

Maharishi University of Management Global Student Council Charter

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

Introduction

The Global Student Council 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 fullest development of consciousness. To be most effective, therefore, Global Student Council 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 Global Student Council supports the University's mission. The University's mission centers around using 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 personality growth and wisdom, and fulfilling personal relationships, all on the basis of increasingly coherent brain functioning.

The Global Student Council 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 Global Student Council is to promote the full development of the inner and outer life of all students—"200% of life." The Global Student Council 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 Global Student Council 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 Global Student Council 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, Student Forum Representative, Food Committee Representative, Campus Sustainability Representative, Student Transcendental Meditation Association (STMA) Representative and Student Health Representative). The GSC may appoint additional non-voting members as it sees fit. Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, an elected officer may not hold another elected GSC office. The positions of Student Body President and Treasurer may not be held by the same person.

2. The GSC creates the programs, policies, and activities that fulfill the desires of the Student Body and promote its collective harmony and growth—"enlightenment in all."

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

4. The administrative thoughts and activities of GSC 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 GSC, the Student Body, and M.U.M. as a whole.

5. While serving the students, members of the GSC 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 Student Forum 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 Forum meetings.

7. The Student Body is responsible for voting on GSC proposals that require approval of the Student Body according to this charter. Voting on GSC 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.

Student Body President

8. The Student Body President is the head officer of the Global Student Council and the Student Body. His or her 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 himself or herself. His or her thinking, feeling, and behavior should reflect the qualities of growing awareness and comprehension.

10. The president considers the broader context of MUM 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 Global Student Council. Thus, the President facilitates cooperation and harmony among GSC members. The President establishes the standards of respect and cordiality in all GSC interactions.

13. The President gives regular reports on the activities of the GSC 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 GSC.

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

16. The President may approve emergency spending up to five hundred dollars during winter, spring, or summer break. At least three GSC 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 GSC.

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

19. The President gives an address at Convocation. He or she may also address the student body at any assembly organized by the University or GSC.

20. The President gives a report on the achievements of the GSC 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 GSC administration as envisioned in this Charter become lifetime members of the Presidents Club. This club establishes a prestigious “fraternity” 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 GSC.

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. He or she works closely with the President to establish his or her duties and activities in 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 GSC outreach programs. He or she contacts other university student governments and creates 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 GSC.

World Congress President

32. The World Congress President deeply understands and appreciates the technologies and applications of Maharishi Vedic Science. He or she owns this knowledge in his or her heart and lives 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 MUM community in reaching their goals.

34. The World Congress President facilitates discussions through Community Chats and other means to create community and facilitate change.

35. The World Congress President may serve as a communication link between the Global Country of World Peace and M.U.M 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.

37. The World Congress President needs to hold, be comfortable with, and be competent in the knowledge and skills mentioned above.

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 GSC.

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 such things as dances, banquets, movies, concerts, and other forms of cultural sharing.

43. The Cultural Committee President is a liaison between the GSC and the Director of Student Activities for all cultural events. This means he or she works with the Director to create a budget and schedule of entertainment opportunities for students. He or she may also help the Director organize a variety of celebrations.

44. The Cultural Committee President has the authority to appoint a vice president and committee to assist in his/her duties.

45. The Cultural Council President is selected by a general ballot election, and is a voting member of GSC.

Coop Programs Representative

46. The Coop Programs Representative represents the collective consciousness of the students of computer professionals program (Compro) and the Accounting MBA coop program.

47. The Coop Programs Representative is the bridge between University administration and Compro/Accounting

MBA coop students. He/she should abide by the rules and regulations of the Computer Science and Business and Management departments and lead the Compro and Accounting MBA coop students to fulfillment.

48. The Coop 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. He/she will be leading all the coop students that are currently on campus.

49. The Coop Programs Representative is required to attend GSC meetings unless they conflict with exams, project presentations, or job search seminars.

50. The Coop Programs Representative works closely with Director of Student Development and Administrative Director of Computer Science department along with GSC and campus administration.

51. The Coop Programs Representative is elected by general ballot by the students of computer professionals program (Compro) and the Accounting MBA coop program currently residing on campus. The Coop Programs Representative is a voting member of the GSC.

Treasurer

52. 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.

53. The Treasurer manages the financial accounts and transactions of the GSC as directed by the President and

the Student Body pursuant to this Charter. Thus, he or she is highly organized and responsible.

54. The Treasurer co-signs checks and contracts of the GSC.

55. The Treasurer retrieves the GSC mail from the Student Union mailbox and pays all bills.

56. The Treasurer collaborates with other GSC members, the Department of Student Activities, and the GSC advisor in the Department of Student Life to prepare the GSC budget each semester. The Treasurer and Student Activities Department work together to make sure the GSC and Student Activities budgets for the semester are correlated and harmonious. The Treasurer presents the GSC 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 GSC budget that had previously been presented to the Student Body.

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

58. The Treasurer records the amount of funding awarded to each club in an academic year. He or she receives the receipts verifying each club's expenditures upon his or her request or the request of the Student Forum President.

