

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 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. This 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 personal growth and

wisdom, and fulfilling personal relationships, which is the basis 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, Student Forum Representative, Food Committee Representative, Campus Sustainability Representative, Student Transcendental Meditation Association (STMA) Representative and Student Health Representative). The Student Government may appoint additional non-voting members as it sees fit. Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, an elected officer may not hold another elected Student Government 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 its collective harmony and growth—“enlightenment in 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 GSC, the Student Body, and M.U.M. 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 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 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.

Student Body President

8. The Student Body President is the head officer of the Student Government and the Student Body. Their 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 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 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 closely with the President 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. They shall own this knowledge in their heart and mind and embodies 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 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 such things as dances, banquets, movies, concerts, and other forms of cultural sharing.

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 entertainment opportunities for students. They 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 performing the duties of the office.

45. The Cultural Council President is selected by a

general ballot election, and is a voting member of Student Government.

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. They 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. They will lead all of the coop students that are currently on campus.

49. The Coop Programs Representative is required to attend Student Government 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 Student Government 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 Student Government.

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 Student Government as directed by the President and the Student Body pursuant to this Charter, and therefore must be highly organized and responsible.

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

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

56. The Treasurer collaborates with other Student Government members, the Department of Student Activities, and the Student Government advisor in the Department 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.

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. The Treasurer 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 Student Government 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 Student Government's petty cash and checkbook in the Student Government Offices.

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

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

Secretary

63. The Secretary understands that accurate record keeping of Student Government 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 Student Government achievements for the Student Government Archives.

64. The Secretary keeps a detailed record of the relevant points from Student Government and Student Forum meetings and decisions. They communicate 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 Student Government during the school year.

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

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

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

Student Forum Representative

69. The Student Forum Representative directs the activities of the Forum. They set the agenda and lead the Student Forum sessions, whether in person or online forum.

70. The Student Forum Representative embodies alertness, creativity, and organizing power. They are 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. They feel 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. They 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 Student Government 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 Student Government, and is a non-voting member.

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. They bring 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. They find peace in the effortless shift to right action by reducing their carbon footprint and consuming environmentally and socially sound products.

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

Food Committee Representative

80. 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.

81. 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 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 Student Government and is a non-voting member.

Student Health Representative

86. The Student Health Representative understands and appreciates that the purpose of recreation is to “recreate” the body and soul. They promote 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 Student Government and the Director of the Exercise and Sports Sciences Department. This means they work 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 Student Government and the Department of Student Activities. This means that they work 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 Student Government and is non-voting member.

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. They 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 Student Government and is non-voting member.

The Student Body

97. The Student Body votes for Student Government officers in a General Election.

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 Student Government may vote to forego the election.

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

103. The collective consciousness of the Student Body greatly influences the administrative 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.

104. Every member of the Student Body should aspire to the same standards as the Student Government 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. Application deadline for club documents is the last day of the March block.

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

107. Clubs may apply for funding from the Student Government by completing the Club Funding Request Form that can be made available 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, they may be approved by a majority of elected Student Government officers.

108. 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.

109. Clubs that receive Student Government 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 Student Government 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 Student Government.

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

113. The Student Government meets with the Department of Student Life at least once every other week every week that school is in session. The Student Government 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 Department of Student Activities, who disburses a portion for use by the Student Government. The amount disbursed is mutually agreed upon when each semesters

budget is negotiated and ratified by vote of the student body.

115. The University's 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.

116. The Student Government meetings with the Executive Council ("EC") 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 EC and thus all interactions with EC are always respectful, dignified, and purposeful.

Student Government Election By-Laws

117. 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 full-time and part-time students are given an equal opportunity to vote.

118. Electronic polling will be the only available forum for voting in student body elections. The tabulation of votes will be carried out by member(s) of the Department of Student Life.

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

- An appropriate amount of time is 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.

120. 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. The manner set forth will be explained within the Student Activities and Student Life newsletters. 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.

121. 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 semester.

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

- Be a full-time student at MUM
- Have and maintain a cumulative and current semester academic GPA of 3.0
- Pass Development of Consciousness (DC)
- Students on DC Alert, Attendance Alert, or any kind of University warning or probation may not serve on the Student Government or run for office.
- Student Government members may not withdraw from any course unless it is to be replaced by another. 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 causes the member to revoke their status on Student Government for the period that they are not meeting the requirements.

123. 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.

124. 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.

125. 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.

126. 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.

127. 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 Department of Student Life rules on the appeal.

128. 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 GSC duties the following school year.

129. 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.

130. 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 .

131. 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

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

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

134. The candidates must participate in at least one official debate 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 debate will be conducted with fairness, candor and decorum, and supported by facts and arguments founded in reason.

Additional Principles, Rules, and Procedures

128. The Student Government may exhaust all funds in the Student Government account except for three thousand dollars. 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.

129. Student Government members serve as the 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 and the decision of the committee. It is not the role of the Student Government member to automatically act as an advocate or defender of the student.

130. Student Government members are encouraged to learn the Transcendental Meditation-Sidhi program and

Yogic Flying as soon as possible.

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

132. All Student Government members attend the meetings.

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

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

135. 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.

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

137. 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.

138. The Student Government consults on the activities of Graduation Ball.

139. The Student Government 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 Student Government Charter is a binding declaration of the aims, principles, and procedures of the Student Government, 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.

141. 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.

142. 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.

143. The Student Government 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.

144. 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.

145. 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

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