



TITLE:	Policy on General Council Attendance
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POLICY ON GENERAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

1. PURPOSE AND PREAMBLE

The purpose of this document is to establish policy regarding the attendance of House Presidents at meetings of the MCRC General Council and to encourage such attendance.

2. INTENDED AUDIENCE

The intended audience for this document is all House Presidents and the Vice President (Residence Affairs).

3. POLICY

It is hereby affirmed that all House Presidents must attend all meetings of the General Council. Only the Vice President for Residence Affairs shall be empowered to grant exceptions to this policy for reasons of illness, academic conflict, or family emergency.

To meet our duty of trust to the students, General Council attendance records for House Presidents shall be posted in all Houses.

4. RATIONALE

House Presidents owe a double-duty in their positions. As a representative, their duty is to the students whom they represent. The mechanism of this representation is the General Council. As an employee, they are accountable to the Vice President for Residence Affairs who, in the final analysis, is held responsible for the overall level of performance of all of the Houses.

Attendance at General Council meetings is a fundamental duty owed to residents, and a key job expectation. Failure to attend meetings represents a breach of this duty, and violates the students' trust.

5. ENFORCEMENT

House Presidents will be held directly accountable by the Vice President for Residence Affairs whose responsibility it is to enforce this policy.