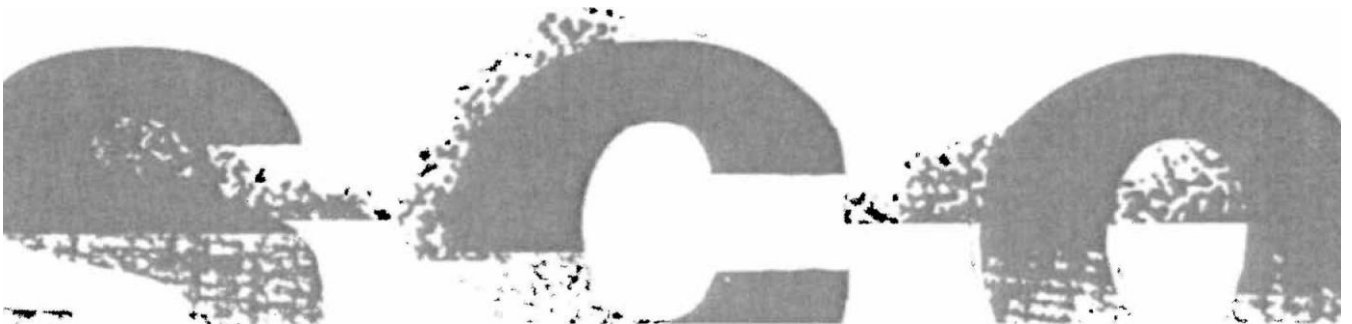


# Student Christian Organization Constitution



## University of South Africa



UNISA



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## i.DEFINATION OF TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

"Assembly" means the gathering of general members of SCO

"Alumni" mean any former member of SCO who continues to agree with the basis of Christian faith

"BEC" means the Branch Executive Member

"CEC" means the Central Executive Members

"CSGC" means the Central Students General Council

"CSRC" mean a Central Student Representative Council

"Delegation" means any SCO member deployed by SCO to any university structure i.e. Student Representative Council, Student General Council, any member(s) of an SCO branch deployed to represent the branch in CSCO

"Disrepute" means any action by the member that dent the image and the name of SCO

"Election" means the process of voting for the BEC and the CEC

"EC" mean Executive committee

"Executive" means the Central Executive Committee and the Branch Executive committee of SCO

"Ex-officio" means a former member of the BEC or CEC who continues to be a student; it also means a member of the CEC who is co-opted to any structure of SCC).

"Holy Scriptures" means both old and the new testament in the Holy Bible

Membership

"IEC" means the Independent Electoral Commission

"LSGC" means the Local Student General Council

"LSRC" means the Local Students Representative council

"Majority" means fifty per cent plus one person (50<sup>0</sup>/0+1)

"Mass" means the general membership of SCO

"One third majority" means thirty per cent (0/0)

"Quorum" means the majority of members that makes a meeting duly constitutional

"Salvation" means a process of receiving redemption that involves having faith in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour and being set free from your sins and its penalties.

"SCO" means the Student Christian Organisation

"Semester" means the period constituting half the year lasting typically 15 to 18 weeks.

"SGC" means the Student General Council

"Six Months" means a period either from January to June or from June to December.

Or typical any period of time that constitutes 6 month in the organisation..

"SRC" mean the Student Representative Council

"Student" means any student registered with the University of South Africa

"UNISA" means the University of South Africa

## ii. PREAMBLE

We as the Student Christian Organization (SCO) welcome all people from different walks of life (i.e.) spiritual, political and cultural background that support the growth of our organization and transformation of institution of higher learning.

Most importantly, it is of high significance that we commit ourselves in fighting for equal rights and justice to all those who need to access education.

This Constitution is amended in favour of the designated institution (UNISA) and it is regulated by the standards laid in the National Constitution of SCO.

**1 . NAME**

The name shall be Student Christian Organisation (UNISA branch, which is the multicultural, Christo-centric, socio-politico organization).

