

Maharishi University of Management

Student Government Charter

This Charter is the declaration of the aims, principles, and procedures of the Student Government of Maharishi University of Management.

Introduction

The Student Government plays a significant role in shaping students' quality of life and University policies as well as upholding standards of peer leadership. Effective leadership depends on the fullest development of consciousness. Therefore, to be most effective the Student Government members strive to develop their own consciousness and that of the Student Body. Maharishi University of Management is the world's first Consciousness-based educational institution.

As the University's student leaders, the Student Government supports the University's mission and core values:

- Development of Consciousness
- Academic Excellence
- Health and Happiness
- Sustainability
- Unity within Diversity
- Community
- Excellence
- World Peace

Maharishi University of Management uses the Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programs to develop students' full potential from within. These programs bring unprecedented benefits to education. They promote the growth of intelligence, creativity, moral maturity, learning ability, academic performance, good health, balanced personal growth and wisdom, and fulfilling personal relationships, all of which is a product of increasingly coherent brain functioning.

The Student Government supports a healthy lifestyle inclusive of daily group practice of these techniques to promote students' academic success and fulfillment, to accelerate students' personal growth toward enlightenment and, as a spontaneous byproduct, to create maximum harmony and coherence in society, resulting in rising national invincibility and peace in our world family.

Mission

The Fullness of Life The mission of the Student Government is to promote the full development of the inner and outer life of all students—"200% of life." The Student Government accomplishes this by creating and supporting programs and activities, including the group practice of the Transcendental

Meditation and TM-Sidhi programs, that enhance students' bliss, health, satisfaction, and overall well-being.

Ultimately the Student Government promotes the experience of what Maharishi calls the fruit of all knowledge in every student — life in accord with natural law, life free of mistakes, life in higher states of consciousness. Growing in the ability to know anything, do anything, and accomplish anything with least effort, one is simultaneously of maximum value both to oneself and to others, able to fulfill one's desires while promoting all good in society.

Charter Verses

Student Government

1. The Student Government consists of elected members (Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, World Congress President, Cultural Committee President, and Coop Programs Representative) and appointed members (Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Coordinator, Food Committee Representative, Campus Sustainability Representative, and Student Health Representative).

The Student Government may appoint additional non-voting members as it sees fit (e.g. a representative from each academic department). Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, an elected officer may not hold more than one elected office. The positions of Student Body President and Treasurer may not be held by the same person.

2. The Student Government creates the programs, policies, and activities that fulfill the desires of the Student Body while upholding integrity and promoting collective harmony and growth—"enlightenment to all."

3. It is the responsibility of Student Government to help guide student activity in the direction of life in accord with natural law. Thus, the Student Government should not have to work hard to achieve what it desires.

4. The administrative thoughts and activities of Student Government mirror the collective consciousness of the student body. Wise student leaders recognize that the enhancement of the collective consciousness of the students enhances the coherence and success of the Student Government, the Student Body, and Maharishi University of Management as a whole.

5. While serving the students, members of the Student Government maintain their own academic progress and student routine as their top priority. This means that they aspire to maximize the benefits of Consciousness-based education by following the ideal student schedule and routine prescribed by Maharishi.

6. The World Congress is a venue for students to share ideas and opinions, and voice concerns. It is a discussion, which can be held in-person or online. Any student may attend World Congress meetings.

7. The Student Body is responsible for voting on Student Government proposals that require approval of the Student Body according to this Charter. Voting on Student Government proposals is conducted via email or other means to the entire Student Body. Unless provided otherwise in this Charter, a measure must be approved by a majority of the votes cast in order to pass.

Elected Positions

Student Body President

8. The Student Body President is the head officer of the Student Government and the Student Body. The role is that of a gardener who supports and nourishes student growth through the power of quiet attention and coherent, wakeful consciousness.

9. The President sets the standard for peer leadership and should be devoted to developing wakefulness and purity within. The President's thinking, feeling, and behavior should reflect the qualities of growing awareness and comprehension. The President is responsible for creating and maintaining a peaceful Student Government and should uphold the highest standards of integrity within all decisions made by the Student Government.

10. The President considers the broader context of Maharishi University of Management and acts strategically with respect for all constituents. The President cultivates and distributes leadership in the Student Body and identifies which areas are in the domain of the administration or Department of Student Life.

11. The President's administrative thoughts and actions are influenced by the quality of the collective consciousness of the Student Body. The wise President recognizes this phenomenon of administration and gives attention to programs that elevate student life.

