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DA Student Organisation Rules

1. FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS

1.1. INTRODUCTION TO DASO

DASO is the Democratic Alliance Students Organisation. DASO is an ancillary organisation of the Democratic Alliance based in institutions of higher education and training.

We, the students of the Democratic Alliance, rooted in the values of constitutional liberal democracy, believe that education is the cornerstone of the liberation of all South Africans and the catalyst for the full realisation of the rights and freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution (1996).

We further believe that intellectual independence and open debate are vital to the preservation of a healthy democracy. We advocate the enrichment of the whole individual – intellectual, personal, cultural and physical – at institutions of higher education and training, through the development of academic, social, cultural and sporting facilities.

We therefore commit ourselves to the protection and promotion of an open educational environment based on academic freedom, equality of opportunity and respect for individual worth.

2. DASO MISSION STATEMENT

We, the students of the Democratic Alliance Students' Organisation, rooted in the values of constitutional liberal democracy, will strive to increase the DA's percentage share of the student vote by:

Having visibly operational DASO structures within institutions of higher education and training;

- Influencing decision making processes;
- Developing the country's future leaders;
- Addressing issues that affect the youth and become part of the solution;
- Promoting Liberal principles and values;
- Endeavouring to become an organisation of positive change;
- Fighting against and changing political racial stereotypes;
- Turning passive supporters into active members;
- Increasing our political relevance;
- Complementing our parent organisation, the Democratic Alliance;
- Co-operating with and expanding DASO branches;
- Working towards promoting student political involvement;

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- Fighting against current social injustices and inequalities, including those stemming from our past, in the same spirit as our predecessors;
- Communicating this relevance as the way forward with a vested interest in the youth in the greater community;
- Increasing our social responsibility by implementing programmes that are sustainable, aligned to our ideology and beneficial to all participants.

We aspire to realise the above mentioned goals and set an example that embodies these principles.

3. DASO VISION

Consistent with the vision of an Open Opportunity Society, as contemplated in section 1.2 of the Federal Constitution of the Democratic Alliance, the particular vision of DASO is of an open educational environment that is uniquely South African, in which every person is free, secure and equal, and in which every person has the opportunity to improve the quality of her/his life and pursue her/his own aspirations.

Our vision rests on the belief that:

- Students and educators can and must overcome the historic divisions of race and ethnicity, and unite in their diversity around a shared South African identity.
- All South Africans are of equal worth and have a right to full participation in tertiary education as per the precepts of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.
- Intellectual independence and open debate are vital to the preservation of a healthy democracy.
- Any Interference by the state on the right to academic freedom violates section 16(1) (d) of the South African Constitution.

4. DASO PRINCIPLES

The vision of DASO is founded on the protection, promotion and extension of the principles of the Democratic Alliance, as contemplated in section 1.3 of the Federal Constitution of the Democratic Alliance, namely:

- 4.1. The fundamental rights and freedoms of every person – including the right to freedom of conscience, speech, association and movement
- 4.2. The rejection of unfair discrimination on any grounds
- 4.3. The supremacy of the South African Constitution and the rule of law
- 4.4. The language, cultural and religious right of individuals and the communities they create through free association
- 4.5. Equality before the law
- 4.6. The separation of legislative, executive and judicial power

- 4.7. A judiciary that is independent and which applies the South African Constitution and the laws of South Africa, without fear or favour.
- 4.8. Elections that are regular, free and fair
- 4.9. Representative and accountable government elected on the basis of universal adult suffrage
- 4.10. The devolution of power to locate government as close as possible to the people
- 4.11. The clear division between the ruling party and the state
- 4.12. Respect for the right of a vibrant civil society and a free media to function independently
- 4.13. The rejection of violence and intimidation as a political instrument
- 4.14. The right of all people to private ownership and to participate freely in the market economy
- 4.15. The progressive realisation of access to housing, health services and social security for all people who are unable to help themselves
- 4.16. The protection and conservation of the environment
- 4.17. The right of all people to protection by the state from crime and violence
- 4.18. Access to education and training

5. THE DASO LOGO



The DASO logo as presented above shall be used to identify DASO, our cause and our ties to the Democratic Alliance. The logo symbolises the sun rising over the rainbow nation bringing with it the hope of a better tomorrow where our vision of an Open, Opportunity Society for all will be realised.

The colours of the rainbow represent our determination to be identified as a truly South African organisation, which serves the needs of all South-African students - united in our diversity.

