Preamble
We exist in order to establish brotherly and sisterly bonds in the SUNY Geneseo community. We promote cultural awareness, minority issues, heritage issues, and to work for the advancement of all multicultural Greek lettered organizations here at SUNY Geneseo. MGC provides a support system for minority organizations, promoting academic achievement, service and leadership. We will be a self-governing council consisting of representatives from fraternities and sororities recognized on this campus, who do not follow the IGC pledging process; we hereby do establish this Constitution. We agree to uphold and abide by the rules and regulations of the State University of New York at Geneseo.

Article I- Name
The name of this organization shall be Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) of the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

Article II- Purpose
The purpose of this Council shall be to provide framework for promoting brotherly and sisterly bonding at the State University of New York College at Geneseo. We unite the members of these organizations in good fellowship and loyalty; to establish policies for the regulation of multicultural Greek lettered organizations. We enforce, impartially and unfailing, the polices states here in, and cooperate with college officials in their efforts to promote high standards of scholastic achievement and social conduct.

Article III- Authority
The council shall have the power to make and enforce rules governing the Greeks under the Council. We will work together with the Inter Greek Council, and impose sanctions on organizations that violate college and/or MGC regulations. The Council shall establish the calendar of all MGC rush events, serve as the official voice in matters involving college policies and actions, and to speak for member organizations in recommending recognition of any fellow MGC organizations.

Article IV- Membership
Section 1. – Representation
A. MGC shall consist of representatives from all African American, Latino, Asian, and Minority fraternities and sororities.

B. One elected representative shall represent each organization. These representatives shall be elected by the date of second MGC meeting of the academic semester.

C. Any other members of MGC organizations may attend MGC meetings and
participate in MGC activities, but they do not have voting privileges, nor do they have access to College facilities.

D. All MGC organizations shall demonstrate that each member has a 2.5 GPA by submitting transcript review/approval by the Geneseo Greek Advisor. Since it is a national requirement from all NPHC, NALFO, NMGC, and NAPA organizations, we as MGC of SUNY Geneseo shall adhere to these requirements. If the organization is deemed under the 2.5 requirement (as a whole, meaning all members are inactive), there will be on a probation period.

E. Organizations that do not have active members and remain dormant on the campus may have up to (2) years under MGC recognition to gain new active members. While they may retain MGC recognition, college recognition will be lost and the group must re-apply for college recognition.

F. Every organization must provide their constitution and by-laws for the MGC representative to keep in an MGC manual.

**Article V- Officers**

**Section 1.**

A. The officers of Multicultural Greek Council shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Greek Council Representative.

B. The officers shall make up the Executive Council of the Multicultural Greek Council.

C. Eligibility for presidential and vice presidential (which is the multicultural representative for inter greek council meetings) candidates is a minimum of one semester membership in MGC after candidates intake date (meaning the date they crossed, the individual, not the organization).
   - If no one takes up the position, The greek advisor holds on to the position until a qualified candidate steps forth

D. A process for selecting officers includes: a slate of candidates, nominations, campaign speeches and elections. This process will begin in March and will be completed by the first meeting in April.

E. All newly elected officers will be required to participate in leadership training conducted by outgoing officers and the college advisor to the organization.

F. The term of office shall span one full calendar year, to begin the last regular meeting of the spring semester.

G. Officers shall be full-time undergraduate students.
H. All officers are required to attend meetings regularly, including IGC meetings. If an officer is unable to attend, they must contact an executive board member within 24 hours before the meeting.

I. Officers must have a 2.5 GPA at the time of election and maintain good academic standing throughout their term in office. Failure to do so will result in removal from office.

**Article VI – Removal of Resignation of an Officer**

**Section 1. Removal Procedures**

Procedure for removal of an officer shall be as follows: An officer may be removed from an office if she/he fails to meet responsibilities outlined in Article V. A representative must make the appropriate motion during a regular meeting of the Council. The motion will automatically be tabled until the next scheduled meeting, where it will be moved from the table, and opened for discussion. The Council will vote upon the motion. A two-third majority vote is required for removal.

**Section 2. Resignation Procedures**

In the event that an officer resigns from office, nominations to fill the vacancy shall be received at the meeting following the resignation. Voting shall be held at the following meeting.

**Article VII – Duties of Officers**

**Section 1. The duties and powers of the President:**

A. Preside over meetings of the Council
B. Serves as member of Executive board.
C. Be responsible for any other executive or administrative duties that may be necessary.
D. Collect official academic transcripts of nominees before election process.

