

no date

C O N S T I T U T I O N

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as Society of Afro-American Culture (SAAC).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to work within the University framework to spawn the idea of black identity, seek black representation in official University functions, provide an instrument for black peoples entrance into the legislative, judicial and executive system at North Carolina State University, and to promote the growth of nationally affiliated social fraternities and sororities on the North Carolina State University campus.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership in this organization shall be open to:

- 1) All students, graduate or undergraduate of North Carolina State University.
- 2) Faculty members of North Carolina State University

ARTICLE IV

Officers

This organization shall be presided over by an Executive Committee, the officers of said committee being also the officers of the organization. These officers shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, plus two other Executive Committee members, and a parliamentarian.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section I. Regular meetings shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month throughout the year at times and locations to be announced.

Section II. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Executive Committee when deemed necessary.

Section III. Regular meetings are subject to cancellation by the Chairman.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of a quorum, in which a majority of members at a general meeting are present.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Executive Committee to preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Committee and to perform all the duties usually pertaining to his office.

Section 2. In the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform all the duties of the Chairman.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the organization and the Executive Committee meetings and record the same. He shall give notice of all meetings and perform such other duties as

his office may require.

Section 4. The treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the organization, and pay out the same only on the order of the Chairman who receives approval from the general membership.

Section 5. The parliamentarian shall keep order in the meetings. He shall be responsible for the orderly procedures according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE II

Election of Officers

Section 1. All officers and Executive Committee members shall be elected at the third meeting of the spring semester. Nominations for officers shall be accepted at the regular meeting prior to this one. Election shall be by ballot and the newly elected officers shall assume their offices at the close of that meeting.

Section 2. No member shall be eligible for office who has not been a member of the organization for at least one semester.

Section 3. Should an officer resign before the end of his term, the Chairman shall appoint some member of the organization to assume the office temporarily, and order the Secretary to send notice of a special election at the next regular meeting, when the vacancy will be filled.

Section 4. An officer can be impeached by 51% of the members. The impeached has to be notified to be present at the next regular meeting when the impeachment is to take place.

Section 5. All candidates for an executive position must have a 2.0 overall average.

ARTICLE III

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of a quorum

ARTICLE IV

Suspension of By-Laws

These By-Laws may be suspended in case of emergency by three-fourths of a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Clause

In view of current social deficiencies in our present society in order to incorporate a more unified front, we, the members of DARE propose the dissolution of the organization (DARE) upon the formal organization of SAAC, which will better serve the needs of all Afro-American students.

ARTICLE VI

Dues

Dues shall be \$3 per year, to become a voting member of the organization.

ARTICLE VII

Faculty Advisor

A faculty advisor shall be selected from among the faculty members at North Carolina State University.

Constitution of the Society of Afrikan American Culture

DEFINITIONS AND CONVENTIONS

- a) "**Afrikan American**" shall refer to those persons belonging to the African diaspora and who are students, faculty, or staff at North Carolina State University.
- b) "**Umbrella organization**" means that the Society shall function as the central organization through which all Afrikan American students and other Afrikan American organizations channel political concerns.
- c) A "**quorum**" shall be defined as a simple majority (1/3 of the general body) of the Society's official membership.
- d) "**Society**" shall refer to the Society of Afrikan American Culture

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Society of Afrikan American Culture, abbreviated S.A.A.C.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to work within the university framework to maintain the Afrikan American identity. The society shall represent Afrikan Americans in official N.C. State University functions and provide an instrument for their entrance into the legislative, judicial, and executive systems at N.C. State University. As an umbrella organization, the Society will embrace the membership of all Afrikan American organizations and serve as the recognized voice for all Afrikan Americans.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Official membership into the Society shall include all N.C. State students and faculty who meet the membership requirements determined by the executive board.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The Society shall be presided over by an executive board, which shall be led by the president. Members of the executive board shall include the advisor, president, vice president, treasurer, parliamentarian, historian, political affairs chairperson, cultural affairs chairperson, and public relations chairperson.

Section I. Any other executive positions must be determined by the executive board and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the general body.

Section II. Members nominated to fill a new position are subject to the same voting procedures as traditional executive board members.

ARTICLE V: VOTING

Any organizational concern requiring the consent of the general body (i.e. elections) shall be approved by those members who have met the membership requirements outlined by the executive board.

Section I: In the event of a tie, the President shall determine the final vote.

Section II: The President shall vote if and only if there is a tie.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Election of executive board members shall take place during the meeting prior to the last meeting of the spring semester. The executive board shall determine specific election procedures, but the election of any officers must be in accordance with Article V.

ARTICLE VII: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

In order for an officer to be removed from his position, probable cause must be stated in written form and presented to the executive board for review. If the executive board finds the charge serious enough to warrant the officer's removal, the case shall be presented before the general body. A two-thirds majority vote of the official members present at the general body meeting shall be required for removal.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

The constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum at any general body meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE IX: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

If the Society chooses to engage in an endeavor whose context does not fall specifically under the jurisdiction of a standing committee, a special committee may be formed to handle the issue.

