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# **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

In the writing/construction of this Constitution unless the context require otherwise:

- a. "The University" means University for Development Studies;
- b. "Board" means Judicial Board, Appeals Board and SRC respectively depending on the context in which it is used;
- c. "President" means the SRC President;
- d. "Speaker" means the Speaker of the General Assembly;
- e. All pronouns used in this Constitution shall refer to both sexes unless otherwise stated-he, him, himself" and "his" means the person, male or female, referred to by any provision of this Constitution, unless otherwise specified.
- f. Words in the singular include the plural and the vice versa;
- g. "Status Papillary" means all students in good standing of the University for Development Studies;
- h. "NUGS" means the Local NUGS;
- i. "Consultation" means advisory opinion.
- j. "Resolution" means a decision passed by the General Assembly on issues arising either from the stated agenda or from the floor of the General Assembly.;
- k. "Article" means a section of a Chapter of this constitution, consisting of clauses;
- 1. "Clause" means a section of an article of this Constitution, consisting of sub-clauses;
- m. "Sub-clause" means a section of a clause of this Constitution, consisting of statements or lists enumerated by ordered alphabets;
- n. "Constitutional instrument" means (a) regulation(s) or provision(s) made under a power conferred by this Constitution;
- o. "Function" includes powers and duties conferred under this Constitution;
- p. "Judgement" includes a decision, an order or decree of the Judicial Board;
- q. "Sitting" includes a period during which the General Assembly or other committee, commission or board meets continually;

- r. "Interest of students" includes any right or advantage which inures or is intended to inure to the general benefit of the student population of this University;
- s. "Session" means a series of meetings of the General Assembly within each semester;
- t. "SRC" shall have the meaning assigned in article 4 and shall include committees, commissions and boards of the General Assembly or those established under a resolution of the General Assembly;
- u. "An accredited observer" means an observer who applied by letter through the General Assembly Clerk prior to any meeting to participate in the said General Assembly meeting;
- v. "Chairperson" means the head of a committee, or commission of the SRC.
- w. "The House" means the quorum of the General Assembly as provided for in this Constitution.
- x. "JCR" means Junior Common Room
- y. "Hall of residence" means a traditional hall

# **SRC PROPERTY**

All property, movable and immovable of every description now or hereafter belonging to the SRC shall remain and be vested in the SRC, and all Trusts and Instruments of similar legal effect, for or executed or to be executed by the SRC in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution shall inure to the benefit of the SRC.

# **PREAMBLE**

In the name of the ALMIGHTY GOD;

We the students of the University for Development Studies;

**Acknowledging** the necessity for us to have rules regulating our affairs and conduct on campus;

**Desiring** to maintain a disciplined environment and creating solidarity and fraternity amongst students, lecturers and workers of UDS;

Resolving to abide by democratic principles; and

Wishing to create acceptable avenues for communication and resolution of conflicts;

DO HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

# CHAPTER ONE THE CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE 1

#### **NAME**

The body for which this Constitution is made shall be known and called the Students Representative Council of the University for Development Studies hereinafter referred to as the SRC.

#### ARTICLE 2

#### THE SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

- a. Subject to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Ghana and regulations of the University, this Constitution shall be the supreme law for governance of all students of the University for Development Studies.
- b. Any other constitution of any club, association, society and union in the University found to be inconsistent with any provision of this Constitution shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.

#### Article 3

# ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- (a) Any student who alleges that:
- (I) an act or omission of any person or group of persons; or
- (II) a constitution, decision or resolution of anybody, organization, club, union or association in the University; is in contravention with a provision of this constitution, may

apply to the Judicial Board for a declaration to that effect.

- (b) The Judicial Board shall for the purposes of such declaration under clause (a)(II) of this article, make such orders and give such directions as it may consider appropriate for giving effect, or enabling effect to be given to the declaration so made.
- (c) Any person or group of persons to whom an order or direction is addressed under clause (b) of this article by the Judicial Board shall duly comply and carry out the terms of the order or direction.

Failure to obey or carry out the terms of an order or direction made or given under clause (b) of this article within three (3) working days constitute a violation of this Constitution and contempt of the Judicial Board, and shall in the case of an Executive Officer under this Constitution be a ground for removal from office; or in the case of a person or group of persons not being executive officers under this Constitution, become ineligible for election to any executive office under this Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

# DEFENCE OF THE CONSTITUTION

(a) All students of the University shall at all-time have the right and obligation to uphold, protect and defend this Constitution, in particular to resist any person or group of persons seeking to commit any act that contravenes the prosperity of this Constitution.

# CHAPTER TWO THE SRC

#### **ARTICLE 5**

### 1 MEMBERSHIP

The SRC shall consist of:

- (a) The general student body; to wit, all persons in "*Status papillary*" of the University for Development Studies;
- (b) Subject to clause (a) of this article, the following organs shall be created to manage the affairs of the SRC:
- The Executive Committee
- The NUGS
- The Judicial Board
- The General Assembly
- The Executive Council

#### ARTICLE 6

### **FUNCTIONS OF THE SRC**

- 1) The SRC shall perform the following functions;
- a. Provide means of communication between students and University authorities in all matters affecting the student body as a whole or part thereof;
- b. Present the views of the students of the University to the appropriate body or bodies, depending upon the nature of the matter;

- c. Nominate students' representatives to serve on appropriate University Committees to probe or manage the affairs of the students of the University;
- d. Foster the maintenance of the right atmosphere for academic activities, entertainment, sports and games;
- e. Seek the interest and welfare of students of the University, in particular, and the students of Ghana, in general;
- f. Work towards the maintenance of good and healthy staff students relationship based on mutual trust and respect;
- g. Co-operate with representative student bodies of other Universities and Institutions of higher learning for the promotion of peace and unity;
- h. Keep contact with past students of the University through the Alumni Association;
- i. Formulate such rules and regulations as will promote cordial relationship between students and/or groups of students without discrimination on grounds of sex, creed, ethnic origin, course of study, race, political affiliation, religion or socio-economic status;
- j. Organize lectures, symposia, seminars, debates; publications and such otheractivities as may be necessary, in partial fulfillment of its functions.

# CHAPTER THREE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### ARTICLE 7

## 1. COMPOSITION

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the following:

- i. The SRC President
- ii. The SRC Vice President
- ii. The Treasurer
- iv. The Secretary
- v. The Vice Secretary
- vi. The Public Relations Officer

# 2. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

The Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:

- i. Maintain all provisions of this constitution
- ii. Establish structures that would coordinate the affairs of the various organs set out under this constitution
- iii. Submit to the General Assembly proposed projects and programmes of the SRC at the beginning of each trimester

iv. Any other function as may be deemed necessary

#### **ARTICLE 8**

### MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### 1 THE PRESIDENT

- a. There shall be a President who shall be the Chief Spokesperson of all students in this University and shall take precedence over all students; and in descending order, the Vice President, the Speaker of General Assembly, and the Judicial Board Chairperson.
- b. Before assuming office, the President shall take and subscribe before the general student body at a public gathering, the Presidential Oath set out in Schedule 2(a) of this Constitution.

#### **EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF THE SRC**

- i. The executive authority of the SRC shall be vested in the president and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
- ii. The executive authority of the SRC shall extend to the execution and maintenance of this constitution and all laws made under or continued enforced by this constitution.
- iii. The functions conferred on the president by clause (c) of this article may be exercised by him either directly or through officers subordinates to him.

#### C. FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT

- i. Maintain all provisions of this Constitution;
- ii. Preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and Executive Council;
- iii. Represent the student body on the University Council;
- iv. Be the principal signatory to the SRC account;
- v. Deliver an address to the General Assembly on the State of Affairs of the SRC at the beginning of each trimester and before the dissolution of the General Assembly;
- vi. Bring to the notice of the General Assembly at its first sitting such committees in the University on which the SRC has representation upon which the General Assembly shall approve nominees for such committee.

#### D. ABSENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY

The President shall not leave the city or region where his campus is located without prior notification in writing, signed by him and addressed to the speaker of the General Assembly.

#### E. PRESIDENTIAL PREROGATIVE

Without prejudice to this constitution, the President, in consultation with the Executive Council shall have the power to shuffle, suspend or remove from office any appointee under this constitution, with the exception of the Speaker of the General Assembly and the Chairperson of the Judicial Board (in the case where they were appointed).

#### 2 THE VICE PRESIDENT

- a) There shall be a Vice President of the SRC who shall perform such functions as may be assigned to him by this Constitution or the President and shall include;
- i. Assisting the President in the performance of his functions;
- ii. Act as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Commissions, Committees andCouncils of the SRC and shall co-ordinate the activities of such bodies provided for in thisConstitution and/or under a resolution of the General Assembly;
- iii. Act in the absence of the President and when so acting, shall be vested with all the powers of the President, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
- iv. Whenever the president dies, resigns or is removed from office, the Vice-President shall assume office as President for the unexpired term of office of the President with effect from the date of the death, resignation or removal of the President.
- b) A Candidate for the office of Vice President of the SRC shall be designated by the candidate for the office of President before the election of the President.
- (c). Before assuming office, the Vice President shall take and subscribe before the general student body at a public gathering, the Presidential Oath set out in Schedule 2(a) of this Constitution.

#### 3 THE SECRETARY

- a) There shall be a Secretary who shall be the administrative head of the SRC Secretariat, and Secretary to the Executive Committee and Executive Council;
- b) The Secretary shall perform duties and function, which shall include:
- i Keeping and maintaining true and accurate minutes and records of all proceedings of

the Executive Committee and Executive Council;

- ii Take charge of all correspondence of the SRC;
- iii Compile an official list of all members of the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- iv Submit the true and accurate records of the outcome of meetings of the Executive Committee within three (3) working days and the Executive Council within five (5) working days after every meeting to the General Assembly;
- v Take stock of all SRC assets and report to the General Assembly at its first sitting;
- vi Write and distribute all notices on the instruction and/or directions of the President, the Executive Committee and/ or the Executive Council; and
- vii Perform such other duties assigned by the President, Executive Committee or Executive Council.
- c) The Secretary on assumption of office shall take and subscribe before the general student body at a public gathering, the Oath of Office set out in Schedule 2(b) of this Constitution.

#### 4 THE VICE SECRETARY

- a. There shall be a Vice Secretary appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee.
- b. The Vice Secretary shall perform duties and functions, which shall include:
- i. Assist the Secretary in the performance of his duties;
- ii. Act in the absence of the Secretary; and
- ii Such other duties assigned by the President or Executive Committee.
- iii Coordinate the external secretarial and other relevant affairs of the SRC.

c. The Vice Secretary shall upon appointment and approval, take and subscribe to the Oath of Office set out in Schedule 2(c) of this Constitution.

#### **5 THE TREASURER**

- a. There shall be a Treasurer who shall perform duties and functions, which shall include:
- i. The receipt of all monies and revenues accruing to the SRC or Committees, Councils and Commissions of the SRC, and the disbursement of such monies as the Executive Committee shall direct, subject to the approval of the General Assembly;
- ii. Take charge of all financial transactions of the SRC in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- iii. Keep and maintain proper records of accounts of monies and revenues to which the SRC is entitled;
- iv. Be a signatory to the SRC account;
- v. Be Secretary to the Finance Committee and perform such duties in relation to the Committee;
- vi. Keep an accountable impress that shall be determined by the General Assembly from time to time;
- vii. Prepare and submit a financial statement for auditing at the end of the term of office; and
- viii. Perform such other duties assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the General Assembly.
- b. The Treasurer on assumption of office shall take and subscribe before the general

student body at a public gathering, the Executive Officer's Oath set out in Schedule 2(b) of this Constitution.