**Section 2. The duties and powers of the Vice-President**

A. Preside over meetings in the absence of President.
B. Serve as interim in the event of removal or resignation of the president.
C. Keep a current copy of the by-laws and distribute to member fraternities/sororities once each semester.
D. Appoints all committee chairpersons.

**Section 3. The duties and powers of the Secretary**

A. Record the minutes of meetings, and provide copies for the Council Advisor(s), the Executive Council, and each representative by the next scheduled meeting.
B. Sends and receives all correspondence on behalf of the council.
C. Maintains monthly events calendar for the Council and distribute to each representative.
Section 4. The duties and powers of the Treasurer:
A. Handles all financial affairs of the Council.
B. Reports on financial status of the Council at each meeting, including at detailed list of disbursements and payments if requested by the Council.
C. Co-signs with the President all disbursements of the treasury.
D. Be responsible for collecting dues from each organization and fines imposed by the Council.

Section 5. The duties and powers of the Greek Council Representative:
A. To serve as a liaison between MGC and other Greek Council.

Article VIII- Advisor
Section 1. The Advisor of the Multicultural Greek Community
A. Shall be chosen by the Multicultural Greek Community Executive Council. The Advisor(s) will be non-voting faculty/staff member of the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

Section 2. The duties of the Advisor(s):
A. The advisor must attend a minimum of five Council meetings and Council sponsored events.

B. The process for removal of Advisor(s) shall be the same process as the removal of officers.

Article IX- Absenteeism

Section 1. Policy
Each representative or designee is expected to attend all meetings of the Council. Designees are not allowed to vote. If a representative fails to attend a meeting, the Representative will forfeit voting rights for the meeting. Each representative is allowed two unexcused absences. A third absence will result in the Imposition of a five-dollar fine upon the respective fraternity/sorority and the removal of the representative from their position in MGC. The member fraternity/sorority will be requested to appoint a new representative. Representatives may be replaced by a member of their fraternity/sorority and will be requested to appoint a new representative. If the new representative of the member fraternity/sorority is absent from one MGC meeting in their term, it will result in their respective organizations losing their voting privileges fro the rest of the semester. If the member organization’s representative is absent for the last four meetings of the semester, their voting privileges will be revoked for the following semester.

Article X- Meetings, Voting, and Order of Business
A. The newly revised Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

B. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Council shall be held weekly throughout the
academic year, excluding exam weeks. The Council shall meet at least ten times per academic year.

C. The President of the Council may call special meetings, defined as meeting outside regularly scheduled meetings, of the council when she/he deems it necessary. In addition, special meetings must be called when requested by a majority of the members of the Council.

D. Notification must be given by the Secretary of the Council to each representative, Council officer, and the Multicultural Greek Community Advisor(s) at least 24 hours prior to each special meeting.

E. Meetings of the Council shall be open subject to space limitations and orderly conduct.

**Article XI- Chapter Recognition Procedure**

**Section 1. INTAKE PROCESS**

I. The intake of new organizations to the Multicultural Greek Council will take place annually, within the first four calendar weeks of the Fall semester of each academic school year. If an organization that has been recognized before wishes to petition to recognition again, they must follow these steps as well.

II. A primary purpose of MGC is to unite all member organizations in good fellowship. When an organization expresses interest in establishing a chapter on this campus, the similarity of interest in establishing a chapter on this campus, the similarity of interests between existing member organizations and the organization petitioning for membership must be evaluated. The dynamics of the student body should be deemed able to accommodate petitioning organizations which share similar interests. Specifically, the membership of the petitioning organization must double the membership of the existing member organization with which they share similar interests in order to be eligible for consideration for membership in MGC. The organization that is already established on campus may deny membership to the organization with similar interests for conflict of interest (only if organization is not in a healthy size, less than six).

III. The Petitioning group/organization must contact MGC first before gaining college recognition as an organization, then co-currently will do their college recognition and MGC recognition adherently.

**Section 2. Declaration of Intent**

A. The petitioning group shall submit a letter of intent to join MGC.
B. The letter shall include a statement explaining the group’s purpose and reasons for affiliation with MGC, a constitution of the petitioning group/organization.

C. After an internal review has ruled out any conflict of interests between existing membership and those of the petitioning organization, the MGC President shall provide the organization with all necessary information to begin the recognition process, including but not limited to the MGC constitution and College recognition papers.

D. The group shall submit a list that includes the names of at least five of the original charter members. If a charter member has decided to not continue through the intake process, the petitioning group must notify the council immediately as five charter members must be adherent in order to be recognized.

E. An original charter member must not be a senior at the submission of the letter of intent. (Must have less than 90 credits)

F. The Petitioning group must demonstrate that all members of the organization have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 through official transcript, and every semester afterwards.