12. The President is responsible for creating and maintaining a unified and coherent Student Government. Thus, the President facilitates cooperation and harmony among Student Government members. The President establishes the standards of respect and cordiality in all interactions.

13. The President gives regular reports on the activities of the Student Government to the entire student body through newsletter, electronic media, assembly address, or other means.

14. The President is the primary liaison between the University administration and the Student Government.

15. The President sets the weekly meeting agenda in consultation with other Student Government members.

16. The President may approve emergency spending up to five hundred dollars during winter, spring, or summer break. At least three Student Government members must approve any such spending and the Student Body must be informed immediately after the break.

17. The President signs checks and contracts of the Student Government.

18. The President is the primary representative of the Student Government at all University assemblies, ceremonies, and celebrations.

19. The President gives an address at Convocation and may also address the Student Body at any assembly organized by the University or Student Government.

20. The President gives a report on the achievements of the Student Government to the University Trustees when they arrive on campus for Commencement exercises.

21. The President-elect for the next school year may serve as the Grand Marshal of the Commencement exercises of the current year.

22. All Presidents who serve a full term and fulfill the tradition of successful Student Government administration as envisioned in this Charter become lifetime members of the Presidents Club. This club establishes a prestigious "fellowship" of Presidential alumni and perpetuates a tradition of excellence in student leadership.

23. The President from the previous year should meet with the President of the current school year and share advice and ideas twice a year, if possible. All past Presidents may also serve as advisors for the current President when needed.

24. The President is selected by a general ballot election, and is a voting member of Student Government.

25. Should the Presidency become permanently vacated, the Vice-President shall become Student Body President.

Student Body Vice-President

26. The Vice-President is the advisor and dynamic agent of the Student Body President. They work together closely to establish the duties and activities of the administration.

27. The Vice-President should aspire to the same standards as the President as set forth in this Charter.

28. The Vice-President creates and promotes Student Government outreach programs by contacting other university student governments to create a network of student leaders.

29. The Vice-President assumes the duties of the President upon the President's temporary absence. The Vice-President becomes President when the office is permanently vacated. 30. The Vice-President assumes the duties of the Treasurer when the position is vacant. 31. The Vice-President is selected by a general ballot election and is a voting member of Student Government.

World Congress President

32. The World Congress President deeply understands and appreciates the technologies and applications of Maharishi Vedic Science. The World Congress President shall own this knowledge in heart and mind and embody it in activity by being an active source of nourishment for others.

33. The agenda of the World Congress President is to create a safe environment through which students and faculty can exchange ideas and knowledge, to be a source of knowledge, and to assist members of the Maharishi University of Management community in reaching their goals.

34. The World Congress President facilitates discussions through student forums, community chats, “Real Talk” events and other means to foster community and facilitate change.

35. The World Congress President may serve as a communication link between the Global Country of World Peace and Maharishi University of Management students, as opportunities for student involvement in projects and/or workshops arise.

36. Ideally the World Congress President possesses the skills and tools to create group coherence and improve team functioning, which they actively utilize and share with others.

38. The World Congress President assumes the duties of the Student Body President in the temporary absence of the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President.

39. The World Congress President is selected by a general ballot election, and is a voting member of the Student Government.

Cultural Committee President

40. The Cultural Committee President understands the value of cultural integrity and diversity of the Student Body.

41. The Cultural Committee President honors each culture as a unique expression of the unified field of all the laws of nature. The Cultural Committee President seeks to create a rich harmony of cultures at the University while upholding the integrity of each culture.

42. The Cultural Committee President facilitates the expression of culture and entertainment by contacting the various cultural groups on campus and organizing dances, banquets, movies, concerts, and other forms of cultural exchange.

43. The Cultural Committee President is a liaison between the Student Government and the Director of Student Activities for all cultural events. This means they work together to create a budget and schedule of knowledge and entertainment opportunities for students.

44. The Cultural Committee President promotes club activity by sponsoring and organizing a “Club Day” during the first block of each semester.

45. The Cultural Committee President may revise Club Charter forms and funding request forms after consulting with the Student Body President and other Student Government members, and the Dean of Student Life, and assures that all outlets have the current form version (online, etc.).

46. The Cultural Committee President has the authority to appoint a vice-president and committee to assist in performing the duties of the office.

47. The Cultural Committee President is selected by a general ballot election, and is a voting member of Student Government.