6. DASO MEMBERSHIP

6.1. MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1.1. Any person wishing to become a member of DASO must:

- 6.1.1.1. Be a registered student at an institution of higher education and training in South Africa or; a Constituency Leader of a DASO Constituency, or a Councillor allocated to a DASO Constituency or a Democratic Alliance Parliamentary Spokesperson on Higher Education and Training.
- 6.1.1.2. Subscribe to the Vision, Principles and Purpose of DASO;
- 6.1.1.3. Agree to abide by the provisions of the Rules & Regulations of DASO
- 6.1.1.4. Apply in writing by completing the prescribed membership form, including the Anti-Racism Pledge
- 6.1.1.5. Not be a member of any other political student organisation;
- 6.1.1.6. Agree to be bound by the Federal Constitution of the Democratic Alliance and accept that where there may be any ambiguity or conflict of interpretation between these rules and the Federal Constitution of the Democratic Alliance, that effect will be given to the wording and interpretation of the similar clause in the Federal Constitution. (except for s3.1.1.2 for foreign students);
- 6.1.1.7. Membership takes effect immediately upon compliance with all of the requirements set out in section 6 (SIX).

6.2. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP and renumber accordingly

- 6.2.1. Any member of the Democratic Alliance who does not qualify for membership of DASO may be nominated for honorary membership of DASO, which may be granted by the Institutional Executive Committee of DASO by a two thirds majority vote at a meeting that is quorate with fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of its members present.
- 6.2.2. Nominations for honorary membership must be based on relevant direct or indirect contribution to DASO or any other factor deemed relevant by the DASO Constituency Executive.
- 6.2.3. Members of DASO executives may have honorary membership of DASO for the duration of their terms of office if they choose to do so.
- 6.2.4. An honorary member of DASO may participate in any activity of DASO at any level and may be present at any meetings of any DASO structure but shall not have voting rights at such meetings.
- 6.2.5. Honorary membership may be terminated or suspended by the Institutional Executive Committee by a two thirds majority vote of the members present, provided that there are compelling conditions to do so and that the meeting at which the decision is taken is quorate with fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of its members present.

7. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1. A person's membership of DASO shall terminate upon:

- 7.1.1. Receipt by the relevant Branch Executive Committee of that person's written resignation;
- 7.1.2. Death of that person;

- 7.1.3. A decision by a DA Provincial Executive or the DA Federal Executive on recommendation of a disciplinary committee to that effect; Ceasing to be a student where membership was conditional on being a registered student
- 7.1.4. All membership of the branch, with the exception of honorary membership, shall lapse at the end of each academic year and may be renewed the following academic year.
- 7.1.5. A person's membership of DASO shall be suspended upon:
- 7.1.6. A person's membership of DASO shall be suspended upon:
- 7.1.7. A decision of a DA Provincial Executive or the DA Federal Executive to that effect pending the finalisation of or institution of disciplinary proceedings;
- 7.1.8. A decision of a DA Provincial executive or the DA Federal Executive after a recommendation of a party disciplinary committee;
- 7.1.9. The suspension of a person; as per processes followed as per provincial and/or federal constitutions; provided above can be overturned upon a successful appeal lodged in terms of the DA Federal Constitution and Federal Legal Commission's Rules;

8. ELECTION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

- 8.1. Only members who are entitled as per the conditions of membership to vote may be nominated for election to positions within DASO structures as contemplated in these Rules, unless stated otherwise.
- 8.2. Such nomination must be made by a voting member, seconded by another voting member and accepted by the nominee before that nominee may be considered eligible for election.
- 8.3. The presiding officer for all IGMs/AGMs of branches must be a person designated by the DA Regional Executive, where regions exist, failing which the DA provincial executive within which that higher education institution is situated. He or she may determine the date by when nominations must be submitted, which period shall be reasonable. All voting members must be made aware of this requirement at the same time.
- 8.4. The presiding officer may require that nominees present an oral or written election manifesto at or before the meeting, provided that all voting members are made aware of this requirement simultaneously.
- 8.5. Voting at meetings of all structures of DASO is by a show of hands, unless a secret ballot is required by the presiding officer or by one tenth of the members present and voting.
- 8.6. Unless specifically stated otherwise, decisions at all meetings are taken by a majority of members present and voting. However, a quorum should still be maintained.
- 8.7. In the event of a tie for one of the positions of office bearers, there will be a second round of voting.
- 8.8. In the event of a tie after the second round, the presiding officer will need to decide an alternative method to break the tie upon approval of the majority of the members present which has to agree to the process being reasonable and fair.

9. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

9.1. In addition to the rights contained in Chapter 2 of the South African Constitution (1996) and the DA's Federal Constitution, every member of DASO has the right to:

- 9.1.1. Be appropriately and adequately notified of all DASO activities and decisions deemed relevant by the relevant DASO Executive;
- 9.1.2. Be consulted and informed regarding decisions of DASO structures of which he or she is a member and as far as reasonably possible by which he or she is directly affected, including substantial amendments to these Rules and Regulations;
- 9.1.3. Contribute freely to the activities of DASO;
- 9.1.4. Represent DASO on the Student Representative Council, or other similar body, of the institution at which he or she is registered as a student;
- 9.1.5. Recruit members for the Democratic Alliance and DASO;
- 9.1.6. Vote at General Meetings of the DASO Branch of which he or she is a member;
- 9.1.7. Stand for office within DASO structures;
- 9.1.8. Request a private meeting with any member of the Branch Executive Committee of her/his/ branch;
- 9.1.9. Disciplinary measures that are just;
- 9.1.10. Terminate her/his membership of DASO at any time.

9.2. Any of the above rights may be limited in a manner that is reasonable and justifiable in an open educational environment based on academic freedom, equality of opportunity and respect for individual worth in accordance with DASO Rules and Guidelines and the DA Federal Constitution.

9.3. It is the duty of every member of DASO to:

- 9.3.1. Comply with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations and the Federal Constitution of the Democratic Alliance;
- 9.3.2. Protect and promote the values contained in these Rules and Regulations;
- 9.3.3. Perform her/his functions with due diligence;
- 9.3.4. Further the Programme of Action of DASO;
- 9.3.5. Respect the individual worth of other students;
- 9.3.6. Adhere to the standards of conduct required of DASO members;
- 9.3.7. Respect, defend, adhere and implement resolutions taken by relevant DASO structures.

10. STRUCTURES

10.1. BRANCHES

- 10.1.1. Branches are the basic organisational units of DASO; a Branch may be established at any campus of any public institution of higher education and training in South Africa.
- 10.1.2. Branches are established to manage and direct the affairs of DASO, to communicate the principles and vision of DASO, to mobilise students in support of the Programme of Action of DASO, to participate in the process of elections of Student Representative Councils and to serve as the vehicle for the articulation of the interests of members of DASO and other students in their areas of jurisdiction.
- 10.1.3. Every member of DASO is a member of a Branch and exercises her/his rights as a member through the Branch and its elected representatives.
- 10.1.4. A Branch may be established with a minimum of twenty-five founding members who are registered students.
- 10.1.5. An interim executive committee of no more than 5 members and an interim branch co-ordinator, may be appointed by the relevant executive.
- 10.1.6. A Branch may only be established under the authority of the DASO Constituency Executive or relevant regional or provincial executive where no valid DASO Constituency executive exists.

10.2. BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 10.2.1. A Branch Executive Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting or an Inaugural General Meeting.
- 10.2.2. A Branch Executive Committee may be disbanded and a new one elected at a Special General Meeting of the branch called for that purpose and of which fourteen (14) days' notice has been given.,
- 10.2.3. The elected Branch Chairperson, or her/his designated deputy chairperson, shall preside at any General Meeting of a Branch.
- 10.2.4. A quorum for any General Meeting of a Branch may not be fewer than thirteen members.
- 10.2.5. A Branch Executive Committee consists of a Chairperson, four Deputy Chairpersons as outlined in section 11.1 & 11.2 and no more than 5 additional members if deemed necessary that are allocated to such portfolios that are necessary by the relevant Executive Committee.
- 10.2.6. A Branch Executive Committee will also consist of a youth representative as elected by youth members
- 10.2.7. A branch executive committee will also consist of a DAWN representative as elected by female members of the branch.
- 10.2.8. A Branch Executive Committee shall, in general, manage and guide the activities of DASO within its area of jurisdiction and ensure that the Programme of Action of DASO is implemented as far as possible, with approval or ratification from the Institutional Executive.

- 10.2.9. Decisions of a Branch Executive Committee shall be made by a majority vote of members present or by proxy with written authorisation.
- 10.2.10. A Branch Executive Committee must meet at least once a month with no fewer than four members being present and constituting a quorum, including the Chairperson or, in her/his absence, the Deputy in Administration.
- 10.2.11. When a Branch exists in only one campus, that branch will act as the executive of the party in that institution.
- 10.2.12. A motion of no confidence may be tabled in either the Branch Executive Committee in its entirety or individual members of the Branch Executive Committee. An application must be made to the Institutional Executive by at least 10% of the branch membership with 14 days' notice. Upon receipt thereof, the Institutional Executive must call a special meeting which 14 days' notice to consider the motion. The quorum of such a meeting must be 50% + 1 of branch membership, calculated against a validated membership list from the Provincial Office, where all branch members receive 14 days' notice of the meeting. A motion of no confidence at such a meeting can only be carried by a resolution taken by two-thirds majority of members present.
- 10.2.13. A branch executive committee can be disbanded by the relevant DASO Constituency Executive or DASO Federal Executive, subject to ratification by the relevant DA Provincial Executive.