Section 3. Pre-acceptance Status
A. Once the letter of intent has been submitted to MGC and reviewed by its members, a formal presentation must be set up by the petitioning group to be presented to the Council’s Board, that is all MGC members.

B. The petitioning group shall be accepted if found to uphold the Multicultural Greek Council Criteria as follows:
   1. Acceptance of MGC constitution.
   2. Sponsorship of at least five philanthropic events annually, two of which must be for the Geneseo community.
      • Each event shall be evaluated by the MGC President/Representative and approved before the execution of the event, and afterwards
      • An evaluation of each event must be done if the petitioning organization collaborates with other organizations.
      • Proof of executing event must be provided at the end of completing events. This includes pictures, advertisements, thank you letters from donation orgs, etc.
   3. Hosting events in conjunction with fellow MGC organizations, which are solely and independently sponsored by MGC (can be separate or collective).
      • MGC organizations must adhere to petitioning group and work with them on a professional manner.
      • They must write a written evaluation of their collaboration with the petitioning group.
4. Demonstrating that all members of the organization have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

5. Attendance to all MGC meetings (that is IGC meetings as well).

**Section 4. Final Acceptance-Full Recognition**

A. A final letter of application shall be submitted to MGC that will include a description of the organization activities, events, final purpose.

B. A final presentation must be made in front of the IGC council during the IGC meeting to introduce the petitioning organization and foster an open relationship with IGC members. This includes a presentation of the organization, the events they have done, and why they see fit to be a part of IGC.
   - After presentation, IGC representative and members may ask a Q & A
   - Petitioning group must leave afterwards where there will be an open discussion from IGC members, and representatives about concerns of the petitioning organization
   - They may give their opinion but do not have the final vote on whether the petitioning group shall gain recognition.

B. Decisions will be rendered by the council in a timely fashion not to exceed a two week time period. During this time the council will meet independently, with the prospective new organization absent, in order to discuss the organization’s petition and adequate fulfillment of the requirements. All subjects of such meetings shall be private. At, the following MGC meeting, the council’s decision is to be disclosed. Upon conclusion of the application process, the decision to either grant or deny membership will be made.

**Article XII- Dues**

A. Each organization is to pay dues at the beginning of each semester. The date will be set by the Treasurer. Any organization that fails to pay or is late will pay a fine determined by the IGC Treasurer.

B. At the end of each semester, the Council will vote to set the price of at least five dollars for dues to be paid by each organization for the following semester.

**Article XIII- Orientation/Membership Intake Process**

**Section 1. Information Sessions**

A. The dates will be coordinated among the member organizations of MGC.

B. Each organization will be responsible for coordinating their respective informational sessions.

**Section 2. Orientation/Membership Intake Process Beginning and Ending**

A. Intake process will begin no earlier than the second full week of school.

B. Intake process must end one week before the start of semester finals and may not last longer than 6 weeks.
C. Each member organization will be held responsible for their orientation process both on and off campus.
D. Each organization will submit an outline of orientation activities to the Vice-President for Student and Campus Life.

**Section 3. Summer Orientation/Membership Intake Process**

A. The decision to conduct any summer orientation processes shall be at the discretion of each member organization.
B. Each candidate shall be a matriculated student during the spring semester prior to participation in the intake process.
C. The Orientation Process must end prior to the end of the summer session

**Article XIV – Amendments to the Constitution**

**Section 1. Procedure of Amendment**
A written proposal for an amendment must be presented to the executive committee prior to the meeting in which the proposal will be discussed. The executive committee shall then determine if the proposal is to be placed on the agenda.

**Section 2. Vote Required to Amend**
In order for the organization to adopt an amendment to the constitution, the proposal must have at least two thirds of the active-voting members. A quorum must always be present in order to pass an amendment.

**Article XV – Agreement with the State University of New York College at Geneseo.**
All members of the fraternities and sororities affiliated with MGC must agree to abide by the MGC constitution in order to retain membership. These organizations must agree to uphold and respect the rules and regulations of the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

**Article XVI – Inter-Greek Council Resolutions**
Be it resolved that this document shall be known as the Multi-Cultural Greek Council Constitution of the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

Be it further resolved that the constitution of THIS Multi-Cultural Greek Council be subject to all policies governing The Inter-Greek Council of the State University of New York College at Geneseo, and the guidelines as established by the Student Organization Code of Conduct.

Be it further resolved that THIS Multi-Cultural Greek Council Constitution shall be included in the by-laws on the Inter-Greek Council, and all MGC recognized organizations shall adhere to THIS document.