

THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF GHANA - **USAG**

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PREAMBLE

IN THE NAME OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD, We the students of the Universities

In Ghana;

DETERMINED to give vision and focus to the student movement in general and

University students in particular,

WITH the view to improving the quality of education to promote personal and

National development;

RESOLVED to promote unflinching solidarity and fraternity amongst University Students

Of Ghana;

DO HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS

CONSTITUTION.

CHAPTER ONE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

1. The official organization of University Students' in Ghana shall be the UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GHANA herein after referred to as USAG.
2. This document shall be the constitution of the UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GHANA, herein after referred to as USAG.
3. The nature of the association shall be a non-partisan, non-profit making and development focused association. (Former article six moved to article three)

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.

4. a) This constitution shall be the supreme law of the USAG and any omission or commission, which is found to be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution shall to the extent of the inconsistency, be considered null and void.

b) Powers, duties and responsibilities that are conferred, vested and assumed under this constitution shall be discharged in the manner and within the limits laid down in this constitution.

5. (a) A member who alleges that

- I. An act or omission of any person or
- II. A bye law or decision of a body

is inconsistent with a provision of this constitution or ultra vires the powers prescribed by this constitution may seek a declaration to that effect.

(b) The Judicial Committee shall for the purposes of a declaration under clause (a) make such orders or give such direction as it considers appropriate in giving effect to the declaration so made.

c) A member or group of members to whom an order or direction is addressed to under clause (b) shall obey and carry out the terms of the order or direction.

d) Failure to obey or carry out the terms of an order or direction given under clause (b) constitutes a breach of this constitution and shall, in the case of an Executive Officer constitute a ground for removal from office.

MEMBERSHIP

6. USAG shall be a permanent block of the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) (Formerly article 4 now article 6)

7 (a) Membership of USAG is open to all accredited Universities and Universities Colleges in Ghana (public and private).

(b) Associations of Ghanaian Students in Universities abroad may become members of USAG.

(c) An accredited University or University College in Ghana or an association of Ghanaian students in Universities abroad may become members of USAG by a written request addressed to the coordinating secretary of the USAG.

(d) The membership register of USAG shall be reviewed at every annual congress

CHAPTER TWO

DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF USAG

8. The Directive Principles of USAG contained in this article shall guide all members and bodies of USAG in applying this constitution or in undertaking and implementing any policy set down by USAG.

9. (a) The President shall report to senate all the steps taken to ensure the realization of this policy objectives contained in this chapter.

(b) Senate shall within 2 months upon the coming into force of this constitution approve a policy documented submitted by the executive officers.

c) The Policy Document shall only be amended through Senate.

10. The Directive Principle of USAG shall include the following:

- I. To create a forum for students of accredited Universities and University Colleges in Ghana to meet and discuss issues of common interest.
- II. To ensure that issues and problems peculiar to Universities and University Colleges are promptly and effectively attended to.
- III. To coordinate with similar organization(s) which share in the philosophy of USAG to achieve its set agenda.
- IV. To ensure that there is effective mobilization of students of member institutions/blocks for the holistic development of individuals, the association and the nation as a whole.
- V. To liaise with University students' associations elsewhere in Africa and the world for the effective exchange of ideas and information in aid of promoting quality university education.

- VI. To foster mutual cooperation with the relevant university authorities and government for the formulation of appropriate policies and programs concerning university education

CHAPTER THREE

STRUCTURE OF USAG

11. USAG shall be made up of Congress, Senate, National Executive Council, National Executive Officers all composed from member institutions provided for by this constitution.

CONGRESS

12. (1) There shall be an annual delegates congress, which all member institutions shall attend.
- (2) The National President shall present to Congress a written report of the year's activities.
- (3) Congress shall hold a Conference on University Education in Ghana and issue a communiqué.
- (4) NUGS and other affiliated bodies may be invited to Congress.