#### **6 ACTING TREASURER**

Notwithstanding Article 8 (5) of this Constitution, the chairperson of the Finance Committee shall in the event of death, removal or resignation of the Treasurer, act as Treasurer until such time that fresh elections are conducted to fill the vacancy.

# 7 THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER (P.R.O.)

- a. There shall be a Public Relations Officer appointed by the President.
- b. The P.R.O shall perform the following functions:
- i. Be the Editor in-Chief and Press Secretary to the President and SRC;
- ii. Be responsible for the editing and approval of all materials to be posted on the notice boards;
- iii. Protect and maintain the corporate image of the SRC;
- iv. Research, collate and analyse information on issues of national interest for purposes aimed at contributing to debates and discussions on issues of national importance,

including the writing of articles in the media with the prior approval of the General Assembly;

- v. In consultation with the Executive Committee, be responsible for the publication of newsletters, commemoration posters and solidarity campaigns;
- vi. In consultation with the President and Executive Committee, be responsible for the writing of the President Speeches;
- vii. Work towards building a more solid relations between the students and the organs of the SRC provided for under this Constitution;

viii. Act as an Ex-Officio member of all Commissions, Committees and Councils of the SRC.

c. The P.R.O. shall, upon appointment, take and subscribe to the Oath of Office set out in Schedule 2(c) of this Constitution.

# CHAPTER FOUR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### ARTICLE 9

# **COMPOSITION**

There shall be an Executive Council, which shall consist of the following:
i. The Executive Committee Members;
ii. The Local NUGS Executives;
iii. The WOCOM
iv. The Speaker of General Assembly
v. The Judicial Board Chair
vi. Presidents of JCRs;
vii. Representative of Non-residential students;
viii. Representative of Foreign students; and

ix. Representative of GRASSAG-UDS.

### **FUNCTIONS**

- a) The Executive Council shall assist and counsel the Executive Committee in the performance of its duties and see to the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly.
- b) The quorum for the Executive Council shall be determined at its first sitting and must include the President or the Vice President and the Speaker.
- c) The Executive Council, in the exercise of its functions, shall have the power to issue executive instruments in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- d) The Executive Council shall, in times of emergency, have powers to act promptly without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution in the absence of the General Assembly. Such acts shall be reported to the General Assembly for ratification within two (2) weeks upon resumption of the General Assembly.
- e) The Executive Council shall make appointments to all University Committees on which the SRC has representation.
- f) The Executive Council shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the General Assembly.
- g) The Executive Council shall cause the SRC's accounts to be audited by the SRC Audit Committee with the support of an external auditor and a report be presented to the General Assembly ten(10) days after the General Election but before assumption of office by the newly- elected Executives.

Members of the Executive Council, before assuming, office shall take and subscribe at its first sitting or the first general meeting of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee Oath set out in Schedule 2(d) of this Constitution.

# CHAPTER FIVE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### ARTICLE 10

The legislative power of the SRC shall be vested in the General Assembly and shall be exercised in a manner consistent with this constitution.

## 1 COMPOSITION

There shall be a General Assembly which shall consist of the following:

- a) The Executive Committee members and NUGS Executives established under this Constitution;
- b) The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the Clerk of the General Assembly;
- c) The Secretaries of all JCRs;
- d) Presidents and Secretaries of faculty associations;
- e) The Electoral Commissioner and one deputy Commissioner;
- f) Chairpersons of all standing Committees of the SRC;
- g) One representative from each year group in a faculty/school/college;
- h) Ad-hoc committee chairpersons;
- i) The secretary of the Judicial Board shall represent the Board at the General Assembly.

Without prejudice to Article 10 (1) (a) of this constitution, the President shall attend General Assembly meetings at his own volition or upon special invitation from the General Assembly and Article 10 (1) (i), the Chairperson of the Judicial Board shall be present at the General Assembly upon invitation.

#### ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

- a. The Speaker and the deputy speaker shall be elected by members of the General Assembly from among members of the General Assembly.
- b. Such elections shall be supervised by the electoral commissioner in the first sitting of the General Assembly.
- c. Members of the General Assembly, before taking their oath, shall take part in the election of the Speaker and the deputy.

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

- 1. The General Assembly shall:
- a. Be the highest decision making body of the SRC and all issues concerning students shall be decided at the General Assembly;
- b. Appoint and/or approve the appointment of Committee and Sub-committee members;
- c. Approve the budget statement submitted by the Finance Committee;
- d. Approve the proposed projects and programmes of the Executive Committee at the beginning of the first and second trimesters;
- e. Approve and help implement all decisions of Committees of the SRC; and
- f. Help in organizing all SRC programmes.
- 2) Unless otherwise provided for in any part of this Constitution, the General Assembly shall have power to, on its own initiative, consider and make recommendations on any matter provided for under this Constitution or affecting the welfare and interest of students.
- 3) When members of the General Assembly disagree on major decisions, the Speaker

shall refer the matter within three (3) working days of the date of disagreement to the student body for final decision.

- 4) The General Assembly shall be duly constituted for its work by at least two-thirds (2/3) of its membership. However, the meeting shall proceed after 30 minutes, if a quorum is still not formed.
- 5) A member shall, before taking his seat in the General Assembly, take and subscribe before the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Oath of a member of the General Assembly set in Schedule 2(f) of this Constitution.

#### COMMITTEES UNDER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There shall be three (3) standing committees under the General Assembly:

- i. The Privileges Committee, which shall deal with disciplinary issues amongst members of the General Assembly and recommend appropriate sanctions to the house for approval;
- ii. The Administrative Committee, which shall oversee the administrative functions of the General Assembly.
- iii. The Budget Committee, which shall oversee all budgets brought before the house for proper scrutiny and make recommendations to the house for approval.

The Speaker shall endorse and minute on all approved budgets by the house.

#### ARTICLE 11

### FUNCTIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP

#### THE SPEAKER

a. There shall be a Speaker of the General Assembly elected from among members of the General Assembly at its first sitting.

- b. A student shall not be qualified for elections to the office of the speaker of the General Assembly unless he meets the provisions stated in this constitution.
- c. The Speaker shall perform the following functions:
- i. Maintain all provisions of this Constitution;
- ii. Preside over all meetings and be a non-voting member of the General Assembly;
- iii. Maintain Order in the house at all times;
- iv. Any other duty assigned to him by the General Assembly.
- d. When the office of the President and or Vice president is vacant by reason of resignation, removal or death of the incumbent, the Speaker shall act as President until such a time that fresh elections are conducted to fill the vacancy.
- e. Before assuming office, the Speaker shall take and subscribe before the General Assembly at its first sitting, the Speakers Oath set out in Schedule 2(e) of this Constitution.

#### THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

There shall be a Deputy Speaker of the General Assembly elected from among members of the General Assembly at its first sitting.

- a. The Deputy Speaker shall perform the following functions:
- i. Assist the Speaker in the performance of his functions;
- ii. Preside over all General Assembly meetings in the absence of the Speaker;
- iii. Any other function(s) assigned to him by the Speaker and/or the General Assembly.

b. Before assuming office, the Deputy Speaker shall take and subscribe before the General Assembly at its first sitting, the Speakers Oath set out in Schedule 2(e) of this Constitution.

#### THE CLERK

- a. There shall be a non-voting Clerk of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker in consultation with the President.
- b. The Clerk shall perform duties and functions, which shall include:
- i Keeping and maintaining true and accurate minutes and records of all proceedings of the General Assembly;
- ii Take charge of all correspondence of the General Assembly;
- iii Write and distribute all notices on the instruction and/ or directions of the Speaker and/ or the General Assembly;
- iv. Any other function(s) assigned to him by the Speaker and/or the General Assembly.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, the Clerk shall within ten (10) days on assumption of office publish the list of the General Assembly in accordance with clause (1) of article ten.
- d. Before assuming office, the Clerk shall take and subscribe before the General Assembly at its first sitting, the Oath of Office set out in Schedule 2(f) of this Constitution

# CHAPTER SIX OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

#### **ARTICLE 12**

### THE LOCAL NUGS

#### **COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS**

- 1) There shall be NUGS executives consisting of the following:
  - a) NUGS President;
  - b) Secretary; and
  - c) Treasurer
- 2) Local NUGS executives shall be elected by the student body in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
- 3) The core mandate of the local NUGS shall be to oversee the external affairs of the SRC and shall perform other functions which shall include:
- a. Undertake assigned programmes and activities of the SRC for the welfare and general good of the students including liaising with the relevant bodies for the processing and disbursement of student loans:
- b. Liaise between the SRC and national secretariat of NUGS;
- c. Be responsible for the dissemination of information to and from national NUGS.
- 4) All activities of the local NUGS secretariat shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly.
- 5) The local NUGS shall be accountable to the SRC Executive Committee and shall submit its programme of activities and expenditure estimates for each trimester to the General Assembly through the SRC Executive Committee.

- 6) After each meeting of the NUGS Central Committee or Congress, the local NUGS shall submit a written report to the General Assembly through SRC Executive Committee and in consultation with the P.R.O published on all notice boards within seven days after the meeting, or within seven days after the beginning of the next trimester in the event of the meeting taking place during the holidays.
- 7) The local NUGS shall be entitled to 15% of the administrative funds of the SRC and shall keep an accountable impress to be approved by the General Assembly through the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 8) Before assuming office, the local NUGS executives shall take and subscribe before the General student body at a public gathering, the Executives Officer's Oath set out in schedule 2(b) of this constitution.
- All publications of the local NUGS shall be coordinated by the Public Relations
   Officer.
- 10. The local NUGS President shall be the leader of the delegation to NUGS congress.

#### **ARTICLE 13**

#### THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

#### 1 MEMBERSHIP

There shall be a Women's Commission which shall consist of the following core members:

- a) The Women's Commissioner;
- b) A female representative from each year group;
- c) A female JCR executive representative;
- d) A female representative of the non-residential students.

#### 2 FUNCTIONS

- 1. The commission shall be charged with:
  - a. Aiding female students in realizing themselves as an important resource so as to contribute to the advancement of society;
  - b. Assisting in finding solutions to women-related problems;
  - c. Helping to prepare the female student for more responsible and responsive roles in life after school;
  - d. Serving as a link between female students and other groups with the view of sharing ideas and strategies on issues concerning women;
  - e. Inculcating in female students a sense of inclusion, solidarity and active participation in campus activities;
  - f. Helping to raise self-esteem and self-confidence of female students;
  - g. Improving and strengthening communication and co-operation between the sexes;
  - h. Creating a platform for re-kindling the potentials of female students.
  - 2. Every female in the University shall be a member of the Women's Commission.
  - 3. Without prejudice to clause (3) of this article, any male student desiring to be an affiliate member of the Women's Commission may apply to the office of the Women's Commission for consideration.
- 4. The Women's Commissioner shall be a member of the Executive Body of all female JCRs.
- 6. The Women's Commissioner shall be a member of the Executive Council of the SRC.
- 7. The Women's Commission shall be entitled to 10% of the administrative funds of the SRC and shall at the beginning of each trimester, present proposed activities and the estimates involved to the General Assembly through the Executive Committee for

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8. A male student shall not qualify to contest for the position of the Women's Commissioner.

