

University of Central Florida



The Constitution of the Diversified Greek Council

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Chapter 1 Diversified Greek Council

Article I Name, Purpose, Definition and Jurisdiction

Section 1 Name

The name of this organization shall be the Diversified Greek Council (hereafter referred to as DGC).

Section 2 Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Diversified Greek Council to promote unity, communication, and cooperation among its member organizations and all Greek Letter organizations and to promote scholastic achievement and assistance to the community.

Section 3 Purpose

- A. The Diversified Greek Council shall be the supervising governing body for all men's and women's national general (cultural, academic, community and socially oriented) fraternities and sororities, that are not members of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), or National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organizations.
- B. To encourage scholastic achievement, leadership and community service among its members.
- C. To mediate disputes between member organizations.
- D. To at all times promote the best interest of the University of Central Florida.

Section 4 Definition of Diversified

The definition of "diversified" as it is used in this document refers to the following: All racial and ethnic and other cultural identities that are inherently culturally rich and should be supported, maintained, valued and respected. Difference is not a hindrance.

Section 5 **Governing Authority and University Jurisdiction**

All activities and functions of the organization must be legal under University, local, state, and federal laws. The most recent version of The Golden Rule will supersede all requirements set forth during the creation and revision of this constitution. The DGC is under the jurisdiction of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and therefore adheres to all rules and regulations thereof for all general fraternities and sororities at the University of Central Florida.

Article II **Membership Composition**

Section 1 **Criteria for Membership**

- A. All undergraduate nationally chartered general fraternities and sororities as recognized by the University of Central Florida may be eligible for membership in the DGC.
- B. The term “national fraternities and sororities as recognized by the University....” shall mean:
 - 1) Each fraternity/sorority must have a national office location and alumni/alumnae officers (not collegiate or undergraduate officers).
 - 2) The national organization must be established for at least 10 years.
 - 3) The national organization must have at least 12 chapters.
- C. Student membership is limited to all students who are currently paying Activity and Service Fees are enrolled at the University of Central Florida. No discrimination shall be made on the basis of sex, race, age, religion, disability, national origin, marital or parental status, or veteran’s status. No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership in this organization. All groups, except those exempt by law, must have opportunities for male and female memberships.
- D. DGC may not have affiliate members such as faculty, staff, UCF alumni, student spouses, etc.
- E. There shall be two levels of membership recognized: regular and associate.

Section 2 **All Membership Responsibilities**

- A. It is the member’s responsibility to abide by the governing authority set forth in Chapter 1, Article I, Section 5 of this constitution.
- B. Abide by this constitution and the rules, procedures and regulations adopted by the Council.
- C. Fully cooperate with rules and regulations of the Greek Council alcohol policy and the individual organization’s national risk management procedures.
- D. Maintain and provide an updated list of all its current members, officers, and advisors to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Office of Student Involvement.
- E. Cooperate with all administrative actions of the DGC Executive Board.
- F. Have at least 50% of active membership, not including DGC Executive Board, participate in all DGC sponsored events and required DGC events set forth by the Executive Board.
- G. Pay all dues and fines owed to the DGC as specified by Chapter 2, Article VII or by the Executive Board.

Section 3 Regular Membership

- A. Regular membership shall be those organizations who have fulfilled all membership requirements set forth in Chapter 1 Article II, Section I and have gained regular status after completing requirements from associate status (See Chapter 1, Article II, Section 4, Letter C).
- B. Must abide by all responsibilities set forth in Chapter 1, Article II, Section 2.
- C. Entitled to all privileges and rights under this constitution, except as limited by the-University.
- D. Have the right to have their organization's eligible member's hold elected and appointed offices in the DGC.
- E. Appoint one delegate per chapter to vote at meetings of the Council when the chapter is at good standing (not on probation or as determined by the general body of the DGC)

Section 4 Associate Membership

- A. Associate members shall be those organizations invited to colonize a chapter by DGC and the University represented by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and registered by the Office of Student Involvement and who are in the process of fulfilling their requirements to gain regular membership status.
- B. Associate member organizations shall have all rights and privileges of regular membership, except the right to vote in the Council and to hold an executive office.
- C. An associate member organization may gain regular status in the Council providing they meet all of the following requirements:
 - 1) Must abide by all responsibilities set forth in Chapter 1, Article II, Section 2.
 - 2) An organization chartered by a national fraternity or sorority.
 - 3) Have a total active membership of at least 12 undergraduate initiates for a period of two (2) successive semesters.
 - 4) Attainment of an overall semester grade point average of 2.5 or higher by the organization for the above said period.
 - 5) Full operation under authorized UCF Faculty personnel that will serve as an advisor for the above said period.
 - 6) Approval by the Council of the Application for Regular Membership.
- D. An associate member organization must achieve their regular status in no more than five semesters after gaining associate member rights and responsibilities.