11. OFFICE BEARERS

11.1. BRANCH CHAIRPERSON

- 11.1.1. Is responsible for the organisation and administration of her/his Branch and for developing and maintaining a high degree of efficiency in that Branch.
- 11.1.2. Liaises with the Institutional Chairperson regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action, the overall promotion of DASO and mobilisation of support for it in her/his Branch.
- 11.1.3. Convenes meetings of her/his Branch Executive Committee and presides at such meetings
- 11.1.4. Must see to it that proceedings and the conduct of members are in line with the DASO Rules and DA Constitution at all times.
- 11.1.5. Together with Deputy Chairperson in Administration draws up an annual and medium term income and expenditure budget for the activities of DASO in her/his Branch, which must be tabled before and approved by the Branch Executive Committee.
- 11.1.6. Is elected by and accountable to the members of her/his Branch.

11.2. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSONS

11.2.1. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON IN ADMINISTRATION

- 11.2.1.1. Assists her/his Branch Chairperson in the exercise of the functions contemplated above.
- 11.2.1.2. Assumes the Chairperson's responsibilities in the absence of the Chairperson.
- 11.2.1.3. Is responsible for the drafting, printing and issuing of documents related to any DASO activity in her/his Branch
- 11.2.1.4. Must give sufficient notice of General Meetings of DASO in her/his Branch to all members thereof.
- 11.2.1.5. Takes minutes of meetings of her/his Branch Executive Committee and must circulate them, as well as memoranda and agendas, to all members of that Committee.
- 11.2.1.6. Reports to the Office of the Chairperson in their day to day dealings.
- 11.2.1.7. Manages and controls the financial affairs of DASO in her/his Branch, including fundraising, in a prudent and responsible manner, keeping proper accounts, and in accordance with the DA Federal Constitution and Federal Finance Committee Policies
- 11.2.1.8. Is elected by and accountable to the members of her/his Branch.

11.2.2. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON IN MEDIA AND PUBLICITY

- 11.2.2.1. Is responsible for increasing the media profile of the DASO publicising all DASO campaigns and activities in her/his Branch
- 11.2.2.2. In conjunction with the Constituency Officer and Branch Chairperson, manages and controls the public communications affairs of DASO in her/his Branch through, but not limited to, social media accounts of the DASO Branch.
- 11.2.2.3. Ensures that all communications are approved by the Branch Chairperson and/ or Branch Executive Committee before publishing.
- 11.2.2.4. Must perform any other functions and duties and exercises powers assigned to him or her by the Branch Chairperson and/ or the DASO Branch Executive Committee.
- 11.2.2.5. Is elected by and accountable to the members of her/his Branch.
- 11.2.2.6. Must develop a media analysis and a media plan for their specific campus.
- 11.2.2.7. Is elected by and accountable to the members of her/his Branch.

11.2.3. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON IN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

- 11.2.3.1. Is responsible for maximising training and development opportunities for DASO members.
- 11.2.3.2. Together with Constituency Leader, must liaise with the DA Leadership Academy and party training facilitators regarding DASO directed training and development initiatives.
- 11.2.3.3. In conjunction with DASO Constituency Leader (MP, MPL), must coordinate the DASO political training programme in her/his Branch.

- 11.2.3.4. Must perform other functions and duties and exercise powers assigned to him or her by the Branch Chairperson and the DASO Branch Executive Committee.
- 11.2.3.5. Must develop a training and development plan for their specific campus.
- 11.2.3.6. Is elected by and accountable to the members of her/his Branch.

11.2.4. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON IN RECRUITMENT AND CAMPAIGNS

- 11.2.4.1. Is responsible for recruitment drives of DASO in her/his Branch.
- 11.2.4.2. Must ensure that recruited members are captured in accordance to the prescribed communication guidelines and that all membership databases are regularly updated.
- 11.2.4.3. In conjunction with Constituency Officer and Branch Chairperson must coordinate prescribed Provincial DASO campaigns.
- 11.2.4.4. Must, in conjunction with the Institutional and/ or Constituency Executive Committee, initiate campaigns and programmes of action in line with the purpose of the DASO.
- 11.2.4.5. Must perform any other functions and duties and exercises powers assigned to him or her by the Branch Chairperson and/ or the DASO Branch Executive Committee.
- 11.2.4.6. Is elected by and accountable to the members of her/his Branch.
- 11.2.4.7. Must develop a recruitment and campaigns analysis and plan for their specific campus.
- 11.2.4.8. Is elected by and accountable to the members of her/his Branch.

12. INSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 12.1. This committee is formed by Branch Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons in Administration from each Branch in the institution as well as a representative from the Constituency Executive as appointed by the DASO Constituency Leader.
- 12.2. In the case where there are elected DASO representatives on the SRC of an Institution, the DASO members who are elected as Chairperson and the Chief Whip of the DASO Caucus will have ex officio status in the Committee.
- 12.3. The Committee will meet on a monthly basis to discuss the progress on Branch Executive Committees in the institution.
- 12.4. The Institutional Committee must elect an Institutional Committee Chairperson and an Administration Chairperson from the Branch representatives present at their first meeting, no more than seven days after the last Branch General Meeting in the institution. The Constituency Chairperson or his/ her appointed representative will chair and preside over the election the office bearers.
- 12.5. The Institutional Executive is accountable to DASO Branch Executive Committees in their institution.

- 12.6. The Institutional Executive Committee takes its mandate from the Branch Executive Committees.

13. OFFICE BEARERS

13.1. INSTITUTIONAL CHAIRPERSON

- 13.1.1. Is the spokesperson of DASO branches at her/his institution and is charged with ensuring that the image, values and principles of DASO are promoted and protected at that institution.
- 13.1.2. Must engage with the relevant local government and media as well as the administrative authorities at her/his institution regarding matters affecting that institution.
- 13.1.3. Convenes Institutional Executive Committee meetings and presides at such meetings.
- 13.1.4. Must attend meetings of her/his Institutional Executive Committee and has the casting vote in the event of an equally divided vote at such meetings.
- 13.1.5. Must communicate Policy Directives, Constituency resolutions and other decisions to the Branch Executive Committees.
- 13.1.6. Is elected by and accountable to the Institutional Executive Committee.

13.2. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON IN ADMINISTRATION

- 13.2.1. Assumes the Chairperson's responsibilities in the absence of the Chairperson.
- 13.2.2. Must give sufficient notice of General Meetings of DASO Institutional Committee to all members thereof.
- 13.2.3. Takes minutes of meetings of the Institutional Executive Committee and must circulate them, as well as memoranda and agendas, to all members of that Committee.
- 13.2.4. Oversees the financial affairs of DASO in her/his institution and keeps proper accounts.
- 13.2.5. Is elected by and accountable to the members of Institutional Executive.

13.3. CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

- 13.3.1. Every Provincially Constituted DASO Constituency must have a Constituency Committee.
- 13.3.2. The Constituency Committee is formed by branch Chairpersons, branch Deputy Chairpersons in Administration, SRC Caucus Leaders, SRC Chief Whips in the SRC from each branch in the province as well as the Constituency Leader (appointed MP or MPL), appointed PR Councillors and the Constituency Manager/Officer.
- 13.3.3. In the case where there are no representatives in the SRC at an institution, only the branch Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons in Administration will represent the branch Executive Committee on the Constituency Committee.

- 13.3.4. The Constituency Committee assists the public representatives and operational structures of the Party in implementing the policies and the programme of action of DASO.
- 13.3.5. The Constituency Committee also participates in drafting an annual programme for the Constituency and all its Branches.
- 13.3.6. The duly constituted Constituency Committee must elect a Constituency Executive, as provided in the Provincial Constitution

14. CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 14.1. The management of a Constituency Committee vests in a Constituency Executive Committee.
- 14.2. The Constituency Leader and Constituency Manager/Officer who have been allocated to the DASO Constituency, are automatically members of the Constituency Executive.
- 14.3. The Constituency Executive Committee must meet at least once every two months to discuss the progress of DASO Constituency.
- 14.4. The Constituency Executive is accountable to all substructures as well as DA Provincial Council, the DA Provincial Executive Committee and the DASO Provincial Executive Committee.
- 14.5. Executive Committees are elected at the inaugural meeting of the Constituency Committee and thereafter annually by and from amongst the members of the relevant committee. An Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - 14.5.1. A Chairperson;
 - 14.5.2. A Deputy Chairperson in Administration;
 - 14.5.3. A Deputy Chairperson in Media and Publicity;
 - 14.5.4. A Deputy Chairperson in Recruitment and Campaigns;
 - 14.5.5. A Deputy Chairperson in Finance and Fundraising;
 - 14.5.6. Ten representative from the DA Youth as elected by branch youth representatives in the Constituency;
 - 14.5.7. One representative from DAWN as elected by branch DAWN representatives in the Constituency;
 - 14.5.8. One ADAC representative as elected by the Councillors in the Constituency;
 - 14.5.9. The constituency Member of Parliament or Member of the Provincial Legislature;
 - 14.5.10. Two Councillors, elected by the Councillors using the voting system as set out in the Federal Constitution.
 - 14.5.11. Additional members not less than three (3) elected by the Constituency Committee from amongst its members using the voting system approved by Federal Council of the Democratic Alliance.
 - 14.5.12. Executive Committees may allocate specific portfolios and responsibilities to members of the Committee;

