Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE) CONSTITUTION (Adopted May 19, 2008)

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE) do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose is realized to its fullest extent.

ARTICLE I-Name

The name of the organization will be "Association of African American Student Educators" henceforth referred to as "AAASE."

ARTICLE II-Purpose & Mission

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide African American students enrolled in Teacher Education and other related fields with academic, social, and professional opportunities that will enhance their overall college experience, as well as their professional career opportunities.

The mission of the Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE) is to provide exposure to various cultural experiences, enhance the social life and encourage the professional development of African Americans at NC State University and within the local community through education, service and mentoring.

Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE) understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by North Carolina State University policies.

ARTICLE III- Membership

Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled full-time students of North Carolina State University who are interested the education of youth and the community through interactive programming, mentoring, and community service. Being a student in the College of Education is not a requirement.

Payment in full of financial obligations as determined by the organization. Dues shall be \$5.00 a semester unless this interferes with financial constraints. All decisions concerning dues shall be at the discretion of the President.

Attendance during at least three-fourths of all meetings during a given semester.

Active participation in all activities sponsored by the Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE) unless the activity interferes with either academic or financial constraints.

Article IV-Officers

Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE) will be governed by the following means:

(1)An elected President will preside at all meetings of Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE), shall present all motions to the body present, shall plan agenda and lead Executive Board meetings, shall oversee all aspect of the organization, shall organize time for the executive and regular board meetings at the beginning of each semester according to member schedules, shall update officer's list through the Student Organization Resource Center, shall prepare for executive board transitions with Vice President, shall maintain positive relations among all Executive Members and Members, shall take action when an Executive Member or member is not fulfilling the requirements, shall attend the governing council meetings (African American Student Advisory Council), attend and be the representative for AAASE at BSB (Black Students Board) meetings and events, and shall take an active step in recruiting new members.

(2) An elected Vice President who duties shall include all presidential duties in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings and functions that the President cannot attend. The Vice President is the Chair over all AAASE Committees.

(3) An elected Secretary who shall maintain accurate membership rosters, shall handle all correspondence to the general body, shall keep all club official documents (including the Constitution, minutes, resolutions, and correspondence), shall arrange for a replacement if unable to attend a general body meeting, shall prepare successor for office, shall prepare (i.e. type and copy) all agendas, and shall greet members and guests. The secretary must also oversee the Yahoo! Group.

(4) An elected Treasurer who shall prepare a budget to be approved by the Executive Board and membership within one month of taking office, shall provide the bank with a new signature card within one month of taking office, shall pay bills as due, shall keep records of all financial transactions, shall present verbal and written financial reports, shall prepare successor for office; shall be head of the Fundraising Committee, shall be responsible for soliciting funds from Student Government.

(5) An elected Parliamentarian, who shall schedule meeting locations, shall maintain club equipment in working order, shall check after every meeting to ensure adequate supplies are available, shall maintain order throughout the meeting, and shall attend executive board meetings.

(6) An elected Historian, who shall keep all AAASE memoirs, keeps record of events, meetings, and other activities held by or sponsored by AAASE. The Historian shall build a scrapbook detailing events throughout the year and must present it to the general body at the last meeting of the month. The Historian is directly in charge of the bulletin board (Poe Hall), creation and upkeep of a website (CED and AAASE individual website which is tentative), and must prepare the presentation submitted to AASAC for the Organization

of the Year award. The AAASE digital camera is to be managed by the Historian and he/she must be in direct contact with the Advisor concerning check-in and check-out of the camera.

(7) The elected Co-Historian, who shall share all the duties listed above for the Historian. It is the duty of both Historians to be sure those duties are shared and that at least one if not both members are present for all events.

(8) A Faculty Advisor(s) who shall act as a liaison between the organization and the community, help ensure that the organization makes decisions that are in the best interest of the purpose and goals of the council, and shall attend one executive board meeting a month.

Article V-Committees

The following Committees have been established:

Recruitment, Community Service, Social/Publicity, Fundraising, Newsletter, Ed Council Representative and Outreach.

Committees are to oversee various functions of the organization. Committee chairs are volunteers for the positions. The Vice President uses discretion in recruitment of committee chairs.

Committees are as follows:

(1) Community Service: 1 Chair and/or 1 Co-Chair. Must plan a minimum of six community service events for the school year (3 a semester) with Service NC State, MLK Jr. Service Challenge and Service Raleigh being mandatory events.

(2) Recruitment: By default, the President is in charge of this committee with 1 Co-Chair, although efforts stem from the entire body. The Back to School Jam, Open House, and African American Visitation Day are mandatory recruitment functions.

(3) Ed Council/SDAC: There needs to be representatives who are active members of Ed Council and Student Diversity Advisory Council (SDAC). These representatives are responsible for attending scheduled meetings and reporting back to AAASE with details.

(4) Social/Publicity: 1 Chair and/or 1 Co-Chair. This committee is responsible for making and handling all flyers and handbills, posting information to the Listserv, plan AAASE social events, are in charge of any ads featured in campus publications and maintain contact with Brad Wingo (College of Education) to ensure AAASE events are on the CED calendar. They must also upkeep the bulletin board located in Poe Hall with AAASE events and news.

(5) Fundraising: By default, the Treasurer is in charge of this committee with 1 Co-Chair. Fundraising options are limitless with an annual fundraiser occurring during American Education Week. It is the goal of the Fundraising committee to always leave the organization at the end of the year with as much money that was in the account at the start of the year.

(6) Outreach: 1 Chair and/or 1 Co-Chair. This committee will oversee all mentoring programs, serve as a direct contact with Ashlea Hitchcock at the Washington Boys & Girls Club, and contact and plan the calendar in which AAASE members will meet with the youth. The Outreach committee must take an active part in finding youth to participate in "College Day" and "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?"

(7) Newsletter: Mrs. Mitchall (AAASE Advisor) will make the decision as to how many publications are released during the year. It is the responsibility of the Chair to meet with her and help fulfill the need for design and article ideas to the newsletter. He/She must solicit the writings and turn them in to Mrs. Mitchall.

Article VI-Operations

Voting Eligibility

Those members meeting all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article III will be granted voting privileges.

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The President will take nominations from the floor, the nomination process must be closed and the movement seconded. This shall take place at the first meeting in March.

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a. A written request by at least three members of the organization

b. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.
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Officers are subject to removal if they are not fully active and responsible in their duties for one semester as agreed upon by the Executive Board and the Advisor.

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These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the executive council. Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds majority vote of active members.

The constitution is to be revisited at the end of the year and re-adopted.

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ARTICLE IV

Dues

Section 1. No dues are associated with membership.

ARTICLE V

Amending the Constitution By-Laws

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Meetings

- Section 1. The Association of African American Student Educators (AAASE) shall meet at least twice a month for one hour.
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Section 1. The following committees have already been established:

Recruitment Committee Community Service Committee Social/Publicity Committee Educational Enhancement/Newsletter Committee Fundraising Committee

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Faculty Advisor(s)

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