# CHAPTER SEVEN APPOINTMENTS

#### **ARTICLE 14**

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1) The President shall appoint the Public Relations Officer within five (5) working days after assumption of office as President of the SRC.
- 2) All appointees shall be called executive members and shall take and subscribe to the executive members' oath as set out in this constitution.
- 3) The Executive Committee shall in consultation with other members of the Executive Council and with the approval of the General Assembly appoint:
- a. The Electoral Commissioner and two deputies;
- b. Chairpersons of the following:
- i. Entertainment committee;
- ii. Disciplinary Committee;
- iii. Welfare Committee;
- iii Amalgamated Clubs Committee;
- iv Sports Committee;
- vi Transport Committee

- 4) Subject to the provision of this Constitution, the SRC may create sub or ad-hoc committees to deal with any matter in the pursuit of its aims;
- a) Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, the General Assembly may coopt members from within or outside the SRC with relevant expertise to serve on such Committees;
- b) The committee appointed shall submit a written report to the General Assembly as may be determined by the General Assembly;
- c) The Executive Committee through the Speaker shall bring to the notice of the General Assembly, such committees in this University which the SRC has representation for appointment to that effect.

# CHAPTER EIGHT TERM OF OFFICE

### **ARTICLE 15**

# **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- 1) A student elected as an Executive Officer shall hold office for a term of one (1) academic year.
- 2) Out-going Executive Officers shall hand over to newly elected Executive Officers within twenty-one (21) days after the declaration of the final election results.
- a) Where such results have been challenged, handing over shall be held within ten (10) days after such declaration by the Judicial Board;
- b) Where the Judicial Board invalidates the elections, fresh elections shall be conducted at a time stipulated by the Judicial Board, for the specific position, and handing-over shall be held within seven (7) days after the declaration of the results.
- c) Without prejudice to article 15 clause (2) (b), in cases where elections are not conducted before the end of the second trimester, the executive officer(s) shall hand over to the Judicial Board under the supervision of the Appeal Council.
- 3) The office of an Executive Officer shall become vacant:
- a) On the expiration of the period specified in clause (1) of this article;
- b) When the incumbent resigns from office, provided that his resignation shall not be valid unless he writes a letter of resignation, signed by him, addressed to the Chairperson of the Judicial Board, and copied to the Speaker of the General Assembly, provided also that such resignation shall not be effective unless a seven day notice is given;
- c) On the death of an Executive Officer; or

d) On removal from offi	ice.
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4) No student shall hold an Executive Office for more than two	4)	No student shall hold	an Executive Of	ice for more than	1 two (2)	consecutive terms.
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# **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 1). A student appointed/elected as Speaker, Deputy Speaker or Clerk shall hold office for a term of one (1) academic year. No student shall hold the Office of Speaker, Deputy Speaker or Clerk for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- 2). The office of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and/ or Clerk shall become vacant:
  - a. On the expiration of the period specified in clause (1) of this article;
  - b. When the incumbent resigns from office, provided that his resignation shall not be valid unless he writes a letter of resignation, signed by him, addressed to the Chairperson of the Judicial Board and copied to the President, provided also that such resignation shall not be effective unless a ten day notice is given;
  - c. On the death of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and/ or Clerk; or
  - d. On removal from office.
- 3) A member of the General Assembly shall vacate his seat;
- a. Upon a dissolution of the General Assembly;
- b. If he is absent, without the permission in writing to the Speaker, and is unable to offer a reasonable explanation to the Clerk for two (2) consecutive sittings in a trimester;

- c. If he is expelled from the General Assembly after having been found guilty of contempt of the General Assembly by the Disciplinary Committee;
- d. If he resigns from office as a member of the General Assembly by writing under his own hand addressed to the Speaker and copied to the Judicial Board and President, provided that a seven (7) day notice shall be given; or
- e. If he is replaced by a resolution properly passed by the body represented.

# DISSOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly shall be dissolved by the out-going Speaker on the eve of the handing-over to the incoming Executive Officers.

# ARTICLE 18

# REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- 1) An Executive Officer shall not be removed from office unless:
- a. He acted in violation of the oath of office set out in Schedule 2 or in violation of this Constitution;
- b. He conducted himself in a manner which brings or is likely to bring the high office into disrepute, ridicule or contempt;
- c. He acted in a manner prejudicial or inimical to the interest of students;
- d. He is incapable of performing the functions of his office by reason of infirmity of body or mind;
- e. He embezzled funds or recklessly handled the finances of the SRC;

- f. He is inefficient or negligent in the discharge of his duties;
- g. He has accepted a political partisan office;
- h. He has been suspended/withdrawn/dismissed from the University; or
- i. He has absented himself for two (2) consecutive meetings of the General Assembly without acceptable reasons.
- 2) In the event of an Executive Officer being removed from office or resigning en-bloc, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall function with the Speaker of the General Assembly serving as acting President until fresh elections are conducted.
- 3) A leader of the General Assembly shall not be removed from Office unless:
- a. He acted in violation of the oath of office set out in Schedule 2 or in violation of this Constitution;
- b. He conducted himself in a manner which brings or is likely to bring the high office into disrepute, ridicule or contempt;
- c. He acted in a manner prejudicial or inimical to the interest of students;
- d. He is incapable of performing the functions of his office by reason of infirmity of body or mind;
- e. He embezzled funds or recklessly handled the finances of the General Assembly;
- f. He is inefficient or negligent in the discharge of his duties;
- g. He has accepted a political partisan office;
- h. He has been suspended/withdrawn/dismissed from the University; or
- i. He has absented himself for two (2) consecutive meetings of the General Assembly without acceptable reasons.
- 4) In the event of a leader of the General Assembly being removed from office or resigning en-bloc, the General Assembly shall appoint a person from within the house

provided the person appointed is not an Executive Committee member to fill the vacant office for the rest of the term of office.

# 5. Procedures for removal from office shall be as listed below;

## A. A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL BOARD

- i A petition submitted to the president by any student or group of students.
- ii Such a petition shall be forwarded to the Judicial Board and the Chairperson shall set up a committee including himself from among members of the board to look into the petition to determine whether there is a prima facie.
- iii The president shall act in accordance to the recommendations of the committee.
- iv In the event it involves the Judicial Board chairperson, the General Assembly shall set up such a committee not exceeding 10 members from among members of the house.
- v Any member removed from office shall be replaced within five (5) days after removal.

### B. A MEMBER OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- i A petition submitted to the president by any student or group of students.
- ii Such a petition shall be forwarded to the Judicial Board and the chairperson shall set up a committee including himself from among members of the council to look into the petition to inquire whether there is a prima facie.
- iii The president shall act in accordance to the recommendations of the committee.

### C. A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A member of the General Assembly shall be removed by two-thirds (2/3) majority approval from members of the General Assembly.

### D. A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- i A notice in writing supported by not less than one-third (1/3) of members of the General Assembly stating reasons and shall be forwarded through the speaker of General Assembly to the President who shall inform the Judicial Board Chairperson and deliver the notice to him copied to the Executive Officer.
- ii The Judicial Board Chairperson by constitutional instrument shall immediately set up a committee consisting of himself and six (6) other members of the Judicial Board to inquire in camera whether there is a prima facie case for the executive officer's removal.
- iii The General Assembly shall within seven (7) days after the findings of the committee move a resolution whether the executive committee member be removed from office; such a resolution shall be by a secret ballot which shall not be held in camera supported by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of members of the General Assembly after a prior debate.
- iv The executive committee member shall cease to hold office effective from the day of decision by the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 19**

### VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

- 1) Without prejudice to article 18 clause (1) and clause (3) of this Constitution, Executive Officers and Leaders of the General Assembly shall be removed from office on passing a vote of no confidence by at least three (3) year groups in the University at a special meeting called for such purposes under the supervision of the Electoral Commission provided that, within seven (7) days of a year group passing the vote of no confidence, two other year groups shall pass a resolution on the same.
- 2) For the purposes of clause (1) of this article, twenty percent (20%) of students drawn evenly from all year groups shall submit a request duly signed to that effect to the Judicial Board and copied to the Officer.

- a. The Judicial Board upon receiving the request, shall examine, cross check and verify the names and signatories of the said group of students.
- b. Such request shall contain the grounds for the Vote of No Confidence and accompanied with evidence.
- c. The Judicial Board after seven (7) days of verification shall, if satisfied with the names, signatories and evidence provided, authorize the Electoral Commission to organise the Vote of No Confidence.
- 3) The Executive Officer or Leader of the General Assembly referred to in clause (1) of this article shall have the right of reply within twenty- four (24) hours before the meeting is conducted and shall attend any meeting convened for the purpose of passing such a Vote of No Confidence.
- 4) The Electoral Commissioner shall within twenty-four (24) hours notify the Dean of Students, Chairperson of the Judicial Board and the Executive or Leader of the General Assembly of the outcome of the vote.

# **IMPEACHMENT**

- 1) Any student or group of students with the support of at least twenty percent (20%) of other students drawn evenly from each year group shall by notice in writing addressed to the Chairperson of the Judicial Board, commence impeachment proceedings against an Executive Officer(s) or Leader(s) of the General Assembly provided that the officer(s) or leader(s) shall be served with a copy of the notice five (5) working days before the start of such proceedings.
- 2) Such notice shall contain the grounds for the impeachment and accompanied with

evidence(s).

- a. The Chairperson of the Judicial Board shall within Seven (7) working days of receiving the notice for impeachment, convene a sitting of the Board for the determination of the request for the impeachment.
- b. The decision of the Board shall be by a simple majority and shall be communicated to an emergency session of the General Assembly called for that purpose by the Speaker within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the decision of the Board.
- c . The General Assembly shall debate and thereafter vote on the issue.
- d. For impeachment purposes, the votes of at least two-third (23) of members of the General Assembly present for or against shall be conclusive.
- e. For the purposes of clause (1) of this article, a member of the Executive Committee, not being an Executive Officer, or Speaker of the General Assembly shall be nominated by a duly constituted meeting of the General Assembly to chair the emergency session of the General Assembly.
- f. The decision of the General Assembly shall be conveyed within forty-eight (48) hours to the Dean of Students.
- 3) Any Officer or Leader so impeached shall forthwith cease to be an Executive Officer or a member of the General Assembly.
- 4) Any vacancy created by virtue of any provision of this constitution shall be filled within twenty-one (21) days after such vacancy is created while school is insession, provided that the unexpired term of the Officer or Leader is at least six (6) weeks to the end of the second trimester.
- 5) Without prejudice to the provisions of this article, an Executive Officer or Leader of the General Assembly against whom impeachment proceedings have been commenced shall be allowed to defend himself orally or in writing before the General Assembly votes on the issue.

# CHAPTER NINE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

### **ARTICLE 21**

# MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS

- a) There shall be an Electoral Commission of the SRC which shall consist of:
- i Electoral Commissioner;
- ii Two Deputies;
- iii One Representative from each year group.
- b) A person shall not be qualified to be a Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the Commission unless he is qualified to be elected or appointed as a member of the Executive Committee.
- c) The Commission shall be responsible for conducting all SRC general elections and other SRC sponsored elections in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and/or any other resolution of the General Assembly.
- d) Without prejudice to article 26 clause (1) of this constitution, the Commission shall make rules and/or regulations for the exercise and execution of its functions; to wit, conduct of the elections.
- e) The Commissioner shall exercise supervisory jurisdiction over the conduct of all SRC election.
- f) Notwithstanding clause (e) of this article, the electoral commission shall have

jurisdiction over all elections on campus by way of endorsing/approving all electoral results before publications.

g) The out-going Electoral Commissioner shall hand over to the Electoral Commissioner designate within seven (7) days after his appointment.