- 14.5.13. Executive Committees deal with the day-to-day management of the Party, provided that the Executive Committees shall report in full to the Constituency Committee at every meeting of the Constituency Committee.

15. FEDERAL STRUCTURE

15.1. DASO FEDERAL CONGRESS

- 15.1.1. The supreme policy-making and governing body of DASO is the Federal Congress when in session.
- 15.1.2. The Federal Congress generally meets at least once every three years but must be convened at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the DASO Federal Executive, a two-thirds majority vote of the DA Federal Council, or when requested by a petition signed by 75% of DASO structures.
- 15.1.3. The DA Federal Council or DA Federal Executive shall determine the number of Congress delegates, which shall comprise :
- 15.1.3.1. The DASO NMC;
- 15.1.3.2. The DASO Federal Executive;
- 15.1.3.3. The DA National Spokespersons for Higher Education and Training;
- 15.1.3.4. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the DA Federal Council;
- 15.1.3.5. The DASO National Coordinator, with voting rights;
- 15.1.3.6. Councilors allocated to DASO Constituencies in a number that does not exceed one third of congress delegates elected in terms of a formula determined by Federal Council
- 15.1.3.7. Branch delegates determined as per formulae adopted by federal council
- 15.1.4. The DASO Federal Congress elects the National Management Committee of DASO, except for the National DASO Coordinator, subject to the proviso that each person elected:
- 15.1.4.1. Must have been a registered student of a public institution of higher education and training within the previous three years;
- 15.1.4.2. Must be a DA member in good standing;
- 15.1.4.3. Must have served for at least two terms on either a DASO Branch Executive or SRC or a combination of either;
- 15.1.4.4. May not be seek election to the DASO Federal Leadership for a third consecutive term.
- 15.1.5. The Inaugural DASO Congress will be chaired by and have all relevant decisions regarding the congress made by an interim leader and committee of DASO as appointed by the DA Federal Executive.
- 15.1.6. The DASO Federal Chairperson chairs the Federal Congress and failing him or her a person duly appointed by the DA Federal Executive
- 15.1.7. The DASO federal chairperson shall take all decisions relevant to the organization of the Federal Congress including the date, venue and agenda, and failing him or her a member which is not contesting to be appointed to stand in.

15.1.8. The DASO Federal Congress takes decisions on all aspects of policy, organization, finance and discipline, and all such decisions are binding on DASO, provided that it may not repeal or alter the Vision, the Principles or the Programme of Action of DASO as set out in these rules unless that repeal or alteration is agreed to by not less than four-fifths of the registered delegates at that Congress. These Rules are always subject to the DA Federal Constitution.

16. DASO FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

16.1. There must be a Federal Executive of DASO which comprises:

16.1.1. The DASO National Management Committee;

16.1.2. The DASO Constituency Leaders or their nominees;

16.1.3. The DASO National Coordinator;

16.1.4. The member of the Federal Council, who has been mandated with the authority over DA ancillary organizations;

16.1.5. Up to four members co-opted by a two-thirds majority of the DASO Federal Executive by secret ballot.

17. Meetings, powers and functions of Federal Executive

17.1. The DASO Federal Executive must meet regularly and whenever the DASO Federal Leader or Chairperson so determines, or when at least one half of its members request a meeting.

17.2. A majority of the members of the DASO Federal Executive constitutes a quorum.

17.3. The DASO Federal Executive may invite one or more persons to attend, but not to vote at any of its meetings.

17.4. The DASO Federal Executive:

17.5. Controls and directs activities of DASO;

17.6. Subject to these rules and regulations, the Federal Constitution and decisions of the DA Federal Council, takes decisions and makes regulations that are binding on all DASO structures, concerning membership administration, organization, finance, discipline and other matters affecting the welfare of DASO;

17.7. In consultation with the respective DASO Constituencies, sets and monitors performance targets for each DASO Constituency;

17.8. In consultation with the relevant Constituency Executives, approves the SRC candidates who will be appointed or elected as the case may be to SRC's.

