THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GREEK COUNCIL OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR
STATE UNIVERSITY INCORPORATED.

PREAMBLE

We, the undergraduate members of the Greek lettered organizations of the Student Government
Association, Inc. of Montclair State University, in order to establish an effective means of
governing:

● Strive to maintain a physically and emotionally healthy environment in which Greek
members and organizations can positively develop;

● Consider problems of mutual interest in its member organizations;

● Strive to build strong brotherhood, sisterhood, and siblinghood through friendships,
incorporating trust, loyalty, honesty, integrity, and companionship;

● Strive to help each other accomplish goals, foster personal growth, and keep each other
focused;

● Recognize that the primary objective of a university education is academic achievement,
and support academic excellence among members;

● Strive to maturely engage in the social aspects of Greek Life, which is a vital aspect of
the campus community atmosphere;

● Strive to provide opportunities to develop leadership skills which are building blocks and
stepping stones for future career opportunities;

● Strive to serve the university and community through volunteer efforts and philanthropic
work;

● Strive to provide opportunities for members to pursue many philanthropic efforts;

● Strive to create an unbiased community without prejudice due to race, ethnicity, religion,
gender, or sexual orientation with members that are safe-space trained;

● Strive to respect differences of opinion and freedom of speech by understanding and
fostering goodwill among all individuals and groups;

● Strive to eradicate any behavior which devalues persons through physical, mental, or
verbal abuse, harassment, or discrimination;
• Strive to have Local and National organizations conduct themselves in a manner that portrays academic, philanthropic and social achievement while behaving themselves in membership that presents equal opportunity for all students of the Montclair State University campus.

We, as one unified Greek community, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Greek Council.
ARTICLE ONE

Section 1: Name
This body shall be known as the Greek Council, a Representative Body of the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association, Inc. of Montclair State University.

Section 2: Membership
Membership in the Greek Council is open to any Greek member of a lawfully chartered or colonized organization of the Student Government Association, Inc. of Montclair State University, and shall be subject to the Constitution, Statutes and Laws of the Greek Council.

Section 3: Purpose
The purpose of this organization shall be:

A. To provide the means whereby the members of the Greek community may express themselves in the programs of Greek Life which directly affect their intellectual, social, physical, and spiritual welfare;

B. To promote better brotherhood, sisterhood, and siblinghood by developing and promoting student responsibility and accountability;

C. To coordinate and regulate the activities of all Greek lettered organizations and their members;

D. To oversee and govern the six Greek councils. These councils are:
   1. Inter-fraternity Council (IFC)
   2. The Local Council (TLC)
   3. National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
   4. National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)
   5. Independent Greek Council (IGC)
   6. United Greek Coalition (UGC)

Section 4: Voting
All voting will be in accordance with the rules set forth in the Greek Council Statutes.
ARTICLE TWO

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1: Legislative Powers

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Greek Legislature.

Section 2: Composition of the Legislature

A. The legislature shall be composed of one representative from each chartered Greek lettered organization including colonies which are non-voting members with a probationary period;

B. The elected representatives cannot service Greek Council in representation of their Greek lettered organization during the academic year in which they completed their new member intake process;

C. The appointment of the representative to the Greek Legislature shall be conducted according to the Greek Council Statutes;

D. All representatives of the Greek Legislature shall hold and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher as certified by the Montclair State University Registrar.

Section 3: Duties and Powers

The Greek Council Legislature, in accordance with the Constitution, shall:

A. Act as a formal representative for the undergraduate Greek community;

B. Enact, by two-thirds majority vote, by-laws of the Constitution to be known as the Greek Council Statutes;

D. Formulate and review budget policy as it applies to all organizations receiving money from the Greek Council;

E. Confirm or reject, by two-thirds majority vote, the appointment of the Director of the Greek Council;

F. Provide a compiled publication of the legislation, in order that the members of the Greek Council are informed;

G. To approve, or disapprove, of pending Greek lettered organization charter requests, provide for the regulation of Greek lettered organizations of Montclair State University campus;
H. Submit, by a two-thirds vote, to the undergraduate Greek student body, any bill, event proposal or issue which it feels the Greek students should act upon collectively;

I. Have the power to remove the Director of Greek Council and Assistant Directors by proceedings initiated by a two-thirds vote of the entire Greek Legislature at the following regular meeting;

J. Have the power to make rules and regulations necessary for the proper administration of elections within the guidelines established by the SGA Legislature;

K. Have the power to make legislation necessary to promote the general welfare of the Greek student body;

L. Have the power to petition the Director of Greek Council, or by a two-thirds vote of the Greek Legislature, called a special meeting.

Section 4: Meetings

A. The Greek Legislature shall convene every week beginning on the second week of each semester to two weeks before finals each semester (excluding Winter, Spring, and Summer recesses) on such day and time as stated in accordance with the Greek Council Statutes;

B. The Director of Council shall call the Greek Legislature into session for the first meeting in September not more than one week after the resumption of classes.

