

THE CONSTITUTION  
OF GHANA UNION OF  
PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS (GUPS)  
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**PREAMBLE**

*We The Students of Professional Tertiary Institutions of the Republic of Ghana.*

**TRUSTING:** In the name of the God Almighty,

**DETERMINED:** To promote, improve, develop and safeguard the interests of professional students and Ghanaian students as a whole,

**REALISING:** The paramount need to provide avenues for the training of dedicated, selfless and disciplined manpower imbued with the principles of probity, patriotism, accountability and integrity,

**DESIROUS:** To participate actively in all national development programmes of this country taking into consideration the importance of education in national development;

**RESOLVED:** To abide by democratic principles, rule of law, and to let knowledge have a liberative effect on all members and the Ghanaian society as a whole;

**RECOGNIZING:** The full benefit of working together under a united front and within the framework of a common guiding spirit,

**DO HEREBY GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION**

## **CHAPTER ONE** **THE UNION**

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The organisation shall be known and called the “Ghana Union of Professional Students (GUPS)”, hereafter referred to as the “UNION”

### **ARTICLE 2: MOTTO**

The motto of the Union shall be “Fostering Unity”

### **ARTICLE 3: SLOGAN**

The slogan of the Union shall be: “GUPS – the Union!; GUPS – the Professionals!!”

### **ARTICLE 4: SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

1. Subject to the laws of Ghana, the Ghana Union of Professional Students (GUPS) Constitution shall be the supreme law governing the affairs of any professional student, Executive and member institution. Accordingly, any Constitutional provision, omission, commission, bye – law or regulation of any member institution(s) which is inconsistent with any provision of this Constitution shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be null and void.
2. Any activity, action, or conflict shall be supported or resolved strictly according to the provisions of this Constitution.

### **ARTICLE 5: ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

1. Any member(s) who alleges that an act of omission, commission, decision or action of any person(s) is inconsistent with or in contravention of a provision of this Constitution, may bring an action to the Judicial Board for

- adeclaration to that effect.
2. Any member or institution, to which an order or declaration is addressed under clause (1) of this article by the Judicial Board shall duly obey and carry out the terms of the declaration or order.
  3. Failure to obey or carry out the terms of an order or declaration made or given under clause (2) of this article constitutes a violation of this constitution and shall in the case of
    - a) a student, not be eligible for election or appointment to any office of the Union
    - b) an executive officer, constitute a valid ground for removal from office
    - c) an institution, the General Assembly or Congress shall determine the sanction(s)

## **ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP AND STATUS**

1. Membership of the Union shall be opened to:
  - (a) Any Tertiary institution offering professional training to its students.
  - (b) Membership shall be granted to potential member institution(s) at General Assembly provided the institution(s) have attended at least one General Assembly meeting.
  - (c) Every student of any recognised Professional institution/body which is approved by the General Assembly shall be members of GUPS.
2. There shall be a membership register of GUPS which shall be attached as an appendix to this Constitution and reviewed by Congress when necessary
3. Any person who is a member of GUPS shall enjoy full membership for two academic years after leaving his institution.

4. Notwithstanding clause three of this article, serving national service personnel shall enjoy their two – academic – year post studentship membership after the end of their service.
5. Member institutions that have paid up their annual dues in full shall be considered as members of good standing.

#### **ARTICLE 7: PROTECTION OF EXECUTIVES AND MEMBERS**

1. The Union shall legally protect its executives and members to any extent possible if;
  - a) Any authority is infringing on their rights and freedoms
  - b) They find themselves in an unpleasant situation
  - c) They are subjected to any unjust action by any authority While performing functions assigned them by the Union and their actions were in conformity to the spirit and letter of this Constitution
2. National Secretariat shall have the prerogative to timely intervene in the protection of members and in local situations, with the consent of the institutional executives.

#### **ARTICLE 8: AFFILIATION**

1. The Union shall be affiliated to;
  - (a) National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) and her respective blocs
  - (b) Its Alumni especially former National Officers
2. Subject to the ratification of the General Assembly, the Secretariat may accept/request for affiliation with any other body whose aims are consistent with those of the Union.
3. The General Assembly(G.A) may however terminate or suspend the affiliation of the Union to any of its affiliates for stated reasons and provided that two – thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at t h e General Assembly called for that purpose are in support.



**CHAPTER TWO**  
**POLICY DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF GUPS**

**ARTICLE 9: GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIVES**

1. The General Policy Directives of the Union as contained in this chapter shall guide all members and member institutions in applying or interpreting all that is contained in this Constitution.
2. The Union shall remain a democratic, non-partisan, non – sectarian and independent mass movement of Professional students of the Republic of Ghana and abroad as a whole.
3. The Union's outlook shall embrace all democratic, revolutionary and progressive ideals and principles including those against imperialism, poverty, corruption, racism, tribalism, illiteracy for national development and socio – economic advancement.
4. Programs and activities that are reflective of clauses one to three of this article shall be contained in a strategic and development plan of the Union.
5. The document referred to in clause four above shall be approved by the General Assembly within six months after the coming into force of this Constitution and shall be amended by Congress should the need arise.
6. The implementation of the content of the policy document shall be the responsibility of the rank and file of successive GUPS years.
7. The President and the National Secretariat as a whole shall at every General Assembly meeting report on steps taken towards the realization of the content of the policy document.
8. Failure to carry out the mandate of the Policy Document constitutes a breach of this Constitution and shall constitute a ground for removal from office.

**ARTICLE 10: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. The aims and objectives of the UNION shall be:
  - (a) To serve as a common united front for all professional students

- of the Professional Tertiary Institutions.
- (b) To seek academic, social, and general welfare of all students of member institutions.
  - (c) To protect and safeguard the rights and interests of professional students and Ghanaian students as a whole.
  - (d) To inculcate in students a spirit of discipline, solidarity, revolutionary awareness and patriotism.
  - (e) To promote co-operation, understanding and friendship between member institutions.
  - (f) To inculcate in member institutions, a high sense of nationalism with the ultimate goal of ensuring their participation in all activities relating to national development
  - (g) To positively influence and ensure the implementation of students' educational rights at all levels

### **CHAPTER THREE** **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF GUPS**

#### **ARTICLE 11: STRUCTURE OF THE UNION**

There shall be five (5) hierarchy of authority in the Union namely:

- (a) The Congress
- (b) The General Assembly (G.A)
- (c) The National Executive Committee (NEC)
- (d) The National Officers (SECRETARIAT)
- (e) The Judicial Board

#### **ARTICLE 12: CONGRESS**

1. There shall be an annual Congress which shall serve as the highest decision – making organ of the Union and shall be convened once every year to transact the following business:

- (a) Review an annual report from the National Secretariat.
- (b) Elect by popular ballot, officers of the National Secretariat;
- (c) Approve the annual financial statement of the Union;
- (d) Amend any part of the Constitution and / or Policy Directives when the need arises;
- (e) Formulate policies to strengthen the Union.
- (f) Any other business congress deems necessary.