Section I: The executive board shall determine the size of the committee and select volunteers from the general body to serve on the committee.

Section II: The executive board shall appoint a member of the general body to serve as chairperson for the special committee whose duty shall be to oversee the committee's actions and report to the general body at Society meetings.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I.

THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- a) SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON FOR THE SOCIETY
- b) SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE AFRIKAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AASAC)
- c) PRESIDE AT ALL GENERAL BODY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
- d) SERVE AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CHANCELLOR'S LIAISON MEETINGS
- e) SERVE AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS
- f) DELEGATE ANY ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE POSITION AS DEEMED NECESSARY

SECTION II.

THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- a) SERVE AS THE CONFIDANT TO THE PRESIDENT

- b) SERVE AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AASAC) MEETINGS
- c) ADVISE AND MONITOR THE ACTION OF ALL COMMITTEES
- d) ACT AS PRESIDENT SHOULD THE PRESIDENT BE UNABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES PRESCRIBED BY THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION III.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

- a) KEEP THE MINUTES AT GENERAL BODY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
- b) KEEP AN ACCURATE ROLL OF ALL ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL BODY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
- c) REPORT THE ABOVE INFORMATION
- d) SERVE AS THE OFFICE MANAGER, KEEPING ORDER AND MAINTAINING PROPER DOCUMENTATION IN THE OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY

SECTION IV.

THE TREASURER SHALL:

- a) KEEP A RECORD OF ALL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
- b) PROVIDE A FINANCIAL REPORT AT EACH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- c) TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAISING FINANCES FOR THE SOCIETY
- d) CHAIR A FINANCE COMMITTEE

SECTION V.

THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS CHAIR SHALL:

- a) STAY ABREAST OF ALL CAMPUS AFFAIRS AND EVENTS THAT ARE POLITICAL IN NATURE OR HAVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS
- b) HEAD PROGRAMMING EFFORTS DESIGNED TO INCREASE POLITICAL AWARENESS CAMPUS-WIDE
- c) CHAIR A POLITICAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

SECTION VI.

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SHALL:

- a) INFORM THE GENERAL BODY OF MEETING DATES
- b) INFORM THE GENERAL BODY OF ALL ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS RELEVANT TO UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS
- c) PROMOTE ALL EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY
- d) PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVES FOR THE SOCIETY
- e) CHAIR A PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- f) ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH OTHER UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE MISSION IS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE SOCIETY

SECTION VII.

THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS CHAIR SHALL:

- a) STAY ABREAST OF ALL CAMPUS AFFAIRS AND EVENTS THAT ARE CULTURAL IN NATURE OR HAVE CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS
- b) HEAD PROGRAMMING EFFORTS DESIGNED TO INCREASE POLITICAL AWARENESS CAMPUS-WIDE
- c) CHAIR A CULTURAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE SOLELY FOR THIS PURPOSE
- d) STAY ABREAST OF CULTURAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

SECTION VIII.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN SHALL:

- a) MAINTAIN ORDER AT EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL BODY MEETINGS
- b) ANSWER ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION
- c) OVERSEE THE ANNUAL REVIEWING OF THE CONSTITUTION
- d) RAISE POINTS OF ORDER WHEN PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION ARE BEING VIOLATED

SECTION IX.

THE HISTORIAN SHALL:

- a) MAINTAIN ACCURATE DOCUMENTATION OF THE SOCIETY'S HISTORY
- b) MAINTAIN AN EVALUATION ON EVERY EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE SOCIETY

SECTION X.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR SHALL:

- a) COORDINATE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS
- b) TO SERVE AS A LIASON BETWEEN OFF CAMPUS AND ON CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES OF INTERACTION IN A SERVICE CAPACITY

Sept. 1991

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE

Article I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Society of African-American (see section 1) Culture, abbreviated S.A.A.C.

Article II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to work within the university framework to spawn the idea of an African-American identity, seek representation in official North Carolina State University (N.C. State) functions, provide an instrument for African (see section 2) peoples' entrance into the legislative, judicial, and executive systems at N.C. State. It shall also be our purpose to disseminate cultural and historical information regarding African heritage to the student community. We shall encourage and support African participation in official university organizations and functions. Furthermore, we shall work to increase the political awareness of our members.

Section I. The term "African-American" shall refer to those persons who are of African descent and reside in America.

Section II. The term "African" shall refer to all persons or things which are of African ancestry.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the organization shall be open to:

- all students, graduate or undergraduate of N.C. State and
- faculty members of N.C. State.

Dues shall be decided upon by the general body.

Article IV: OFFICERS

The organization shall be presided over by an executive board, which shall be lead by the president. Members of the executive board include the president, vice president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, and all committee chairpersons.

Article V: AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a quorum at any general body meeting of this organization (quorum equaling fifteen people).

Article VI: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

This organization, because it shall be an umbrella organization (see section 1) embracing the membership of all African organizations, shall be the recognized voice for all African students. Furthermore, in relation to the larger university structure, political concerns affecting the N.C. State African community may be channelled through this organization (see diagram 1 on the

following page). The organization's primary focus, in reference to the N.C. State, will be a political one.