### **ARTICLE 22**

# INDEPENDENCE

Except as provided in this Constitution, in the performance of its functions, the Electoral Commissioner shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority.

# **ARTICLE 23**

# 1 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

- a) SRC/NUGS general elections shall take place within the first-half of the second trimester.
- b) All departments/associations under each faculty/college/school shall elect a faculty/college/school president and a secretary; and faculty/college/school year level representatives shall take place in the first trimester.
- c) Every member of the SRC of this University shall be entitled to a single vote.
- d) The Electoral Register shall be the list of registered students of the University, released by the Registrar of the University. Campaign shall end at midnight on the eve of the election.
- e) Voting shall commence at 7:00AM and close at 5:00PM.
- f) Notwithstanding clause 1 (e) of this article, all eligible voters in the queue at 5:00PM shall be allowed to cast their votes.

- g) Any group of students who by University regulations or schedules will be absent on the day and period of elections shall by special arrangement be allowed to vote earlier by the Electoral Commission.
- h) A simple majority shall be required to win SRC/NUGS elections.
- i) Notwithstanding the generality of clause 1 (h) of this article, no candidate shall be deemed elected as SRC/NUGS President, unless at such elections, the number of votes cast in his favour is more than fifty percent (50%) of the total valid votes cast at the election.
- (b) Where at the election for SRC/NUGS President no candidate makes the score as per clause 1 (i) of this article, there shall be a run-off election between the first two candidates with the highest number of votes within seven (7) days after the declaration of the election results.
- d) Candidates who stand unopposed shall require more than fifty percent (50%) of the valid votes cast to win the office thereof.

# 1 INTERIM TEAM

- a. In the event elections are not conducted at the end of the second trimester, there shall be an interim team consisting of;
- i Chairman
- ii Vice Chairman
- iii Secretary
- iv Financial Controller
- b. The hierarchy of the above portfolios shall drop down on the Judicial Board's hierarchy which shall follow from higher year levels to lower ones.

- c. The team shall co-opt three other students to form an electoral committee to supervise the elections of new executives within the first four (4) weeks of the first trimester.
- d. The Interim team apart from their function stipulated by this constitution shall not have the power to make any other financial commitment on behalf of the SRC.
- e. All finances of the interim team shall be subject to approval by the Vice Dean of Students' Affairs.

# ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CAMPUSES

- 1) Notwithstanding any provision of this article, a newly established campus shall have acting executive officers appointed by the Dean of Students, upon application by interested students.
- 2) Without prejudice to this constitution, the acting executive officers shall conduct and supervise over general elections two (2) months after assumption of office.
- 3) Emoluments/Benefits of such executive officers shall be determined by the Dean of Students.

# 1 QUALIFICATION

A student shall not be qualified for election to any Executive Office if:

- a. He has not been a member of the SRC of this University for at least one academic year;
- b. He has Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of less than 3.5 for Presidency and 3.0 for other portfolios;
- c. He is not qualified to contest elections under his Hall's Constitution;
- d. He is an Executive Officer of SRC/NUGS, or Speaker/ Deputy Speaker/ Clerk of the General Assembly, or Chairperson/ Deputy Chairperson of a Committee, Council or Commission of the SRC or holds a political party office;
- e. He has been adjudged or otherwise declared to have conducted himself in contravention of University and SRC regulations;
- f. He has been found by any committee of enquiry to be incompetent to hold any office or is a person in respect of whom a committee or commission of enquiry has found that while holding any office, he has misappropriated funds or acquired assets unlawfully or defrauded the SRC or any society, club, or willfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of students and the findings have not been set aside;
- g. He has once been removed from any student office in this University;
- h. He scores below 60% and 50% for presidency and other portfolios respectively of the total average marks allotted at the vetting by the Vetting Committee.
- i. Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, a student shall qualify to stand and contest election to any Executive Office provided he is not a final year student; a final year student is defined to include all who receive a degree or diploma or certificate;
- j. Notwithstanding clause 1(a) of this article, a student pursuing a post graduate course in

this University shall qualify to stand and contest elections provided that such a student pursued his undergraduate programme in this University and within three (3) years after graduation.

- 2) All candidates for elections shall duly complete nomination forms in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 3) A student shall be qualified for the position of SRC president only if he designates a running mate.
- 4) All candidates for election to any Executive position shall have fair knowledge of the SRC Constitution.

## ARTICLE 27

# **NOMINATION**

- 1) Candidates shall complete nomination forms supported by not less than thirty (30) signatures of students with at least five (5) from each year group; provided however that, each student signatory shall not support the nomination of more than one candidate for the same office; provided further that, should such a situation arise, the Electoral Commissioner shall allow the prospective candidates involved, to secure fresh signatories within forty-eight hours (48) or forfeit their candidature;
- 2) All nomination forms shall be obtained from the Electoral Commission;
- 3) Nomination forms shall be completed accordingly in respect of the office of the Executive Committee, Local NUGS, and Women's Commissioner to the SRC;
- 4) Such completed forms shall be returned to the Electoral Commission within the period fixed by the Commission.
- 5) A person shall be considered a candidate only after he has been put up by the Electoral Commission.

# **VETTING**

- 1) There shall be a Vetting Committee which shall consist of:
- a. The Chairperson of the Academic Committee;
- b. The Speaker of the General Assembly;
- c. The Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee;
- d. A member of the Judicial Board, with the exception of the Chairperson;
- e. The Public Relations Officer;
- f. The Women's Commissioner;
- g. A Representative of the Dean of Students (as an observer).
- h. A Deputy Electoral Commissioner.
- 2) The Vetting Committee shall choose from amongst themselves the Chairperson, and be responsible for ensuring that candidates for any elections under this Constitution satisfy the requirements provided for in this Constitution. The committee shall report to the Electoral Commissioner.
- 3) Any student who wishes to contest any election conducted by the SRC after completion of nomination forms submitted to the commission, shall submit himself to the Vetting Committee for a thorough screening in accordance with this Constitution.
- 4) The Vetting Committee shall be required to give full report of all candidates so screened at least five (5) clear days before the Election Day to the general student body.

- 5) The Vetting Committee shall have the power to disqualify any candidate for any election under this Constitution on the grounds stated only in this Constitution under Article 26. Notwithstanding clause (5) of this article, the vetting committee reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who did not perform satisfactorily at the vetting.
- 6) The vetting committee shall have power in consultation with the electoral commission to open fresh nominations for positions in which no candidate makes the required pass marks during the vetting process.
- 7) All students including disqualified aspirants shall have the right to pick forms after reopening of nominations.
- 8) Without prejudice to this constitution, the vetting committee shall publish criteria for vetting at least five (5) days before vetting.

# POLLING AGENTS

- 1) Each candidate, fully certified as duly nominated by the Electoral Commission shall:
- a) Appoint one (1) polling agent for each polling station; and
- b) Present the names of his polling agents to the Electoral Commission at least seventytwo (72) hours before the election date.
- 2) The polling agents of all candidates, together with the members of the Electoral Commission shall be responsible collectively for removing all ballot boxes to acentral location and shall be collectively responsible for the counting of the entire ballots.
- 3) A person shall not be qualified to be a polling agent unless he is a member of the SRC.

# WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE

A candidate may withdraw his candidature at least twenty-four (24) hours to the presentation of manifestos, by a withdrawal letter signed by him and addressed to the Electoral Commissioner.

### **ARTICLE 31**

# MODE OF VOTING

- 1) Voting in any election conducted by the Electoral Commission under this Constitution shall be by secret ballot;
- 2) Notwithstanding clause (1) of this article and subject to the provisions of this Constitution, voting by proxy shall be lawful provided that prior approval has been given by the Electoral Commission at least forty-eight (48) hours before the election.
- 3) In accordance with clause (2) of this article, any student who want another student to vote on his behalf shall submit to the Electoral Commission his Student Identity Card and a written request duly signed by him stating his reason and the Identity of the student he wants to vote for him, and the written request shall be copied to the student who shall vote on behalf of the applicant.
- 4) No student shall be entitled to more than one proxy vote.

# DECLARATION OF RESULTS

- 1) The Electoral Commission shall, immediately after the close of counting of ballots, declare provisional results and unless such results are challenged, in accordance with article 30 of this Constitution, shall declare the final results within seventy-two (72) hours after the close of polls.
- 2) An instrument which is executed under the hand of the Electoral Commissioner and the seal of the Commission and states that the person named in the instrument was declared elected as an Executive Officer at the election in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution shall be *PRIMA FACIE* evidence that the person named was so elected.

### **ARTICLE 33**

# CHALLENGING OF ELECTION RESULTS

- 1) The validity of the election of an Executive Officer may be challenged by a student of this University who shall present a petition for that purpose to the Judicial Board within forty-eight (48) hours after the declaration of the provisional results of the office in respect of which the petition is presented.
- 2) The Judicial Board shall, without prejudice to any provision in this Constitution, decide as to the validity of an election within seven (7) days after a petition challenging the results has been received by the Chairperson of the Council.
- 3) Where the Judicial Board invalidates an election, fresh elections shall be organized as directed by the Council.
- 4) An election procedure on which the Constitution is silent shall be referred to the Judicial Board for determination.

# CHAPTER TEN THE JUDICIARY

## ARTICLE 34

# COMPOSITION

- a) The judiciary shall consist of;
  - i. The Judicial Board;
  - ii. The Appeal's board
  - iii. Such other quasi-judicial bodies as General Assembly may by law establish.

## b) THE JUDICIAL BOARD

- 1) There shall be a Judicial Board of the SRC composed of:
- a. The Chairperson;
- b. One (1) representative from each year group appointed by the president except level 300 which shall have two (2) representatives;
- c. The members of the board shall be individuals who have served on any judiciary body on campus, or have shown an interest in judicial affairs on campus.
- d. The Judicial Board/Board/Committee chairpersons of JCRs;
- e. The Court Registrar, shall be appointed by the Chairperson; and
- f. The Judicial Committee/Board/Council chairperson of GRASAG
- 2) The Chairperson shall be nominated by the president in consultation with the Executive Committee subject to the approval by the Judicial Board; such a person might have served/serving on any judicial body on campus.
- 3) The Judicial Board chairperson shall have supervisory jurisdiction over all other judicial Committees/Boards/Councils on campus over any adjudicating authority and may

in the exercise of that supervisory jurisdiction issue orders and directions for the purpose of enforcing or securing the enforcement of its supervisory power.

- 4) The Board shall propose for consideration by the executive committee, judicial reforms to improve the level of administration of justice and efficiency in the judiciary.
- 5) The Chairperson shall empanel not less than five (5) members to sit on adjudications and in case of impeachment proceeding; not less than seven (7).
- 6) The Council shall have jurisdiction in every matter relating to the enforcement or interpretation of any provision of this Constitution. In addition, matters on which this Constitution is silent shall be referred to the Judicial Board and its ruling shall be precedent until a provision is enacted to that effect.
- 7) The Council shall have the mandate to resolve conflicts between students and/or group of students.
- 8) The Judicial Board shall have jurisdiction in all election matters.
- 9) There shall be a body of students who will be trained and certified by the Board as Student Counsels, such students will be permitted to represent other students in a matter before the Board.
- 10) A person appearing before the Judicial Board shall have the right to a counsel.