Co-op Programs Representative

48. The Co-op Programs Representative represents the collective consciousness of the students of the Computer Professionals program (Compro) and the Accounting MBA program.

49. The Co-op Programs Representative is the bridge between University administration and Compro/Accounting MBA co-op students. The Representative should abide by the rules and regulations of the Computer Science and Business and Management departments and lead the coop students to fulfillment.

50. The Co-op Programs Representative should always listen and be open to the ideas and concerns of the students and bring these up to University administration, so that they can be addressed properly. This will provide effective leadership for all of the co-op students that are on campus.

51. The Co-op Programs Representative is required to attend Student Government meetings unless they conflict with exams, project presentations, or job search seminars.

52. The Co-op Programs Representative works closely with the Director of Student Development and Administrative Director of the Computer Science department along with Student Government and campus administration.

53. The Coop Programs Representative is elected by general ballot by the students of Computer Professionals program (Compro) and the Accounting MBA program that are residing on campus. The Co-op Programs Representative is a voting member of the Student Government.

Treasurer

54. The Treasurer understands and appreciates that material affluence and abundance is a gift of Nature and that money is a form of creative energy that should be used for progressive and evolutionary purposes.

55. The Treasurer manages the financial accounts and transactions of the Student Government as directed by the President and the Student Body pursuant to this Charter, and therefore must be highly organized and responsible.

56. The Treasurer co-signs checks and contracts of the Student Government. Check signers on the Student Government account may not be co-habiting, family members, or in a romantic

relationship at any time while on the account. If violated, new signer(s) of the account shall be appointed.

57. The Treasurer retrieves the Student Government mail from the mailroom and pays all bills.

58. The Treasurer collaborates with other Student Government members, the Department of Student Activities, and the Dean of Student Life to prepare the Student Government budget each semester. The Treasurer and Student Activities Department work together to make sure the Student Government and Student Activities budgets for the semester are correlated and harmonious. The Treasurer presents the Student Government budget to the Student Body for a consensus at least once each semester. The Treasurer also presents to the Student Body for a consensus any proposed expenditures over \$1,000 that are not included in the Student Government budget that had previously been presented to the Student Body.

59. The Treasurer presents club funds to club representatives within forty-eight hours of authorization.

60. The Treasurer records the amount of funding awarded to each club in an academic year. The Treasurer receives the receipts verifying each club's expenditures upon request or the request of the World Congress President.

61. The Treasurer presents the current status of the budget to the Student Government and World Congress at least twice a semester. The Treasurer may present a budget update at every World Congress meeting if desired by the Congress participants.

62. The Treasurer maintains the security of the Student Government's petty cash and checkbook in the Student Government office.

63. The Treasurer may publish the financial records of the Student Government publicly for the Student Body. The Treasurer makes Student Government financial records available to any student upon request.

64. The Treasurer is appointed by the Student Government and is a non-voting member.

Secretary

65. The Secretary understands that accurate record keeping of Student Government and World Congress activities is the foundation of effective communication with the Student Body. The Secretary also appreciates the value of creating a record of Student Government achievements for the Student Government Archives.

66. The Secretary keeps a detailed record of the relevant points from Student Government and World Congress meetings and decisions. They communicate these points to the Student Body on a regular basis through email, or other means.

67. The Secretary keeps a record of all the achievements of the Student Government during the school year.

68. The Secretary provides copies of the Student Government Charter to all members of the Student Government during the first block of the fall semester.

69. The Secretary maintains the orderliness of the Student Government office and maintains all administrative materials and office supplies.

70. The Secretary is appointed by the Student Government and is a non-voting member.

Communications Coordinator

71. The Communications Coordinator knows that communication is “the science and art of unifying.” It is from the unified field that all diversified values of life are connected to a common source. When the Communications Coordinator speaks from that level, it is the unified field that speaks. This is the basis for the coherent expression of all forms of communication.

72. The Communications Coordinator communicates first and foremost by example as the embodiment of alertness, creativity, and organizing power. The Coordinator is an effective communicator, good listener, and astute observer.

Campus Sustainability Representative

73. The Campus Sustainability Representative represents the desire of the students of Maharishi University of Management to live in harmony with the Earth, its complex and beautiful ecosystems, and Natural Law, which governs the entire universe. The Campus Sustainability Representative brings this desire into our relative existence by promoting and encouraging ecologically sound action through all aspects of Maharishi University of Management.

74. As the liaison between the Student Government and the Student Body, the Campus Sustainability Representative is a skilled communicator promoting harmony and understanding between all groups on campus.