Section 5 Revocation of Membership

- A. Membership may be revoked without mutual agreement for non-participation, or violations of any provisions of the Constitution.
 - B. The member organization will be notified in writing of the possible revocation at least 72 hours prior to the vote and will be allowed to address the organization in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal.
 - C. Membership can only be revoked upon a 2/3 vote of eligible members.
 - D. If an associate member organization becomes subject to revocation they will not be eligible for reinstatement unless they re-apply to join DGC after one semester.

Section 6 Reinstatement of Membership

After the specified time of revocation, the chapter will be reinstated under probation or associate status for one full semester. After probation has passed there must be a 2/3 re-vote by eligible members to grant reinstatement of original membership status.

Chapter 2 Structure of the Diversified Greek Council

Article I Executive Board

Section 1 Eligibility

Potential officers must meet eligibility requirements of active student membership (Chapter 1, Article II, Sections 1 and 2). All officers of this council shall possess (at the time of election and during their term) at least the minimum requirements regarding enrollment hours, GPA, academic and disciplinary standing, and financial and disciplinary holds to serve in a leadership position, as stated in the most recent version of The Golden Rule of the University of Central Florida. Officers who do not meet these requirements during their term shall be resigned or removed. Only student members whose organizations have regular member status are eligible for selection to an officer position. Additionally, the person running for election must have also gone to two general meetings prior to their nomination.

Section 2 Additional Elected Officer Requirements

- A. The Executive Board is responsible for setting up the agenda for the general body meetings.
- B. Executive Board officers shall not have more than two unexcused absences from Executive Board meetings or general body meetings per semester (unless an emergency occurs, causing officer to miss more than two meetings and has been excused by the discretion of the Executive Board). However, it is the responsibility of that Executive Board Member who will be absent to let the President know of their situation at least 24 hours in advance in order to accommodate to the situation. If there will be absence for a prolonged period that will affect the progress of the Council it will be up to the discretion of the remaining Executive Board to suspend or remove the person in question, as per Chapter 2, Article III.
- C. In the event that the President calls an emergency meeting, any absences will be excused at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- D. All Executive Board officers shall retain voting rights, however, the President shall only vote in the case of a tie.
- E. No officer will be permitted to hold more than one officer position.
- F. Any officer may be re-elected; there are no limitations as to how many consecutive terms.
- G. Executive Board officers must be active during summer, fall, and spring semesters unless deemed otherwise by the President.

Section 3 Titles and Duties of Officers of the Executive Board

All members presiding on the Executive Board shall not be biased towards or against any organization on DGC. The Executive Board of the DGC shall consist, in order of succession, of the President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Officer of Risk Management, and Officer of Expansion. These positions must be held by a member with regular membership status and rights.

A. It shall be the duty of the President to:

- The President shall serve as the chairperson of the Executive Board.
- Supervise and coordinate, unless otherwise delegated, all activities of the organization.
- Preside over all meetings and enforce the constitution of the DGC in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order.
- Maintain communication with the Office of Student Involvement and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to ensure all paperwork is current.
- Be one of the three signers on financial documents.
- Ensure that all officers are performing their duties as defined in this Constitution.
- Offer considerations of all motions consistent with Robert's Rules of Order and declare results of Council voting.
- Call special/emergency meetings at least 24 hours in advance.
- Appoint all committee chairpersons not otherwise provided for in the constitution of the DGC.
- Be well versed in the entirety of the Constitution of the DGC
- Represent the DGC at civic and social functions, or when the Council is called upon by the member organizations for representation.
- Be responsible for creating a budget at the beginning of each fall and spring semester, in conjunction with the Treasurer.
- Keep advisor informed of activities and functions of the organization.