### **ARTICLE 35**

# **POWERS**

- 1) For smooth exercise of its functions, the Judicial Board shall have power to do such things as may be reasonably necessary including the issuing of writs or orders in the form of mandamus, certiorari, prohibition and injunctions.
- 2) The Judicial Board shall have power to review its decisions upon a petition signed by the petitioner(s) and stating the grounds for the review after it has been received within seven (7) days after the said decision.

3) The Judicial Board shall have power to co-opt members without voting rights on adhoc basis and to summon a student, group of students or any member of the SRC to appear before it to give evidence.

### **ARTICLE 36**

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Judicial Board shall accurately record its proceedings.

### **ARTICLE 37**

# **INDEPENDENCE**

- 1) In the exercise of its functions, the Judicial Board shall be subject only to this Constitution and shall not be subject to the control or direction of any person, group of person or authority.
- 2) Neither the Executive Committee nor the General Assembly nor any other person whatsoever shall interfere with the Board in the exercise of its functions.
- 3) All students, JCR's Committees of the General Assembly, Faculty Associations, and any other Association, Clubs and Unions of the University shall accord the Board such assistance as the Board may reasonably require protecting the independence, dignity and effectiveness of the Board.
- 4) A member of the Board shall not be liable to any action or sue for any act or omission by him in the exercise of judicial power.

# JURISDICTION

- 1) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution, the Board shall have jurisdiction relating to:
- a. Impeachment proceedings against any Executive Officer or Leader of the General Assembly;
- b. An appeal against the Judicial Committee/Board of a JCR, provided that the Chairperson of the Committee/Board of the said JCR shall not be empaneled to hear such an appeal; and
- c. Dispute between or amongst any JCRs, group of students or Faculty Association in the University.
- 2) In the exercise of its function, the Board shall have power to give advisory opinions to the Executive Committee or Committees of the General Assembly on any issue on request.
- 3) Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, the decisions of the Board on matters of interpretations of this Constitution shall be final and conclusive.
- 4) The Board shall have power to prescribe any appropriate punishment having regard to the provision of the Constitution provided that the punishment so prescribed shall be capable of being enforced by the SRC.
- 5) Notwithstanding any provision in this Constitution to the contrary, the Board through the SRC shall recommend any decision to the appropriate University authority for implementation.
- 6) In proven cases of misconduct on the part of a member of/or the Judicial Board, the General Assembly shall institute disciplinary actions or proceedings against that member or the Board.

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# **PROCEEDINGS**

- 1) Except as may be otherwise ordered by the Chairperson of the Judicial Board in the interest of public morality, public safety or public order, the proceedings of the Judicial Board shall be held in public.
- 2) The decision of a properly constituted sitting of the Board in all matters shall be by a simple majority.
- 3) The Chairperson of the Board shall preside at its sittings, and in his absence, the Vice Chairperson.
- 4) The Board shall be bound to give a written reason for its decisions.
- 5) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Judicial Board may appeal to the Appeal Board for consideration within fourteen (14) days after the decision but where there is a petition for review, within seven (7) days after the review decision has been published.
- 6) The Chairperson and the other members of the Judicial Board shall before assuming office, take and subscribe to the Judicial Oath, as provided for in schedule 2(g) of this Constitution at the first sitting of the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 40**

# TERMINATION OF OFFICE

- 1) A member of the Judicial Board shall cease to hold office:
- a. If he resigns by a letter signed by him and addressed to the Speaker of the General Assembly through the Clerk; provided that he has given fourteen (14) days' notice of his intention.
- b. If he is unable to perform his duties as a result of infirmity of the body or mind; and
- c. For stated misbehaviour or incompetence.
- 2) In cases under clause 1(b) and (c) of this article, the member against whom a petition is made is entitled to be heard in his defense by him or an expert of his choice before the

Appeal Board.

### **ARTICLE 41**

# THE APPEAL'S BOARD

- 1) Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, there shall be an Appeal's Board consisting of:
- a. The Dean/Vice Dean of students' Affairs;
- b. Hall Tutors;
- c. The Court Registrar who shall be the secretary to the Board. The registrar shall not sit on adjudications/hearings;
- d. The Judicial Board chairperson;
- e. The Disciplinary committee chairperson; and
- f. One appointee by the president to the board, and such a person shall not be either an executive officer/member.
- 2) Where a member of the Board is a party to an appeal, he shall be disqualified from sitting in respect of that case.
- 3) Notwithstanding clause (1) of this article, the Board shall have power to co-opt members without voting rights on ad-hoc basis and to summon a student, group of students or any Executive Officer, or Leader of the General Assembly to appear before it.
- 4) The Board shall be duly constituted for its work by at least five (5) members including the Dean/Vice Dean of Students.
- 5) The decision of the Board shall be by a simple majority and in the exercise of its functions; the Board shall be bound to give written reason for its decision.
- 6) Any person appearing before the Appeal Board shall have a right to counsel.

# CHAPTER ELEVEN COMMITTEES

# **ARTICLE 42**

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1) There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of:
- a. The SRC Treasurer who shall be the Secretary to the Committee;
- b. One representative from each year group; and
- c. Two persons nominated by the General Assembly at its first sitting.
- 2) The first meeting of the Committee shall be chaired by the Electoral Commissioner who shall supervise the election of the Chairperson from among the members.
- 3) The Chairperson shall be a signatory to the SRC account (s).
- 4) The quorum for the Committee meeting shall be five (5) members.
- 5) The Committee shall:
  - a. Pre-audit all financial transactions of the Executive Officers, Commissions, Boards and Committees of the SRC;
  - b. Present before the General Assembly estimates of revenue and expenditure of the SRC for the academic year on trimester basis at the beginning of each trimester for approval through the Chairperson;
  - c. Notwithstanding clause 5 (b) of this article, such estimates of expenses shall exclude the General Assembly.
  - d. Within three (3) weeks after the beginning of each trimester and within two weeks before the end of each trimester, inform the general student body by publishing on all notice boards details of all financial transactions of the SRC or Commissions, Boards and Committees of the General Assembly in the preceding trimester;
  - e. Encourage and promote efficient utilization of the resources of the SRC through

effective and efficient financial measures;

- f. Be responsible for monitoring the receipts into and payment out of the Student Fund and shall report to General Assembly at least once every trimester;
- g. Not later than six (6) weeks before the end of each trimester, and three weeks after beginning of each trimester, submit to the Audit Council for audit, a statement of receipts and payments into and from the Student Fund; and
- h. Do all other things not prescribed by this Constitution as may be prescribed by a resolution of the General Assembly.

### ARTICLE 43

# ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be an Academic Committee which shall consist of:

- a. A representative from each year group;
- b. The SRC Vice President (who shall not be the chairperson);
- c. The Public Relation Officers (PROs) of all JCRs.
- d. The Chairperson of the Committee of Course Representatives.
- e. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson from its membership.

# 2. FUNCTIONS

- a. The Committee shall generally advise the SRC in academic matters pertaining to teaching, research and content of courses, conduct of examinations, the availability of books and equipment et cetera.
- b. Ensure the maintenance and safety of SRC sponsored academic facilities.
- c. Research, collate and analyze issues of national interest for purposes aimed at contributing to debates and discussions on issues of national importance.

d. Perform any other duties assigned by the President, Executive Committee or the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 44**

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be an Entertainment Committee consisting of:

- a. A representative from each year group; and
- b. Three appointees of the Executive Committee including the Chairperson.

### 2. FUNCTIONS

The Committee shall:

- c. Oversee the organization of all SRC sponsored entertainment activities;
- d. At the beginning of the first and second trimester, draw up a programme of activities and present it to the General Assembly for approval, which shall be published on all notice boards;
- e. Co-ordinate entertainment activities of various Halls, Classes, Societies et cetera;
- f. Do other things as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the General Assembly.
- g. Organize the SRC week celebrations in the second trimester of an academic year before examinations
- h. The Entertainment committee shall endorse and approve all entertainment related programs on campus before its undertaking.

# DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

# 1 MEMBERSHIP

There shall be a Disciplinary Committee whose members shall consist of:

- a. The Women's Commissioner; and
- b. Four other appointees of the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

## 2 FUNCTIONS

- a. The Committee shall have the power to deal with all acts of indiscipline on the part of members of the General Assembly or Students referred to it by the General Assembly, a member of the Executive Committee or any JCR.
- b. The Committee shall in the exercise of its functions have power to prescribe any appropriate punishment capable of being enforced by the SRC.
- c. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Constitution to the contrary, the General Assembly shall, acting on the advice of the Disciplinary Committee, have power to recommend appropriate punishment to the Dean of Students, the Registrar or the Vice Chancellor for implementation except where the recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee is on appeal to the Judicial Board.

# **ARTICLE 46**

# AMALGAMATED CLUBS COMMITTEE

# 1 MEMBERSHIP

There shall be Amalgamated Clubs Committee which shall consist of:

a. A Chairperson appointed by the Executive Committee; and

b. Presidents of all approved and recognized religious and social bodies on campus.

For the purposes of clause 1(b) of this article, a religious or social body shall be deemed approved and recognized by the SRC when it is duly registered inaccordance with University regulations.

## 2. FUNCTIONS

- a. The Committee shall co-ordinate the activities of all approved and recognized religious and social bodies.
- b. The Chairman shall cause the various bodies referred to in clause 1 (b) of this article, to present trimester programmes of activities for approval by the Executive Committee of the SRC.

### **ARTICLE 47**

# SPORTS COMMITTEE

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be a Sports Committee which shall consist of:

- a. Elected representative from each year group;
- b. A representative from each sports committee of the various JCRs;
- c. Two (2) sportsmen and a Chairperson or Coordinator appointed by the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

## 2. FUNCTIONS

The Committee shall perform the following functions:

- d. Co-ordinate and organize SRC sponsored sporting activities in the various Campuses;
- e. Advise SRC on the procurement of sports equipment;
- f. Assist the Sports Coach in the performance of his duties; and

g. Perform any other duties as may be assigned to it by the Executive Committee or the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 48**

# WELFARE COMMITTEE

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be a Welfare Committee appointed by the Executive Committee consisting of five (5) members including the Chairperson with at least one (1) from each year group or JCR.

# 2. FUNCTIONS

The Committee shall be responsible for:

- a. The Welfare of all Students;
- b. Overall Health and Sanitation matters on campus;
- c. Any other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the General Assembly.

## **ARTICLE 49**

# TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

## 1 MEMBERSHIP

There shall be a Transport Committee of the SRC consisting of:

(a) A representative of each year group;

(b) Three appointees of the executive committee including the chairperson.

## 2. FUNCTIONS

- a. Shall receive all application for the use of all transport facilities of the SRC.
- b. Shall be responsible for the arrangement of student transport services outside campus.
- c. Shall coordinate all transport arrangements of groups traveling under SRC sponsorship.
- d. Shall be responsible for the operation of commercial vehicle activities on campus.

The committee shall prepare by- laws governing the use of transport facilities of the SRC.

### **ARTICLE 50**

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- 1) There shall be an Audit Committee which shall be made up of:
  - a. A representative of each year group;
  - b. Two (2) representatives appointed by the General Assembly;
  - c. A representative from the Executive Committee.
- 2) A person shall not be qualified to be a member of the Audit Committee if he is an executive officer or a Leader of the General Assembly.
- 3) The Electoral Commissioner shall chair the first sitting of the Audit Committee and supervise the election of its Chairperson.
- 4) The accounts and/or transactions of the SRC and all Committees, Councils and General Assembly shall be audited by the Audit Committee and reported to the General Assembly.