2. Notwithstanding clause (1) supra, General Assembly or the National Executive Committee may convene an Emergency Congress as circumstances may determine. The summoning of such Congresses shall be governed by the provisions of this Constitution mutatis mutandis.
3. All members of the National Secretariat shall be automatic delegates at Congress.
4. All members of NEC shall be automatic delegates at Congress
5. All member institutions shall be entitled to be represented by at least five and at most 15 delegates and not more than five observers.
6. Non – member institution(s) and student(s) must obtain accreditation as observers from the Secretariat .
7. Notice of Congress shall reach member institutions not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the commencement of Congress and not less than 72 hours in the case of an Emergency Congress.
8. Delegates and observers attending Congress shall pay capitation fees to be decided by the Secretariat in consultation with NEC.
9. Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, members of the National Executive Council and National Secretariat are exempted from payment of capitation fees at Congress.
10. Failure to pay capitation fees on the part of member institutions and observers shall deny such defaulters feeding, lodging and voting rights .
11. Institutions must pay their dues in full before they are granted accreditation as delegates.
12. Decisions taken or resolutions passed by Congress shall be regarded as GUPS decisions and as such indicative of GUPS policy directives .
13. At least, 60% of member institutions shall form the appropriate quorum for Congress and 60% of those present shall form a quorum at any

meeting of the Congress.

14. If at any time during the Congress meetings, the numbers falls below 60%, the meeting(s) shall continue with delegates present and decisions taken shall be binding on GUPS.
15. Decisions of Congress, unless otherwise stated shall be taken by simple majority of those delegates present and shall be binding on GUPS.
16. The National Secretariat may invite or grant observer statuses to Congress.

**ARTICLE 13: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (G.A)**

1. There shall be a General Assembly herein referred to as G.A, which shall be the legislative organ responsible for running the affairs of the Union between Congresses.
2. The General Assembly shall comprise the following:
  - a) All members of NEC and the National Secretariat ;
  - b) All SRC Secretaries and Women's Commissioners of member institutions.
  - c) All Local GUPS Presidents and Secretaries of member institutions .
3. The members of GA shall be elected or nominated in accordance with this Constitution and the Constitutions of their various component institutions.
4. Members of G A shall ascribe to the G A oath set out in the third schedule of this Constitution.
5. All members of GUPS forming the G A shall, except with objection by the G.A, be sworn in as members of the G A after they have been presented to G A by the outgoing President/Representative of the appropriate component institution .
6. The General Assembly shall meet at least once every (3) three months at the request of National Secretariat in consultation with NEC to transact the following business:

- a) To deliberate on current affairs of the Union;
  - b) Approve the budget presented by the Secretariat .
  - c) Approve all transactions, projects, programmes or activities proposed by the Secretariat or any other body of the Union.
  - d) Approve nominees as members of Committees, Boards and other Bodies set up under this Constitution.
  - e) Approve the establishment of Committees, Boards and other Bodies.
  - f) Approve dues and other levies to be paid by students of member institutions to the Union.
  - g) To do any other such business that it deems fit.
7. The powers of the General Assembly shall include the following:
- a) Invite any member of a Committee, Body or Organ of the Union or any student or member institution to provide information on any task or assignment given to him under this Constitution.
  - b) Request for documents and information relevant to any issues from any Committee or Organ of the Union.
  - c) Recommend measures to be taken by any relevant body on matters deliberated by it.
  - d) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, exercise the authority to decide how to conduct its own proceedings.
  - e) The General Assembly shall have the power to approve, modify or reject any appointment or policy made by the National Secretariat.
8. Quorum for all General Assembly meetings shall be one – third (1/3) of the total number of member institutions with the following national Officers present:
- a) The President – shall be the Chairman;
  - b) The General Secretary;
  - c) The Treasurer.
  - d) The Co-ordinating Secretary;
9. An emergency G.A meeting could be called at the request of the following:
- a) The National Secretariat
  - b) NEC
- c) A request proposed in writing by seven (7) member institutions of good standing in the Union. The request for the emergency G. A by the seven member institutions shall be seconded by the institutions' representatives to

G. A. At least one of the proposing institutions shall offer to host and fund it.

10. The First General Assembly meeting must be organised within six (6) week after the handing-over ceremony.

**ARTICLE 14: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC).**

1. There shall be a National Executive Committee which shall be called NEC and comprise of the following:
  - a) The President
  - b) The Secretary
  - c) The Treasurer
  - d) The Co-ordinating Secretary
  - e) The Women's Commissioner
  - f) The SRC Presidents/Representatives of Component institutions.
2. NEC shall meet at least once every three (3) months to deliberate on matters arising at the Secretariat and any other business deemed necessary such as:
  - a) See to the effective operations of the National Secretariat;
  - b) Shall be accountable to Congress;
  - c) Shall see to the implementation of G. A Policy Directives.
3. An Emergency NEC meeting shall be convened at the request of any of the following:
  - a) The President
  - b) The National Secretariat
  - c) Seven SRC Presidents from member institutions of good standing.
4. Quorum at any NEC meeting shall be the President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least seven (7) SRC Presidents.

**ARTICLE 15: THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.**

1. There shall be National Officers who shall constitute a coordinated body referred to as the "SECRETARIAT" and shall be elected by Congress to transact the following businesses:
  - a) Be responsible for the formulation and execution of programmes that shall ensure the smooth administration of the Union and shall generally carry into effect the provisions of this Constitution.
  - b) Determine the dues and levies to be paid by students in consultation with NEC subject to the approval by the General Assembly.
  - c) Have the authority, in times of emergency, to act promptly without

prejudice to any provision of this Constitution; provided that the General Assembly shall be informed of such an emergency action at an emergency meeting of the General Assembly, within 21 days.