B. It shall be the duty of the Executive Vice President to:

- Assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and to act in place of the President when necessary.
- Preside over general body meetings in the absence of the President.
- Will be responsible to oversee all committee activities and meetings set forth by the DGC.
- Keep accurate records of all meetings in the Secretary's absence.
- Publicize all major events sponsored by the DGC.
- Be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.
- Be well versed in the entirety of the Constitution of the DGC
- Serve as the Chair of the DGC Judicial board.
- In case of a violation of Constitution, hold a Judicial meeting to review all charges and conduct a hearing within 48 hours of receiving formal written charges.
- Shall not vote when decisions are being made by the Judicial Board of the DGC, unless there is a tie vote.
- Assist in special projects as assigned by the President.

- Perform an audit of all financial transactions of the organization once per semester

C. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- Notify members of meeting via e-mail and/or telephone at least 72 hours in advance unless it is an emergency meeting called by the President.
- Maintain accurate minutes of all proceedings at general body meetings, emergency meetings, and Executive Board meetings.
- Keep minutes according to Robert's Rule of Order.
- Present the minutes of the previous meeting to the general body for approval prior to the start of the current meeting.
- Have on hand all records and information committed to his/her care.
- Maintain a roster of all member organizations including their chapter advisors, chapter presidents, voting representatives and alternatives, and the DGC Judicial Board representatives.
- Maintain a roster of the DGC executive officers. Each roster should contain current addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.
- Act as historian for the DGC and keep copies of all agendas, flyers, and public information.
- Preside over general body meetings in the absence of the President and Executive Vice President.
- Reserve all meeting rooms.
- Keep attendance at all general board meetings.
- Assist in special projects as assigned by the President

D. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

- Keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended by the DGC.
- Present a budget report of deposits and expenditures to the membership at least once per month, and as requested by the President, Vice President, or advisor.
- Be responsible for creating a budget at the beginning of each fall and spring semester, in conjunction with the President
- Be one of the three signers on financial documents.
- Attend a Financial Training Workshop hosted by the A&SF Business Office.
- Be responsible for collecting dues and notifying members who are delinquent in their payments.
- Provide receipts for all money transactions on behalf of the DGC.
- Deposit all funds received into the Council's bank account within 24 business hours of monies received.
- Present a financial report to the general body at each regular general body meeting.
- Assist in special projects as assigned by the President

E. It shall be the duty of the Officer of Risk Management to:

- To be a liaison between the 5-Star Risk Management Workshop and DGC.
- Work closely with NPHC members that are conducting the 5-Star Risk Management Workshop.

- Provide accurate attendance cards of 5-Star Risk Management Workshop meetings.
- Provide related information and attends appropriate training.
- Enforce the rules of the Greek alcohol policy.
- Be well versed in all policies and regulations set forth by the Golden Rule and the University of Central Florida.

F. It shall be the duty of the Officer of Expansion to:

- Preside over any and all UCF Summer Orientation practices (i.e. Ice Cream Socials and SOAR Programming).
- Be actively involved in recruitment for DGC as a whole.
- Organize orientation/recruitment events such as “Meet the Greeks”
- Preside over DGC expansion meetings. (i.e. intake of new organizations into DGC).
- Coordinate the promotion of the DGC expansion process.
- Enforce all rules and regulations regarding the expansion process.
- Mentor any Associate Members to ensure they meet the requirements for Regular Membership status.
- Maintain active communication with all Recruitment/Expansion chairs for each individual chapter and/or colony, as well as with IFC, PAN, and NPHC.

Section 4 Chairperson Positions (Non-officer positions)

The following chairperson positions will be filled accordingly:

- A. Awards
- B. Community Service
- C. Expansion
- D. Greek Week
- E. IFC Liaison
- F. NPHC Liaison
- G. Panhellenic Liaison
- E. Public Relations/Historian
- F. Academic and Leadership Programs

Article II Selection of Officers

Section 1 Nomination

- A. Officer elections will take place once every academic year. Officers are able to re-run for any position as long as they are still eligible.
- B. Nominations shall be held during a general meeting two weeks prior to the election date.
- C. Any eligible member (as defined in Chapter 1, Article II, Section 1) may nominate themselves or someone for office that is also an eligible member. However, the nominee must be considered eligible for an officer position (as defined in Chapter 2, Article I, Section 1 and 2). Absentee/proxy ballots are not permitted in the nomination process.

Section 2 Presentation

- A. The duties and responsibilities of each office must be read to the candidates by the presiding officer at the time of elections.
- B. Presentations will be given in alphabetical order by last name, within each position's election.
- C. The time for presentation to general membership is restricted to three (3) minutes.
- D. The candidate will entertain questions relevant to the office and his/her ability to carry out the responsibilities of the office immediately following the presentation mediated by the presiding President or officer.