- 5) Within three (3) weeks of each trimester, the Committee shall audit and submit to the General Assembly, a statement of financial transactions of the SRC in the preceding trimester.
- 6) For the purpose of clause (5) of this article, the Chairperson of the Committee or any person authorized or appointed for such purpose shall have access to all books, records, returns and other documents relating or relevant to those accounts of the SRC.
- 7) The accounts of the SRC and all its Committees, Boards and Commissions shall be kept in such forms as the Audit Committee shall approve.
- 8) It shall be lawful for the Committee to subpoena any person to appear before it for the purposes of doing its work efficiently and effectively.
- 9) Any person appearing before the Audit Committee who willfully withholds information from the Audit Committee, or makes any statement to the Committee and which is misleading, false or deceptive, shall be liable to any sanctions approved by the Judicial Board upon the recommendation of the Committee.
- 10) The findings of the Audit Committee shall include its opinion recommendation on the transactions undertaken by the SRC, Commissions, Boards or Committees as the case may be.
- 11) The General Assembly shall debate and approve of or otherwise of the report of the Committee and appoint where necessary, in the interest of students, a committee to deal with any matter arising from the report.
- 12) A committee set up by the General Assembly under clause (11) of this article, shall present a report to the General Assembly within seven (7) days after the said committee has been appointed.
- 13) The Audit Committee shall publish the report of its findings on all notice boards in the halls of residence within seventy-two (72) hours after it has been approved by the General Assembly.

# **INDEPENDENCE**

In the performance of its functions under this Constitution or any resolution of the General Assembly, the Audit Committee shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority.

### **ARTICLE 52**

# **POWERS**

- 1) The Audit Committee shall have the prerogative to disallow any item of expenditure which is contrary to the provisions of this Constitution or a resolution of the General Assembly and surcharge:
  - a. The amount of the expenditure disallowed upon the person responsible for incurring or authorizing the expenditure;
  - b. Any sum which has not been duly brought into account upon the person by whom the sum ought to have been brought into account; or
  - c. The amount of any loss or deficiency, upon any person by whose negligence or misconduct the loss or deficiency has been incurred.
- 2) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Audit Committee may appeal to the Judicial Board.
- 3) The General Assembly may by a resolution request the Registrar of the University to withhold the results and awards of any such students who refuse to comply with the provisions of this article.
- 4) The accounts of the Audit Committee shall be audited and reported upon by an auditor appointed by the General Assembly.

# **MISCONDUCT**

- 1) A person appointed/elected to any Committee, Commission or Board of the SRC who:
  - a. Misappropriates funds; or
  - b. Conducts himself in such a manner as to cause depreciation whether in respect of loss or otherwise in any cash or property entrusted to his care; shall be liable to make good the loss or be liable to any punishment to be prescribed by the General Assembly.
- 2) Where such a default is found by the Judicial Board to be due to the wilful neglect or refusal to comply with any part of this Constitution, the Judicial Board shall recommend sanctions against such a person.
- 3) Where the default is found to have been caused either wholly or partly by any Executive Officer, such a member shall suffer any penalty as may be determined by the General Assembly.

# CHAPTER TWELVE MEETINGS

## ARTICLE 54

# 1 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- a. The General Assembly shall meet at least two times in a trimester.
- b. The Clerk of the General Assembly shall, in writing notify members of such meetings, specifying the venue and agenda not less than two (2) clear days before the meeting.
- c. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, the First sitting of the General Assembly shall be within fourteen (14) days after the assumption of office of the Speaker.

# 2 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- a. The Executive Council shall meet at least three (3) times in a Trimester.
- b. The SRC Secretary shall, in writing notify members of such meetings, specifying the venue and agenda not less than two (2) days before the meeting.
- c. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, the First sitting of the Executive Committee shall be within nine (9) days after the assumption of office of the New Executive Officers.

# 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- d. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) times in a trimester.
- e. The SRC Secretary shall, in writing notify members of such meetings, specifying the

venue and agenda not less than two (2) days before the meeting.

f. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, the first sitting of the Executive Committee shall be within five (5) days after the assumption of office of the New Executive Officers.

### **ARTICLE 55**

## **EMERGENCY**

- 1) An emergency meeting of the General Assembly shall be convened by the Speaker in consultation with the Executive Committee or on the written request of at least twelve (12) members of the General Assembly.
- 2) Members of the General Assembly who request the convening of an emergency meeting shall subscribe their signatures to the written request stating the business to be considered.
- 3) The Clerk shall in consultation with the Speaker and Executive Committee convene the meeting within three (3) days of receipt of such request.
- 4) An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened within forty-eight (48) hours by the Executive Committee, or on the written request of six members of the Executive Committee who shall subscribe their names and signatures to the request stating the business to be considered.
- 5) An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened within twenty-four (24) hours by the President, or on the written request of three members of the Executive Committee who shall subscribe their names and signatures to the request stating the business to be considered.
- 6) Save the business for which an emergency meeting is convened, no other business shall be considered.

# ATTENDANCE OF OBSERVERS

- 1) Any student or group of students wishing to attend and participate in the deliberation of the General Assembly shall put into writing addressed to the Clerk of the General Assembly, a request to that effect at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
- 2) The Clerk in consultation with the Speaker shall approve of the request or otherwise.
- 3) Such an accredited person shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the General Assembly and shall be accorded all the privileges of a sitting member of the General Assembly except that he is not entitled to vote.
- 4) Accredited observers wishing to table a motion for consideration shall require the support of at least seven (7) sitting members.
- 5) Notwithstanding the generality of clause (1) of this article, not more than seven(7) people can be accredited an observer status at a sitting.

#### **ARTICLE 57**

# FORUMS AND PRESS CONFERENCES

- 1) The SRC Executive Committee/Council shall, at any time the need arises, convene a formal general meeting of the student body at designated places or campuses for the sole purpose of discussing or announcing matters that affect the general welfare of the student body provided the business to be discussed shall be made known at least forty-eight (48) hours to the meeting.
- 2) One-third (1/3) of the student body shall form a quorum.
- 3) The President, acting on the advice of the P.R.O and in consultation with the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, shall have the prerogative to hold press conferences as and when the need arises.
- 4) The theme for the press conference shall be discussed at the General Assembly before the date fixed for the press conference.

# SPECIAL FORUM

- 1) A special forum of the student body shall be called by the Executive Committee on the request of not less than 20% of students on a campus who shall append their names and signatures to the written request stating the business to be considered.
- 2) No other business shall be transacted at such a special forum, which shall be convened within seventy-two (72) hours upon receipt of the request.
- 3) Matters of impeachment shall not form the basis for such a forum, such matters being the proper domain of the Judicial Board.

#### **ARTICLE 59**

# **ABSENCE**

Any member of the General Assembly, Executive Committee, Executive Council or a member of any Commission, Committee or Board of the SRC who absents himself willfully from meetings for three times without any acceptable reasons shall be suspended from the body on which he is entitled to sit and shall form the grounds for removal from office.

# CHAPTER THIRTEEN MISCELLANEOUS

#### **ARTICLE 60**

# **FINANCES**

- 1) Expenses of the SRC/NUGS and Committees, Councils and Commissions shall be charged on the Student Fund.
- 2) The Student Fund shall be accumulated from:
- a. Dues;
- b. Donations;
- c. Gifts;
- d. Loans;
- e. Grants etc.
- 3) SRC/NUGS dues or any levy to be paid by the student body shall be debated and approved by the General Assembly.
- 4) Elected executives shall present through the Finance committee to General Assembly estimates of dues or any levy to be paid by the student body for approval before dissolution.
- 5) Notwithstanding clause 4 of this article, the executive committee elect shall take part of deliberations as ex officio members.
- 6) Revenue referred to in clause (2) of this article, shall not include revenue or money:
- a. That is payable by or under a resolution of the General Assembly into some other fund established for a specific purpose; or
- b. That may under a resolution of the General Assembly be retained by a Committee, Council or Commission of the SRC for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that Committee, Council or Commission.

- 7) Committees, Councils, Local NUGS and Commissions of the SRC shall within seven (7) days of raising or receiving any revenue or money on behalf of the SRC; unless the General Assembly by a resolution states otherwise, pay through the Treasurer such revenue or money into the Student Fund.
- 8) Notwithstanding clause (5) of this article, a Committee, Council, Local NUGS and Commissions of the SRC may, with the prior approval of the General Assembly retain a percentage of such revenue or money raised or received as the case may be.
- 9) Records covering payments into the Student Fund shall be documented by the Treasurer and copied to the Finance Committee.

# WITHDRAWAL FROM THE STUDENT FUND

- 1) o withdrawal shall be made from the Student Fund except to meet expenditure that is charged on the Fund by this Constitution or by a Resolution of the General Assembly.
- 2) The SRC shall operate an account with any recognized Bank as may by a resolution of the General Assembly be determined.
- 3) Any withdrawal from the Student Fund by any document (*including Bank Cheques*) whatsoever shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Dean of Students or a person designated by him for that purpose, the President who shall be the principal signatory to all SRC accounts, and the SRC Treasurer or Chairman of the finance committee who shall be alternate signatories to all SRC accounts.

# **BUDGETS**

- 1) The Executive Committee, the General Assembly and the Judicial Board shall prepare separate estimates of expenses.
- 2) Such expenses shall include allowance/per diems payable to these organs of the SRC.
- 3) The Judicial Board Chairperson shall cause through the SRC President to the finance committee at the beginning of the first and second trimester the estimates of expenditure of the Judiciary which shall subsequently be laid by the chairperson of the finance committee before the General Assembly accompanied with recommendations from the finance committee for approval.
- 4) The speaker of the General Assembly shall present to the executive committee at the beginning of first and second trimester through the finance committee estimates of expenditure of the legislature for approval.
- 5) The President shall cause the finance committee to prepare and present to the General Assembly at the beginning of the first and second trimester estimates of revenues and expenditure of Committees, Executive Committee, and Boards of the SRC.
- 6) The proposed estimates of expenditure of any Committee, Executive Committee or Commission shall be classified under programmes or activities of the SRC and shall be presented at the General Assembly to authorize the issue from the Student Fund or such other appropriate source, the sums or money necessary to meet that expenditure and the appropriation of those sums for the purposes specified.
- 7) The General Assembly shall prescribe the procedure for the presentation of such estimates.
- 8) Where in respect of a trimester, it is found that the amount of money appropriated for any purpose is insufficient or that the need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose for which a sum of money has been appropriated, a supplementary estimates showing the sum of money required, shall be presented to the General Assembly.

- 9) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (4) of this article, the President may cause to be prepared by the Finance Committee of the SRC and presented to the General Assembly, estimates of revenue and expenditure of the SRC for periods over one trimester for development and long-term purposes.
- 10) Where it appears to the President that the estimates in respect of any trimester will not immediately come into operation at the beginning of a trimester, he may with the approval from General Assembly authorize the withdrawal of any amount from the Student Fund for the purpose of meeting expenditure necessary to carry on the activities of the SRC.

# **LOANS**

- 1) No loan shall be raised for, or on behalf of the SRC or any Committee, Board or Commission unless by or under the authority of a resolution of the General Assembly.
- 2) A resolution of the General Assembly passed in accordance with clause (1) of this article shall provide the terms and conditions of the loan.

