

We the members of Knowledge Wisdom Understanding (KWU) acknowledge the Almighty Creator for our existence. We have come together in order to better ourselves spiritually, while strengthening our position here in the physical. We are exercising the right to establish this organization for the purpose of promoting unity, understanding, respect, and love amongst members, and to mobilize resources aimed at bringing cultural, personal, and social growth within the African American community at North Carolina State University. Having decided to dedicate ourselves to the betterment of ourselves and others, we do hereby establish and proclaim this constitution

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: This organization shall be known as Knowledge Wisdom Understanding (KWU)

Section 2: The aims and purpose of the organization:

- a) To help establish personal identity and cultural awareness among persons of African descent
- b) To promote campus unity between the African American community and other cultural groups on the campus of NCSU
- c) Bring awareness to surrounding political, social, and cultural issues that have an impact on or current and future well being
- d) To promote service projects that put forth positive images in the community; thereby uplifting and encouraging youth in the community

Article II: Membership

Section I: Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who have an expressed interest in promoting awareness of issues facing the African American community

Article III: Officers

Section I: The Officers of the organization shall be

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Treasurer
- d) Secretary
- e) Historian
- f) AASAC Representative
- g) Parliamentarian

Section II: The Officers shall be elected at the end of each Spring semester by the organizations members, to serve one year beginning in the fall semester

Article IV: Dues

Section I: Every member of Knowledge Wisdom Understanding shall be required to pay \$10 a semester

Article V: Meetings

Section I: Meetings will be held bi-weekly

Article VI: Committees

Section I: Standing Committees

- a) Publicity
- b) Service
- c) Webmaster
- d) Fundraising

Section II: Special Committees (as needed)

Article VII: By Laws

Article VIII: Organization

Section I: The Motto of the Organization: Search for truth and understanding, for knowledge is the practice of freedom from which experience is gained, thus providing a stepping stone for acquiring wisdom.

Section II: The symbol of the organization is a image of the globe with the letters KWU across it

Section III: The colors of the organization shall be black, green, and red

- a) Black being the foundation of everything represents the formless state from which we started our quest for knowledge
- b) Green represents a reflection of our knowledge in action. Expressing the wisdom we are gaining
- c) Red represents fire; Understanding gained from each other enables us to use the fire within each of us to break down barriers and bring about a change to any trying situation

Article IX: Duties of Members

Section I: Membership with in this organization is contingent upon:

- a) Attendance at meetings
- b) Serving on at least one standing committee

Article X: Duties of Officers

Section I: President

- a) Directs operations of the entire organization

- b) Responsible for setting and ensuring that deadlines are met, signing contracts, and obtaining accommodations for programming
- c) Assist in the duties of the Treasurer
- d) Ensure that the purpose and goals of the organization is being upheld
- e) Appoint non elected positions
- f) Maintain organization status

Vice-President

- a) Assist in the duties of the President
- b) Make certain that all members are in good standing

Treasurer

- a) Responsible for the recording of all financial transactions
- b) Responsible for providing up to date reports of the financial status

Secretary

- a) Attend all meetings and record topics discussed
- b) Type, distribute, and update minutes for each meeting
- c) Disseminate all information to the organization

African American Student Advisory Council Representative (AASAC)

- a) Attend all AASAC meetings
- b) Disseminate all information from the AASAC meetings to KWU

Parliamentarian

- a) Advise the President on proper parliamentary procedure in accordance with the Constitution and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order
- b) Maintain order and decorum at meetings

Historian

- a) Maintain an active log of programs and activities
- b) Organize and maintain all organizational marketing materials

Article XI: Duties of Standing Committees

Section I: Publicity Chair

- a) Responsible for organization marketing and advertising
- b) Coordinate distribution of flyers
- c) Ensure that KWU is recognized in campus newspapers