Section 3 Elections

- A. Active voting membership will be limited to eligible chapter delegates and the Executive Board, except the President, which votes in case of a tie.
- B. Elections shall be conducted at the first general body meeting in March.
- C. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. Absentee ballots and proxy ballots are not permitted in election processes.
- D. Voting for officers must be done in succession with the presentation for each office:
 - President
 - Executive Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Officer of Risk Management
 - Officer of Expansion
- E. A candidate must win by a simple majority (more than 50%).
- F. In the event of a tie, or that no one achieves a majority of the vote, there will be a run-off between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. All other candidates will be eliminated. The DGC President would break a tie vote unless running for office. Each current election will be resolved before the next one.
- G. Each active regular member organization has one vote cast by the appointed chapter delegate.
- H. Candidates who are eliminated may be included to run for the next office in succession.
- I. Election results will be tabulated immediately by highest-ranking outgoing Executive Board member that is not running for re-election or by the advisor that is present for the DGC.
- J. Election results will be given to the presiding President or officer to announce the results of the winner.

Section 4 Installation of Officers

- A. The period from election to the second to last meeting in spring will serve as a training period during which time the elected officers will become familiar with the duties of the officer. There will be a transitional meeting between outgoing and incoming officer positions in which new officers will receive an officer notebook that will be transferred to new officers each year.
- B. Length of office is one year unless premature resignation or removal of office occurs during term.

Article III Officer Vacancies

Section 1 Removal of Officers

Leadership may be revoked without mutual agreement for non-participation, failure to fulfill job duties, or violations of any provisions of the Constitution. Any officer may be removed from office upon a 2/3 affirmative vote of active regular student members.

Section 2 Procedures for Removal of Officers

- A. Any active member organization may bring a DGC officer up for removal from office with due cause. Alleged violations must be presented in writing from the sponsoring organization to the President, or highest-ranking DGC officer not involved in the impeachment proceedings. The officer will be notified in writing of the possible removal from office at least 72 hours prior to the vote and will be allowed to address the organization in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal.
- B. The motion for removal from office shall be presented to the council through the Secretary of the DGC, citing the basis for the motion. It shall be read on the floor one regular meeting prior to the meeting at which the “consideration of the motion” is to be given.
- C. Voting for removal from office shall be conducted during a general DGC meeting as a non-judicial hearing with the “maker” of the motion having one person that would represent him/her, and the “subject of the motion” having the option of one “person” advising him/her. It is recommended that this person a chapter member and not a chapter advisor or member of the DGC Executive Board.
- D. The President of the DGC will preside over the hearing. Should the President be the “subject of the motion,” the next officer in seniority shall preside over the hearing.

Section 3 Resignation

Officers no longer wishing to serve on the board must submit their resignation to the highest ranking officer at least two (2) weeks in advance. Prior to the officer’s final day he/she shall provide all documents relating to the organization and brief his/her replacement of current projects in his/her care.

Section 4 Filling Vacant Officer Positions

In the event an officer (besides President) is removed or resigns, the remaining officers, by majority vote, will decide if the position is to be filled. If it is to be filled, the nomination process as stated in Chapter 2, Article II, Section 1 will take place at the next membership meeting. The election process will take place as stated in Article II, Section 3 at the next membership meeting following nomination. However, if there is an immediate need the Executive Board can appoint someone on an interim basis into the vacant position if they have met all the requirements.

If the President is removed or resigns, the Executive Vice President will assume the role of President upon a majority confirmation of the remaining officers. If not confirmed, the position of the President will be filled as per the paragraph above.

A newly elected officer's term shall end at the annual installation of officers. A change in officer information should be reported to the Office of Student Involvement.

Article IV Advisor

Section 1 Role

The advisor shall be the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, or the Director's designee. The advisor nevertheless needs to be UCF faculty or staff. The advisor shall serve as a mentor to the organization providing guidance to the officers and members. The advisor has no voting rights. The advisor position has no term limit as long as he/she remains the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life or designee.

Section 2 Removal

Only the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life's designee advisor or any member of the Advisory Council may be removed from office upon a 2/3 vote of eligible members.

Section 3 Vacancy

In the event that an advisor is removed or resigns a new advisor will be selected within 15 school days. The director of OSI may be able to be the interim advisor.