**2. MISSION STATEMENT**

SCO seeks to serve Christ by developing opportunities for students in South Africa to be transformed by Him into effective Christian for today's world.

**3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

3.1 . To share the love of Jesus Christ with students and lead them to a personal faith in GOD-Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit according to the Holy Scriptures.

3.2. To nurture students into a deep transforming relationship with God that will profoundly change the way they think live and relate to others and equip them for a life of service.

3.3. To urge students to commit themselves to the extension of God's kingdom through the world by evangelistic witness by responding with compassion to the needs of society, by working for peace, righteousness and justice.

3.4. To promote the transparent, diligent and righteous leadership

3.5. To be involved actively in issues facing student through participating in student governance (SRC, RC, Mentors and team leaders)

**4. STATUS**

4.1. The SCO as a structure of the University of South Africa shall be an affiliated branch of the Student Christian Organization (SCO) of South Africa.

**5. STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe that:

- 5.1. The bible (the old and new testament) originally given by God, is divinely inspired, entirely, trustworthy and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 5.2. There is one God, eternally existing in three: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This sovereign God created the Universe and pronounce it good
- 5.3. Our Lord Jesus Christ is God visible in body, born of Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless human life, during His earthly ministry He worked Miracles and taught  
About the kingdom of God. He died in our place to atone sin. He was buried and on the third day. He rose from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is the only mediator between man and God.
- 5.4. Mankind, both male and female are created in the image of God and saviour of the world with consequent dignity, delegated authority and creation stewardship.  
As a result of a fall, all people were lost and sinful, saved through Christ by faith
- 5.5. The Holy Spirit convicts and draws sinners to Christ and imparts new life to them that accept Christ. Indwelling ,empowering and Equipping each believer, who is thereby enabled to live a holy life, to Serve the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, evangelism, discipline, compassion, justice and righteousness.
- 5.6. All believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are spiritually united with each other. They form the church (Body of Christ) of which He is the head.
- 5.7. The Lord Jesus Christ will return personally in power and authority. All the dead will be raised; those who are saved will receive eternal Life and those are lost are eternally condemned.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.1. Membership is per acceptance of a signed SCO membership form and shall be renewed annually.
- 6.2. Membership shall be in three categories: Student, Associate and Alumni membership
  - 6.2.1. Student Membership
    - 6.2.1.1. Shall be open to all registered student of the University of South Africa.
  - 6.2.2. Associate Membership
    - 6.2.2.1. Only for non-student and they cannot be office bearers and shall not vote

during elections.

#### 6.23. Alumni Membership

6.2.3.1. Alumni shall be any former member of SCO who continues to agree with the basis of Christian faith according to clause 2 and clause 5

6.2.3.2. Alumni shall not have any voting powers

### 7. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

7. 1.If a member ceases from being part of the SCO his/her membership will be terminated.

7.2. A member shall have his/her membership terminated, when he/she ceases to abide by the SCO constitution.

7.3. Membership shall be terminated if the organization's name is being brought in to disrepute by that particular member.

### 8. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

8.1 . The constitution shall be amended yearly by the CSCO council which comprises of CSCO committee branch SAMs, two delegates per branch and SRC delegates

8.2. Constitutional summits will be legit if it comprises of at list three branches of SCO UNISA

8.3. A campus that is not present at the constitutional review must formally write a prosy to the Secretary General of the CSCO

## Chapter 2

### 9. CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC)

9.1. The role and purpose of the of the Central Executive Committee (CEC)

9.1.1. All UNISA branches shall affiliate with the Central SCO yearly

9.1.2. Central SCO shall organise annual events (e.g. conference or music night) to unify and ensure smooth running of all SCO UNISA branches.