59. The Treasurer presents the current status of the budget to the GSC and Student Forum at least twice a semester. The Treasurer may present a budget update at every Student Forum meeting if desired by the Forum participants.

60. The Treasurer maintains the security of the GSC's petty cash and checkbook in the GSC Offices.

61. The Treasurer may publish the financial records of the GSC publicly for the Student Body. He or she makes GSC financial records available to any student upon request.

62. The Treasurer is appointed by the Global Student Council and is a non-voting member of GSC.

Secretary

63. The Secretary understands that accurate record keeping of GSC and Student Forum activities is the foundation of effective communication with the Student Body. He or she also appreciates the value of creating a record of GSC achievements for the GSC Archives.

64. The Secretary keeps a detailed record of the relevant points from GSC and Student Forum meetings and decisions. He or she communicates these points to the Student Body on a regular basis through email, or other means.

65. The Secretary keeps a record of all the achievements of the GSC during the school year.

66. The Secretary provides copies of the GSC Charter to all members of the GSC during block one.

67. The Secretary maintains the orderliness of the GSC offices and maintains all administrative materials and office supplies.

68. The Secretary is appointed by the Global Student

Council and is a non-voting member of GSC.

Student Forum Representative

69. The Student Forum Representative directs the activities of the Forum. He or she sets the agenda and leads the Student Forum sessions, whether in person or online forum.

70. The Student Forum Representative embodies alertness, creativity, and organizing power. He or she is an effective communicator, good listener, and astute observer.

71. The Student Forum Representative is even-minded and judicious in administering the sessions of the Forum. He or she feels the “pulse” of the Forum participants and guides its activities and resolutions accordingly.

72. The Student Forum Representative promotes club activity by sponsoring and organizing a “Club Day” during block one. He or she may promote club involvement through any fit means.

73. The Student Forum Representative may revise Club Charter forms and funding request forms after consulting the Student Body President and other GSC members and assures that all outlets have the current form version (online, etc.)

74. If the position of Student Forum Representative is vacant, then the elected members of Global Student Council shall determine by majority vote who shall assume the responsibilities of the Student Forum Representative

with respect to clubs.

75. The Student Forum Representative is appointed by the Global Student Council, and is a non-voting member of GSC.

Campus Sustainability Representative

76. The Campus Sustainability Representative represents the desire of the students of M.U.M. to live in harmony with Earth, its complex and beautiful ecosystems, and natural law which governs it and the entire universe. He or she brings this desire into our relative existence by promoting and encouraging ecologically sound action through all aspects of M.U.M.

77. 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.

78. As the student representative of sustainable initiatives on campus, the Campus Sustainability Representative understands and appreciates the importance of leading by example. He or she finds peace in the effortless shift to right action by reducing his or her carbon footprint and consuming environmentally and socially sound products in her or his life.

79. The Campus Sustainability Representative is appointed by the Global Student Council and is non-voting member of GSC.

Food Committee Representative

80. The Food Committee is a GSC subcommittee that is open to any student interested in improving the dining experience at the University, but does not attend GSC meetings, unless GSC asks the Food Committee Representative to do so.

81. The Food Committee Representative (as well as most members) is encouraged to live on campus, or at least eat in the dining hall 75 percent of the time. This is to ensure consistency of the experience of dining, having an objective experience and being able to catch patterns of the Food Service.

82. The Food Committee Representative represents the food committee as a whole at Student Forum to give updates on food and take feedback from the students.

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

84. 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.

85. The Food Committee Representative is appointed by the Global Student Council and is a non-voting member of GSC.

Student Health Representative

86. The Student Health Representative understands and

appreciates that the purpose of recreation is to “recreate” the body and soul. He or she promotes a variety of physical exercise and recreation opportunities for increasing the fitness, health, and enjoyment of students.

87. The Student Health Representative is the primary liaison between the GSC and the Director of the Exercise and Sports Sciences Department. This means he or she works with the Director to develop students’ knowledge of health, fitness, and sportsmanship.

He or she promotes student participation in a variety of physical activities that fulfill exercise requirements.

88. The Student Health Representative is also a liaison between the GSC and the Director (or Co- Director) of Student Activities. This means that he or she works with the Director to facilitate additional recreational opportunities organized and sponsored by the Student Activities Department.

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

90. The Student Health Representative helps organize the annual Games Day or EcoChallenge team competitions.

91. The Student Health Representative is appointed by the Global Student Council and is non-voting member of GSC.

Student Transcendental Meditation Association Representative

92. The Student Transcendental Meditation Association (STMA) is a network of like-minded student leaders who

encourage and support creativity among students, utilizing the Transcendental Meditation™ (TM™) technique as the foundation for growth. The ultimate goal of the STMA is to promote and support the practice of the TM technique among college students and to create Transcendental Meditation™ clubs throughout the United States. The Student Transcendental Meditation Association at Maharishi University of Management works in direct collaboration with the David Lynch Foundation and other organizations and acts as the “flagship” STMA club.