QUORUM

- 13 (1) Member institutions shall have representation to the annual congress.
- (2) Not less than two-thirds of accredited member institutions shall duly constitute congress.
- (3) Sixty percent of institutions present shall form a quorum at any meeting of Congress.
- (4) Notwithstanding the clause supra, a meeting of Congress shall stand adjourned and must be reconvened to a later date should the number of delegates present fall below Fifty percent of the quorum.
- (5) Only institutions with more than one-third of its required delegates shall be accredited.
- (6) Delegates from member institutions to Congress shall comprise individuals who qualify as Senators under this constitution.
- (7) The number of observers to Congress shall be determined by Senate.

14. The number of a delegation from member institutions shall be determined as follows;

(1) Member institutions with a population not exceeding ten thousand students shall have 10 delegates.

(2) For every additional range of 5000 students, a member institution shall have 2 additional delegates.

15. (1) Congress shall be the highest decision and legislative making body of USAG.

(2) Legislation passed by congress shall become the by-laws of USAG. Congress shall concern itself with questions of policy and other matters as may be directed to it by NEC or Senate.

(3) Decision of Congress, unless otherwise stated, shall be by simple majority of the delegates present and shall be binding on USAG.

SENATE

16. There shall be a Senate of USAG which shall comprise the following:

I. Executive Officers

II. SRC Presidents

III. SRC Secretaries

IV. Local NUGS Presidents

V. Local NUGS Secretaries

VI. Women's Commissioner

VII. Immediate past institutional representative to Senate of member institutions and

VIII. Accredited Observers who shall have no voting rights

17. (1) There shall be a Senate Meeting prior to Congress to discuss matters of Congress
- (2) There shall be a Senate Meeting for university peer review only in the course of every year.
- (3) Senate shall meet at least three (3) times in a year.
18. (1) Members of Senate shall ascribe to the Senate Oath set out in this constitution.
- (2) Senate shall be duly constituted by half of the total member institutions.
- (3) Notwithstanding the clause above only institutions with more than one-third of its Senate Representatives shall be accredited.
- (4) All observers to Senate may seek clearance from the National Executives through their sitting presidents.
19. (1) An Emergency meeting of Senate may be convened by the National Officers or at the request of Senate members from at least one third of the member institutions.
- (2) Upon the request by Senators, the National Officers shall be obliged to comply with such a request provided that the agenda, date and host institutions are signed by Senate members fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the proposed meeting.
20. (1) Senate shall be the second highest decision and legislative making body of USAG.
- (2) Notwithstanding the clause above Senate shall, by three-fourth majority of its membership, take congressional decisions.
- (3) Legislation passed by Senate shall become the by-laws of USAG.
21. (1) Senate shall assist the National Officers to implement decisions and resolutions taken at congress
- (2) Senate may concern itself with questions of general policy referred to it by the Executive Officers of USAG.
- (3) Senate shall on its own initiative consider and make recommendations on any matter provided for in this constitution or affecting the welfare and interest of members.

22. The proceedings of all senate meetings shall be communicated by the secretary to component institutions of USAG for further dissemination to their students within seventy-two hours after the close of such proceedings.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

23. There shall be a National Executive Council of USAG herein referred to as NEC which may meet at least 3 times a year.

24. NEC shall consist of;

- I. Executive Officers
- II. SRC President / Representative of member institutions.

25. (1) NEC shall assist the National Officers in policy drafting of the Association.

(2) NEC shall promptly respond to matters affecting the interest of members before Senate has time to consider them

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (NEO)

26. (1) There shall be 7 executive officers who shall be elected at congress.

(2) Executive officers shall hold office for one term with the option of re-election

(3) They shall include;

(i) PRESIDENT (ii) SECRETARY (iii) CO-ORDINATING SECRETARY (iv) TREASURER (v) FINANCIAL CONTROLLER (vi) INFORMATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY (vii) WOMENS COMMISSIONER

(4) The executive officers named supra shall perform such functions and exercise such powers as this constitution may confer on them.

(5) They shall be responsible for the drafting and implantation of policies.

27. (1) The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Women's Commissioner shall be full-time students who should have completed at least one academic year and have one more academic year to complete their programs of pursuit.

(2) The Financial Controller, Coordinating Secretary and Information & International Relations Secretary shall be National Service Persons.

PATRONS

28. (1) There shall be two (2) patrons for the Association.

(2) These patrons must be people of impeccable reputation, should be apolitical, should have excelled in their chosen field of specialization and should not be financially insolvent.