9.1.3. The Central Executive Committee (CEC) shall inflict discipline on the CSGC delegates and CSRC delegates .



**9.2. COMPOSITION OF THE CENTRAL SCO COMMITTEE.**

(SAM of the branch and one member from the branch executive shall form part of the committee)

**The committee shall consist of the following members:**

- 9.2.1. Chairperson General
- 9.2.2. Deputy Chairperson General
- 9.2.3. Secretary General
- 9.2.4. Deputy Secretary General
- 9.2.5. Treasures General
- 9.2.6. Public relation Officer General
- 9.2.7. Student Affairs Minister General
- 9.2.8. Project and Events Co-ordinator General
- 9.2.9. Four Additional Members General

**9.3. DUTIES OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVES**

**9.3.1. Chairperson**

- 9.3.1 .1 . Shall chair CSCO Executive committee meetings
- 9.3.1 .2. Shall be responsible for the smooth running of the CSCO
- 9.3.1 .3. Shall draw the agenda for every committee meeting in conjunction with the secretary
- 9.3.1 .4. Shall liaise with all central executive committee members at all time

**9.3.2. Deputy Chairperson**

- 9.3.2.1. Shall deputize the chairperson
- 9.3.2.2. Shall in the absence of the chairperson assume his/her duties and

responsibilities.

9.3.2.3. Shall be an ex-officio with voting powers to the branch disciplinary committee.

9.3.2.4. Shall handle all disciplinary related matters of the CSCO

### **9.3.3. Secretary General**

9.3.3.1 . Shall be chief administrative officer of the CSCO

9.3.3.2. Shall with the chairperson draws up the agenda for every executive meeting

9.3.3.3. Shall in conjunction with Treasurer administrate funds of the CSCO

9.3.3.4. Shall keep the minutes of all the executive committee meetings and read the minutes of all previous executive committee meetings when requested

9.3.3.5. shall in absentia of the chairperson and deputy-chairperson chair executive meetings

9.3.3.6. Shall together with SAM be responsible for the interpretation of constitution and other organisational policies.

### **9.3.4. Deputy Secretary General**

9.3.4.1. Shall deputize the General Secretary where necessary

9.3.4.2. Shall organize all venues for CSCO activities

9.3.4.3. Shall be responsible for the smooth running of the programme.

**9.3.5. Treasurer General**

9.3.5.1 . Shall be responsible for the finances of the CSCO as guided by the SRC financial policy

9.3.5.2. Shall be the keeper of the all financial records of CSCO

9.3.5.3. Shall prepare annual budget report

**9.3.6. Public Relation Officer**

9.3.6.1 . Shall be CEO of the media desk and publicize all the CSCO activities, internally and externally

9.3.6.2. Shall represent the CSCO in all media platform

9.3.6.3. Shall market the CSCO internally and externally

**9.3.7. Student Affairs Minister**

9.3.7.1 . Shall organize workshops on student leaderships, academics excellence and socio-political education.

9.3.7.2. Shall report political matters to the executive committee

9.3.7.3. Shall represent CSCO in political affairs

9.3.7.4. Shall ensure that all branches receive the constitution and have thorough understanding of it.

9.3.7.5. Shall facilitate CSCO constitutional summit

**9.3.8. Project and event Co-ordinator**

9.3.8.1 . Shall coordinate activities that are outside the scope of the normal services for special occasions (i.e.) sports and recreation

9.3.8.2. Shall organize transport for the CSCO trips

9.3.8.3. Shall initiate projects that are for the benefits of the CSCO and UNISA at large

9.3.8.4. Shall organize project aimed at community development

**9.3.9. Additional Members**

9.3.9.1 . Shall represent CSCO in accordance with aims and objectives of its goals

9.3.9.2. Shall carry the mandate assigned by the CSCO

**9.4. CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**9.4.1. Ordinary meetings of the Central Executive Committee( CEC)**

9.4.1 .1 . The Secretary General in consultation with the Chairperson shall organise all ordinary meetings of the CEC

9.4. I .2. The Secretary General shall distribute the agenda to the CEC members 48 hours (2 days) before the meeting take place

9.4.1 .3. The secretary General shall provide the CEC members with the details of the venue and the time of the meeting 48 hours (2 days) before the meeting.

