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**Multicultural Greek
Council Expansion Guide**

Office of Fraternity
and Sorority Life at
the University of
South Carolina



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Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in becoming part of our fraternity and sorority life community here at the University of South Carolina. We are home to over 40 fraternities and sororities comprised of member organizations from the Interfraternal Council (IFC), the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). It is our hope that our community is fulfilling its commitment to brother/sisterhood, scholarship, service and leadership; which are the four pillars by which we measure success.

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) consists of member organizations within Fraternity and Sorority Council with a multicultural origin. This council represents our newest and fastest growing community at USC. The groups are continually making an impact on our campus and in the Columbia community through philanthropic efforts and leadership. Right now our MGC consists of five organizations, – two sororities and three fraternities.

MGC works to promote fraternity, sorority, and interfraternal relationships; implement programs designed to help meet the needs of respective communities; serve as a medium for the mutual interest of member organizations; and set an academic standard for Greek life as a subcommittee for Fraternity and Sorority Council.

Within this packet you will find information about the University and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. In addition, we have provided information regarding the application and the expansion process for the MGC. Please visit our website for more information <http://www.sa.sc.edu/fsl/>.

Thank you again for your consideration of the University of South Carolina as a new home for your organization, and we look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Nelda B. Bailey
Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life



Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Overview

Our Vision

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina develops global citizens by enhancing their academic pursuits through a values based fraternal experience.

Our Mission

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life enhances the undergraduate fraternity and sorority experience at the University of South Carolina by:

- Cultivating an environment conducive to leadership development for fraternity and sorority members.
- Partnering with fraternal organizations and community stakeholders to establish co-curricular experiences and learning communities which enhance the academic experience.
- Providing support, guidance and mentorship for the operations and strategic growth of the fraternity and sorority community.

Meet our Staff

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Multicultural Greek Council Overview

Recognized MGC Sororities		
Organization	Fall 2016 GPA	Total Chapter Size
Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.	3.21	10
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	2.73	13
Total		23

Recognized MGC Fraternities		
Organization	Fall 2016 GPA	Total Chapter Size
Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc.	3.15	4
Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity	2.55	7
Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	2.67	16
Total		27

MGC Total Membership	50
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Expansion Procedures

The decision to open for expansion will be based on the current needs of the Multicultural Greek Council. Once the decision to move forward with expansion has been made, a formal invitation will be sent to organizations who have informally expressed interest in expanding to USC as well as other organization that the MGC chooses. Organizations that do not receive an invitation are still eligible for expansion as long as they are within the designated window outlined in the timeline on page 9.

The application window will be open for exactly four weeks from and those dates will be made public through the invitation. There will be no applications accepted past the deadline. Once the application window has closed and all materials have been received from the national organization, the MGC expansion committee will make a decision on which organizations they will invite for presentations. This committee will be made up of individuals affiliated with our active member organizations, having representation from each organization.

Once the expansion committee has reviewed the applications and evaluated the presentations of each petitioning organization a decision will be made on which organizations to invite for membership into the MGC and our greater fraternity and sorority community. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and MGC leaders will ensure that this information is communicated in a timely manner, and that all organizations are aware of their status in the process.

Completion and submission of the application materials do not guarantee an invitation to colonize at the University of South Carolina. Completion of a campus presentation also does not guarantee an invitation to colonize at the University of South Carolina. If given a favorable vote and invited to colonize at USC those efforts cannot begin until the period outlined in the timeline. Failure to abide by timeline may result in a revocation of your invitation.

All application materials can be submitted online at this [link](#). You will be able to fill out the initial application, and attach additional files as needed. Hard copy applications can be mailed to the address below. Applications must be received by the deadline indicated.

Russell House Suite 115
Attn: MGC Expansion
1400 Greene St.
Columbia, SC 29208



Application Requirements

Listed below are the required materials and information for an application to be considered. All materials must be received to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life by the deadline indicated in the timeline. This information can be submitted online at <https://sawebdev.wufoo.com/forms/x1f4e7g418bc3fj/>. The only individuals that will review this information are the students serving on the MGC expansion committee and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life professional staff.

- Completed application (pg. 10)
- A letter of intent from the national organization addressing the following:
 - Reasoning for wanting to join the MGC at USC
 - Purpose of organization
 - Short term goals (0-1 years)
 - Long term goals (3-5 years)
 - Local resources (area alumnae, graduate chapters/advisors, etc.)
- General information about the organization. Should include but not limited to:
 - History and founding principles and values
 - Active collegiate chapters with membership totals
 - Recent expansions (up to 3 years)
 - Chapter closures (up to 3 years)
 - National community service and philanthropic efforts
 - Copy of organizations governing structure inclusive of advising structure and affiliation with a national governing body (NALFO, NAPA, etc.)
 - Any additional information you think will aid the expansion committee in making their decision.
 - Membership Requirements
 - GPA requirements for joining and maintaining active membership
 - Cost of initial membership and annual dues
 - Code of conduct
- New Member Education Guidelines and Timeline
 - This will only be reviewed by the FSL professional staff



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Presentation Guidelines

The purpose of the campus presentation is for the petitioning organization to meet with the MGC student leaders and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life professional staff. It is important to us that we create a mutual partnership and we want you to feel welcomed and open to asking any questions about our community at this time. The presentation also serves as an opportunity for the expansion committee and other members of the council to ask questions that go beyond what is provided in the application.

At the request of the petitioning organization, we will schedule an on campus tour and one on one meeting with MGC, the expansion committee, and the professional staff in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. If scheduling prevents the petitioning organization from doing a campus tour or meeting with the parties above, it will not have a negative bearing on their application.

The presentation guidelines are as follows:

- Presentations should be no longer than 30 minutes with a 10 minute Q & A to follow
- Presentations should be coordinated and presented by either national or regional representatives, or by the direct graduate advisor for the petitioning organization. If there is not regional or national representation, a letter should be sent confirming the graduate advisor as being authorized to coordinate the presentation.
- Presentations should include why the University of South Carolina is a place you wish to colonize.
- There is no standard format for the presentation, however we highly suggest you highlight the material in the application while adding additional context for the committee to evaluate.



Multicultural Greek Council Expansion Application

Organization Name: _____

National Mailing Address: _____

National Organization Phone Number: _____

National President: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

National Expansion Officer: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Student Representative (if applicable): _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____



Multicultural Greek Council

Expansion Application

Please answer the following questions. All applications must be typed, double-spaced, and a maximum of three pages.

1. Has the National organization ever been active at The University of South Carolina?
 - a. If yes, please list the dates and explain why the organization is no longer active at USC.
2. Why is your organization looking to expand at The University of South Carolina?
3. How will The University of South Carolina Multicultural Greek Council benefit from having your organization become a member?

I _____ (please print) hereby certify that all information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date



***Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the
University of South Carolina fraternity and sorority community!
We look forward to reviewing your application!***