(3) These patrons shall be chosen by Senate and shall remain patrons once they continue to satisfy clause (2) of this article.

(4) In the event of death or infirmity of body or mind, Senate shall have to replace such a Patron.

(5) Patrons shall advice and assist the Association in any form.

CHAPTER FOUR

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

29. The President shall:

- (1) Be the Chief Spokesperson of USAG
- (2) Coordinate the implementation of decisions of the National Executive Council, Senate and Congress.
- (3) Represent the USAG on NUGS, bodies, organizations and associations to which the USAG is invited.
- (4) Chair all meetings organized by the Association

SECRETARY

30. The Secretary shall:

- (1) Be the custodian of records of the Executive Council, Senate and Congress.
- (2) Act in the absence of the President.
- (3) Prepare the agenda for meetings of USAG in consultation with the President.
- (4) Be responsible for all correspondence involving the USAG in consultation with the President.

TREASURER

31. The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Concentrate himself with alternative avenues of raising funds for the activities, programs and projects of USAG.
- (2) Keep fair and accurate records of all financial transactions of USAG.
- (3) Be a signatory to any authorization for the disbursement of the funds of USAG

(4) Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the President or any other organ of USAG.

COORDINATING SECRETARY

32. The Coordinating Secretary shall

- (1) Be responsible for coordinating affairs of the USAG secretariat.
- (2) Liaise with member institutions to ensure that there is harmonization of activities in all member institutions and those activities are consistent with the aims and objectives of the Association.
- (3) Consult and collaborate with the President in particular and the other national officers in the discharge of his duties.
- (4) Contact organizations, groups and individuals whose services may be needed for programs, projects or activities or for other purposes.
- (5) Make sure that Meetings, Congress and other programs of USAG are properly and timely organized.
- (6) Perform such actions that may be assigned to him by the President or any other organ of USAG.

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

33. (1) The Financial Controller shall be responsible for managing the finances of USAG in strict accordance with established accounting and financial management principles.

(2) In discharging the responsibility in Clause (1), the Financial Controller shall perform the following specific functions:

- (a) Collect dues from member institutions
- (b) Adopt and formulate measures to mobilize resources for USAG with the approval of Executive Officers.
- (c) Record and keep accurate and up to date accounts of the finances of USAG.
- (d) Report to the Executive Officers, NEC, Senate and Congress the state of the finances of USAG at every sitting.

(3) The Financial Controller shall also keep record of all assets of USAG and give an account of such assets to Congress.

INFORMATION & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

34. (1) There shall be an Information & International Relations Secretary herein after referred to as IIRS.

2) The IIRS shall

(a) Serve as the coordinator for USAG with international bodies.

(b) Regularly publish releases of USAG stand on International issues.

(c) Oversee of all public relations issues including preparation for press conferences and the release of relevant information required by component institutions as the Executive Council may direct

(d) Be responsible for the making of effective publicity and advertisements of all USAG activities, programs and projects, and

(e) Ensure regular access and interaction with the media by officers of USAG.

WOMEN'S COMMISSONER

35. (1) There shall be a Women's Commission, which shall be headed by a Commissioner to be called the Women's Commissioner.

(2) The Women's Commissioner shall be responsible for coordinating all activities in member institutions that concern the interest of women.

(3) The Women's Commissioner shall in the discharge of her functions undertake the following:

(a) Liaise with representative of Women Groups in member institutions.

(b) Liaise with Women's Groups and representatives of women groups which may not be members of USAG.

(c) Liaise with other groups not necessarily being Women's Groups but whose activities are beneficial to the interest of women.

CHAPTER FIVE

COMMITTEES OF USAG

36. (1) USAG shall have the following Standing Committees;

Audit Committee

Judicial Committee

Electoral Commission

(2) Except the Electoral Commission which shall be formed at Congress, all of the Committees shall be formed and approved at the first Senate meeting during each administration.

(3) There shall be ad-hoc committees tasked for specific purposes as given by this constitution or per its terms of reference as stated by Senate.

(4) Notwithstanding the clause supra, National Officers shall form Local Organizing Committee to aid them in the organization of programs

(5) The Composition of each committee shall not exceed 5 persons including the Chairperson unless otherwise stated.