9.4.1 .4. The Chairperson and the Secretary General in consultation with CEC

members can invite any external party (ex-officio or general member) to form part of the meeting if deemed necessary

9.4.1.5. Ordinary meetings must take place at list twice in a semester

9.4.1.6. A quorum of the CEC meetings shall be 50 % of the CEC members

#### **9.4.2. Extra-ordinary meetings of the Central Executive Committee (CEC)**

9.4.2.1 .The Chairperson of the organisation can call an extra-ordinary meeting in consultation with the branch Secretary General when deemed necessary.

9.4.2.2. The quorum of the extra-ordinary meetings shall be one-third majority of the CEC members

### **Chapter 3**

#### **10. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

10.1. Shall consist of all the subcommittee members, Executive committee and any other members as per invite namely:

##### **10.1.1. Chairperson**

10.1.1.1 .The deputy chairperson of the branch executive committee shall be the chairperson of the General Assembly

##### **10.1.2 Secretary**

10.1.2.1 .The secretary of the General Assembly shall be elected at the first meeting of the general assembly

**10.1.3. Meetings of the General assembly**

10.1.3.1. A quorum shall comprise of fifty per cent plus one (50<sup>0</sup>/0+1) of both the subcommittee and the Executive committee

10.1.3.2. Shall meet at least quarterly (per term) or if there is an urgent meeting

10.1.3.3. In the absence of the quorum the general assembly shall set a new date

10.1.3.4. GA shall communicate the agenda to the executive committee two days before the GA meeting

**1 0.2.ELECTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARY**

10.21 .The GA secretary shall be elected annually immediately after the inception of the executive committee

10.22.GA secretary should be elected on the first GA meeting

10.23.The Chairperson of the GA shall conduct the election

10.24.Only members of the GA shall vote

**1 0.3.POWER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

10.31.Shall solve any problems that the GA committee fit

10.32. Evaluate the global function of the SCO as a whole and recommend corrective measures where necessary

1 0.3.3. GA shall appoint an IEC a week before Executive committee vacate office and/or gives an annual report

10.3.4. GA shall be the highest decision-making body and constitutes of all policies of the branch

10.3.5. Shall elect two members of the GA who are not executive to form part of the disciplinary committee

10.3.6. Shall have a mass meeting at list once per quota

## **11. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

### **11.1. Composition of the Disciplinary Committee**

11.1.1. Branch Deputy Chairperson

11.1.2. Central Deputy Chairperson (ex-officio)

11.1.3. Two members elected at the general assembly

11.1.4. A former BEC member per invitation (ex-officio)

11.1.5. Mentor (guardian pastor) per invitation

### **11.2. Powers of the Disciplinary Committee**

11.2.1. The disciplinary Committee shall inflict discipline on the BEC, LSGC and LSRC delegates and the general membership of the SCO

11.2.2. The disciplinary committee once it is launched shall run throughout the term of office of the sitting BEC

11.2.3. The disciplinary committee shall be the highest decision making body on matters of discipline.

## **12. COMPOSITION OF THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **12.1. The committee shall consist of the following members**

12.1.1. Chairperson

12.1.2. Deputy Chairperson

12.1.3. General Secretary

12.1.4. Deputy General Secretary

12.1.5. Treasurer

12.1.6. Public Relations Officer

12.1.7. Student Affairs Minister

1.2.1.8. Project and Events Co-ordinator

## **12.2. DUTIES OF THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **12.2.1 Chairperson**

12.2.1.1. Shall chair the SCO executive committee meetings

12.2.1.2. Shall be responsible for the smooth running of the SCO

12.2.1 .3. Shall supervise all work of the SCO in conformity its constitution

12.2.1 .4. Shall be the ex-officio member of all the substructures

12.2.1.5. Shall draw the agenda for every committee meeting in conjunction with the  
secretary

12.2.1.6. Shall liaise with all executive committee members at all times

### **12.2.2. Deputy Chairperson**

12.2.2.1. Shall deputize the chairperson

12.2.2.2. Shall, in the absence of the chairperson assume his/her duties and  
responsibilities

12.2.2.3. Shall launch the disciplinary committee within 30 days after being elected  
into office

12.2.2.4. Shall chair the disciplinary committee

12.2.2.5. Shall chair the General assembly



12.2.2.6. Shall organize the speakers (preachers) of the organization including substructures in conjunction with the executive committee