Webmaster

- a) Responsible for the creation as well as upkeep of the KWU web page

Service Chair

- a) Responsible for organizing service projects

Fundraising Chair

- a) Promote and facilitate implementation of fundraising ideas

Article XII: Grounds for Termination

Section I: Your membership with this organization shall be terminated if you violate any of the statutes within this constitution and by laws, this includes (unless otherwise excused):

- a) Embezzlement of the organizations funds
- b) Habitual failure to attend meetings without justifiable reason
 - if you fail to attend three meetings altogether, termination
 - if you miss two consecutive meetings, termination
- c) Failure or incapacity to perform assigned duties

Article XIII: Finances

Section I: Dues must be paid by the last meeting of each semester, all members are encouraged to pay their dues in a timely fashion

Section II: KWU shall seek donations from outside sources to increase revenue

Section III: KWU shall maintain a savings account at one of the local banks at all times. Only the President and the treasurer shall be allowed access to this account, for the purpose of accountability

Section IV: No withdrawal of funds shall be made without approval by members

Article XIV: Meetings

Section I: Regular meetings: Meetings will be held bi-weekly on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the designated meeting location

Section II: Meeting Procedures: Meetings must be held in an orderly fashion

- a) All meetings will follow the itinerary set by the President and Vice President
- b) The Parliamentarian will regulate all meetings

Article XV: Amendments

Section I: Constitution is to be reviewed at the end of the year retreat and voted on with the majority

PREAMBLE

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Article II: Membership

- Section I. Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who have an expressed interest in promoting awareness of issues facing the African American community.
- Section II. In order to become a member one must provide a convincing written statement of what they hope to contribute and gain from the organization.

Article III Officers

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- b) Vice President
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- d) Secretary

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- a) Embezzlement of the organization's funds.
- b) Habitual failure to attend meetings without justifiable reason.
- c) Failure or incapacity to perform assigned duties.

Article III **Duties of Officers**

Section I President

- a) Oversees operations of the entire organization
- b) Responsible for meeting deadlines, signing contracts, as well as making sure there are spaces available to run programs
- c) Working directly with the vice president in making organizational decisions

Vice President

- a) Assist in the duties of the president
- b) Assist in the duties of the treasurer
- c) Make sure that all members are in good standing

Treasurer

- a) Responsible for the recording of all financial transactions involving funds from or to the bank.
- b) Responsible for depositing funds into the KWU bank account.

Secretary

- a) To attend all meetings and record topics discussed
- b) To type, distribute, and update minutes for each meeting
- c) Contact members and remind them of meeting times

Article IV **Finances**

Section I Dues must be paid each semester by the third week

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Article V Meetings.

- Section I. Regular Meetings: Meetings will be held bi-weekly on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the African American Cultural Center. If this meeting place or date is ever unachievable, proper provisions for a meeting place must be met.
- Section II Attendance
- a) If for some reason one cannot attend a meeting they must contact a member that will be attending the meeting so the rest of the members will be aware of the absence.
 - b) The continuous missing of meeting will result in automatic expulsion.
- Section III Meeting Procedures: Meetings must be held in an orderly fashion.
- a) All meetings will follow the itinerary set by the president and the vice president.
 - b) Speaking at the meeting will be done in an orderly fashion

Article VI Duties of Standing Committee

- Section I Publicity Chair
- a) Responsible for encouraging our community to attend every KWU function..
 - b) Responsible for creation and distribution of flyers to each member.
- Webmaster:
- a) Responsible for the creation as well as upkeep of the KWU web page.
- Service Chair
- a) Responsible for organizing service projects

Closing

Knowledge Wisdom Understanding started somewhere in the void of our minds and was shaped through the fire of our hearts. Reflection on our individual past mistakes and achievements allows us the wisdom with which we as a unit will create this new universe and laws within. Just as the planets fall around the sun tilting to the east, we the members of KWU shall strive to reach the likes of heavenly lights. We shall be shining examples for those within our field of gravitation or reach who have not yet yearned to confer with the guiding light within themselves. Our way of survival in this day an age shall be:

Penetrating Every Avenue Creating Elevation