- d) Endeavour to establish a permanent communication link between the Ministry of Education, member institutions and all bodies connected with education in this country in accordance with the rules and regulation of this constitution.
- e) Issue press statements and hold conferences on behalf of the Union. The theme of the statement or conference must have been decided at a General Assembly meeting or National Executive Committee meeting.
- f) Represent or nominate delegates to represent the Union at all conferences and seminars including those organized by the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) and its blocs.

2. The National Secretariat shall be constituted as follows:

- a) The President
- b) The General Secretary
- c) The Treasurer
- d) The Co-ordinating Secretary
- e) The Women's Commissioner
- f) The Press and Information Secretary
- g) The Projects and Programs Coordinator
- h) The Financial Controller
- i) The International Relations Secretary

3. The President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Commissioner and Press and Information Secretary shall be full – time students whereas the Co-ordinating Secretary, Projects and Programmes Coordinator, Financial Controller and International Relations Secretary shall be national service personnel.

4. An Emergency secretariat meeting shall be convened at the request of any of the following:

- a) The President
- b) Any three members of the Secretariat.

5. Quorum at any Secretariat meeting shall be five (5) officers including the President and/ or the Secretary.

6. In the execution of its duties, the Secretariat may engage any person(s) which

in its opinion would enable it discharge its duties efficiently.

7. Proceedings of National Secretariat meetings shall be confidential unless otherwise decided.
8. Subject to this Constitution, there shall be a Local GUPS Secretariat in each member institution which shall be a liaison between the National Secretariat and the member institutions.
9. The Local GUPS Secretariats referred to in clause eight above, shall be manned by Local GUPS Executives as may be determined by the Constitutions of member institutions in no contradiction to this Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE 16: THE JUDICIAL BOARD**

1. There shall be a five – member Judicial Board of the Union whose members shall be called Justices. The Chairman and Vice – Chairman however shall be Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice respectively.
2. Composition of the Judicial Board;
  - a) The Chairman shall be appointed by the President in consultation with NEC.
  - b) The Vice - Chairman shall be appointed by the President in consultation with NEC.
  - c) Three members to be appointed by G.A.
3. The Chairmen and members of the Judicial Board shall not be liable to any action or suit for any commission or omission in the exercise of their judicial powers.
4. The Judicial Board shall not be subject to the control or direction of any authority in the discharge of its duties.
5. All members shall accord the Judicial Board such assistance as it may reasonably require ensuring its dignity, independence and effectiveness.
6. Members of the Judicial Board shall be present at all General Assembly meetings.



7. The duties and powers of the Judicial Board shall be;
  - a) To interpret and enforce the GUPS Constitution.
  - b) To determine whether any conduct of a member institution or group of institutions is inconsistent with the spirit and letter of the Constitution.
  - c) To determine whether any decision or a resolution of a Committee or an Organ created under the GUPS Constitution is consistent with the spirit and letter of this Constitution.
  - d) To determine petitions seeking to remove an officer elected under this Constitution and preside over any such impeachment proceeding.
  - e) To determine whether the Constitutions of member institutions are consistent with the spirit and letter of the GUPS Constitution.
  - f) To preside and resolve any petition presented by any member of the Union in and outside Congress.
  - g) To rule on petitions relating to elections in this Constitution.
8. The decisions of the board shall be binding on the parties involved at any given time
9. The Judicial Board shall be bound to give written reasons for its decisions, copied to all the parties involved and NEC at any given time.
10. A party in a matter may ask for a review within seventy – two hours after a declaration.
11. Upon review, NEC shall appoint two (2) additional members to join the Judicial Board to sit on that particular matter and the declaration of the review shall be deemed final.

**CHAPTER FOUR  
DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS**

**ARTICLE 17: THE PRESIDENT**

- a) Be the Chief Executive Officer and Spokesman of the Union.
- b) Shall in consultation with the General Secretary, convene, prepare agenda and preside over all meetings such as the Congress, General Assembly, NEC and National Secretariat.
- c) Shall take oversight responsibility over all other National Officers and Committees of the Union
- d) Sign documents on behalf of the Union.
- e) Shall be the principal signatory to the Union's Bank Account.
- f) In the event of any legal suit being preferred against GUPS, shall represent the Union.
- g) Authorize all expenditure of the Union.
- h) All correspondents must be authenticated by the President; counter signed by him.
- i) Shall see to the day to day implementation of the decisions of Congress, G. A, NEC and other committees.
- j) Shall preside over all Press conferences organized by the Union.
- k) Shall be accountable to the Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress
- l) Perform such tasks as may be assigned to him by NEC, the General Assembly or Congress

**ARTICLE 18: THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

- a) Shall be the second in command after the National President and shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties
- b) Keep and maintain true and accurate records of all proceedings of Congress, General Assembly, NEC, and Secretariat meetings
- c) In consultation with the President handle all correspondence of the Union.
- d) Shall compile an official list of all members of the General Assembly
- e) Shall present the minutes of the previous meetings, which must be signed by the President.
- f) Be a signatory to the Union's Bank Account.
- g) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress

- h) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**ARTICLE 19: THE TREASURER**

- a) Shall receive and lodge all monies with the bankers of the Union within forty – eight (48) hours on weekdays and seventy – two (72) hours on weekends.
- b) Shall be the custodian of all the Union's assets
- c) Shall keep and maintain proper records of the Union's financial transactions.
- d) Shall keep an imprest with the approval of the President for petty cash disbursements.
- e) Shall assist the Financial Controller to prepare interim and final financial statements for auditing by the Audit Board to be presented and approved at Congress.
- f) Shall be a signatory to the Union's account.
- g) Shall be the third in command and act in the absence of the President and Secretary.
- h) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress
- i) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**ARTICLE 20: THE COORDINATING SECRETARY**