93. The STMA Representative is the primary liaison between MUM students and any organization that promotes the Transcendental Meditation™ (TM™) technique.

94. The STMA Representative shall preside at all meetings of the STMA. He/She shall be the official spokesperson of the organization in its relations with the campus and community at large.

95. Any current student can be a member of the STMA.

96. The STMA Representative is appointed by the Global Student Council and is non-voting member of GSC.

The Student Body

97. The Student Body votes for GSC officers in a General Election each spring.

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

99. 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 GSC may vote to forego the election.

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

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

102. The Student Body may confirm the impeachment of a member of the GSC after the GSC has initially voted to impeach. The GSC votes to impeach a member of the GSC 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.

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

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

Clubs

105. 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.

106. The GSC allocates money for club use in the budget for each semester.

107. Clubs may apply for funding from the GSC by completing the Club Funding Request Form that can be made available by any GSC member.

The completed form is submitted to any GSC Officer. Funds requests for greater than \$500 must be approved by a majority vote of the Student Body. For \$500 or less, they may be approved by a majority of elected GSC officers.

108. All equipment and items purchased by clubs using GSC Club money may be used by the respective club but remains the property of the GSC.

109. Clubs that receive GSC Club money 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 GSC Club budget.

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

The Department of Student Life (“The Department”)

111. The Department of Student Life serves as an advisory body for the GSC.

112. The Dean of Student Life acts as the primary liaison

between the GSC and the University's Executive Council, faculty, and staff.

113. The GSC meets with the Department of Student Life at least once every other week every week that school is in session. The GSC or the Department may schedule additional meetings as needed.

114. The Department sees that the Student Activities fees collected by the University are distributed to the GSC and the Department of Student Activities.

115. The University's Executive Council is the highest administrative authority on campus. The GSC meets with the Executive Council once a block. Additional meetings can be arranged when necessary.

116. The GSC meetings with the Executive Council ("EC") provide a direct channel for student ideas and concerns to be addressed at the highest level. The GSC honors its special relationship with the EC and thus all interactions with EC are always respectful, dignified, and purposeful.

Additional Principles, Rules, and Procedures

117. Elected GSC members are chosen by a general ballot vote of the Student Body, to be held prior to or during the first week of the last block of the spring semester. The incumbent GSC members in conjunction with the Department of Student Life administer the election process in a systematic, accurate manner and allow all full and part-time students an equal opportunity to vote. GSC members running for re-election do not participate in the election preparation, ballot distribution/collection, or vote counting.

118. Students running for the Global Student Council 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, GSC 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, GSC in conjunction with the Department of Student Life may approve candidates who are full-time students but have not yet completed one semester.

119. GSC members and candidates for GSC positions are full-time students and must have and maintain a cumulative and current semester academic GPA of 3.0 or higher and a passing DC grade. Students on DC Alert, Attendance Alert, or any kind of University warning or probation may not serve on the GSC or run for office.

120. In an uncontested General Election race in the spring semester, each candidate must receive two thirds of the total votes cast for the respective office in order to be elected.

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

122. 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.

123. 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.

124. Candidates may protest the election process or vote count by submitting a written appeal to the GSC and the Department of Student Life within three days after the election. The GSC and the Department of Student Life rule on the appeal.

125. Newly elected members of the GSC attend GSC meetings for the remainder of the spring semester in preparation for assuming their GSC duties the following school year.

126. All GSC terms last one school year. GSC members may run for re-election as long as they are full-time students and meet all other requirements for candidacy.

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

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

129. GSC members serve as the student representative in Student Support Meetings conducted by the Department of Student Life. The role of the GSC member in these meetings is to act as a fair and impartial observer, although he or she may participate in the discussion and the decision of the committee. It is not the role of the GSC member to automatically act as an advocate or defender of the student.

130. GSC members are encouraged to learn the Transcendental Meditation-Sidhi program and Yogic Flying as soon as possible.

131. All elected GSC members have equal voting rights in GSC sessions.

132. All GSC members attend the meetings.

133. GSC members are given free admission to all GSC sponsored activities and events.

134. The GSC will maintain a high standard of respectability and good conduct on and off campus.

135. The GSC hosts the Winter Celebration each school year.

136. The GSC hosts the Faculty Appreciation assembly at the end of the spring semester.

137. The GSC prepares a list of achievements and recommendations for projects and activities for the incoming GSC at the end of the spring semester.

138. The GSC consults on the activities of Graduation Ball.

139. The GSC is to consider all student proposals, petitions, or initiatives and present to administration provided they are congruent with the principles of Consciousness-based education and student leadership

set forth in this Charter.

140. The Global Student Council Charter is a binding declaration of the aims, principles, and procedures of the GSC, Forum, 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. The GSC must ensure that the ballots are distributed to every class or made available to the Student Body electronically.

141. GSC members read the GSC 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.

142. The GSC works to ensure that every student enjoys the right to full participation in the academic and social life of MUM 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 entire M.U.M. 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 supercede 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)

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