17.9. Approves the formation of any coalition DASO is to enter into.

17.10. If a DASO Constituency Executive fails to implement decisions by the DASO Federal Executive, and further fails to comply with a notice to correct the default within 30 days, the DASO Federal Executive may take corrective measures to ensure the compliance by the Constituency with the requirements of the DASO Federal Executive.

- 17.11. The DASO Federal Executive may delegate any of its powers to any person or committee and may establish sub-committees and assign to them such functions, duties and powers not inconsistent with these rules and regulations, as it may deem fit.
- 17.12. Subject to the approval of the DA Federal Executive the DASO Federal Executive may appoint a commission to enquire into any matter in order to establish the facts relevant to the matter which has been referred to it.
- 17.13. The DASO Federal Executive must take all decisions relevant to the organization of the Federal Congress including the date, venue and agenda in consultation with the DA Federal Executive.
- 17.14. Provinces will be allowed one representative on the DASO Federal Executive, as appointed by the Provincial Executive.

18. NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 18.1. The day-to-day management of the administration of DASO is entrusted to a National Management Committee consisting of the Leader, the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson in Administration, the Deputy Chairperson in Media and Publicity, the Deputy Chairperson in Training and Development, the Deputy Chairperson in Recruitment and Campaigns. The National Management Committee shall report to each Federal Executive meeting on its activities and any decisions taken.

19. INTERNAL DISCIPLINE

- 19.1. Chapters ten and Eleven of the DA Federal Constitution and all relevant sections therein will govern DASO Mediation and Disciplinary Proceedings.

20. APPENDIX A

20.1. CODE FOR DASO PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

20.2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

20.2.1. The Nature of Public Representation

- 20.2.1.1. The role of Democratic Alliance Students Organisation (DASO) public representatives is central to the success and growth of DASO. Public representatives are the standard bearers of DASO. They represent the organisation in every aspect of university life, and in important respects, DASO is judged by their conduct and performance. They are DASO's leading activists and are expected to demonstrate leadership, knowledge and judgment.

20.2.2. Accountability

- 20.2.2.1. In the Students Representative Council (SRC), DASO public representatives are accountable to the relevant caucus leader. Outside of the SRC, DASO public

representatives are accountable to the Institutional Executive and the Constituency Committee.

20.2.3. Probity

20.2.3.1. DASO requires its public representatives to maintain the highest standards of ethical behaviour, and any incidence of corruption, fraud, improper inducement, dishonesty or similar offence on the part of any public representative will lead to disciplinary action. Public representatives must comply with guidelines regarding accepting sponsorships, entertainment, travel, gratuities or any other financial reward, and must discuss the offer of any of the above with their Caucus Chairperson and the Branch Leader before they are accepted. Public representatives are required to observe and comply with any codes of conduct prescribed in law or by the rules of the House of Council.

21. DUTIES IN THE SRC

21.1. Attendance

21.1.1. Public representatives of DASO are elected to represent their voters and the organisation in the SRC. Therefore, DASO expects its public representatives to be present at meetings of the SRC or any committees and sub-committees of which they are members regularly and to participate in the proceedings of the SRC, committee or sub-committee when:

21.1.2. Matters relating to the member's portfolio are discussed.

21.1.3. Requested to do so by the Caucus Chairperson, the Branch Leader or the executive committee.

21.1.4. It is necessary to defend or promote DASO.

21.1.5. When members are unable to attend meetings of the SRC, committee or sub-committee they are expected to apply for leave of absence, in the required way, from the SRC, committee or sub-committee

21.2. Subject knowledge and preparation

21.2.1. When participating in the proceedings of the SRC or of a committee or sub-committee, members are expected to have done an appropriate amount of preparation to be able to participate in a way that reflects to the credit of themselves and DASO. Public representatives who are allocated a portfolio or office, or who represent DASO on a committee of the SRC, are expected within a reasonable time to master issues relevant to the area of policy so as to be able to articulate DASO's views on that subject effectively.

21.3. Voting and Discipline

21.3.1. When participating in the proceedings of the SRC, committee or sub-committee, all public representatives are subject to caucus and/or DASO discipline. Members are

required to defend their colleagues, to promote DASO policy and to participate in voting in ways that have been decided by the relevant caucus in accordance with policies set by decision-making structures within DASO.

21.4. Opportunities in the SRC

21.4.1. Public representatives are expected to make full use of debating and question opportunities in the SRC, committee or sub-committee in a way which promotes the image of DASO and the interests of the students of the university.

21.5. Adherence to DASO Manifestos

21.5.1. Public representatives must fulfil undertakings made to the voters at election times and may be required to account to relevant DASO decision-making structures on progress made towards implementing such undertakings.

