

# African American Studies (AFS) Club Constitution

## Article I - Name and Purpose

- The African American Studies club is a student club intended to promote interest, positive dialogue, and community involvement within the African American studies department and the African American community on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

## Article II – Anti- Discrimination Statement

- The AFS club will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, military or veteran status, political affiliation, or sexual orientation.

## Article III – Membership Requirements

- Members of the AFS club must meet the following requirements
  - 1) This organization is limited to UNCG students, which include part time, full time, undergraduate, or graduate students.
  - 2) Members must attend at least two meetings or functions per semester.

## Article IV – Officers, Qualification, and Duties

- There shall be five constitutionally mandated officer positions for the AFS club: president, vice-president, program chair, treasurer, and secretary. Any member may hold an office if they have been a member of UNCG in good standing for one academic year. The member must also have a minimum GPA of 2.50. Duties required of each of the mandated AFS officers are as follows:

President: The President is responsible for calling and chairing meetings.

Vice President: The vice-president will fulfill the obligations of the president when the president is not available.

Program Chair: Organizes the events, locations, and reservations for planned club activities.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall be responsible for the proper and accurate keeping of the treasure at all times.

Secretary: The secretary shall be responsible for taking attendance at meetings and recording the minutes.

All non-specified duties may be handled by any AFS club member in good standing. Vacated positions will be filled through majority election. Terms shall last the duration of one academic year, including the following summer.

## Article V – Elections and Removal of Officers

- A) Officers are elected by a majority vote of the members in good standing with the AFS club.
- B) The election will be held at the last meeting of the Spring Semester.
- C) Newly elected officers will assume their positions upon returning the following semester.
- D) If any member has a legitimate complaint, they must speak to the president; should that grievance concern the president, the member shall approach the vice-president.
- E) The informed officer must alert the faculty advisor that a complaint has been made.
- F) An emergency meeting will be called, in which the plaintiff and defendant will speak on their own behalf, following this, the entire club will vote by ballot, which will be counted openly by the faculty advisor in the meeting. The officer will be removed with a 2/3 vote.

## Article VI- Meetings

- Meetings will be made according to the availability of the members. Members will be given notice by email a week prior to the meeting.

## Article VII- Dues

- The AFS club will be funded by the SGA, an annual membership fee of \$10, and fundraising.

## Article VIII- Amendments

- Any member may initiate an amendment to the operating procedures or constitution of the AFS club. Amendments will be discussed in an open forum. If a two-thirds vote is received on the petition it will then go to the president for validation. The proposed change will then be presented to the appropriate Student Government committee.

## Article IX- Faculty Advisor

- The faculty advisor of the AFS club must be a full-time faculty member of the UNCG African American Studies department. The faculty advisor may serve in his/her position until he/she resigns or is impeached by petition requiring two-thirds vote of the members.