

THE AFRICAN SOCIETY OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

(ASG)

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the African Society of Georgetown University (ASG), hereby establish this constitution.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization will be the African Society of Georgetown University, or ASG.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

1. The African Society of Georgetown University is established for the purpose of highlighting Africa, its people, its culture, and its way of life.
2. The African Society of Georgetown University understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by Georgetown University's policies.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE LIMITED TO PERSONS OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE UNIVERSITY AS MATRICULATED STUDENTS.

In addition, the following requirements are necessary to constitute voting membership.

1. Payment in full of financial obligations as determined by the organization.
2. Attendance at 75% of all meetings during a given semester.
3. Active participation in all activities sponsored by the African Society of Georgetown University unless the activity interferes with either a class or job.
4. The African Society of Georgetown University openly admits matriculated students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

Officers of the African Society of Georgetown University must be matriculated students of Georgetown University. The African Society of Georgetown University will be governed by the following means:

1. An elected President will be preside at all meetings of the African Society of Georgetown University. The President will maintain the power to appoint all committee chairpersons, shall present all motions to the body present, and shall be present at 90% of the meetings of the African Society of Georgetown University. The President is responsible for communication between the African Society of Georgetown University, its advisory board, and the Office of Student Programs.
2. The African Society of Georgetown University shall also maintain a Vice President. The Vice President's duties shall be to preside at all meetings and functions that the President cannot attend.
3. Club members shall also elect a Secretary who will keep the lists of voting and active members, assist new members, take attendance at meetings, notify members of meetings, and other duties as determined by the executive council.
4. Club members shall elect a Treasurer who will collect and deposit all dues and revenues, develop the annual budget, and handle all expenditures.
5. These four officers shall constitute an Executive Council.

ARTICLE 5: OPERATIONS

1. VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Those members meeting all requirements of active membership by the third week of the Semester as set forth in Article III will be eligible to vote.

2. ELECTION PROCESS

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible voting members of the African Society of Georgetown University. All elections will be held on an annual basis by February 1 of each academic year, at a meeting comprised of a quorum (50% + 1) of voting members.

The President will take nominations from the floor for one office at a time, beginning with the President. The nomination process must be closed and the motion seconded. The nominated parties will be allowed to vote if they are eligible voting members.

All voting shall be done by secret ballot to be collected and tabulated by the Secretary and one voting member of the African Society of Georgetown University, appointed by the outgoing President. Those candidates receiving a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered elected.

Newly elected officers will assume office on March 15, except in the case of mid-term elections. Officers elected mid-term will assume office immediately after their election.

3. REMOVAL

Any officer of the African Society of Georgetown University in violation of the Organization's purpose or constitution or who fails to fulfill duties as stated above may be removed from office by the following process:

- a. A written request by at least three members of the Organization.
- b. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting prepared to speak in their own defense.
- c. Written notification to the membership.
- d. 75% of the voting membership must be in attendance to vote on removal of an officer. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is necessary to remove the officer.

4. REPLACEMENT

Should an officer resign or be removed, a special election will be held one week after written notification of all voting members. Mid-term elections shall be conducted as specified in Article V, Section 2.

5. MEETINGS

All meetings will occur on a weekly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by the African Society

of Georgetown University and will follow the procedure set forth below:

- i. Attendance
- ii. Report by the President
- iii. Committee Reports
- iv. Vote on all committee motions and decisions
- v. Any other business put forward by the members of the club
- vi. Dismissal by the President

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

The African Society of Georgetown University will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:

1. Membership dues (appropriate amount set by the African Society of Georgetown University).
2. The African Society of Georgetown University will submit a budget to the SAC, on an annual basis and request funding appropriate for the effective operation of the Organization and for each year.
3. The African Society of Georgetown University will conduct all financial activities in accordance with university policy and place all funds in its university account.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting member of the African Society of Georgetown University at any meeting at which two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members are present.
2. These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of voting members.