

**Interfaith Council of Grand Valley State University**  
**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

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**Name and Purpose**

- Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Interfaith Council (IC) of Grand Valley State University and shall hereafter be referred to as such.
- Section 2.** The Purpose of Interfaith Council shall be:
- A. To serve as the unifying body of all GVSU recognized faith based organizations;
  - B. To unify the faith based community of Grand Valley State University through improving communication, promoting cooperation, increasing understanding, and strengthening support among the member organizations;
  - C. To serve as a vehicle for communication with the University administration, campus community, and general public regarding issues or common interest or concern;
  - D. To fund and provide a variety of programming to promote the betterment of the entire campus community.

**Membership**

- Section 1.** To be eligible for voting membership in the Interfaith Council, an organization must be recognized by the Student Organization Review Board (SORB) as Faith Based.
- Section 2.** Organizations not recognized as Faith Based may participate but will be non-voting members.
- Section 3.** Membership will not be restricted due to age, color, disability, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight.
- Section 4.** The Assistant Director of Student Life or a representative appointed by Student Life shall serve as the Advisor/Chair of the Interfaith Council. The Advisor and Student Senator shall record all minutes and post them on the Student Life website.

**General Assembly**

- Section 1.** The purpose of General Assembly shall be to continue communication between all member organizations and councils and to vote on funding of various petitioned programs (as outlined in the **Finance Policy**). Interfaith Council shall also serve to assist member organizations in areas of unity, programming, service, and public relations.

- Section 2.** The Interfaith Council shall meet at least once a month during the academic year. The Assistant Director with responsibilities for the Interfaith Council reserves the right to call an emergency meeting provided that it is announced to all member organizations at least 48 hours in advance.
- Section 3.** If any member organization is not represented at two or more General Assembly meetings, unless they have been **previously** excused by the Assistant Director responsible for the Interfaith Council, they will lose their voting rights and potential funding privileges for the remainder of the semester, or a time limit decided upon by the IC.
- Section 4.** A representative of your organization must be in attendance for the duration of the meeting or your organization will be marked as absent, unless you have been previously excused by the Assistant Director responsible for the Interfaith Council at least 24 hours in advance.
- Section 5.** Quorum for General Assembly shall be defined as fifty percent plus one of the voting member organizations.

### **Voting**

- Section 1.** Each member organization shall have one vote.
- Section 2.** A majority vote, that is, a majority of the votes cast, ignoring blanks and abstentions, is sufficient for the adoption of any motion that in order.