AUDIT BOARD

37. There shall be an Audit Committee of USAG formed at the first Senate meeting and shall be composed of five (5) members including the chairman.

POWERS OF THE AUDIT BOARD

38. In the performance of its functions, the Audit Board or any member of the Audit Board shall:

(a) Have unlimited access to all books, records, returns and other documents relating to financial transactions or that may be relevant to those accounts.

(b) Have the power to subpoena any person including members of the executive council through the judicial committee to appear before it.

39. In the performance of its functions under this constitution or any other resolution of Senate, not inconsistent of this constitution, the Audit Committee shall not be subject to the control of any other person or authority.

40. (1) The accounts of USAG and all Committees, Commissions and Boards established under this constitution or by a resolution of NEC, Senate or Congress shall be audited and reported on by the Chairperson of the committee to Congress.

(2) The findings of the Committee shall be communicated to Congress or Senate together with its opinions as to the transparency or otherwise of the transactions undertaken by USAG, its commissions or committees.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

41. There shall be an independent Electoral Commission which shall be composed of five (5) members including the chairman, two (2) deputies and two (2) members.

42. The Electoral Commission shall be established on the first day of each Annual Delegates Congress for the purposes of coordinating elections.

43. (1) The Electoral Commission shall be responsible for the conduct of all voting procedures at Congress and Senate.

(2) The Electoral Commission shall make rules not inconsistent with this constitution to govern the conduct of all USAG elections.

(3) The Commissioner or his representative shall make known to congress results of elections within 24 hours after the election.

(4) The Electoral Commission stands dissolved after the declaration of final results.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

44. (1) There shall be a five member Judicial Committee of USAG made up of preferably Judicial Committee Chairpersons from component institutions or law students.

(2) Members of the Judicial Committee shall be called JUSTICES.

(3) The chairperson of the judicial committee shall be nominated by the other members of the committee.

45. In the exercise of its functions the judicial committee shall be subject to this constitution only and shall not be subject to the control and direction of any person or authority.

46. (1) All students, committee of USAG shall accord the judicial committee such assistance as the committee may reasonably require to protect the independence and dignity.

(2) A member of the judicial committee shall not be liable to any action for an act of commission or omission by him in the exercise of judicial power.

(3) Members of the Judicial Committee shall be present at Senate meetings and Congress.

47. The judicial committee shall have jurisdiction in:

(1) All matters relating to the enforcement or interpretation of this constitution.

(2) All matters arising as to whether a resolution was made or, authority has acted in excess of the powers conferred on it by this constitution or any other provision made there under.

(3) All matters relating to elections under this constitution,

(4) Impeachment proceedings against any member of the Executive council.

(5) A dispute amongst component institutions of USAG.

(6) In the exercise of its functions the judicial committee shall have power to give advisory opinions to the executive council or other committee of senate on any legal issues on request.

(7) It shall also have jurisdiction to impose punishments including definite suspension from the Association or withdrawal of benefits for any misconduct by any officer of the association.

CHAPTER SIX

FINANCE

48. (1) The Financial Controller shall submit its annual budget to Senate at its first sitting after Congress.

(2) The disbursement of funds shall be subject to the approval of Senate.

(3) A comprehensive written Financial Statement by the National Officers shall be submitted and presented to Senators at each Senate and Congress sittings.

(4) None conformity to the clause supra constitute a ground for removal from office or any appropriate sanctions meted out to the person or group of person concerned.

(5) An account so rejected by Senate or Congress shall be referred to external auditors for scrutiny and presented to Senate.

49. (1) Signatories to the accounts shall be the National President, Financial Controller and the Treasurer.

(2) The National President shall be the Principal Signatory to the USAG account/Fund.

(3) Any two (2) of the signatories including the Principal Signatory may sign at a time for any amount.

50. (1) Annual Dues as determined by NEC shall be paid by members and sent to the USAG Consolidated Fund by the Local SRCs of member institutions.

(2) Congress or Senate may impose special levy on member institutions as and when necessary.

(3) Dues shall be paid into USAG Funds at least within Six (6) week from the start of the local academic year.