75. As the student representative of sustainable initiatives on campus, the Campus Sustainability Representative understands and appreciates the importance of leading by example. They find peace in the effortless shift to right action by reducing their carbon footprint and consuming and promoting environmentally and socially sound products.

76. The Campus Sustainability Representative is appointed by the Student Government and is non-voting member.

Food Committee Representative

77. The Food Committee is a Student Government subcommittee that is open to any student interested in improving the dining experience at the University, but does not attend Student

Government meetings, unless Student Government asks the Food Committee Representative to do so.

78. The Food Committee Representative is required to live on campus and eat in the dining hall at least 75 percent of the time. This is to ensure consistency of the experience of dining, having an objective experience and being able to identify patterns in various aspects of Food Service.

79. The Food Committee Representative represents the Food Committee as a whole at World Congress meetings to give updates on food and take feedback from the students.

80. The Food Committee Representative attends all food committee meetings.

81. The Food Committee Representative is in charge of communicating the discussed ideas to the Director of Food Services, and encourages a representative of Food Services to attend at least one food committee meeting each month.

82. The Food Committee Representative is appointed by the Student Government and is a non-voting member.

Student Health Representative

83. The Student Health Representative understands and appreciates that the purpose of recreation is to “recreate” the body and soul. The Representative promotes a variety of physical exercise and recreation opportunities for increasing the fitness, health, and enjoyment of students.

84. The Student Health Representative is the primary liaison between the Student Government and the Director of the Exercise and Sports Sciences Department. They work together closely to develop students’ knowledge of health, fitness, and sportsmanship. The Student Health Representative promotes student participation in a variety of physical activities that promote exercise and well-being.

85. The Student Health Representative is also a liaison between the Student Government and the Department of Student Activities. They collaborate in order to facilitate additional recreational opportunities organized and sponsored by the office of Student Activities of the Student Life Department.

86. The Student Health Representative organizes competitions and tournaments in a variety of sports during the school year.

87. The Student Health Representative helps organize the annual Games Day competitions. 88. The Student Health Representative is appointed by the Student Government and is non-voting member.

The Student Body

89. The Student Body consists of all students on campus and votes for Student Government officers in a General Election.

90. The members of the Student Body collectively embody the reality of unity in diversity.

91. The Student Body also votes in a Special Election to fill a vacancy in an elected position provided that if the vacant position is not the Student Body President and the candidate is unopposed, the Student Government may vote to forego the election.

92. The Student Body votes on club funding proposals and the Student Government budget each semester. The Student Body also votes on any proposed Student Government expenditures over \$1,000 that was not included in the Student Government budget or previously presented to the Student Body for consensus.

93. The Student Body is not authorized to establish policies or rules that contradict or amend the principles and procedures set forth in this Charter.

94. The Student Body may confirm the impeachment of a member of the Student Government after the Student Government has initially voted to impeach. The Student Government votes to impeach a member of the Student Government by a unanimous vote of the remaining members. The Student Body may vote to impeach when there is doubtless evidence of violations of the principles and rules of this Charter and University policies. A majority vote by the Student Body confirms the impeachment. The impeached member vacates the position immediately.

95. The collective consciousness of the Student Body greatly influences the thoughts, activities, and successes of the Student Government and University as a whole. Therefore, the collective consciousness of the Student Body must remain on a high level of wakefulness, coherence, and bliss.

96. Every member of the Student Body should aspire to the same standards as the Student Government members as set forth in this Charter.

Clubs

97. Students may form and join clubs for a variety of educational, recreational, and cultural purposes. These clubs are subject to the rules and regulations set forth on the Club Charter form. Application deadline for club documents is the last day of the September block in the fall and the last day of the March block in the spring.

98. The Student Government allocates money for club use in the budget for each semester.

99. Clubs may apply for funding from the Student Government by completing the Club Funding Request Form that can be made available online by any Student Government member. The completed form is submitted to any Student Government Officer. Funds requests for greater than \$500 must be approved by a majority vote of the Student Body. For \$500 or less, the request may be approved by a majority of elected Student Government officers.

100. All equipment and items purchased by clubs using Student Government club money may be used by the respective club but remains the property of the Student Government.

101. Clubs that receive Student Government club money must return all funds that are not used for the purposes described in the original funding proposal form. The Treasurer receives this money and adds it to the Student Government club budget.