Article V Meetings

Section 1 General Meetings

- A. The general body meetings will consist of the general body, the Executive Board officers, and the advisor, and will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- C. All voting shall be carried by a simple majority, unless otherwise noted. Voting will be cast by the eligible chapter's delegate, and Executive Board except President (See Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2), and counted by the President and verbally announced.
- D. General body meetings will be held bi-weekly, starting with the first full week of each semester.
- E. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or at the request of 33% of the total council membership. Written or verbal notification of such a meeting must be given to each council member at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the special meeting. This notification must state time, place and purpose of the meeting.
- F. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the total Council membership in good standing.
- G. A fraternity/sorority cannot miss more than one 5-Star Risk Management Workshop in one semester.
- H. Member organizations are required to attend all general body meetings.

Section 2 Officer Meetings

The Officers should meet bi-weekly during the fall and Spring Semester alternating between General Meetings. Meetings are open to those defined by Membership Criteria. All officers (except President) are allowed one vote per motion. The quorum required to conduct business is majority (more than 50%).

Section 3 Organization Representatives

- A. A fraternity/sorority must be represented by an “official” delegate. Each chapter shall elect their delegate.
- B. Each member organization must declare their official representative and an alternate in writing to the President of the Executive Board no later than the second general body meeting of the corresponding semester.
- C. In the event that neither the elected representative nor the alternate is present, an unspecified alternate may vote with written proxy signed by the president of the respective organization.
- D. Representatives speak for and make decisions for their respective organizations and should be able to do so without adjournment or consultation with other chapter officers.
- E. Organizations are responsible for the actions, conduct, and fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities of their representatives.
- F. Executive Board officers cannot function as representatives or vote for their respective organizations unless done so through a proxy, exceptions noted within the constitution.
- G. Associate member organizations follow all of the rules with the exception that they cannot initiate amendments to the DGC constitution during their associate member period.
- I. A chapter that is not represented by an official delegate as listed in this will not be eligible to vote during that particular meeting.

Article VI Judicial Boards

Section 1 Authority of Judicial Boards

The DGC Judicial Board shall hear cases pertaining to rule violations of the DGC (i.e. recruitment violations, constitution violations, etc.).

- A. The DGC Judicial Board shall be composed of one member from each fraternity and sorority and be headed by the Executive Vice President.
 - 1) Each member organization shall nominate one member who meets all Golden Rule requirements to be approved as a Justice on the judicial board.
 - 2) This individual must be in good standing with the university and its organization must be in good standing with the DGC.
 - 3) The term in office shall be end in the spring semester along with the executive board’s term.
- B. The Judicial Board member whose organization is being formally charged or is bringing up charges shall not participate as a Justice in any part of the hearing proceedings.

Section 2 Quorum for DGC Judicial Board

Quorum for any judicial board hearing shall be 75% of the total number of chapters considered in good standing with the DGC, less any non-participating justices affected (see section above). If quorum is not met, then the proceedings shall be postponed until such time quorum can be established.

Section 3 Judicial Procedure

- A. DGC Judicial Board will follow judicial procedures, rules and regulations as outlined in the University of Central Florida Golden Rule and with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- B. Upon receipt of an official complaint against an organization, the Executive Vice President will consult with the advisor to determine whether an organizational incident is construed as a group matter, or individual matter. Individual matters shall be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. This does not preclude the possibility of action being judged to be both the organization as well as individual.
- C. Formal charges must be submitted as a typed statement to the Executive Vice President. That statement shall include a complete description of the charges being filed, who the charges are against, the names and affiliations of those involved, and the date of the incident.
- D. All parties shall be afforded reasonable written notice, at least 3 school days prior to the hearing. The Judicial Board may elect to proceed with a hearing without the presence of the accused organization, provided, however, the required notice state above has been given to the chapter president and the chapter president has not provided to the Executive Vice President in advance a satisfactory reason for not being able to meet or reason for absence.
- E. Written notice shall include:
 - 1) A statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing.
 - 2) A statement of the alleged violation (s) and the jurisdiction (the specific judicial council) under which the charges are to be adjudicated.
 - 3) A brief statement of matters asserted.
- F. The organization may choose to have an advisor present at the hearing. Such advisor (s) however, may only discuss matters directly with the organization and may not actively participate in the conduct of the hearing.