- a) Shall be the administrative head of the Union
- b) Shall be the Chairman of the Annual Congress Committee
- c) Shall be responsible for the organization of meetings, symposia, seminar, congress etc. of the Union
- d) Responsible for updating of the Union's website.
- e) Keep records of all proceedings of the Congress
- f) Be the custodian of the archives and all important documents at all levels
- g) In collaboration with the President, co-ordinate the day – to – day running of the Secretariat and all committees of the Union
- h) Submit periodic reports and make suggestions to the President, Secretariat, NEC G.A and Congress
- i) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress
- j) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**ARTICLE 21: THE WOMEN'S COMMISSIONER**

- a) Shall organize the Annual Professional Women's day
- b) Shall in collaboration with the secretariat, find solutions to problems in connection with women related issues
- c) Shall present proposal of activities to the Secretariat and NEC for consideration.
- d) Serve as the head of the Union's Women's Commission
- e) Shall aid female students in realizing themselves as important resources so as to contribute to the advancement of Society.
- f) Shall organize seminars and symposia, to sensitize women on gender issues.
- g) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress
- h) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**ARTICLE 22: THE PRESS AND INFORMATION SECRETARY**

- a) Shall see to the organization of press conferences on issues affecting the Union
- b) Shall serve all media houses with press releases of the Union
- c) Shall assist the GUPS Week and International Professional Summit committees
- d) Shall make available to the President all necessary materials before he goes on air
- e) Shall aid the President in the writing of his speeches.
- f) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress
- g) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**ARTICLE 23: THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS COORDINATOR**

- a) In consultation with NEC, prepare the settings for meetings and shall be in charge of refreshment, boarding, lodging, entertainment and the general welfare of officials, guest and members.
- b) Shall act in the absence of the Co-ordinating Secretary.
- c) Shall be the secretary to the Annual Congress Committee.
- d) Shall be a member of the GUPS Week Committee.
- e) Shall identify projects, programs and sponsorships for the Union
- f) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress

- g) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**ARTICLE 24: THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER**

- a) Ensure that all subscriptions and other revenues accruing to the Union are collected.
- b) Prepare and present interim and final financial statement to the Audit Board for audit and subsequently presented to Congress.
- c) Take custody of all Union's cheques and cash books;
- d) Responsible for undertaking and organizing fund raising activities for the Union
- e) Maintain a sound financial system in the Union
- f) Keep and maintain proper books of accounts of all dues and any other income accruing to the Union.
- g) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress
- h) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**ARTICLE 25: THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY**

- a) Shall be the chairman of the International Professional Summit Committee
- b) Shall identify international programmes for the Union to participate in.
- c) Shall be the dynamism factor in the relations between GUPS International students Associations such as AASU, WASU and other Foreign Professional Organizations
- d) Regularly publish releases on Union's stance on international relations in consultation with the President and the Secretariat
- e) Work to assist students to secure passports, identity cards, and other documents that may facilitate their activities both within and out of Ghana with the consent of the President and NEC.
- f) Shall be accountable to the President, Secretariat, NEC, General Assembly and Congress
- g) Perform any other duty as may be detailed to him by the President, the Secretariat, NEC, G.A or Congress.

**CHAPTER FIVE**  
**COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND DELEGATIONS**

**ARTICLE 26: COMMITTEES**

1. The mandatory Committees and Boards of the Union are;
  - a) GUPS Week Celebration Committee
  - b) International Professional Summit Committee
  - c) Audit Board
  - d) Annual Congress Committee.
  - e) Vetting Committee
  - f) Electoral Commission
2. All committees shall dissolve automatically after the performance of its function.
3. All committees/boards shall be ratified by the maiden G.A of a new administration.
4. Notwithstanding clause three above, the Vetting and Congress Committees and the Electoral Commission may be ratified later on in the course of the academic year.
5. The General Assembly may appoint and ratify any Ad-hoc committee for any specific task, if it deems necessary.
6. Notwithstanding clause four of this article, the National Secretariat may set up Ad – hoc committees to perform specific tasks and later report to the General Assembly for ratification.

**ARTICLE 27: GUPS WEEK CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

1. There shall be a GUPS week to be celebrated annually and the committee shall be responsible for the successful organization of the celebration which will include GUPS games and the Women's Commission Day
2. The GUPS Week Celebration shall serve as a platform to publicize the existence, essence and roles of the Union and seek to bond the Union together the more. It may also serve any such purpose as the Union may deem fit.

3. Composition of the Committee;

- a) Chairman – to be appointed by the President in consultation with the Secretariat
- b) The Coordinating Secretary - Secretary
- c) The Programs and Projects Coordinator - Organiser
- d) Four (4) other members to be appointed by the General Assembly which must include a female.

**ARTICLE 28: INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE**

1. There shall be an International Professional Summit committee responsible for the successful organisation of the Annual International Professional Summit.
2. Composition of the Committee;
  - a) The Chairman – shall be the Union's International Relations Secretary
  - b) The Secretary to be appointed by the President in consultation with the Secretariat
  - c) Projects and Programmes Secretary – member;
  - d) Four other members to be appointed by NEC which must include at least a female

**ARTICLE 29: AUDIT BOARD**

1. There shall be a five - member Audit committee which shall be a component of the General Assembly and shall be responsible for the following;
  - a) Audit all accounts of the Union.
  - b) Audit the accounts of Committees, Commissions, Councils or Bodies by whichever means established under this Constitution or under its authority.
  - c) Audit such other accounts as and when the Audit Board is called upon to do so.
  - d) Any person who, knowingly or recklessly makes either orally or in writing to the Audit Board, any statement, conveying any information or explanation required by the Board which is misleading, false or deceptive, shall be liable to any sanctions approved by the Judicial Board or the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Audit Board which ever may be appropriate.

2. For the purpose of discharging its functions under this Constitution, the Audit Board shall have the following powers:
  - a) Order any officer elected under this Constitution or a member of a Committee or body established under this Constitution to produce any document or provide information that the Audit Board deems necessary or requires for the performance of its functions.
  - b) Order any officer elected under this Constitution or a member of a Committee or body established under this Constitution to appear before it and testify or otherwise assist the Audit Board perform its functions under this Constitution; provided that such order shall only be made if the testimony of the officer or individual concerned is relevant to the performance of the functions of the Audit Board.
3. Composition of the Board;
  - a) The Auditor - General – to be appointed by the President in consultation with NEC.
  - b) The Deputy Auditor - General – to be appointed by the President in consultation with NEC.
  - c) Three other members nominated from G. A with accounting background out of which at least, one must be a female.

