

University of Maryland Global Campus Student Advisory Council (STAC) Constitution

Article I: Council Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Student Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as STAC.

Section 2. The purpose of STAC shall be to maintain channels of communication through which UMGC students may provide input regarding, and stay informed of, significant institutional decisions. STAC members (“Members”) shall act in an advisory capacity to the UMGC President (the “President”) and other UMGC officials as appropriate.

Article II: Member Eligibility, Distribution, and Selection

Section 1. Members must meet certain minimum eligibility requirements to serve on STAC. Candidates for membership shall be reviewed for eligibility by an ex officio member, as that term is used in Section 4 of this Article, from each STAC division, as listed in the Bylaws.

- Undergraduate Members must be seeking a UMGC undergraduate degree or certificate with a minimum cumulative UMGC GPA of 2.5 and must have completed at least one (1) UMGC course within the two semesters prior to seeking election to STAC. Undergraduate Members must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Graduate Members must be seeking a UMGC graduate degree or certificate, in active status, and must have successfully completed at least nine (9) UMGC graduate credits prior to the commencement of the Member’s first Term Year. Graduate Members must maintain a minimum 3.1 GPA.
- Any candidate who has been found responsible for a violation of the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Code of Civility shall not be eligible for STAC membership.
- All Members must be eligible to serve on STAC for at least two Term Years within their current degree program(s), as that term is defined in Art. III, § 1.
- All Members must have access to appropriate technology to effectively serve, such as a reliable internet connection and e-mail. Members must be available to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 2. The number and composition of Members selected from the undergraduate and graduate student bodies, and from the various divisions of UMGC, shall be outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Members and Officers shall be selected according to the election process outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 4. The President shall designate a UMGC staff member(s) to serve as an ex officio, non- voting member(s) of STAC. This designated representative(s) shall appoint at least one additional ex officio, non-voting member from each of the three (3) UMGC divisions (Stateside, Europe, and Asia).

Article III: Council Term and Tenure

Section 1. A STAC term year shall be from June 1- May 31 (“Term Year”) and shall comprise of the summer, fall, and spring semesters.

Section 2. Each Member, other than ex officio members, shall serve on STAC for two (2) Term Years (a “STAC Term”). Any Member who wishes to continue to serve after his/her STAC Term must nominate themselves as a candidate for STAC membership and be re-elected according to the election process for an additional STAC Term. Members may not serve more than two (2) STAC Terms. Administration may be allowed to appoint current members of STAC for an additional term at their discretion and without those members going through the re-election process as long as the total number is less than 25% of the total STAC membership.

Article IV: Council Officers and Other Council Representation

Section 1. The officers of STAC shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary (the “Officers”, or individually, an “Officer”). The Officers shall be selected in accordance with the Bylaws. These positions together shall constitute the STAC Executive Committee (the “Executive Committee”). The Executive Committee may establish additional officers as deemed necessary or essential to the operation of STAC.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall solicit Members’ interest in serving in an appointed role on STAC or as a UMGC representative on another student council, such as the University System of Maryland Student Council or the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Council prior to any Member’s appointment. For appointments on other councils, the Executive Committee shall recommend one (1) or more Members to serve as council representatives to the Provost, who shall make council appointments. The Executive Committee may also solicit student interest outside the Council for representation on another student council if there is not enough Member interest to fill the roles.

Section 3. The Executive Committee and those Members serving on other councils shall serve a term of one (1) year on the Executive Committee or council. Vacancies in any office shall be filled in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article V: Council Meetings

Section 1. STAC shall meet at least eight (8) times from June through May. Meetings shall be conducted by web/video conferencing unless otherwise specified. The Executive Committee may choose an alternative method to conduct meetings, if necessary, and if able to be accommodated by UMGC.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall arrange the details of each meeting including date, time, and format, as outlined in the Bylaws.

Article VI: Ratification and Adoption

Section 1. STAC shall establish Bylaws, consistent with this Constitution, to guide its operations and rules of order. Bylaws shall be adopted, and may be amended, by a simple majority vote of voting Members.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of voting Members. In accordance with the Board of Regents (BOR) and UMGC policies on shared governance, amendments shall be subject to approval by the President before implementation.

Article VII: Amendments

1. Graduate Member Requirements (2/1/2013): If a student seeks nomination to STAC as a Graduate member and has received an undergraduate degree from UMGC during the 24 months previous to the start of the term to which they are seeking nomination/election as a graduate student, the 9 credit minimum outlined in Article II, Section 1 of this Constitution shall be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
2. "The David Rule"(2/1/2013) – In order to allow for the current and future complexities of UMGC partnerships and enrollment agreements with other institutions, with a two thirds majority vote and representation from each division, on an as needed basis, the Council can make exceptions to the academic requirements for seeking and holding STAC office.