12.2.2.7. Shall be chief coordinator of the preachers desk

**12.23. Secretary**

12.2.3.1. Shall be chief administrative officer of the SCO

12.2.3.2. Shall with the chairperson draw up the agenda for every executive meetings

12.2.3.3. Shall compiles and presents the report of the overall work of the  
SCO

12.2.3.4. Shall organize all venues for all the SCO activities

1223.5. Shall be responsible for smooth running of the programme

**12.2.4. Deputy Secretary**

12.2.4.1 . Shall deputize the General Secretary where necessary

12.2.4.2. Shall organize all venues for SCO activities

1224.3. Shall be responsible for the smooth running of the programme.

**12.2.5. Treasurer**

1225.1. Shall be responsible for the finances of SCO

12.2.5.2. Shall keep all financial records of the organization

12.2.5.3. Shall be the head of the fundraising committee

12.2.5.4. Shall provide financial report of the proceeds of each and every event to  
the executive committee

12.2.5.5. Shall be responsible for:

12.2.5.5.1 . Working out and executive plans for fundraising

- 12.2.5.5.2. Preparing and presenting annual financial statements
- 12.2.5.5.3. Make recommendations regarding funding of all SCO
- 12.2.5.5.4. Shall represents the organization at the All Treasure  
Committee of the SRC

**12.2.6. Public Relations Officer**

- 12.2.6.1 . Shall be the CEO of the media desk and publicize all the SCO  
activities, internally and externally
- 12.2.6.2. Shall represent the organization in all media platforms
- 12.2.6.3. Shall organize programme aimed at publicizing the SCO
- 12.2.6.4. Shall market the organization internally and externally
- 12.2.6.5. Shall liaise with Alumni

**12.2.7. Student Affairs Minister**

- 12.2.7.1 . Shall organize workshops on leadership, academic, social etc.
- 12.2.7.2. Shall assist all members of the organization in all matters pertaining  
to Academic life
- 12.2.7.3. Shall orientate the organization politically
- 12.2.7.4. Shall report political matters to the executive committee and the  
organization
- 12.2.7.5. Shall ensure that all substructure members receive the constitution,  
have thorough understanding of it and adhere to it.
- 12.2.7.6. Shall be chief coordinator of the social affairs and political desk.

**12.2.8. Projects and events co-ordinator**

12.2.8.1. Shall coordinate activities that are outside the scope of the normal services for special occasions

12.2.8.2. Shall organize transport for SCO trips and substructures where necessary

12.2.8.3. Shall initiate projects that are for the benefit of the SCO and UNISA at large

12.2.8.4. Shall be the chief executive officer of catering team

12.2.8.5. Shall liaise with the sport department

1228.6. Shall organize projects aimed at community development

**1 2.3. BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**123.1 Ordinary meetings of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC)**

12.3.1.1. The Secretary in consultation with the chairperson shall organise all ordinary meetings of the BEC

12.3.1.2. The Secretary shall distribute the agenda to the BEC members 24 hours before the meeting take place

12.3.1.3. The Secretary shall provide the BEC members with the details of the venue and the time of the meeting 24 hours before the meeting.

123.1.4. The chairperson and the Secretary in consultation with BEC members can invite any external party (ex-officio or general member) to form part of the meeting if deemed necessary

12.3.1.5. Ordinary meetings must take place at list twice a month

12.3.1.6. A quorum of the BEC meetings shall be 50<sup>0</sup>/0+1 of the BEC members

**123.2. Extra-ordinary meetings of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC)**

12.3.2.1. The chairperson of the organisation can call an extra-ordinary meeting in consultation with de Secretary when deemed necessary.