### **ARTICLE 30: ANNUAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE**

1. There shall be a five – member Annual Congress Committee responsible for the successful organization of Congress
2. Composition of the Committee;
  - a) The Chairman – shall be the Union's Co-ordinating Secretary
  - b) The Secretary – shall be the Union's Programs and Projects Coordinator
  - c) Three other members appointed by the President in consultation with NEC.

### **ARTICLE 31: VETTING COMMITTEE**

1. There shall be a five – member Vetting Committee responsible for ensuring that all candidates for election satisfy the requirements provided for under this Constitution.
2. The Vetting Committee shall be independent.



3. The Vetting Committee shall be formed by NEC with the approval of the General Assembly before Congress
4. The Committee shall be obliged to submit a confidential report to NEC and the Judicial Board immediately its sittings are over.
5. It shall have the power to recommend or nullify a person's candidature based on justifiable grounds
6. Any person whose candidature is nullified by the Vetting Committee may appeal within forty – eight (48) hours to the Judicial Board whose ruling shall be deemed final.

**ARTICLE 32: THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

1. There shall be a five – member electoral commission which shall be responsible for:
  - a) Conducting elections at Congress.
  - b) The electoral commission shall make rules and regulations governing the elections with respect to nomination procedure and balloting;
  - c) In consultation with the NEC, plan, conduct and supervise all elections, referenda and by-elections of the Union
  - d) In consultation with NEC, the Electoral Commissioner, shall ban and lift the ban on GUPS politics.
  - e) Stands dissolved at the end of Congress
2. The Electoral Commission shall be formed by NEC with the approval of the General Assembly
3. Composition of the commission:
  - a) Chairman
  - b) Secretary
  - c) Three other members
4. Pre-condition for one to qualify as a member of the electoral commission
  - a) Be present or past member of GUPS
  - b) Be of high moral status
  - c) Possess an appreciable level of students' leadership experience
  - d) Be non-partisan

5. All elections shall be won by simple majority.
6. No member of the electoral commission shall stand for elections.
7. Voting by Proxy shall not be permitted at any level.
8. In case of a vacant position there shall be a bye-election within a reasonable period.
9. The Executive council of GUPS shall assume office within twenty-one (21) days after their election at congress.

**ARTICLE 33: DELEGATIONS**

1. Delegations of the Union shall be determined by the Secretariat which may consult with the National Executive Committee as the case may be.

**CHAPTER SIX  
ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

**ARTICLE 34: QUALIFICATION FOR ELECTION**

1. The President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Commissioner and Press and Information Secretary shall be full – time students.
2. The Coordinating Secretary, Programs and Projects Coordinator, Financial Controller and International Relations Secretary shall be national service persons.
3. The President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Commissioner and Press and Information Secretary should have completed at least one academic year and be left with at least one full academic year to graduate.
4. Notwithstanding clause three of this article, persons who have not yet completed one academic year may be appointed to serve on committees.
5. The Press and Information Secretary must have studied Journalism.
6. The Financial Controller must have studied Accounting.
7. A person shall not qualify to contest for any position in the Union if;
  - a) he has been convicted of any crime in or outside Ghana
  - b) he has a low moral standing
  - c) he has been proven to have been involved in any financial misappropriation
  - d) he has been adversely affected by a report of any committee and the findings of the committee have not been set aside on appeal or judicial review
  - e) he has once been removed from office from any student office
  - f) he has little, inadequate or no knowledge / experience as far as student leadership in general and GUPS in particular are concerned.
8. Any member of a committee who wishes to contest for any position of the National Secretariat shall resign in a letter addressed to the President.
9. Without prejudice to any clause contained under this article, only students from member institutions of good standing shall be eligible to contest for

any position in this Constitution.

**ARTICLE 35: RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS**

1. All election shall be by secret ballot and a simple majority is required to win an election.
2. Candidates who contest unopposed shall be required to receive at least 50% plus one (1) of the vote cast to win the post thereof.
3. The Electoral Commission shall re-open nomination if an unopposed candidate fails to receive at least 50% plus one (1) of the votes
4. In the event that the same candidate returns unopposed for the second time, he shall be deemed duly elected.
5. In case of a tie, fresh elections shall be held for the candidates involved.
6. The Electoral Commission may, by constitutional instrument, make additional regulations for the effective performance of its functions under this Constitution.
7. Any candidate who is found to be guilty of an electoral regulation shall be referred to the Judicial Board for appropriate sanctions which may include outright withdrawal from the elections entirely.
8. For the avoidance of doubt, a candidate shall be a person who;
  - a) has obtained and submitted his Nomination Form before the deadline of submission, and
  - b) has been officially recommended by the Vetting Committee.

**ARTICLE 36: COUNTING, DECLARATION AND CHALLENGING OF ELECTION RESULTS**

1. Ballots shall be counted solely by the Electoral Commission immediately voting ends.
2. Ballots shall be counted in the presence of candidates or their officially appointed representatives and a representative of the Judicial Board.

3. The Electoral Commissioner shall declare provisional results immediately after counting is concluded.
4. A candidate may challenge the results of an election within at least two (2) hours after the declaration of the provisional electoral results in respect of which a petition is addressed and presented to the Judicial Board.
5. The Judicial Board after hearing from the petitioner and the Electoral Commission shall make their findings known to Congress within two (2) hours after the receipt of the petition.
6. If the provisional results are unchallenged after two (2) hours, the results shall be deemed final and the Electoral Commission shall proceed to publish it.

**ARTICLE 37: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

1. Any officer of the Union may be removed from office if he is found;
  - a) to have embezzled, misappropriated or recklessly handled the Union's funds,
  - b) to be inefficient or negligent in the discharge of duties,
  - c) to have acted in a manner deemed liable to produce rancour, acrimony, or confusion in the Union and contrary to the interest of the entire Union,
  - d) to have acted in a manner which brings or is likely to bring the name of the Union into disrepute, contempt or ridicule,
  - e) to have acted in contravention of his oath of office or any provision of the Constitution,
  - f) to be incapable of performing the functions of his office by reason of infirmity of body or mind
2. The National Secretariat, acting through the President shall have the power to dismiss any person(s) appointed to serve on any committee for stated reasons except that such dismissal can be reversed by a three –fourth majority vote by the General Assembly.