Section I. "Umbrella organization" means that S.A.A.C., in relation to other African organizations, shall function as the agent organization through which other African organizations may channel political concerns. These concerns should relate and affect the larger African community at N.C. State.

Article VII. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

In order for an officer to be removed from his position, probable cause must be stated in written form and presented to the general body. A two-third's vote of those active members present at the general body meeting shall be required for removal.

Article VIII. VOTING

Any organizational concern requiring the consent of the general body shall be approved by those members who have attended two-third's of that semester's general body meetings. If two-third's of the semester's general body meetings have not taken place, voting will be limited to those members who have attended all meetings from that voting day extending back to the first general body meeting of the semester.

Article IX. ELECTIONS

Election of the vice president, secretary, and treasurer shall take place during the meeting prior to the last meeting of the spring semester. Election of the president-elect shall take place at the meeting prior to the last meeting of the fall semester. Election of any officer shall be in accord with Article VIII.

BYLAWS

Article I: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section I. **The president shall:**
- preside at all general body and executive board meetings
 - serve as the organizational representative at the African-American Student Advisory Council (A.A.S.A.C.) meetings
 - serve as the organizational representative of the African-American Advisory Committee (A.A.A.C.) meetings
 - serve as the organizational representative at the Chancellor's Liaison Committee
 - serve as the organizational representative at the (Student Body) President's Roundtable meetings
 - perform all the duties pertaining to the office.
- Section II. **The vice president shall:**
- serve as the confidant to the president
 - advise and monitor the action of all committees
 - act as a liaison (public relations) officer to other African organizations
 - act as president should the president be unable to perform his duties
 - perform all the duties pertaining to the office.
- Section III. **The secretary shall:**
- keep the minutes at general body and executive board meetings
 - keep a record of all business transactions
 - keep an accurate roll of all attendance at general body and executive board meetings
 - report the above information to the general body at meetings and should aid the president in preparing the agenda for general body meetings
 - perform all the duties pertaining to the office.
- Section IV. **The treasurer shall:**
- keep a record of all business transactions dealing with funds
 - know the current balance of all accounts and report this information to the general body
 - perform all the duties pertaining to the office.
- Section V. **The political affairs chairperson shall:**
- stay abreast of all events and campus affairs that are political in nature or that have political implications
 - lead a political affairs committee solely for this purpose
 - make an effort to increase the political awareness of the organization
 - perform all the duties pertaining to the office.
- Section VI. **The communications chairperson shall:**
- inform the general body of meeting dates
 - inform the general body of elections and/or appointments to organizational positions
 - take charge of membership intake
 - lead a communications committee solely for this purpose
 - perform all the duties pertaining to the office.
- Section VII. **The finance chairperson shall:**
- take responsibility for raising finances for the organization
 - lead a finance committee solely for this purpose

- perform all the duties pertaining to the office.

Section VIII.

The educational-cultural chairperson shall:

- take the responsibility of creating programming designed to educate the university community of African culture
- take the responsibility of creating programming that will educate the university community of African history
- lead a educational-cultural committee solely for this purpose
- perform all the duties pertaining to the office.

Section IX.

The parliamentarian shall:

- maintain a sense of order at all general body meetings using a system to be decided upon by the general body meeting
- perform all the duties pertaining to the office.

Article II. PROGRAMMING

In keeping with the need to provide consistent, Africentric, cultural programming for the N.C. State community in general, but the African community in particular, the organization, with the cooperation of other African organizations, shall be charged with: 1) the responsibility of implementing the following cultural programming outline, 2) the responsibility of implementing at least one political awareness program per semester, and 3) one campus awareness forum per year (i.e., a forum with faculty and administration to address the N.C. State African community agenda). The outline (1) has been developed for an entire academic year (excluding February, May, and December because February has been traditionally set aside to celebrate African History Month, and May and December end each academic semester). Each month shall highlight a specific topic and begin with an address from a speaker who shall keynote that month's topic. The following shows a suggested progressive list of topics, the objective to be reached, and the month during which that topic shall be addressed. (See exhibit 2 of the DOCUMENT APPENDIX section.)

September: Understanding African-American History

Objective:

To present the African community with a more accurate description of the contribution of African descendants to civilization and to the commentaries of history. To challenge individuals to think of themselves and their ancestry in a way contrary to the manner in which they have been traditionally taught.

October: Developing an African-American Identity

Objective:

To encourage the African community to begin the assessment of their total identity by asking and following up on the question of "Who am I?". From this self-analysis, help the individual to realize the need to come to full acceptance of and develop responsibility for himself. In conjunction with individual identity, help the individual to realize his interconnectedness and responsibility to the greater African community. To help the individual realize the need for himself to pursue self-knowledge.

November: Racism

Objective:

To point out various ways in which racism takes form (institutionalization, colonialism, neo-colonialism, etc.) and to cite concrete examples of those forms as they exist today. In particular, address the topic of institutional racism as it exists on college campuses.