#### ARTICLE 64

# **MAJOR DECISIONS**

- 1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, all major decisions such as the boycott of lectures or vacation of campuses or any decision that may disrupt the normal academic activities of the University shall be determined by a simple majority of the students voting by a secret ballot.
- 2) Each year group shall constitute a constituency.
- 3) In the event of a tie, sixty (60) percent of the aggregate valid votes cast shall be

conclusive.

#### **ARTICLE 65**

# FOREIGN STUDENTS

- 1) A student who is not a Ghanaian shall be a foreign student.
- 2) There shall be a foreign students association which shall be charged with the responsibility of:
- a. Assisting in finding solution to problems faced by foreign students in the University;
- b. Seeking the welfare of foreign students and ensuring that their interest is protected;
- c. Aiding foreign students in realizing themselves as an important source and to contribute to the advancement of the SRC and the University as a whole;
- d. Inculcating in foreign students a sense of inclusion, solidarity and active participation in campus and SRC activities; and
- e. Performing any other function not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 3) The Executive members of the Foreign Students Association shall be elected in accordance with their local Constitution; provided that such election shall be conducted and supervised by the Electoral Commission created by this Constitution.
- 4) The Secretary of the Foreign Students Association shall compile and keep records of all students provided for in clause (1) of this article.

**ARTICLE 66** 

# **HONORARIUM**

- 1) Members of the Executive Committee, The WOCOM, NUGS Executives, The Speaker of the General Assembly, and The Chairperson of the Judicial Board shall be residential students.
- 2) Where there are designated halls of residence in the school for the SRC leadership, they shall be provided accommodation in these halls of residence.
- 3) In the absence of these halls of residence, they shall be entitled to decent accommodation facilities or accommodation allowance proposed by the executive council, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.
- 4) The allowances/per diems payable and accommodation facilities shall be expenditure charged on the students' funds.
- 5) Certificates of honour and/or Awards shall be presented to members of the Executive Council, the Executive Committee, the General Assembly and the Judicial Board after the successful completion of their tenure of office.
- 6) All Committees, Boards or Commissions members and individuals who have distinguished themselves towards the cause of students may be considered for awards upon the approval of the General Assembly.
- 7) Vacation residence fees including the cost of meals and allowances at student rates of any member of the SRC executing an assignment for the SRC shall be borne out of the Students Fund upon the approval of the General Assembly.
- 8) Within four (4) weeks of the coming into force of this Constitution, there shall be a Council of Honour erected in the SRC office on which shall be embossed the names of successive Presidents who successfully completed their tenure of office.
- 9) The Council of Honour shall be updated every year.
- 10) A person who has successfully completed his tenure of office as a member of the Executive Committee shall be an "Elder Statesman".
- 11) A Certificate of Honour of an "Elder Statesman" may be awarded to any five (5) other persons in a particular year; provided he has contributed significantly to the welfare of students.

- 12) Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, no special privilege shall go with the status of an "Elder Statesman" except that recognition, audience and honour shall be accorded such a person at any function of the SRC that he is present.
- 13) A Book of Honour of "Elder Statesmen" shall be kept in the office of the SRC in which the names and other particulars together with citations of "Elder Statesmen" shall be recorded and preserved.

# **INDEMNITY**

- 1) An Executive Officer or Leader of the General Assembly shall not be personally liable for his acts in the performance of his lawful duties.
- 2) Members of the General Assembly, Executive Committee, Commissions, Boards or Committees of the SRC shall be indemnified from the funds of the SRC against any legal action or other liabilities as may be incurred on behalf of the SRC provided that such liability shall have been incurred in the course of lawful execution of duties assigned to them under this constitution or by a resolution of the General Assembly.
- 3) Notwithstanding clause (2) of this article, the Judicial Board shall determine whether such legal actions or liabilities were lawfully incurred in accordance with this constitution and determine whether such an action qualifies to be indemnified on the SRC accounts.

#### **ARTICLE 68**

# **INVITATION TO PROGRAMMES**

- 1) The Executive Committee in consultation with the Speaker of the General Assembly shall have the power to nominate delegates, representatives or participants to any conferences, congresses, seminar etc. to which the SRC have been invited.
- 2) The delegates, representatives or participants shall present a written report to the

General Assembly through the Speaker after such conference, seminar, etc. before the next sitting of the General Assembly.

- 3) The report may be published by the Public Relations Officer on all notice boards as may be directed by the General Assembly.
- 4) All invitations to SRC programmes shall be subject to the approval of the General Assembly and/or the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 69**

# CENTRAL SEAT

- 1) There shall be a Central SRC Seat, which shall co-ordinate the activities of all the SRCs of the various campuses.
- 2) The Central President shall be the official spokesperson of the SRC and represent the SRC at University Council meetings.
- 3) The Central Seat shall rotate among the campuses of the University annually in the following order: WA NYANKPALA NAVRONGO TAMALE etc.
- 4) A campus shall be deemed qualified to host the Central Seat provided such a campus has existed for at least one (1) academic year.
- 5) There shall be an SRC Central Committee which shall consist of:
- (a) The SRC president, Secretary, treasurer and PRO of the various campuses;
- (b) The NUGS Presidents of the various campuses;
- (c) The Women's Commissioners of the various campuses;
- (d) The Speaker of the General Assembly of the campus playing host to the Central Seat;
- (e) The Chairperson of the Judicial Board of the campus playing host to the Central Seat.
- 6) The Central Committee shall meet at least once in each trimester at the campus playing host to the Central Seat.

7) The Central President shall chair the meetings of the Central Committee.

#### ARTICLE 70

# **TRANSITION**

- a. Without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution, the term of office of members of the Judicial Board shall expire five (5) days after the first sitting of the General Assembly.
- b. Any transaction, project or programme that is deemed viable and may exceed the tenure of the Executive Committee shall be terminated except with the prior approval of at least eighty (80) percent of all members of the General Assembly present.
- c. The General Assembly shall have the power to modify the terms of or rescind any transaction or contracts, which is in the opinion of at least eighty (80) percent of members present is not in the best interest of the students.
- d. A person who immediately before the coming into force of this Constitution held or was acting in an office in the existence, shall be deemed to have been appointed/elected as far as is consistent with the provisions of this Constitution; and shall hold or act in the equivalent office under this Constitution.
- e. A person who before the coming into force of this Constitution would have been required under the law in force to vacate his office at the expiration of a period of service shall, notwithstanding the provision of clause (4) of this article, vacate his office at the expiration of the period.
- f. Notwithstanding any provision of this Constitution to the contrary, all matters pending before or being executed by a Committee, Council or Commission of the SRC in existence before the coming into force of this Constitution may be proceeded wit and completed by that Commission, Board or Committee, unless it is otherwise dissolved by law; and it shall not be necessary to commence the matter afresh.
- g. This Constitution shall come into effect seven (7) days after its adoption.

# TRANSITION OF OFFICE

- a) There shall be a transition team consisting of;
- i The Speaker of the General Assembly;
- ii The Judicial Board chairperson;
- iii The Finance committee chairperson;
- iv The Academic committee chairperson;
- v The SRC President;
- vi The SRC Treasurer;
- vii The SRC Secretary;
- viii The Women's commissioner;
- ix The NUGS President; and
- x All Executives-elect.

# **FUNCTIONS**

- i The team shall be chaired by the Speaker of the General Assembly.
- ii The team shall cross-examine all documents of the SRC during their first sitting.
- iii The quorum for meetings of the team shall be not less than seven (7)members.
- iv The team shall make full, faithful and impartial enquiry into any matter specified in the constitution.
- v Report in writing to the General Assembly the results of the enquiry.
- vi Furnish in the report the reasons pertaining to their conclusion.

# **AUTONOMY**

- a. In the event of autonomy, the SRC of the new universities shall have the right to revise this constitution in conformity with the university's statutes for adoption.
- b. Notwithstanding clause (a) of this article, in the event where this constitution is consistence with the statutes of such a university, this constitution shall remain their supreme law unless decided otherwise.

# CHAPTER FOURTEEN AMENDMENT

#### ARTICLE 72

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1) No amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed unless notice of such amendment has been given, in written to the Judicial Board signed by at least one hundred and twenty (120) supporters from among the student body provided that at least twenty (20) signatories to the proposal shall be from each year group.
- 2) There shall be a preliminary hearing on the proposal for amendment by the Judicial Board and where it is satisfied that conditions require an amendment of any provision of this Constitution, it shall make recommendations for the amendment to the Executive Committee through the Speaker of the General Assembly.
- 3) The Executive Committee shall submit the recommendation of the Judicial Board to the General Assembly for consideration.
- 4) Where necessary the General Assembly shall appoint a committee to present a draft proposal to that effect.
- 5) The committee referred to in clause (4) of this article, shall publish the proposal for amendment with the draft provisions on all notice boards for at least fourteen (14) days, there shall be a student forum to debate the proposals.
- 6) After the publication of the draft provisions for fourteen (14) days, the draft provision shall then be referred to the General Assembly for approval.
- 7) No amendments shall be deemed to have been made unless after the vote of the General Assembly of the proposing campus, it shall receive the support of at least the General Assemblies of two other campuses within twenty-one (21) days.
- 8) The Clerk of the General Assembly shall convey to the students the decisions of the General Assembly within forty-eight (48) hours.
- 9) Where the proposed amendment is approved under clause (7) of this article, the amended provision shall come into effect within seven (7) clear days after the last General Assembly has voted in favour of the amendment.

10) Amendments to any provision of this Constitution shall be listed and annexed to the Constitution in the nature of amendment and shall be numbered in the order of creation and dated.

#### ARTICLE 73

# **PROMULGATION**

- 1) This constitution shall be promulgated within 21 days after it has been approved as explained under clause (7).
- 2) This constitution shall not be reviewed unless after a decade as deemed necessary and relevant.

# FIRST SCHEDULE (SCHEDULE I)

# STANDING ORDERS

# **BEGINNING A MEETING**

- a. A meeting starts with the chairman calling the House to order for proceeding. Members shall be reminded of the standing orders governing the conduct of meeting.
- b. The agenda for the meeting is presented.
- c. The agenda shall be accepted or rejected by the House after amendments where necessary.
- d. A motion must be moved and seconded to accept or reject the agenda.

# **MOTION**

A motion shall be in a written form as below.
Title: Motion
"I move that the house"
Mover
Signature:
Seconder:
Signature:
Date: Time:

#### **TYPES OF MOTION**

# 1) ORDINARY MOTION (SUBTANCE MOTION)

- a. A motion can be moved on an issue under discussion.
- b. A motion shall be seconded by at least one person.
- c. If the mover does not get a seconder, he shall be allowed two (2) minutes to convince members of the House to get a seconder.
- d. A motion that is not seconded shall be rejected.
- e. If a motion is moved, the Speaker shall leave any other discussion and attend to the motion.
- f. The motion shall be debated on the order of:
- i. Mover
- ii. Seconder
- iii. For the motion
- iv. Against the motion
- v. A right of reply by mover.
- g. After debate on a motion, it shall be put to vote.

#### 2) COUNTER MOTION

- a. A counter motion is one that rejects the substance or relevance of a substance motion.
- b. A counter motion shall need the same requirement as in an ordinary motion.
- c. A counter motion shall be allowed only if there is no vote on the substance motion.
- d. The Speaker shall suspend debate on the substance motion and attend to the counter motion.