Section 4 Appeal Procedure

- A. All appeals must be made within seven business days following written notification of the sanction.
- B. Appeal considerations shall be limited to:
 - 1) Unfair hearing (procedure of the hearing that affected the outcome).
 - 2) New evidence (which could not be presented at the time of the hearing).
 - 3) Harsh judgment (the sanction is extraordinarily disproportionate to the violation).
- C. A typewritten appeal must be submitted to the Executive Vice President of the DGC.
- D. The DGC Executive Vice President, Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the University's Chief Judicial Officer will meet to decide if the appeal is justified.

- E. If an appeal is found to be justified, another hearing will be held in accordance to all procedures. If the hearing was originally a DGC Judicial Board hearing, then the case would be heard by the Greek Council Judicial Board. If the hearing was originally a Greek Council Judicial Board, the case would be heard by a Board as appointed by the University's Chief Judicial Officer or procedures as described in the Golden Rule.

Article VII Finances

Section 1 Dues

Monies necessary for the operation of the DGC shall come from the funds projected in the budget for the fiscal year by the following dues:

- A. A \$50.00 base per regular member organization per semester, not including summer. Associate members shall be responsible to pay half of the regular membership dues (\$25) each semester, not including summer.
- B. An assessment of \$5.00 per regular and associate members per semester, not including summer, according to chapter active member roster.
- C. Rosters and dues must be turned in by the second General Meeting each semester.

Section 2 Fines

- A. Dues not paid by the second general meeting of the semester will result in a \$15 fine for the member organization to be paid no later than the third general meeting of the semester. Each meeting thereafter that dues are not paid, consecutive \$15 fines will be incurred.
- B. Executive Board will be fined individually \$5 for every unexcused absence after the first warning.
- C. If the representative from a member organization is absent without representation, there will be a fee of \$10 after one unexcused absence. Failure to pay fine by next council will result in an addition of \$3 every week that it is not paid.
- D. If organization representative is late to a council meeting, without an excuse after first warning, there will be a \$5 assessment fee to be paid by that delegate.
- E. Fine for no-show for DGC sponsored events will be determined by the beginning of the semester by DGC Executive Board members.
- F. Failure to provide paperwork as assigned will result in \$5 fine per missed meeting.
- G. Failure to attend 5-Star Risk Management Workshop will result in a \$10 fine per organization.

Section 3 Expenditure of Funds

- A. For the protection of the organization and its officers, the signature of authority will include the Treasurer, Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the signature of the President.
- B. Organizational funds may be spent on items such as office supplies, events/activities, publicity, travel expenses, conference fees, etc., but will not be used for anything illegal under University, local, state, and federal laws.

Section 4 Delinquent Accounts

A fraternity or sorority that is delinquent in its accounts to the DGC will be placed in bad standing and that organization will lose all voting rights in the Council and shall receive a 10% penalty per week until said liability is paid. The fraternity or sorority shall be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the DGC.

Section 5 Funds Deposits

All funds received must be deposited within 24 business hours of collection.

Section 6 Budgets

Each chairperson shall, by the third week of each semester, submit a budget for the semester to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall then submit a final budget to the Council for a 2/3 approval by the general membership the following meeting. Votes will be cast by the chapter delegates, counted by the President.

Section 7 Officer Transition

- A. It shall be the responsibility of all account signers to change contact information as well as assisting in the update of new account signatures after each election with the organizations financial institution.
- B. The Treasurer will be responsible to pass along all information from previous and current budgets.

Section 8 Dissolution of Organization

In the event that the organization ceases to exist, any funds remaining in the organization's account shall be donated and divided amongst the organizations a part of the Multicultural Student Center.

Article IX. Publications

All publications of the organization must comply with the Golden Rule "Advertising and Signs" section, Student Organization Guidelines "Advertising" section, and the University Identity and Standards Manual. All publications must be approved by the Secretary, Advisor, and President prior to duplication and distribution.

Chapter 3 Rules and Regulations of the Council

Article I Expansion

Section 1 Purpose of the DGC Expansion

- A. To provide specific guidance and support for new fraternities and sororities.
- B. To provide an associate membership period before granting full privileges of the DGC to an organization.
- C. To provide for the establishment of a DGC Expansion Committee.
- D. To provide special guidance support to organizations that has lost membership in the DGC for less than one year.

Section 2 DGC Expansion Committee

- A. The DGC Expansion Committee shall consist of the DGC Executive Board, the Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and one delegate from every voting organization, selected by the individual organizations.
- B. The duties of this committee shall be to study the applications or requests of groups seeking DGC membership status at the University of Central Florida.
- C. The Committee will assess the growth of the Council as well as the existing University need for the individual organization seeking membership.