102. Club representatives present the receipts of club expenditures upon request of the Treasurer.

The Department of Student Life

103. The Department of Student Life serves as an advisory body for the Student Government.

104. The Dean of Student Life acts as the primary liaison between the Student Government and the University Executive Council, faculty, and staff.

105. The Student Government meets with University administration according to the schedule below:

- First Tuesday of the block: meet with the Dean of Student Life.
- Second Tuesday of the block: dinner with the Executive Council.
- Third Tuesday of the block: meet with the Academic Deans.

The Student Government or the Student Life Department may schedule additional meetings as needed.

106. The Student Life Department sees that the Student Activities fees collected by the University are distributed to the office of Student Activities, who disburses a portion for use by the Student Government. The amount disbursed is mutually agreed upon when the budget for each semester is negotiated and ratified by vote of the Student Body.

107. The University Executive Council is the highest administrative authority on campus. The Student Government meets with the Executive Council once a block. Additional meetings can be arranged when necessary.

108. The Student Government meetings with the Executive Council provide a direct channel for student ideas and concerns to be addressed at the highest level. The Student Government honors its special relationship with the Executive Council, which may from time to time include the President of the University, and thus all interactions are always respectful, dignified, and purposeful.

Student Government Election By-Laws

109. To ensure a fair election, the Department of Student Life administers the election process in an unbiased, systematic and accurate manner that ensures that all fulltime and part-time students on campus are given an equal opportunity to vote.

110. Electronic polling will be the only available means for voting in Student Body elections. The tabulation of votes will be carried out by member(s) of the Department of Student Life.

111. The date of the Student Government election is to be held on a day following:

- an appropriate amount of time given to announce the upcoming election and give interested parties an opportunity to apply for candidacy.

- verification by the Department of Student Life that the candidates have met the criteria for office and have approved their candidacy.
- at least two weeks of active campaigning by the candidates.

112. A candidate must petition the Department of Student Life to run in the upcoming election. The petition must be submitted more than two weeks before an election is to be held, in the manner set forth by the Department of Student Life. The manner set forth will be communicated and explained in the Student Activities Newsletter and/or the Student Life Newsletter. The petition is a binding agreement, signifying that the candidate agrees to abide by the rules of the electoral process that are contained in this Charter.

113. Students running for Student Government need to have been a full-time student for two (2) semesters immediately prior to taking office. If there are insufficient candidates for the election, Student Government in conjunction with the Department of Student Life hold the right to validate and approve candidates who will have completed one (1) semester prior to taking office. If there are insufficient candidates who meet the above requirements, Student Government in conjunction with the Department of Student Life may approve candidates who are full-time students but have not yet completed one (1) semester.

114. Student Government members and candidates for Student Government positions must at all times:

- be a full-time student at Maharishi University of Management.
- have and maintain a minimum cumulative and current semester academic GPA of 3.0.
- pass the Development of Consciousness course (if applicable).
- not be on Attendance Alert, or any kind of University warning or probation.
- not withdraw from any course without enrolling in another course.

This serves to set an example to the Student Body that Student Government members take their education seriously. Failure to meet any of these terms will revoke the member's status on Student Government for the period of time in which the requirements are not met.

115. Candidates are chosen by a general ballot vote of the Student Body. In an uncontested General Election race, each candidate must receive two thirds of the total votes cast for the respective office in order to be elected.

116. In a contested General Election race involving two candidates, the winner is determined by a majority vote of all votes cast for the respective office.

117. In a contested General Election race consisting of three or more candidates, the winner is determined by a majority of votes and a 5% vote margin of all votes cast for the respective office. If the margin is not present, there will be a general ballot re-vote for the top two candidates. The winner is determined by a majority vote of all votes cast for the office.

118. In the event of a tie in a contested election, there is a general ballot re-vote. Only the candidates who tied are included in the re-vote. The winner is determined by a majority vote of all votes cast for the office.

119. Candidates may protest the election process or vote count by submitting a written appeal to the Department of Student Life within three days after the election. The Dean of Student Life rules on the appeal.

120. If the election is held in the spring, newly elected members of the Student Government must attend meetings for the remainder of the spring semester in preparation for assuming their Student Government duties the following school year.

121. All Student Government terms last one school year. Student Government members may run for re-election as long as they will still be full-time students and meet all other requirements for candidacy for the term they are applying.

122. Positions that are to be appointed by the Student Government are appointed by majority vote of elected Student Government members. If any appointed position becomes vacant, the Student Government has the ability to appoint, by majority vote of elected Student Government members, a new representative to fill the opening.

