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AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE  
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section I: This organization shall be known as the African-American Heritage Society.

Section II: The purpose of the student organization for the African-American Heritage Society shall be to support the Society's programmatic development in promoting an awareness among African-American students at North Carolina State University of the historical development of African peoples throughout the world's history, and to provide an arena in which African-American students may recognize and utilize the legacy of prior contributions of Africans and African-Americans in their personal and professional development, through research-oriented activities developed from an Africentric perspective.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who are interested in the historical development of African peoples throughout the world.

Section II: Associate memberships will be granted to regularly enrolled students from other institutions.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section I: The officers shall be elected by a majority of the organization members present at a meeting publicized for the elections in the spring semester of each academic year to serve a term of one year beginning in the fall semester of the following academic year. An officer may serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The elected officers shall serve on the Executive Committee of the African-American Heritage Society.

Section II: The elected officers of the African-American Heritage Society shall be:

The President, who shall

1. be the chief executive officer of the organization
2. call and preside at meetings of the organization
3. represent the organization in dealings with the student body, the students of other universities, the faculty, and the administration
4. represent the organization on the African-American Cultural Center Council of Directors
5. represent the organization on the African-American Student Advisory Council
6. be a voting member of the Executive Committee, voting only in case of a tie vote
7. be the presiding officer of the Executive Committee

The Vice President, who shall

1. assist the President in carrying out his or her duties and perform other duties as assigned by the President
2. take up the duties and the responsibilities of the President should he or she be unable to perform those duties
3. represent the organization in dealings with the student body, the students of other universities, the faculty and the administration
4. be a voting member of the Executive Committee

The Secretary, who shall

1. be the chief clerical officer of the organization
2. record the minutes and the attendance of all general body and Executive Committee meetings
3. read the minutes of each previous meeting before each meeting
4. assist the President in the planning of the agenda of each meeting
5. keep accurate records of all calendar events of the organization
6. be a voting member of the Executive Committee

The Business Officer, who shall

1. be the chief financial officer of the organization
2. keep accurate records of all money spent or received by the organization
3. write grant proposals, in consultation with the Executive Committee
4. be a voting member of the Executive Committee

The Representative, who shall

1. present to the President and the Executive Committee any grievances or recommendations of the organization's members not brought up during the regular general body meetings
2. attend African-American Student Advisory Council meetings with the President
3. keep order in each of the meetings
4. be a voting member of the Executive Committee

#### ARTICLE IV: CIRCLES

Section I: The African-American Heritage Society shall consist of operational, scholastic units known as circles. Included among them, but not limited to, shall be: history, literature, science, oratory/debate, and visual aesthetics. New circles may be created as needed. Each circle shall be headed by a principle investigator who shall be the chief officer of the circle. Each principle investigator shall be a voting member of the Executive Committee. Each principle investigator shall be selected by the members of the circle. The principle investigator of each circle shall update the Executive Committee on their circle's activities.

#### ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section I: The African-American Heritage Society shall meet once each month. The Executive Committee will meet once a month. Specific meeting dates shall be determined at the beginning of each year. Executive Committee members are required to attend all general body meetings.

Section II: The meetings of each circle will be decided by the individual circle.

## ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section I: The standing committees shall be the Publicity, Symposium, and Heritage Day committees.

Section II: The committee heads shall be selected by the members of the committees.

Section III: A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be required to create or disband a standing or special committee.

## ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section I: Amendments to the constitution shall be presented by members of the organization in writing to the Executive Committee and read at the next regular general body meeting but shall not be voted upon until the following regular general body meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall be required to pass the amendment.

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