**ARTICLE 38: PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

1. Any student of a member institution may by notice in writing addressed to the Judicial Board, commence impeachment proceedings against an officer(s) of the Union. Except that such notice must be seconded and signed by at twenty - one (21) General Assembly members from at least

- seven (7) member institutions of good standing.
2. The notice mentioned in clause one (1) above must be copied to the officer(s) concerned in at least seven (7) clear days including weekends before the start of proceedings.
  3. The Chief Justice or in his absence the Deputy Chief Justice shall within seven(7) days of receiving the notice of impeachment convene a sitting of the Board to deliberate over the issue(s)
  4. The Judicial Board shall have not more than two (2) weeks to conclude its sittings and come out with its independent opinion to the content of the petition.
  5. The President, upon notification by the Judicial Board with regards to the completion of its work, shall convene an Emergency General Assembly meeting within three (3) weeks after the submission of the Judicial Board's independent report.
  6. In the event that the proceedings are about the President, the General Secretary in consultation with the Secretariat shall convene the meeting referred to in clause five (5) above.
  7. At the General Assembly meeting, the item of impeachment shall be chaired by the Chief Justice or in his absence, by the Deputy Chief Justice.
  8. For the purposes of impeachment, the General Assembly shall be deemed duly constituted if at least fifty (50) percent of General Assembly members are present.
  9. Any officer shall be removed from office, provided that his removal is approved by at least seventy (70) percent of members at a General Assembly meeting called for that purpose.
  10. The General Assembly may, appoint someone to act on an interim basis pending substantive elections.

**ARTICLE 39: RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES**

1. Any officer of the Union, except the President may resign from office by writing under his hand addressed to the President and copied to the Judicial Board at least one (1) week before his resignation takes effect.

2. The President shall notify the Judicial Board, NEC and convene an Emergency General Assembly meeting within four (4) weeks to elect a substantive officer to fill the vacancy.
3. The President may however resign from office by writing under his hand addressed to the Judicial Board and copied to NEC at least two (2) weeks before his resignation takes effect
4. The Judicial Board shall notify the General Secretary to convene an Emergency General Assembly meeting within four (4) weeks to elect a substantive officer to fill the vacancy.
5. A day's Congress shall be organized by the Judicial Board and NEC within four (4) weeks to fill vacancies arising from an en bloc resignation of the secretariat.
6. Any appointee may also resign in a letter under his hand addressed to the President at least seventy – two (72) hours before his resignation takes effect.

**ARTICLE 40: VACANCY OF OFFICE**

1. An office shall be considered vacant if an officer;
  - a) is impeached
  - b) dies or is incapacitated by ill – health
  - c) vacates his post for more than twenty – one (21) days without an official notice or without reporting to the President
2. The President in the case of clause 1(c) above shall notify the Judicial Board, NEC and the General Assembly
3. The General Assembly shall within four (4) weeks upon receiving such notice elect a substantive officer to fill the vacant position.
4. Any officer who resigns, vacates or is removed from office shall properly hand over all assets of the Union to the President, or in his resignation to the Coordinating Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours after the effect of the resignation or removal.
5. NEC shall use all legal means to retrieve the Union's assets upon the failure of any removed, vacated or resigned officer to fulfil clause four (4) above.

**CHAPTER SEVEN  
FINANCE AND AUDITING**

**ARTICLE 41: FINANCE**

1. The Union shall operate a bank account, herein after referred to as the GUPS Account.
2. The Union shall operate with dues from member institutions levied on each student annually
3. Such contributions shall be internally collected about the same way as SRC dues and forwarded to the National Secretariat by component institutions.
4. The amount to be paid shall be determined by the Congress and reviewed solely by Congress when necessary.
5. The signatories to the bank account shall be the President, General Secretary and the Treasurer.
6. For the purposes of withdrawals, the bank shall consider any cheque signed by any two (2) of the signatories including the President.
7. The Secretariat shall have the powers to raise funds through sponsorships.
8. The Union shall operate a bank account with any bank agreed upon by the General Assembly.
9. Congress or General Assembly may impose special levies on member institutions as and when necessary
10. Annual dues shall be forwarded to the National Secretariat not later than twelve (12) weeks after the start of an institution's academic year.
11. A member institution shall lose its voting rights at all GUPS meetings and elections upon non – compliance with clause eleven (10) above.
12. The Treasurer shall bring to the notice of the General Assembly, any defaulting institution at each meeting.



13. The General Assembly shall determine further penalty for members who default.
14. The Union may also accept donations with no strings attached.
15. All Committees, Commissions, Boards and Delegations of the Union shall be financed from the Union's Accounts
16. Any officer, committee, board or G. A member who raises funds on behalf of the Union must do so with the consent of the Secretariat and must deposit it with the Treasurer within 72 hours of receipt.

#### **ARTICLE 42: AUDITING**

1. The Union's account shall be audited by the Union's Audit Board
2. Notwithstanding clause one (1) above, the G. A may recommend for External Auditors to audit the Union's Account.
3. The Union's account shall be audited at the end of the academic year and the independent report of the Audit Board submitted to Congress for consideration.
4. Any officer or member of the Union who is adversely affected by the Audit report shall be made to refund it with interest in accordance with the Bank of Ghana prime rate to the Union.
5. The Union may use any legal means available to retrieve such funds mentioned above.

**CHAPTER EIGHT**  
**AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE 43: BY – LAWS**

1. Congress shall reserve the power to make by – laws on the advice of the General Assembly, NEC or Judicial Board within the framework of this Constitution.
2. Where at any level, a by – law is found to be inconsistent with any provision of this Constitution, the Constitutional provision shall reign supreme.

