

## ARTICLE XI-EXPANSION

Expansion Process: The aim of any expansion efforts should be for the long-term benefit of all students to have the opportunity to join a fraternity or sorority and all efforts should be focused on bettering the MGC.

- A. Organizations seeking to expand to The George Washington University must first express formal interest to the Expansion Chair and will be required to complete an expansion application which includes a report of the following information:
  1. National Constitution and By-Laws
  2. Letter of Intent
  3. Reference Letter from National Executive Board
  4. Information on traditional events (including name, purpose, description, funding, and target audience)
  5. Sample chapter budget
  6. National GPA and GPA of local chapters (if applicable)
  7. Risk Management Procedure & Policy including:
    - i. Anti-hazing and alcohol policies
    - ii. Internal conduct board procedures
    - iii. Proof of liability insurance
  8. List of references (e.g. local advisor, alumni, national executive board)
- B. The Expansion Chair will review all expansion application materials, reference check the applicant, and notify the executive board of the application's existence at the next executive board meeting.
- C. The MGC Executive Board will determine whether the Council is open to expansion based on the current status of individual organizations and the council as a whole.
  1. The Council will not be open to expansion if:
    - i. Three or more chapters are currently classified under dormant status (defined below) due to the presence of no members on the university campus
    - ii. Five or more chapters are inactive due to any reason (e.g. academic probation, financial, no members, etc.)
    - iii. The above criteria will ultimately be decided at the executive board's discretion.
- D. Should the Executive Board determine the MGC is not open to expansion, the Expansion Chair will send a formal letter of notification to any interest group who has submitted an expansion application. Should the Executive Board determine the MGC is open for expansion, the interest group will be notified via letter, by the Expansion Chair, and asked to proceed to the next step of the expansion application, present to the MGC general body
- E. The interest group will present to the MGC general body at the next town hall. The expansion presentation given to the general body must include the following and address the following :
  1. History of the organization
  2. Purpose and goals of the organization
  3. National GPA and any local GPAs (if applicable)
  4. What is your main source of funding?
  
  5. Information on local chapters and local alumni
  6. Who will be assisting the intake process?
  7. Tentative calendar of events to be hosted during the first academic year
  8. What can you bring to the Multicultural Greek Council that is unique and currently not present at the university?
- F. Following the expansion presentation, the General Body must then vote to approve the interest group.

1. A 2/3 majority vote is required for the approval the interested organization.
- G. If the interest group is approved, they will be granted one full academic year (beginning the following semester), known as a Probationary Period, to initiate their first line at the George Washington University. The approved organization must abide by the following rules and fulfill the requirements stated below:
1. Programming may occur during the semester of application.
  2. Intake may not begin until the semester after approval.
  3. The approved organization must complete the following per semester:
    - i. Co-sponsor 1 event with any current MGC organization
    - ii. Attend 3 other events hosted by MGC organizations. One of which must be sponsored by the MGC and one of which must be a community service related event.
- H. If an approved organization fails to initiate a line within the “Probationary Period”, they must reapply for expansion.

Standing: After recognition by the University, a fraternity or sorority is assumed to be in good standing as long as the organization meets the standards of its National/International Organization, the policies, regulations and procedures of the University, Greek Life, the MGC, and federal, state and local laws.

- I. All fraternities and sororities are expected to maintain membership with currently enrolled GWU students. Organizations will go “dormant” if they do not have any members present on campus.
- J. Should a fraternity or sorority lack GWU student membership the organization will be given “dormant” status (defined below). A dormant organization will remain recognized by the MGC for up to two years pending consistent communication with the Council. After two years, if dormant status still exists the organization will become inactive and must go through the process stated in the Expansion Policy to re-obtain MGC membership.
- K. Dormant Status: Dormant period only applies to organizations that have no members on the GWU campus. For city-wide chapters this means that the organization must have one member on the GWU campus to avoid dormant status.
  1. Dormant period is a two year long period
  2. All current MGC regulations and bylaws must be abided by.
  3. The organization may not host or co-sponsor any late night parties during dormant status.
  4. Proof or programming with previously submitted proposals that have been approved by the council (and were submitted at least two weeks before the proposed date)
  5. The organization’s dormant status starts at the beginning of the semester after previous members graduate.
  6. If the organization does not meet the previously stated criteria then you must reapply (if the organization is still seeking membership into the council) for MGC membership.