C. The Director of Greek Council may call the Greek Legislature into emergency session at any time. In the case that an emergency meeting is called and the organization’s original representative cannot attend, the organization must submit notification of the new representative to the Coordinator for Greek Life and the Director of Greek Council.

D. All regular meetings of the Greek Legislature shall be open to all undergraduate students of Montclair State University except those meetings which, by majority vote of the representatives, are declared to be executive sessions.

E. The procedure for order in the Greek Legislature shall be as governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or Statutes.

F. All members of chartered organizations in the Greek Legislature shall have one vote; voting shall be based on the total votes present, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or Statutes. The Director of Greek Council is required to vote in case of a tie and shall only vote in such a case.

G. ONE UNEXCUSED absence during a semester shall result in a punishment of probation with suspension of all duties afforded to organizations in good standing with the Greek Council
(e.g. intake, programming, etc.) and; If an organization obtains a second **UNEXCUSED** absence, the organization shall undergo Judicial Review with the Greek Council Judicial Court.

**Section 5: Quorum**

A quorum shall be two-thirds of the voting representatives of the Greek Council.

**Section 6: Vacancies**

Should a vacancy occur in an Assistant Director position not otherwise dealt with in the Constitution, the Greek Legislature shall apply in the area where the vacancy occurs not more than fourteen (14) days following the creation of the vacancy. Vacancies in the Greek Legislature shall be filled in accordance with the Statutes.

**Section 7: Term of Office**

The term of office for representatives shall begin the last full week of August of the year of their election and terminate on May 31 of the following year.

**Section 8: Advisors**

The Greek Legislature shall have a faculty/administrative advisor(s). The advisor(s) will be the Coordinator for Greek Life and/or the Graduate Coordinator of Greek Life. The advisor(s) will be qualified in administrative, financial, and Greek Affairs. The advisor(s) must be present at all regular open meetings of the Greek Legislature.
ARTICLE THREE
THE EXECUTIVE

Section 1: Director of Greek Council

A. The executive power shall be vested in the Director of the Greek Council. The Director shall be recommended by the Greek Legislature to the SGA President for appointment. Appointment shall take place in May of the previous academic year for a term of one year, beginning June 1 and terminating May 31 of the following year.

The Director of the Greek Council shall:

B. Appoint members of the Cabinet who are subject to a two-thirds vote of the Greek Legislature; and can remove with discretion, any office appointed with a three-fourths vote of the Greek Legislature;

C. Preside over all meetings, exercise all powers pertaining to the calling of meetings and the conduct of business in accordance with this Constitution, and coordinate the performance of the duties by the Cabinet members and the Councils;

D. Faithfully execute the laws of the constitution;

E. Inform and recommend to the Greek Legislature matters concerning Greek Student welfare;

F. Have the power to sign or veto acts, or any part thereof, of the Greek Legislature and amendments to this Constitution proposed by that body, provided that such power is exercised no later than on the fourteenth day of passage. The first day of passage is considered to be that day it was passed by the Greek Legislature. A bill shall become law if:

1. The Director of the Greek Council approves and signs it within the period allowed for consideration, or

2. The Director of the Greek Council does not return it to the Greek Legislature before the expiration of the period allowed for consideration, or

3. Upon reconsideration of the bill objected to by the Director of the Greek Council, two-thirds of the Greek Legislature agrees to pass the bill, or three-quarters of the legislation originally approved by a two-thirds majority. The Director of the Greek Council objections shall be entered into the minutes of the proceedings at the next regular meeting of the Greek Legislature, or

4. The Director of the Greek Council signs legislature which has been amended and reenacted by the Greek Legislature after the Director of the Greek Council objections
within six days after being re-forwarded by the Director of Greek Council. No bill shall be returned by the Director of the Greek Council a second time.

G. Act as the official host, representative, and signatory of the Greek Council;
H. Appoint ad-hoc committees with the advice and consent of the Greek Legislature;
I. Have the power to investigate and report in any area of Greek Life.
J. Be the President over the Greek Legislature and preside over the Greek Legislature meetings;
K. Shall have six Assistant Directors to help oversee the day to day operations of the Greek Council legislature. These Assistant Directors shall be Public Relations, Fundraising and Finance, Greek life and Activities, Philanthropy and Service, Academics and Alumni Relations, and Government and Administration.

Section 3: Cabinet (Assistant Directors)

A. The officers in Article III, Sec I, Letter K, shall be elected in the following manner:

1. By the Rules of the Elections set forth in the Greek Council Statutes;
2. By having a minimum of one years’ time in service to their Greek organization not including the semester in which they initiated;
3. By maintaining a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average as certified by the Montclair State University Registrar;
4. By saying the following oath administered by the SGA Attorney General before entering office... “I (state full name) do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of ___________ of the Greek Council, of the Student Government Association, Inc. of Montclair State University, and that I will, to the best of my ability, uphold the Constitution of the Greek Council, and all of its Statutes and Laws.”