21.6. Collegiality and confidentiality

21.6.1. Public representatives are expected to defend and support their colleagues. They are bound by caucus confidentiality, and may not without authorization disclose any information about caucus discussions or decisions.

21.7. Profile

21.7.1. Members are expected to be aware of the need to project what they do to the public media. In this respect, they are expected to build up good working relationships with representatives of the media, to issue statements, to respond promptly to enquiries from the media, and to write letters and opinion pieces for publication. Where appropriate, public representatives should consult with the Institutional Chairperson and/ or Constituency Chairperson before issuing statements to the media which could affect the image of the Institutional Executive.

22. DUTIES WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY

22.1. Growth of the Branch

22.1.1. Public representatives are expected to work to ensure the growth of DASO within the university, and will be expected to fulfil reasonable requests with this in mind. These requests may include:

22.1.2. Being required to work in elections

22.1.3. To represent DASO at meetings or forums;

22.1.4. To address or attend public meetings and meetings of DASO.

22.2. Public Profile

22.2.1. Public representatives are expected at all times to defend and promote the interests of DASO, and to propagate the organisation's policy and standpoints when appropriate. Any action or statement by a public representative which brings the

good name of DASO into disrepute will be viewed in a very serious light and disciplinary action may be taken by the Executive Committee.

22.3. Availability and Responsiveness

22.3.1. Public representatives are expected to communicate with other members of DASO and with members of the student body when they are contacted, and are expected to deal expeditiously and courteously

22.4. Issue identification

22.4.1. Public representatives are expected to be familiar with issues and controversies within the university, and must be available to take these issues up in the SRC and any relevant committees or sub-committees. Where appropriate, they should refer matters to other public representatives and/or the Executive Committee.

22.5. DUTIES OF DASO

22.5.1. DASO will take reasonable steps to mentor and assist public representatives in the performance of their duties.

22.6. ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE

22.6.1. This code is binding and applicable to all public representatives of the Democratic Alliance Students' Organisation and failure to adhere to it could result in disciplinary steps being taken against a public representative in the manner provided for in the Constitution of DASO.

22.6.2. Each Caucus Leader, the Chief Whip after consultation with the Institutional Chairperson and the Constituency Chairperson shall establish a system of assessment whereby the key result areas identified in this code will be assessed. The results of these assessments will be made available to all relevant Executive Committees.

23. APPENDIX

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE STUDENTS' ORGANISATION

UNDERTAKING BY CANDIDATE

I (Full names) declare that:

I am a registered member of the Democratic Alliance Students Organisation ("DASO");
I am familiar with, fully subscribe to, support, and will propagate the vision, principles, policy and programme of action of DASO and its mother party, the Democratic Alliance ("the Party");
I am familiar with the provisions of the Democratic Alliance Federal Constitution and will abide with it in all respects, except s3.1.2 if I am a foreign student;

- I am familiar with the provisions of the Rules of DASO and will abide by it in all respects.
- I am familiar with the Code for Public Representatives (see appendix A), the terms of which will be applicable to me if I am elected as a public representative;
- I will attend and participate in a course or other instruction for candidates, if this is required, and to meet the specified outcomes required of the course of instruction;
- I will strive to implement the provisions of the DASO manifesto;
- I will carry out and adhere to any requirements that may be determined by the Executive Committee relating to my conduct as a candidate and/or public representative;

I understand and accept that wherever victory in an ensuing campus election is deemed possible, there may need to be a process whereby candidates are ranked and that any and all positions within the relevant student body (for which elections are being fought) will be distributed on the basis of this ranking or a selection procedure as determined by party regulations.

This is done and signed by me at (Place)

On..... (Day) of (Month) (Year).

Institutional Chairperson

SRC Member

Witness

**DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE
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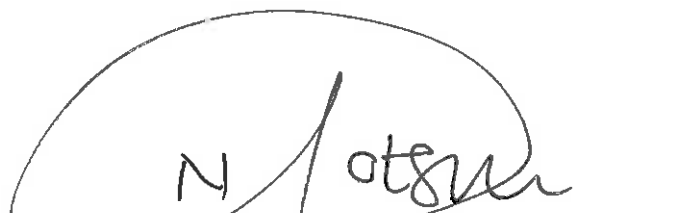
DETERMINATION : 09 FEBRUARY 2018

It is hereby confirmed that the attached DASO Rules was certified as being in accordance with the Democratic Alliance Federal Constitution by an FLC panel on 09 February 2018.

CLLR. HANS JURIE MOOLMAN

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MS. SHEILA CAMERER



MANAGER: FLC & COMPLIANCE
DATE: 13.2.2018