Section 3 Expansion Application Requirements

- A. The applying organization must have met all requirements and requests made by the DGC Expansion Committee.
- B. The applying organization must present the following materials to the DGC Expansion Committee:
 - 1) A letter to the University and the DGC from the fraternity's/sorority's national organization expressing interest and level of support in colonizing a chapter at the University of Central Florida.
 - 2) Informational pamphlets/brochures on the national organization.
 - 3) Colonization criteria and chartering strategy.
 - 4) Alcohol, risk management, and insurance policies.
 - 5) A list of all campus chapters nationwide, stating the number of active in each chapter.
 - 6) Number of active alumni/ae in the Orlando area (if available).
 - 7) Written plan on how the organization plans to obtain the support of a chapter advisor and alumni/ae, etc.
 - 8) A list of enrolled students of the University of Central Florida interested in the organization with a minimum of 12.
- C. Membership application packages may be turned in at any time to the DGC Expansion Committee.

Section 4 DGC Expansion Presentation Process

- A. There will be a halt on expansion for a new chapter to colonize once DGC has two associate membership chapters waiting to become regular members.
- B. If the above has not occurred the Committee will review all materials requested in the above Section 3.
- C. Based on the above information, the Committee will vote to ask the applying organization to make a formal presentation to the Council and its member chapters with an opportunity for attending members to ask questions. Votes will be cast by Executive Board and the eligible chapter delegates, counted and verbally announced by the Committee Chair.
- D. Only regular member chapters that attended 75% of the expansion-committee meetings will be allowed to vote in the final DGC vote.
- E. The applying fraternity/sorority must receive approval of the majority of the qualified voting membership of the DGC in order to be invited to present.
- F. A recommendation for approval or denial of presentation will then be made by the Expansion Committee to the DGC.

Section 5 Presentation Regulations

- A. Interested organizations will have the opportunity to present only within the first 7 weeks of each academic semester.
- B. Individual organizations can only present once a semester.

Section 6 Denial of Application for Expansion

- A. If the applying organization does not receive the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Council, they will receive a letter within 3 weeks after the presentation date.
- B. The Expansion Committee has sole discretion in accepting or denying expansion to any fraternity/sorority who apply for membership in the DGC even if requirements (above Section 3) for expansion are met and the Committee deems it is in the best interest of the existing Greek Community and the University to deny membership.
- C. In the event of three denials, the interested organization must wait two full academic semesters before attempting another presentation.

Article II Intake

Section 1 Intake Guidelines

- A. No new member education program or intake or pledging process may last longer than 10 weeks.
- B. All chapters must sign the university's non-hazing compliance form. All signed forms are to be completed and submitted to the Office for Fraternity and Sorority Life by the time stated on the form.
- C. All intake or new member activities must be in accordance with the national organization and must adhere to university policies and procedures.
- D. No organization is allowed to recruit, promote, or hold events on UCF campus unless they are officially recognized by the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 2 Violations of Intake Guidelines

Violations of intake guidelines by a member organization will result in a judicial hearing and possible probation or suspension of the intake procedures for the organization in question.

Article III Hazing

Section 1 Definition of Hazing

Hazing is defined according to the Golden Rule (student handbook), which contains the university's rules and regulations. No form of physical activity or morally degrading or humiliating activities may be carried out during intake and initiation procedures or at any other time.

Article IV Amendments to the DGC Constitution

Section 1 Ratification

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in written form, then read, discussed and tabled at the Council meeting at which they are submitted. The proposed amendment (s) will then be read, discussed and voted upon at the next Council meeting. Three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Council membership shall be required for passage. Votes will be cast by the eligible chapter delegates, counted by the President and announced.

Section 2 Empowerment

This constitution will take effect only after it is approved by the Student Government Association and Office of Student Involvement.

Article V Risk Management

Section 1 Alcohol Policy

- A. The Diversified Greek Council shall follow the Greek Alcohol Policy of the University of Central Florida and all university related policies in regards to alcohol use and events with alcohol. In addition, the members of the DGC are responsible for developing and implementing additional risk management procedures.
- B. If three or more members of the same organization are present together at any given time, it is considered a chapter event. In the event that a mishap occurs, the organization will be dealt with accordingly.

History of Constitution

Created by DGC: 15th day of September in the year 2000
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