

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

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