



Multicultural Greek Council University of South Carolina Expansion Guide



UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina

Table of Contents

Greetings	pg. 3
USC/Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Overview	pg. 4
Multicultural Greek Council Overview	pg. 5
Expansion Procedures	pg. 6
Application Requirements	pg. 7
Presentation Guidelines	pg. 8
Expansion Application	pg. 9
Closing	pg. 11



Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a 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 College Panhellenic Association (CPA), 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 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, – three sororities and two 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 collegiate students.

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.

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 of Fraternity & 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 core values are scholarship, leadership, service, and friendship.

Our Mission

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

- Enhance leadership, personal, and professional development for the fraternity and sorority community.
- Partner with fraternal organizations and community stakeholders to cultivate community, safety, and accountability.
- Provide support, guidance, and mentorship for the operations and strategic growth of the fraternity and sorority community.

Meet our Staff

Anna Edwards Associate Vice President for Student Affairs corpenia@mailbox.sc.edu	Jarod Holt Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life holta@mailbox.sc.edu
Camille Darby Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Housing camille@mailbox.sc.edu	Carli Mercer (CPA) Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life mercerca@mailbox.sc.edu
Joshua Schuman (IFC) Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Schumajo@mailbox.sc.edu	Nelda B. Bailey (MGC/NPHC) Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life baileyne@mailbox.sc.edu
Jon "Tad" Derrick Assistant Director of Harm Reduction and Compliance derricjo@mailbox.sc.edu	Bethany Yost Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Leadership Development and Training Yost2@mailbox.sc.edu



Multicultural Greek Council Overview

Organization	Spring 2020 GPA	Total Chapter Size
Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity	*	1
Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc.	3.51	15
Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.	3.54	7
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	3.58	9
Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	2.97	17
Total	3.4	49

Signature Programs

- MGC Food Fest (Wednesday of Greek Week)
- MGC Showcase
- Intake Orientation
- Greek Week
- National Hazing Prevention Week
- Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks



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 by current members of the council and central FSL staff, a formal invitation will be sent to organizations who have informally expressed interest in expanding to UofSC. Organizations that do not receive an invitation are still eligible to apply for expansion.

The application window will be open for exactly four weeks. Dates will be made public through the invitation and FSL website. 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 decide 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 Multicultural Greek Council and our greater Fraternal Community. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and MGC leaders will ensure that this information is communicated within three weeks of the presentation, 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 UofSC, those efforts cannot begin until the period outlined in the timeline. Failure to abide by timeline may result in a revocation of your invitation.



Application Requirements

Listed below are the required materials and information for an application to be considered. All materials must be submitted to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life by the deadline indicated in the timeline. 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. 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. Applications must be received by the deadline indicated on the website. Applications should include:

- A letter of intent from the national organization addressing the following:
 - Reasoning for wanting to join the MGC at UofSC
 - Purpose of organization
 - Recruitment plan
 - 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 member
- Harm Reduction and Risk Management Plans
 - This will only be reviewed by the FSL professional staff member



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 may 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 20 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.
 - Presentations may also be conducted through virtual means.
 - 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 and how you will attract and attain membership.
- Presentations should include a plan to utilize various aspects of the Annual Chapter Expectations Packet.
- 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.



***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!***

-Multicultural Greek Council