**ARTICLE 44: AMENDMENTS**

1. Chapters One, Two, Three, Six and Seven shall be considered as entrenched provisions.
2. The President and the Judicial Board shall be notified of a proposal for amendment who shall make it an item for discussion at Congress.
3. A proposal for amendment shall be sent to member institutions at least two weeks before Congress
4. Any word, clause or article of a non – entrenched provision of this constitution can only be amended at Congress by two – thirds (2/3) majority of votes in favour.
5. A proposal for an amendment of an entrenched provision shall be considered by NEC and the General Assembly which shall also consider it.
6. The NEC and General Assembly upon consideration shall mandate the Judicial Board to make an independent opinion to Congress.
7. Pursuant to clause six (6) above, the NEC and G. A may appoint not more than four (4) additional members to join the Judicial Board in its sittings on the amendment.
8. Entrenched provisions shall be duly amended by three – fourth (3/4) majority of votes in favour at Congress.
9. Without prejudice to any provision of this article, Congress may mandate

the General Assembly to continue with any unfinished amendment procedure but these shall not include the amendment of entrenched provisions.

**CHAPTER NINE  
MISCELLENOUS**

**ARTICLE 45: UNCONSTITUTIONAL PORTFOLIOS**

1. The Union shall not recognize any leadership structure or designation erected into its fold by any establishment or authority within or outside its confines unless by due amendment of this Constitution.
2. The Union shall therefore dissociate itself from the utterances and actions of such persons.

**ARTICLE 46: INDEMNITY**

1. The Union shall indemnify officers and committee members against any loss or damage to funds and assets of the Union in the legitimate execution of their duties.

**ARTICLE 47: VOTING**

1. All decisions of the Union shall be reached by consensus. Where this fails, voting shall be by simple majority of votes cast unless otherwise decided by this Constitution.
2. Members abstaining shall be considered as non - voting

**ARTICLE 48: STANDING ORDERS**

1. The Congress, General Assembly, NEC, Secretariat, Judicial Committee and all other committees of the Union shall adhere and be guided by the standing orders of the Union at all times.
2. The Standing Orders of the Union are clearly spelt out in the Second Schedule of this Constitution.

**ARTICLE 49: COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY**

1. All members of Congress, General Assembly, NEC, National Secretariat and all other committees and delegations shall be jointly and severally responsible for any decision(s) they take.
2. Notwithstanding clause one (1) supra, satisfactory reason(s) may be accepted and member(s) exonerated from the consequence(s) arising out of a decision, action or omission on their part.

**ARTICLE 50: THE GUPS YEAR**

1. The GUPS year within which the tenure of office as well as dues inflow may be derived shall run from September to August.

**ARTICLE 51: RESIDUAL POWERS OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**

1. Where on any matter or issue, no provision has been made for it in this Constitution, the National Secretariat in consultation with the National Executive Committee shall issue directives and provide for that matter or issue as it may deem fit.

**ARTICLE 52: GUPS HANDING – OVER CEREMONY**

1. The GUPS Handing – Over Ceremony shall take place within four (4) weeks after Congress.
2. The Ceremony shall be organized by both the Out – Going and In – Coming Officers
3. Both the Out – Going President and the In – Coming President shall address the gathering.
4. Notwithstanding clause three (3) supra, the organizers may invite other dignitaries to address the ceremony.
5. Swearing – In of new executives shall be done by the Out – Going Chief Justice or the Deputy Chief Justice.

**ARTICLE 53: INTERPRETATION**

- a) “Functions” includes powers and duties
- b) “Union” means the Ghana Union of Professional Students (GUPS)
- c) “Congress” means Annual National Delegates Congress
- d) “G.A” means General Assembly
- e) “NEC” means National Executive Committee
- f) “SRC” means Students Representative Council
- g) ”NUGS” means National Union of Ghana Students
- h) “He” is inclusive of female
- i) “Resolution” means a Resolution or decision passed or made by a structure of the Union

- j) “Delegation” includes participants and representatives
- k) “Member Institution” means a tertiary educational institution ratified under GUPS
- l) “Article” means an article of this Constituion

### **FIRST SCHEDULE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, all persons elected or appointed into any position or portfolio of GUPS before the coming into force of this Constitution, in anticipation of meeting the requirements of this Constitution shall be deemed to have acted for the purpose of this Constitution and shall be deemed to have been duly elected or appointed for the purpose of this Constitution.
2. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, all activities and meetings of GUPS carried out before the coming into force of this Constitution, in anticipation of meeting the provisions of this Constitution shall be deemed to have been duly done for the purpose of this Constitution.
3. This Constitution shall come into force on 2nd March, 2009 A.D

### **SECOND SCHEDULE STANDING ORDERS**

#### **VOTING**

1. Votes shall be cast by delegates only. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only
2. The casting of vote shall be in the following order;
  - a) For
  - b) Against
  - c) Abstention
3. It is only when the number of votes for and against a motion are equal that the Chairman shall cast his vote.
4. All delegates abstaining shall be considered as non – voting.

**MOTIONS**

1. All delegates shall have the right to file and second motions.
2. An observer may file a motion provided that five (5) different delegates from five (5) different schools second it however two (2) observers may second a motion filed by a delegate.
3. All motions should be submitted in writing and must be handed over to the Chairman immediately through the porter and must be heard at all times.
4. All motions shall contain an underlined title, salutation, date, time and name of mover. Absence of any of these is a ground to quash the motion.
5. No motion shall be opened for discussion until it has been seconded.
6. The mover of a motion without a seconder shall however be given two (2) minutes to speak on the motion for a seconder. If he gets a seconder, the motion shall then be open for discussion but if he fails to get a seconder, the motion shall be quashed automatically.
7. No matter shall be discussed unless it concerns an approved subject on the agenda except with permission from the house.
8. After the mover and seconder have spoken for the motion, the Chairman shall invite at most two (2) other speakers each in the following order;
  - a) For the Motion
  - b) Against the motion
9. At the close of debate on the motion, the mover of the original motion shall exercise a right of reply. This ends debate on the motion.
10. Votes shall then be cast, counted and declared.
11. After voting, at most two (2) submissions may be invited from any persons be they delegates or observers.
12. Discussion of a motion may be curtailed in time by a Procedural Motion from the house. A Procedural Motion may be filed during the discussion of

a motion.