(4) All payment to or by National Officers shall be made by cheque or postal order

(5) Default in Payment of institutional dues shall result in loss of voting rights at NEC, Senate and Congress sitting.

CHAPTER SEVEN

ELECTIONS

51. (1) The Electoral Commissioner shall within 12 hours before voting starts;

(a) Compile an electoral register

(b) Make rules for the conduct of elections and publish it to Congress at least 12 hours before voting starts.

(2) Aspirants shall have written copies of both documents within the mandated time frame before voting.

(3) Voting shall be by Secret ballot.

(4) A person shall be considered as duly elected by simple majority.

52. (1) A person may challenge the results of an election within 6 hours after the declaration of the provisional electoral results.

(2) The challenge must be in a form of a petition addressed to the Judicial Committee Chairman.

(3) A declaration of the Judicial Committee shall be binding without prejudice to anyone.

(4) The provisional results of an election if not challenged after twelve (12) hours of its declaration shall be deemed as the final electoral results after which no petition will be entertained.

53. (1) Subject to the clause below, an accredited delegate of a member institution shall have a right to vote.

(2) An accredited delegate shall bear the Official ID Card of the member institution.

QUALIFICATION

54. (1) A candidate aspiring to the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Women's Commissioner must first qualify to contest the equivalent of that office in his/her institution.

(2) Without prejudice to any provision in this constitution, any student aspiring to the position of President, Secretary and Women's Commission must have a proven record of active involvement in students' activities

(3) Candidates wishing to contest the positions of Coordinating Secretary, Financial Controller and Protocol Officer, must be prospective national service personnel of any member institution of USAG.

55. A person shall not be qualified to stand for a National Executive position if he—

(1) Has been convicted under any crime in Ghana

(2) Has been declared or involved in any financial misappropriation

(3) Is of an unsound mind

VETTING

56. (1) Without prejudice to any provision in this constitution, any student aspiring to any position shall be subjected to a vetting by a 7 member committee constituted by NEC before congress.

(2) The Vetting Committee shall not be subjected to the instruction of any person or body in the performance of its duties.

(3) It shall recommend or nullify a person's candidature after Vetting based on justifiable grounds.

(4) A candidate affected by a Vetting Committee's decision shall have 24 hours within which to appeal to the Judicial Committee.

CHAPTER EIGHT

RESIGNATION / REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

CODE OF CONDUCT

57 (1) This code of conduct applies without any limitation to;

- a) All National Executives Officers
- b) All National Executive Committee members
- c) All Senate members
- d) All members of the various committees

(2) This code of conduct shall guide all officers and committee members in the manner which they perform their duties.

(3) A breach of the code of conduct shall in the case of a National Executive Officer constitute a ground for removal and in any other case a ground for suspension from the association.

58 (1) All officers and persons carrying on duties approved by this constitution or any of the organs of USAG shall not put himself in a position where his personal interests conflicts or is likely to conflict with the performance of the functions of his office.

(2) Before entering into the duties of his office, a person appointed or elected to an office shall take and subscribe the oath of secrecy and any other oath appropriate to his office.

(3) A person appointed or elected to an office shall conduct his affairs in a manner that does not bring disrepute to this office or the University Students' Association of Ghana.

(4) The private affairs of an officer of USAG in so far as it does not affect his competence, credibility or the performance of his functions shall not be considered against him in any deliberations

(5) A person appointed or elected to an office shall be honest in his dealings, maintain a high sense of integrity and showcase a great amount of competence and diligence.

(6) A person appointed or elected to an office shall at the first Senate meeting where the members of the Audit Board are appointed submit a written declaration of all assets of the Association in his possession. The same shall be done at the last Senate meeting before elections are held.

RESIGNATION

59 (1) An executive officer, except the President, may resign from office by writing under his hand addressed to the President at least 2 weeks before the commencement of his resignation.

(2) The President shall notify Senate, who shall appoint someone to occupy the vacant position.

60. (1) The President may resign from office by notifying the JC at least two weeks before the resignation take place.

(2) The JC shall notify the Secretary to convey an emergency senate meeting.

(3) Senate shall nominate and approve a person to fill the vacant position.

