



Operating Policy – Interfaith Council

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To bring together representatives from student faith-based associations at McMaster University;
- 1.2. To work to address issues of common concern that affect the greater McMaster community;
- 1.3. To build connections between students of different spiritual affiliations, furthering the goal of a more unified campus community;
- 1.4. To facilitate and encourage religious dialogue within the McMaster community.

2. Membership

- 2.1. The Interfaith Council shall include one (1) president or undergraduate representative from the following groups, who shall be voting members:

~~2.1.1. Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church & Chaplaincy; Catholic Students Association;~~

~~2.1.2.2.1.1. The~~ Cooperative of Indigenous Studies Students and Alumni;

~~2.1.3.2.1.2. Hillel (Jewish Students Association);~~

~~2.1.4.2.1.3. Hindu Students Association;~~

~~2.1.5.2.1.4. Muslim Students Association;~~

~~2.1.6.2.1.5. Orthodox Christian Orthodox Campus-Ministry Students Association;~~

~~2.1.7.2.1.6. Power to Change;~~

~~2.1.8.2.1.7. Sikh Students Association;-~~

- 2.2. The Council shall include the following non-voting members:

~~2.2.1. The Diversity + Equity Network Services Director or Assistant Director (Chair);~~

~~2.2.2. The Chair of Religious Clubs from the Clubs Executive Advisory Council;~~

~~2.2.3. The Ecumenical Chaplain;~~

~~2.2.4. The Diversity Services Assistant Director;~~

~~2.2.5. One (1) SRA member:~~

~~2.2.5.1. The SRA member shall be elected to the Council no later than April 30;~~

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- 2.2.6. Any religious or spiritual MSU Club deemed appropriate by the Council membership.
- 2.3. Any MSU Club willing to join the Council should write a letter of interest to the Chair and be ratified by the Council membership as a non-voting member.

3. Operations

- 3.1. The Council shall meet no less than:
 - 3.1.1. One (1) time between May 1 and August 31;
 - 3.1.2. Two (2) times between September 1 and November 30, including once in September;
 - 3.1.3. Two (2) times between January 1 and March 31.
- 3.2. The term of the Council shall be from May 1 to March 31;
- 3.3. The Chairperson shall:
 - 3.3.1. Be elected by the members of the Council at the first official meeting of the year;
 - 3.3.1.1. Until a Chairperson is elected, the Diversity + Equity Network Director or Assistant Director shall act as Interim Chairperson and perform all duties associated with the Chairperson, including the organization and facilitation of the first Council meeting;
 - 3.3.2.3.3.2. Call and cChair the meetings of the Interfaith Council;
 - 3.3.2.3.3.3. Be responsible for booking meeting rooms, assign action items, distribution of previous meeting minutes and the meeting agendas, and provide any other administrative support to the Council as deemed necessary;
 - 3.3.3.3.3.4. Serve as the central contact person for the committeeCouncil;
 - 3.3.4.3.3.5. Work with the voting members to develop a transition report for the next year's committeeCouncil;-
- 3.4. Quorum shall be two thirds majority, and votes shall pass solely by unanimous consent of the voting members present.

4. Activities

- 4.1. The Council shall:
 - 4.1.1. Promote the RISO Policy and the accommodations therein;
 - 4.1.2. Offer recommendations to the McMaster Students Union and University on relevant issues and policies;
 - 4.1.3. Host events such as social gatherings, educational forums, and panels;
 - 4.1.4. Other tasks as deemed relevant by the Council;-

- 4.2. The Council shall host at least one town hall meeting on religious and spiritual issues per academic year;
- 4.3. The ~~Chairperson-council-Chair~~ or ~~the SRAa-council~~ representative shall report on the activities of the Interfaith Council to the Student Representative Assembly at the fourth (4th) meeting of the Fall and Winter semesters.