and Program staff for the purpose of the organization; will also maintain group ledgers; should be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.
 - e. The Recruitment/Programming Chair: shall be take charge of programming initiative including, but not limited to Meet the Greeks, Activities Night, Minority Overnight, and Student Centers' tabling. The recruitment/programming chair will have the authority to form committees in order to better accomplish events.
- (11) The Executive Board of the LMGC will come to authority in the following manner:
- a. Nominations:
 - i. Candidates for position elections will be selected based upon nomination.
 - ii. Any member of the Executive Board or of the General body of the LMGC can nominate any other Executive Board or General body member.
 - iii. Any Nominee can choose to accept or decline a Nomination.
 - b. Elections:
 - i. During the first meeting held during the month of April, previously nominated members will give speeches to the general body and current Executive Board stating their intentions for their position.
 - ii. During the next scheduled meeting, Elections will be held in the following manner:
 - 1. Open Spoken Ballots
 - 2. Candidate will step out of the room during the Vote
 - 3. Each organization will have One vote
 - 4. In the case that there is a tie, the Advisor will have the tie-breaking vote
 - iii. During the next scheduled meeting, the current Executive Board will step down and the newly elected Executive Board will step up, facilitated by the newly previous Board.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- (1) This item henceforth gives the LMGC to hold Semi-monthly meetings.

- a. The meetings will be held during the week when the University of Delaware's Greek Council does not meet.
 - b. The Executive Board must decide a day of the week, time, and place of the meeting by the Seventh day after the last day of Add/Drop for the University.
- (2) Quorum shall be established in order for any meeting, decision, and/or vote to become office as three fifths (3/5) of the Board.
 - (3) Every Organization with Full Membership is given only 1 vote, regardless of chapter size, members, or any other determining factor.

ARTICLE VII. ADMINISTRATION

- (1) The Fiscal Year of the LMGC shall be established as lasting from May to May.
- (2) All business shall proceed under Robert's rules of Order when practical.
- (3) The LMGC henceforth is granted the ability to charge council membership dues, thought it is not establishing them as of the inception of this constitution.

ARTICLE VIII. ADVISOR

- (1) The LMGC will henceforth have an Advisor that will have counseling and intervention capabilities.
 - a. The Advisor to the LMGC will be the Program Coordinator for Multicultural Greeks.
 - b. The Advisor can not and will not be the Advisor to any member organization.

ARTICLE IX. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (1) This article will grant the Executive Board, in particular the President, to call for committees.
 - a. One committee, in particular the Public Relations committee, will be established to promote events such as the Meet the Greeks.

ARTICLE X. VIOLATIONS

- (1) Any Campus Code of Conduct violation will result in a violation under the LMGC.
- (2) Any Executive Board member will only be allowed two unexcused absences to meetings and one unexcused absence to programs per semester.
 - a. After these absences, the following will be the protocol:
 - i. 1st Offense: \$10.00 per member of offending Chapter
 - ii. 2nd Offense: \$10.00 per member of offending Chapter and Right to Vote
 - iii. Council Suspension

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

- (1) This constitution shall come into effect with the inception of the Executive Board

- (2) This constitution can be amended in the following manner:
- a. Any concerned member of any member organization can submit a grievance letter.
 - b. The letter is reviewed by the Executive Board
 - c. The Council then votes with a three fifths (3/5) vote necessary to make the change.

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