61.(1) In case of an en bloc resignation of all executive officers, the letter of resignation shall be addressed to the Judicial Committee at least three (3) weeks before the resignation takes effect.

(2) A day's Congress shall be organized within 2 weeks of notice to fill vacancies for en bloc resignation of Executive officers.

GROUND FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

62. An executive officer shall be removed from office if he is found

(a) To have willfully violated the executive oath of office;

(b) To have conducted himself in a manner that brings or is likely to bring the association into disrepute, ridicule or contempt.

(c) To be incapable of performing the function of his office by reason of infirmity of body or mind

63. (1) For the purpose of the removal of an executive officer, a petition in writing-

(a) Signed by not less than one-third members of NEC or Senate and

(b) Stating that the conduct or the physical or mental capacity of the officer to be investigated on grounds specified supra; shall be addressed to the Judicial Committee.

(2) The petition referred to in clause (1) above shall be accompanied by a statement setting out in detail the facts, supported by the necessary documents on which the removal is sought.

(3) The Judicial Committee shall within one (1) week of receipt of the petition for the removal; request from the officer concerned a written response which must be provided within one (1) week.

(3) The Judicial Committee after receiving the reply shall add its independent opinion as to its merits or otherwise of the and circulate

(4) The President shall convey a Senate meeting within two weeks purposely to discuss the impeachment after the notice by the Judicial Committee Chairman. In the case of the President, the notice by the JC shall specify the venue amongst other things for the meeting.

64. (1) On impeachment, Senate shall be chaired by the Judicial Committee Chairman.

(2) For the purposes of impeachment Senate shall be validly constitute by not less than two thirds of Senate members.

(3) Senate shall hear the facts of the allegations given due recognition to the rules of natural justice.

(4) An officer ceases to hold office upon the approval of two thirds majority of Senators present and voting at the sitting.

(5) NEC shall appoint an individual to act in such a capacity until a substantive officer is elected by Senate.

CHAPTER NINE

HANDING OVER/TRANSFER OF POWER

65. (1) Handing over to the newly elected officers of USAG shall take place at least three (3) weeks and at most a month after the declaration of the final results by the Electoral Commission.

(2) Outgoing executives shall present a comprehensive report on their tenure of office detailing the successes they chalked, the challenges they faced and suggest ways of improving the running of the association. The report shall also include a list of all assets of the association in their possession and the state of those assets.

(3) There shall be a meeting of the outgoing executives and newly elected executives on the eve of handing over where all there will be a discussion on how to move the Association a step further.

(4) With the exception of the Judicial Committee which shall be dissolved at the first Senate meeting where a new Judicial Committee is appointed, all other committees unless otherwise indicated stand dissolved after congress.

CHAPTER TEN

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

63. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Senate may by a by-law amend any provision of this Constitution.

64. (1) A proposal for an amendment shall be sent to member institutions at least two weeks before Senate Meeting.

(2) The President shall be notified of the proposal of an amendment by-law at least three weeks before Senate meeting.

(3) The President shall notify the Secretary to make the amendment proposal part of the agenda of the Senate meeting.

(4) Senate shall discuss the amendment proposal to consider the merits of it.

(5) An amendment shall take effect by an affirmative simple majority of Senate.

65. The following provisions are entrenched provisions;

General Provisions

The Structure of USAG

Elections

The Judicial Committee

The Electoral Committee

The Audit Committee

66. (1) A proposal for an amendment of entrenched provision shall be sent to member institution at least two weeks before Senate meeting.

(2) The proposal for entrenched provision amendment, before Senate considers it, shall be sent to NEC for its advice.

(3) Senate shall set up a five member committee to embark on the amendment.

(4) The amendment committee shall submit its report to Congress.

(5) The amendment shall be subjected to debate by Congress with the necessary inputs made.

(6) The final draft of amendment shall be submitted to Congress.

(7) The amendment shall take effect after a simple majority decision by congress.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

MISCELLANEOUS

INTERPRETATION

67. In this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires-

“Accredited” means a person or institution that has satisfied his entire financial mandate guaranteed by this Constitution.

“Article” means an article of this Constitution

“By-law” means a rule made by Senate.

