

AFRICAN STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION (ASO-OSU)
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

-CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE:

WE ,**THE** AFRICAN STUDENTS AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY,
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA, DESIRING :

1. To promote understanding , cooperation and fellowship among the African students,

2. To interpret more effectively **the** cultures , growing needs and developments of African nations, to the campus **and** to the American communities , and

3. To encourage cooperation with other international and American groups on the campus of Oklahoma State University,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE ALL OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS AND HEREBY AGREE TO establish a student organization to be known as The African Students' Organization.

OBJECTIVES :

1. To help **new African students to adjust** to life on the campus.

2. To create better understanding of Africa through speeches , publications , films , **forums, etc.**

3. To seek acquaintance with **other** African students **on different** campuses in the United States of America by every possible means, such as lectures, publications, conferences, etc.

4. To celebrate properly and effectively all important African Nationals, festivals and events.

ARTICLE 1

NAME

This organization **shall be** called "African Students ' Organization of Oklahoma State University" (ASO-OSU), hereinafter referred to as the Organization.

ARTICLE 2

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Ordinary Members

Any **person** who is a-native of Africa or a naturalized African, who is regularly enrolled at the Oklahoma State University is eligible for the ordinary membership of **the Organization.**

Section 2: **Associate Members**

Clause 1: Associate membership shall be granted to any student, of any nationality, who is regularly enrolled at Oklahoma State University non-student, relatives of ordinary members and to faculty and staff of the Oklahoma State University, if the individuals' application to the Organization, for such membership, is accepted by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the Organization's meeting.

Clause 2 : An associate member shall be entitled to all non-executive and non-voting rights and privileges to which ordinary members are entitled.

Clause 3: An associate member shall not hold an office in the Organization and shall not vote on constitutional matters of the Organization.

Section 3: Active Members

An ordinary member of the Organization shall become an active member on payment of the annual subscription and on regular attendance at the Organization's meetings.

ARTICLE III

OFFICES AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Offices

Clause 1: The Executive Committee shall comprise the following elected offices: the President, the Vice-President, the General Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Financial Secretary, the Socio-Publicity Secretary and two (2) officers without Portfolio.

Clause 2: Only active members of the Organization, meeting the requirements of OSU for holding offices in organizations recognized by OSU, shall be eligible to be candidates, for elections to any executive position of the organization.

Section 2: The President

Clause 1: The President shall be the chief executive of the Organization and shall preside over all the Executive Committee and General meetings.

Clause 2: The President shall have an original and casting vote at all meetings presided over by him.

Clause 3: The President shall have the powers to appoint special committees to investigate any matter affecting the Organization.

Clause 4: The President shall be an executive officer of this Organization to the International Students' Organization (ISO)

Section 3: The Vice-President

The Vice-President. shall for the President. and perform all functions assigned to that office when the President. is unable to act; and perform those functions which , from time to time , shall be delegated to him by the President..

Section 4: The general Secretary

Clause 1: The General Secretary shall be responsible for the general conduct of the Organization's correspondence and liaison.

Clause. 2: He. shall unite all the minutes of the Executive committee and General Assembly meetings.

Clause 3: He shall have the care and custody of the Constitution , the Members' Roll Book , Minutes Book, manuscripts and archives belonging to. the Organization.

Clause 4 : The General Secretary shall be an executive officer of this Organization to the ISO.

Section 5: The Assistant -Secretary

The Assistant Secretary shall act for the General' Secretary , and perform all functions assigned to that office when the General Secretary is unable to act.; and perform those functions which. , from time to time , shall be delegated to him by- the General Secretary.

Section 6: The Financial Secretary

Clause 1: The Financial Secretary shall receive all sums of money due or payable to the Organization and shall pay and disburse all sums of money due from or payable by the Organization and shall keep accounts of both receipts and payments.

Clause 2.: The Financial Secretary shall keep receipts for all sums of money spent and issue receipts for all sums of money received .

Clause 3 : The Financial Secretary shall not withdraw more than a total of \$10 .00 without. the prior consent. of the Executive Committee for his petty cash.

Clause 4 : The Executive Committee shall not authorize the withdrawal of more than a total of \$50 .00 without the prior consent of the General Assembly.

