

Music Council of Majors (MCOM) Constitution  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

**Article I- Name and Purpose**

Founded in 2010, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Music Council of Majors was organized to better facilitate communication between the increasing number of music students and faculty, create liaisons between the department's eight emphases, promote musical events of student ensembles, and discuss other matters pertaining to the collegiate experiences of UMBC music students.

**Article II- Scope (Mandatory Language)**

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

**Article III- Membership and Nondiscrimination**

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by meeting all of the following criteria:

- Being recognized by UMBC as a music major
- Achieving a grade point average appropriate for intended position (see bylaws)
- Successfully being elected as either an officer or council member following the elections process

\* Membership in this organization will not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran status, national origin, or religion.

**Article IV- Officers and Elections**

The officers of the *UMBC Music Council of Majors* (MCOM) shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The duties of the President will include:

- Presiding over MCOM meetings
- Serving as a spokesperson for MCOM in relation to Faculty, SGA, and music majors

The duties of the Vice President will include:

- Assisting the President in his/her duties
- Taking over in the President's absence
- Assuming the role of President in case of the President's resignation or removal

The duties of the Treasurer will include:

- Requesting and managing funding provided by the SGA
- Designating accrued monies to specific causes within each of the eight music emphases

The duties of the Secretary will include:

- Taking notes at meetings
- Promoting music department events at UMBC through digital media, social networking websites, and other mediums

All council members shall be elected to a term of one academic year beginning in the fall semester, continuing through the second session of the following summer semester.

Election of council members shall occur during the spring semester of each academic year, or when vacancies occur. The MCOM shall give adequate notice to the music department at UMBC so that all who wish to participate are able to attend nomination. Nomination will occur during a designated music forum. Students can either nominate themselves or others by raising their hand, then being recognized by an officer of the MCOM. During the following music forum, the MCOM will have compiled a ballot of all interested students and all attendees will be able to vote on council members.

Officers are elected within the already established 16 member maximum council. In both circumstances, majority vote prevails (most number of votes in relation to number of students voting). Any council member can be removed by a 3-1 vote by the officers. Officers can only be removed by either administrative action by UMBC, the SGA, or by a unanimous vote of the remaining three officers.

#### **Article V- Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended at any time by the MCOM. Any changes must successfully pass a 3-1 vote of the officers.

#### **Bylaws**

- Members of the Council of Music Majors represent each of the eight emphases (composition, instrumental performance, vocal performance, instrumental music education, vocal music education, music technology, jazz, and musicology) at all times.
- In order to ensure integrity and professionalism within the MCOM, the number of members should at no point total more than 10% of the total number of music majors at UMBC (currently 160).
- All council members are required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average. All officers must maintain a 3.25 grade point average. Failure to maintain this requirement within an academic year will result in termination and an immediate elections process will begin to replace the vacant position.
- In the event of a necessary amendment, a majority vote of the council is required.

*Being recognized by the Student Government Association at UMBC gives the MCOM the opportunity to request funding to better the experiences of music majors, promote on and off campus musical events, and create networking opportunities between majors and non-majors within the UMBC community.*

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*President:* Ellen Green

*Vice President:* Yoshiaki Horiguchi

*Secretary:* Julian Brezon

*Treasurer:* Jason Noren