13. Verbal Motions followed by a voice count may be tolerated by the Chair.

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

1. The following Procedural Motions may be filed even when there is already a motion on the floor of the house;
  - a) that the motion on board 'should not now be put'
  - b) that the motion on board 'should now be put'
  - c) to postpone or adjourn the matter under discussion to a specified meeting
  - d) to move on to the next business
  - e) to refer the matter under discussion to a committee
  - f) to form ad – hoc committees
  - g) to limit debate to a certain specific time period
2. A Procedural Motion shall follow sections 5 – 11 under motions mutatis mutandis.
3. If the Procedural Motion “Limit debate to a certain specific time period” is carried, the Chairman shall draw up a list of those wishing to take the floor and assign them equal proportions of time before a decision is taken.

### **AMENDMENTS**

1. No amendment shall be moved which by the Chairman's ruling rescinds, ` negates or destroys the original motion.
2. No other amendment shall be moved until the first amendment has been disposed off, but notice of further amendments may be given.
3. If an amendment be rejected, other amendments may be moved on the original motion, if an amendment is carried, the motion as amended shall be the subject about which any further discussion may be made, or upon which the final vote is taken.
4. An amendment, like a motion must be moved, seconded and discussed following sections 5 – 11 of under motions mutatis mutandis..



## **INTERVENTIONS**

1. In addition to discussion on a motion or item on agenda, the Chairman shall allow the following points in order of precedence from top to bottom;
  - a) Point of Order
  - b) Point of Correction
  - c) Point of Information
  
2. The Point of Order shall deal with the conduct of procedure of debate. A member rising to put the Point of Order shall prove one or more of the following;
  - a) that the speaker is travelling outside the scope of the subject under discussion
  - b) that the speaker is using improper, abusive or indecent language
  - c) that the speaker is misusing or infringing upon the Constitution and /or the Standing Orders
  
3. A Point of Correction shall be a factual presentation seeking to correct a statement made by the last speaker. It must be strictly related to the subject under immediate discussion.
  
4. A Point of Information is a question or a brief statement on a relevant fact concerning the matter under discussion (to seek or give information) – should be directed to the last speaker or the house through the Chairman.

## **CONDUCT AT MEETINGS**

1. A Speaker shall direct his or her speech to a motion under question or strictly to the point on the agenda under discussion. Every member shall address himself or herself solely to the Chair.
  
2. No member shall be allowed to speak for more than once on a motion as long as a member who has not spoken on that motion desires the floor. No member shall speak for longer than five (5) minutes at one time without permission from the Chair.
  
3. The Chairman shall interpret the Standing Orders, subject to the approval of the house and shall be free to take part in all deliberations and decisions.
  
4. The Chair has the sole prerogative or mandate to walk out any member who infringes on the standing orders, or shows gross disrespect either to the

house or the Chair, for a specific period.

5. Emotional or hysterical members may be made to sit down, to calm down, before retaking the floor.

**THIRD SCHEDULE**  
**FORMS OF OATH**

**THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH**

I.....(name).....having been elected to the high office of National President of the Ghana Union of Professional Students (GUPS) do in the name of the Almighty GOD swear that I would be committed to the course of the Union.

I dedicate myself to the service and preservation of the GUPS Constitution.

I devote myself to the effective coordination of all executives and arms of the Union.

I solemnly swear that I will at all times uphold and defend the principles accountability, transparency, probity and equality of all person in seeking the welfare of all students.

I further solemnly affirm that should I at anytime break this Oath of office, I shall submit myself to the laws of GUPS and suffer penalty prescribed by the GUPS Constitution thereof. So help me GOD

*(To be administered by the Out – Going Chief Justice and sworn by the President)*

**THE OATH OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**

I.....(name).....having been elected to the position of .....(portfolio)..... of the Ghana Union of Professional Students (GUPS), do hereby swear in the name of God (solemnly affirm) that I will, at all times, truly and in good faith and dedication serve the Union in my capacity as a National Officer; and that I will conscientiously and honestly carry out the functions of my office as specified under this Constitution.

I further solemnly affirm that should I at anytime break this Oath of office, I shall submit myself to the laws of GUPS and suffer penalty prescribed by the GUPS Constitution thereof. So help me GOD

*(To be administered by the Out – Going Chief Justice and sworn by all National Officers including the President)*

**THE OATH OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**(NEC)**

I,.....(name).....having been made a member of the National Executive Committee of the Ghana Union of Professional Students, do swear in the name of God (solemnly affirm) that I will, at all times uphold, protect and defend the interests and welfare of Professional students and all students of Ghana. I further solemnly swear that, I will to the best of my judgement, and at all times offer good counsel for the advancement of the course of the Union. So help me God.

*(To be administered by the President and sworn by all SRC Presidents of GUPS)*

**THE OATH OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS**

I,.....(name).....having been made a General Assembly member of the Ghana Union of Professional Students, by virtue of my position as ... .. ( p o r t f o l i o ) ... .. o f .....(institution).....do in the name of the Almighty GOD swear that I will, at all times uphold, protect and defend the Constitution of the Union.

I solemnly affirm that, I will conscientiously and honestly carry out my functions as a member of the General Assembly as specified under the GUPS Constitution. So help me God.

*(To be administered by the President and sworn by all G.A members of GUPS)*

**THE OATH OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**

I ,.....(name).....having been appointed to the office of  
.....(portfolio).....

Of the ..... (Committee, Commission or Board)..... Of the  
Ghana Union of Professional Students (GUPS) do in the name of the Almighty  
GOD swear, that I will render dedicated, selfless, truthful and faithful service to  
the Union.

I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the Constitution of  
GUPS.

I further solemnly swear to execute my duties conscientiously without fear or  
favour, affection or ill – will. So help me GOD.

*(To be administered by the President and sworn by all Appointees before the G.A)*

**DATED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2009. A.D IN ACCRA, GHANA  
UNDER THE HANDS OF;**



.....  
**JOHN KWAKU MENSAH**  
CHAIRMAN  
(CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE)

**AND**



.....  
**ANTHONY ABOTSI AFRIYIE**  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF GUPS  
(2008/2009 ACADEMIC YEAR)

**CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- 1. John Kwaku Mensah .....Chairman
- 2. Daniel Boadu ..... Secretary
- 3. Chantelle Owusu Agyemang ..... Member
- 4. Akalilu Mohammed .....Member
- 5. Patrick Ayittah / Anthony Abotsi Afriyie .....Member

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