B. The Director of Greek Council or an Assistant Director may be removed (impeached) by a three-fourths vote of the Greek Legislature. Just cause for removal shall be:

1. Failure to maintain undergraduate status at Montclair State University;
2. Failure to uphold and fulfill the purpose and policies of the Greek Council Constitution, Statutes, and Laws;
3. Malfeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance in the functioning of the Greek Council.

Section 3: President Pro-Tempore
The PPT of the Greek Council shall:

A. In the event of vacancy in the office of Director of Greek Council, the PPT shall assume the office.

B. Maintain all records of chartering and re-chartering Greek organizations.

C. Create and distribute schedule to all Greek organizations each semester outlining when they will meet with PPT committee, present at Greek Council and present at SGA Inc.

D. Conduct meeting with committee to hear presentations for new or re-chartering Class V organizations.

Section 4: The Clerk

The Clerk of the Greek Council shall:

A. Maintain all records and files of the Greek Council and shall arrange for permanent preservation of its archives;

B. Shall keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Greek Legislature, and perform other duties as the Greek Legislature and the Executive Secretary may direct.

C. Be responsible for all correspondence and office operations of the Greek Council;

D. Utilize every possible source to promote and publicize the activities of the Greek Council among the students of Montclair State University;

E. Have the power to investigate and report in any area of Greek Life;

F. Be a member of the Director’s Cabinet.
ARTICLE FOUR

THE JUDICIAL

The judicial power of the Greek Council shall be vested in the Judicial Court.

SECTION ONE: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR GREEK STUDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

A. Greek Students and Organizations found in violation of Montclair State University Greek Life Policies, and SGA or Greek Council Policies shall undergo the process of the Greek Judicial Court.

B. Procedure for the operation of the Greek Judicial Court shall be followed in accordance with Article IV of the Greek Council Statues.
ARTICLE FIVE
FINANCES

Section 1: Council Dues
A. An amount of $5.00 per active member from each chartered organization shall be collected at the beginning of each semester;

B. Failure to pay by collection due dates shall result in sanctions to be determined by the Director of Greek Council.

Section 2: Collection
The Assistant Director of Fundraising and Finance shall inform each organization, in writing, of budget and dues. Each organization shall pay dues no later than the first October meeting for the fall semester, and the last February meeting for the spring semester.

Section 3: Reports
The SGA Executive Treasurer shall submit semester itemized financial statements to each member of the Greek Council.
ARTICLE SIX

FUNDRAISING

The organization shall use only its full name in all its advertising for all meetings and events. All advertising shall state:

“The Greek Council, a Representative Body of the Executive Branch of the SGA, Inc.”

ARTICLE SEVEN

READING OF THE CONSTITUTION

A. The Greek Council Constitution shall be distributed to all voting and non-voting members at the first meeting of the fall and spring semester, by the Director of Greek Council;

B. Copies of the Greek Council Constitution and Statutes shall be made available at the SGA Executive Office, Greek Life Org-Sync Portal, or by request from the SGA Attorney General or Assistant Director of the Greek Council.

ARTICLE EIGHT

GREEK COUNCIL STATUTES

A. The six councils of the Greek Council will be governed by the Greek Council Statutes, and shall be responsible for adhering to this Greek Council Constitution.

B. Upon ratification of this Greek Council Constitution, it shall be the responsibility of the Greek Council to approve any and all changes to the Greek Council Statutes by two-thirds majority of the members in good standing.

C. Upon ratification of the Greek Council Statutes, or any changes thereof by the Greek Council, all copies must be forwarded to the SGA Government and Administration Committee for approval, the SGA Legislature for approval, and final approval by the President of the SGA, subject to SGA Legislature override.

D. If approved by the SGA, the Greek Council is responsible for making the necessary changes to the Greek Council Statutes.

E. Changes so passed shall take effect the semester following its ratification.
ARTICLE NINE

AMENDMENTS TO THE GREEK COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Section 1: Introduction of Amendment

Amendments may be introduced by any member of any representative organization of the Greek Council in good standing. The proposed amendments must be introduced at least two meetings prior to voting.

Section 2: Passage

A three-fourths majority vote of the voting membership shall be required for the amendment to pass.

Section 3: Final Approval

Final approval by two-thirds of the Legislature of the Student Government Association, Inc. of Montclair State University is mandatory for amendments to go into effect. Amendments so passed shall take effect the semester following its ratification.

ARTICLE TEN

OFFICER COMPENSATION

Officials of the Greek Council and its subsidiary organizations shall not receive as a reward for performed duties, financial or material remuneration in the performance of said duties.