123. Prior to the distribution of any individual campaign material through any medium, all candidates must provide a copy of said material to the Department of Student Life for approval. Campaigning shall include, but is not limited to:

- Speeches
- Electronic advertisements
- Clothing, hats, or other apparel
- Emails • Buttons, balloons, or stickers
- Posters or flyers
- Websites or social media
- Anything that displays the approval of a candidate

124. All campaign materials, including electronic campaign material, must be removed from public areas within 24 hours of the conclusion of the election.

125. It shall be the duty of the candidates to conduct their campaign in a dignified, positive and life-affirming way.

126. The candidates must participate in at least one (1) official debate or campaign speech event that is to be conducted by the Department of Student Life and sponsored by members of the current Student Government who are not candidates in the current election. The event will be conducted with fairness, candor and decorum, and supported by facts and arguments founded in reason.

Additional Principles, Rules, and Procedures

127. The Student Government may exhaust all funds in the Student Government account except for \$3000. This amount serves as a “buffer” for the following year’s Student Government. This is because the new Student Government does not receive its allocation of the Student Activities fees from the University until several weeks into the new school year.

128. Student Government members may serve as a student representative in Student Support Meetings conducted by the Department of Student Life. The role of the Student Government member in these meetings is to act as a fair and impartial observer, although he or she may participate in the discussion.

129. Student Government members are encouraged to learn the TM-Sidhi program including Yogic Flying as soon as possible.

130. All elected Student Government members have equal voting rights in Student Government sessions.

131. All Student Government members should attend the meetings.

132. Student Government members are given free admission to all Student Government sponsored activities and events.

133. The Student Government will maintain a high standard of respectability and good conduct on and off campus.

134. The Student Government sponsors, organizes and conducts the annual Winter Solstice Celebration that presents the Maharishi Award to outstanding members of the community for their achievements. The Department of Student Life serves as an advisor to this event and all members of the Student Government are expected to participate in the planning of the celebration.

135. The Student Government hosts the Student, Faculty and Staff Appreciation Awards assembly at the end of the spring semester.

136. The Student Government prepares a list of achievements and recommendations for projects and activities for the incoming Student Government at the end of the spring semester.

137. The Student Government consults with the Director of Student Activities on the planning of the annual Graduation Ball.

138. The Student Government is to consider all student proposals, petitions, or initiatives and present them to University administration provided they are congruent with the principles of Consciousness-based education and student leadership set forth in this Charter.

139. The Student Government Charter is a binding declaration of the aims, principles, and procedures of the Student Government and Student Body. This Charter may be amended after consultation with

the Department of Student Life through a two-thirds approval vote by the Student Body in which two-thirds of votes cast must approve the changes.

140. Student Government members should read the Charter and become familiar with its contents prior to the commencement of the school year, or within two weeks of assuming office during the school year.

141. All Student Government members must make themselves available to assist with Welcome Week activities at the beginning of each semester. This usually includes being on campus before the beginning of each semester to help with new student arrivals. The Department of Student Life will be responsible for contacting each Student Government member to provide details for arrival dates and expectations.

142. The Student Government works to ensure that every student enjoys the right to full participation in the academic and social life of Maharishi University of Management regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic identification, age, political affiliation and/or belief, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, or physical or mental ability.

143. The aspiration of the Student Government and Student Body is to fulfill the high aims set forth in this Charter offered as a gift to the founder of the University, Maharishi, the University community, and each other.

144. Any new or modified provisions voted on in an election shall be effective immediately upon the ratification vote and will supersede any provision in the charter previously in force.

Maharishi Consciousness is fundamental to life. It is the prime mover of life. Every word that we speak and every act that we perform is an impulse of consciousness. All speech, action, and behavior are fluctuations of consciousness. All life emerges from and is sustained in consciousness. The whole universe is the expression of consciousness. The reality of the universe is one unbounded ocean of consciousness in motion.

Since consciousness is the most basic element of everyone's life, knowledge of consciousness is the most basic requirement for everyone to exist consciously and intelligently and enjoy full, unbounded creative potential of life, with maximum success in all fields of personal and professional life.

-- Maharishi (Maharishi Vedic University Introduction, pp.67-68) _____ This Student Government Charter was composed by the first Global Student Council (now Student Government) in June 2003, and revised on March 28, 2008; June 13, 2008; May 22, 2009; May, 2011 November 2011, May 2012, May 2013 and October 2015. © Maharishi University of Management Student Government 2015