Section 7: The Socio-Publicity Secretary

The Socio-Publicity Secretary shall be responsible for the promotion and organization of all social and cultural activities and shall have voting powers.

ELECTIONS

Section 1: Returning Officer

There shall be one Returning Officer appointed by the General Assembly immediately before any election(s). The Returning Officer shall conduct the appropriate election(s) or bye-election(s).

Section 2 : General Elections

Clause 1: General elections shall be held within the last week of March and the first week of April of each year.

Clause 2: All members of the Executive Committee, except the Officers without Portfolios, shall be elected during the general elections.

Clause 3: Officers without Portfolio shall be elected during the Fall of each year.

Clause 4: All elections shall be by secret ballot and the winners shall be determined by simple majority.

Clause 5: Each member of the outgoing Executive Committee shall furnish a written annual report of the Organization on the day of the General Elections.

Clause 6: All outgoing officers shall hand over to the newly elected officers immediately after the elections.

Section 3: Bye-elections

Clause 1: Bye-elections shall be held any time of the year and no later than four (4) weeks after a post has fallen vacant.

Clause 2: Resignations of members of the Executive Committee.

(a) Any member of the Executive Committee shall resign upon a vote of no confidence by a two-third (2/3) majority of the active members present at the meeting.

(b.) Any member of the Executive Committee who wishes to resign shall do so in writing to the Executive Committee.

(c) Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent for three (3) consecutive Executive Committee meetings without reasons that are acceptable to the General Assembly shall automatically lose the appropriate office and such an office shall be deemed vacant by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: No more than two (2) persons from the same country shall serve on the Executive Committee at the same time.

Section 5: No member of the Executive Committee shall hold office

on the Executive Committee of **any** of the national organizations simultaneously.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE

Section 1: Income

The Income of the Organization shall consist of :

1: Annual subscription fee payable by each member of the **Organization** at a rate. to be determined from time to time by the General Assembly.

2: Grants **from different** sources.

3: Any other income .

Section 2: Expenditures

The funds, of the Organization shall be expended on :

1. Games and **sports**

2. Social and cultural activities.

3. Any. other- matter **related** to the furtherance of the functions of the Organization.

Section 3: Banking

Clause 1: All funds of the Organization shall be deposited in the University banking services in accordance with the University **regulations**.

Clause 2 : The auditors appointed during a general meeting shall **function** until the next general **meeting** by which time they must submit a report to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1: General Meetings

There shall be at **least** three (3) general **meetings** during an Executive Committee's term of office.

Section 2: **Emergency** Meetings

The President shall summon an emergency meeting of the Organization whenever. the need arises.

Section 3: Other Meetings

Any other meeting, shall be called by the Executive Committee upon the receipt of a written request signed by at least ten (10) members of the Organization.

Section 4: Quorum

Clause 1: Five members shall form a quorum, during any Executive Committee meeting.

Clause 2: One-third (1/3) of registered active members shall form a quorum at any meeting.

Clause 3: In the event that a quorum is not formed at the first calling of a general Assembly meeting, any number shall form a quorum in a subsequent calling for the same meeting, subject to the decision of the President.

Section 5: voting

Only ordinary members shall be eligible to vote on all matters affecting the Organization.

ARTICLE VI I -BY-LAWS.

A by-law, relevant to and in harmony with the provisions of the constitution of the African Students' Organization, shall be passed at any regular business meeting of this Organization by a two-thirds majority vote of those who form the quorum.

ARTICLE VI I I INTERPRETATION.

In case of conflict concerning the passage of a by-law or the interpretation of...the Constitution of the African Students Organization which cannot be settled within the Organization, such conflict shall be submitted to the Student Senate for resolution as provided for by the Student Government Association Constitution.

ARTICLE IX REPORTING. TO THE STUDENT SENATE

Annually the African Students' Organization shall report the activities of the Organization to the Student Senate by filing a report of the Organization activities during the year and showing in what way such activities shall have been instrumental in furthering the Organization's purposes as stated in Article V of this Constitution.

ARTICLE X

SUBORDINATION TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall not supersede any part or parts of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of the Oklahoma State University, and this Organization shall be under the jurisdiction of the Student Senate of the Oklahoma State University.

ARTICLE. XI

AMENDMENT- OF CONSTITUTION

Any amendment to the Constitution shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the registered ordinary members of the Organization