“Clause” means a clause of this Constitution

“Functions” includes powers and duties

“He/His” is inclusive of a female

“IIRS” means Information and International Relations Secretary

“Judgment” includes a decision, an order or decree of the Judicial Committee

“NEC” means National Executive Council

“NUGS” means National Union of Ghana Students

“Sitting” includes a meeting period of Congress, Senate and NEC

“UTAG” means University Teachers Association of Ghana

“USAG” means University Students’ Association of Ghana

“VCG” means Vice Chancellors Ghana.

FIRST SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, the persons duly elected as National Officers of USAG at the Annual Congress preceding the coming into force of this Constitution shall be taken to have been duly elected and shall assume office for the purpose of this Constitution.

2. The Senate and NEC before the coming into force of this Constitution shall be deemed to be the Senate and NEC under this Constitution.

3. Senate shall approve of relevant Committees at its first meeting after the coming into force of this Constitution.

4. Senate and NEC at its first sitting after the coming into force of this Constitution shall adopt its own Meeting Procedure. It shall be made an appendix to this Constitution.

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORMS OF OATH

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OATH

I.....having been elected to the high office of of the University Students Association of Ghana (in the name of the Allah /Almighty God swear) (solemnly affirm) that I will be faithful and true, and that I dedicate myself to the service and well-being of the University students of Ghana; that I will at all times preserve, protect and defend the University Student Association of Ghana.

I further (solemnly swear) (solemnly affirm) that should I at any time break this oath of office, I shall submit myself to the laws of this Association and suffer the penalty for it.

(So help me God/Allah)

To be administered by the Chairman of the Judicial Committee or the President of the National Union of Ghana Students or his representative duly appointed.

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OATH

I SRC President of (Institution)having been made a member of the National Executive Council of University Students' Association of Ghana (In the name of the Allah /Almighty God swear) (Solemnly affirm) that I will bear true faith and I will uphold, preserve, protect the interest of the University student; and that I will, to the best of my judgment, at all times freely give my counsel and advice to the betterment of the University student. (So help me God/Allah)

To be sworn before the USAG President.

THE SENATORS OATH

Ihaving been made a member of the University Students Association of Ghana’s Senate by virtue of my position asof(institution)..... (in the name of the Allah /Almighty God swear) (Solemnly affirm) that I will bear true faith and I will uphold, preserve, protect the interest of the University student; and that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of a member of Senate.(So help me God/Allah)

To be sworn by the Chairperson of the Judicial Committee in the presence of the USAG President.

THE JUDICIAL OATH

Ihaving been made a member of the Judicial Board of the University Student’s Association of Ghana, (in the name of Allah/ Almighty God swear) (Solemnly affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the University Students’ Association of Ghana as by this constitution established; and that I will perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill will; and that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as prescribed by this constitution; and that I will at all times uphold, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the University Students’ Association of Ghana. (So help me God/Allah)

To be administered by the President of USAG in the presence of the members of Senate

THE COMMITTEE’S OATH

Ihaving been appointed as a member of the Of the University Students’ Association of Ghana do (in the name of the Almighty God/Allah) (Solemnly affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the University Students’ association of Ghana; and that I will perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; and that I will uphold, protect, preserve and defend the constitution of the University Students Association of Ghana. (So help me God/Allah)

To be administered before the President of the University Students’ Association of Ghana.

THIRD SCHEDULE

LIST OF MEMBER INSTITUTION

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY

KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-TECH

KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-SUNYANI CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST

UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES- NYANKPALA CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES- NAVARONGO CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES- WA CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES- TAMALE CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION-WINEABA CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION-KUMASI CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION-MAMPONG CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA- LEGON

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA- ACCRA CITY CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY- TARKWA

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

GHANA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

GARDEN CITY UNIVERSITY

ASHESI UNIVERSITY

METHODIST UNIVERSITY

BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

PROMULGATED THIS DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

Constitutional Review Committee

Hannah - Secretary

Bismark Asante Asare - Member

Fred Amese – Member

Enoch Acquah – Member

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OWUSU EMMANUEL KOFI – Chairman

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INNOCENT BADASU – USAG President