- e. If the counter motion is carried, then automatically, the substance motion is defeated.
- f. However, if a counter motion is defeated, the substantive motion shall be voted on. Two (2) people will be required to comment on the substance motion before the vote. (i.e. one for or one against).

#### 3) PROCEDURAL MOTION

- a. This motion questions the procedure by which a substantive motion is moved. It may seek to clarify a substance motion by inserting or removing a word or statements.
- b. A procedural motion does not cancel a substantive motion unlike a counter motion. Instead it defers the substantive motion.
- c. A procedural motion shall follow the basic requirement of an ordinary motion.
- d. If a procedural motion is carried the substantive motion shall be deferred until the requirements of the procedural motion is fulfilled or satisfied.
- e. If defeated, the substantive motion continues in order of the debate and voted on.
- f. If the procedural motion is carried and substantive motion is deferred, the requirements of the procedural motion satisfied, another procedural motion is required to bring the substantive motion back to the floor of the house.
- g. A procedural motion shall be moved as follows:
- i. "I move that the motion be now put ....." (i.e. to defer a substantive motion)
- ii. "I move that the motion be now put ....." (i.e. to bring the substantive motion back to the floor).

#### NOTE:

- i. When a motion is carried it becomes a resolution and can be turned into a law or policy.
- ii. When a motion is carried or defeated, submission may be allowed but not a debate. These are suggestion of ways to facilitate the execution of a resolution, expression of frustration for the defeat of the motion etc.
- iii. When a motion is carried or defeated, the mover shall have the right of reply if he wills. That opportunity is not transferable.

#### ORDER OF A MEETING

These regulations in the form of interventions and/or interruption shall be adopted for the smooth conduct of meetings. They are strong according to the order written and arranged.

#### POINT OF ORDER

This comes when a person contributing to a debate or any discussion on the floor is out of order. A speaker is out order if:

- a. He talks on a topic not related to the topic under discussion.
- b. He is drawing the House back to what has been agreed on which is likely to delay proceedings.
- c. He is not doing what the chairperson asks him to do.
- d. He uses unparliamentary language.

# **CONVENTIONS**

- a. The Speaker shall hear point of order at all times.
- b. A person alleged to be out of order shall take his seat until ruling is done on the order.

c. The Speaker shall accept a point of order (point of order upheld) or reject it (point of order over-ruled). He shall give reasons although not obliged.

d. If a point of order is over-ruled, the person alleged to be out of order shall continue his speech.

e. If a point of order is upheld, the person out of order shall not be allowed to continue his speech.

f. No point of order can be raised against the Speaker.

g. No point of order can be raised against another point of order.

Note: Speaker's attention is drawn to a point of order with "a closed fist in a raised palm".

#### POINT OF CORRECTION

This is to make a correction to a mistake made in the process of a debate or discussion.

Note: Speaker's attention is drawn to a point of correction with "two (2) fingers in a raised palm".

#### POINT OF INFORMATION

This is to seek information or clarification, or supply information relevant to the debate or discussion on the floor.

Note: Speaker's attention is drawn with "a finger in a raised palm".

# POWERS OF THE SPEAKER

The Speaker for a meeting shall be vested with the following powers:

- e. Consideration of motions
- f. Control of the meeting
- g. Decide who speaks
- h. Walk out any member who shows gross disrespect to the Chair or any other member of the House and refuses to comply with directions to remedy the situation. Such a person however may be called back into the meeting provided he makes a written request to comply with the terms of the directives.

#### **NOTE:**

- i. The Speaker shall remain as impartial as possible and demonstrate fairness to all members of the House.
- ii. The Speaker shall not be entitled to vote in a meeting, he may however use the casting vote to break a tie.

# SECOND SCHEDULE (SCHEDULE 2) OATH

#### PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I further solemnly swear (affirm) that, I will conform to the principles of strict accountability financially and otherwise; and that should I at any time break this Oath of Office, I shall submit myself to the dictates of the SRC Constitution and suffer the penalty for it. (So help me God).

To be sworn before the Chairperson of the Judicial Board at a public ceremony at which the officials of the University and the student body shall be present.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OATH

I, having been elected to the office of
of the SRC/NUGS, do hereby in the name of the
Almighty God swear (solemnly affirm) that, I will at all times faithfully and truly serve the
SRC/NUGS in my capacity as, but I will support and
uphold the principles of meticulous accountability financially and otherwise, and that I wil
seek the welfare of the students of the University for Development Studies. I further swear
(affirm) that should I at any time break this Oath of Office, I shall submit myself to the
penalty prescribed by the SRC Constitution. (So, help me God).

To be sworn before the Chairperson of the Judicial Board at a public ceremony at which the officials of the University and the student body shall be present.

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OATH

I, ......on assuming office as a member of the Executive Committee of the SRC, do hereby in the name of God swear (solemnly affirm), that I will strive at all times to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the SRC, especially the principles of meticulous accountability and that, I hereby wholly dedicate myself to the service and welfare of the students of the University for Development Studies.

I further solemnly swear (affirm) that I shall not be wanting in the discharge of my responsibilities as a member of the Executive committee, nor place myself in such a position as to frustrate the efficient functioning of the Executive Committee and the SRC. (So, help me God).

To be sworn at the first general meeting of the Executive Committee and administered by the Chairperson of the Judicial Board

#### THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OATH

I further solemnly swear (affirm) that I shall not be wanting in the discharge of my responsibilities as a member of the Executive Committee, nor place myself in such a position as to frustrate the efficient functioning of the Executive Committee and the SRC. (So, help me God).

To be sworn at the first general meeting of the General Assembly and administered by the Chairperson of the Judicial Board.

#### THE SPEAKERS' OATH

I further solemnly swear (affirm) that I shall not be wanting in the discharge of my responsibilities as Speaker/ Deputy Speaker nor place myself in such a position as to frustrate the efficient functioning of the General Assembly and the SRC. (So, help me God).

To be sworn at the first general meeting of the General Assembly and administered by the Chairperson of the Judicial Board.

# **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OATH**

I having been elected/appointed to	the
office of the SRC do hereby in the name of Almighty God sv	vear that I
will at all times faithfully and truly serve the SRC in my capacity as	,
and I will support and uphold the principles of meticulous accountability finance	cially. I will
seek the welfare of students of the University for Development Studies; I further	er solemnly
affirm that should I at any time break this oath of office, I shall submit myself t	to the
penalty prescribed by the SRC constitution. (So, help me God).	

To be sworn before the SRC President.

# OATH FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I,	having been elected/appointed as a member of
the General Assembly	of the SRC, do hereby in the name of Almighty God swear
(solemnly affirm), tha	t I will bear true faith and allegiance to the SRC, and uphold,
preserve, protect and	defend the Constitution of the SRC; and expose with faithful zeal any
act or omission or any	other matter that would undermine the said SRC Constitution. (So,
help me God).	

To be sworn at the first general meeting of the General Assembly and administered by the Speaker of the General Assembly.

#### JUDICIAL OATH

To be sworn at the first meeting of the Judicial Board and administered by the President of the SRC or Judicial Board Chairperson.

#### **ADDENDUM**

At the handing over ceremony, the Judicial Board Chairperson presides and the people that are sworn in are:

- 1. Executive Officers (elected)
- 2. SRC President and Vice President

The following are sworn in at a General Assembly meeting that may be organized immediately after the Handing Over Ceremony. The Outgoing Speaker of the General Assembly Presides at this meeting.

- 1. Members of the General Assembly
- 2. Speaker of the General Assembly (after ratification by members of the General Assembly)
- 3. Executive Committee Members including PRO and Vice Secretary, NUGS Executives and WOCOM
- 4. Executive Council Members
- 5. Committee Chairs and other Appointees (after ratification by members of the General Assembly)

All members of the Judicial Board are to be sworn in at their first meeting, after which they are to elect from amongst themselves the chairperson.

# SRC CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMISSION

# CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION

I, **Gideon Prempeh Owusu**, Chairman of the Constitutional Review Commission certify that this Constitution has been read and approved by the Commission.

Dated this: 23rd day of November, 2019.

# MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMISSION

NAME	CAMPUS	STUDENT POSITION	ROLE
Gideon Prempeh Owusu	Tamale	Central Judicial Board Chair	Chairman
Kamal Salifu	Tamale	Deputy Judicial Board Chair	Secretary
Obeng-Afful Domnic	Tamale	Central G.A. Speaker	Member
Osei-Osarfo Emmanuel	Tamale	Central P.R.O.	Member
Mahama Ussiv	Tamale	NUGS President	Member
Kipo Mantu Norbert	Tamale	Non-G.A. Member	Member
Memuna Abdul Rauf	Tamale	WOCOM	Member
Abdul Aziz Mustapha	Tamale	SRC Secretary	Member
Senkyire Afriyie Pearl	Wa	Judicial Board Chair	Member
Agyare Emmanuel	Wa	Judicial Board Member	Member
Amaglo Issac	Wa	G.A. Speaker	Member
Koranteng Sampson	Wa	G.A. Member	Member
Mumuni Jerry	Wa	SRC Secretary	Member
Asiedu Kwaakye Rendy	Wa	SRC P.R.O.	Member
Opoku Abiana Rhoda	Wa	WOCOM	Member
Anabuga Micheal	Wa	Non-G.A. Member	Member
Amadu Wumpeka Hamdan	Nyankpala	Judicial Board Chair	Member
Sandrah Nsoh	Nyankpala	G.A. Clerk	Member
Zakaria Saida	Nyankpala	Judicial Board Secretary	Member
Zakaria Humu	Nyankpala	G.A. Speaker	Member
Tahiru Abubakar	Nyankpala	SRC P.R.O.	Member
Saana P. Ramid	Nyankpala	NUGS President	Member
Ajartey Emmanuel	Nyankpala	Non-G.A. Member	Member

Elvis Ofori	Nyankpala	SRC Secretary	Member
Suolo Kanenwero Lauricia	Nyankpala	WOCOM	Member
Chilion Aboagye	Navrongo	Judicial Board Chair	Member
Appiah Ishmael Sam	Navrongo	SRC P.R.O.	Member
Emmanuel Asare	Navrongo	Non-G.A. Member	Member
Amihere Juliana	Navrongo	WOCOM	Member
Akuba Rosina	Navrongo	SRC Secretary	Member
Nana Kwame Asante	Navrongo	Judicial Board Member	Member
Kalusha Yobart	Navrongo	G.A. Speaker	Member
Prince Agbeko	Navrongo	G.A. Member	Member
Adam Tanko Issahaq	Navrongo	NUGS President	Member

Signature;

Gideon Prempeh Owusu

**Review Commission Chairman** 

Kamal Salifu

**Review Commission Secretary** 

#### CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

We, the under listed student leaders of the various campuses of the University for Development Studies, certify that this document has been scrutinized and approved as the constitution of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) of the University for Development Studies.

Dated this; 30th Day of November, 2019

DAGUNGONG CLEMENT BINWANTIN -SRC PRESIDENT, UDS TAMALE CAMPUS

ZEINAB M. DENDERI – SRC PRESIDENT, UDS NYANKPALA CAMPUS

ABLEDU BRIGHT SAKYI – SRC PRESIDENT, UDS WA CAMPUS

OTIVI RAYMOND KORBLA – SRC PRESIDENT, UDS NAVRONGO CAMPUS

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REVIEWED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS ON THIS DAY  $20^{TH}$  JANUARY 2020.