12.3.2.2. The quorum of the extra-ordinary meetings shall be one-third majority of the BEC members

## Chapter 4

### 13. EXECUTIVE AS A WHOLE

1 3.1 . Taking into consideration the Provincial, National and International program. The executive shall plan ahead and purse the programme for the year

13.2. Shall administer funds of the SCO

1 3.3. Shall carry the mandate as assigned by the general assembly

1 3.4. Shall manage the affairs of the branch in terms of the constitution

13.5. Shall represent the SCO interest as a whole in matters affecting it

13.6. Shall ensure that the internal services of SCO continue even if there are any other services outside/inside the campus

1 3.7. Shall ensure the presence of at least three executive members in each service

13.8. Shall serve as the official means of communication between the SCO and the University Authorities

13.9. Shall ensure that general members are given a chance to question and recommend during the annual report

13.10. Shall liaise with all substructures

#### **14. POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE**

14.1 . It may exercise as far as is consistent with this constitution all such powers as may be necessary for furthering the aims and objectives of SCO as in clause 2 and 5

1 4.2. Bearing in mind the aims and objectives above, the executive committee shall have powers

1 4.3. To co-operate with other organization whose aim are at least similar to those of SCO in such activities and purpose as are consistent with the basis of faith of SCO and provide, receive or interchange such information as may be likely benefit and forward the aims of SCO or any other organization

14.4. To delegate in so far as consistent with this constitution such powers to individual or any other bodies of SCO as it deem fit

14.5. Shall delegate representative to the provincial council

14.6 .Shall make sure that all policies are adhered to.

14.7. Take cash flow decision collectively and collectively be accountable for the movement funds

14.8. Shall supervise the activities of all sub-structures of the SCO

#### **1 5. BENEFITS**

##### **15.1. Benefits of the Executive**

15.1.1. The committee members shall travel for free on organization-based Trips.

15.1.2. The Executive Committee shall be represented by at least one member on all matters relating to fundraising and liaise shall be present and catered by the organization.

1 5.1.3. When the executive member goes to represent the organization must be catered for.

1.5.1 .4.The executive committee members shall pay only 50% for the Organisational leisure trips

## 1 5.2. Benefits of Delegation

15.2.1 . If any delegation goes to represent the organisation he \she must be catered for

15.2.2. Delegation shall travel for free on organization-based trips

## Chapter 5

### 16. DEPLOYMENT

1 6.1 . Deployment to LSRC and LSGC

1 6.1.1 . The branch political desk shall deal with all deployments to the LSRC and LSGC

16.1.2. The SAM of the Branch shall chair all deployment meetings

16.1.3. Should any of the office bearers of the branch political desk be declared to have any conflict of interest, the desk shall choose any member of the political desk to assume the duties of the office bearer for that particular session

16.1 .4. A candidate list shall be compiled, Nominations will be opened to all members to compile a candidate list

16.1 .5. If a member in not nominated to be part of the candidate list that member will not be legible for deployment

- 16.1.6. In an occurrence where 50% of the members in the candidates list declines, new nominations shall be opened to replace them.
- 16.1.7. All nominated candidates must comply with section 17 to qualify for deployment.
- 16.1.8. There should be at list one Branch Executive committee member (apart from the SAM) for the deployment meeting to be legit.
- 16.1.9. All candidates will be required to actively participate in all campaigning processes.
- 1 6.1.10. Deployment should strive to reflect gender equality at all times
- 1 6.1.11 .Candidates shall not take part in the deployment session to avoid conflict of interest.
- 1 6.1 .1 2. Candidates will be required to go outside the venue and members will be allowed to motivate/demotivates.
- 1 6.2. **Deployment to CSRC and CSGC**
- 16.2.1. The Central political desk shall deal with all deployments to CSGC AND CSRC .
- 16.2.2. The CSCO SAM shall chair all the deployment sessions of SCO
- 162.3. Should any of the office bearer of the CSCO political desk declared to have any conflict of interest the desk shall choose any member of the political desk to assume the duties of the office bearer for that particular session
- 16.2.4. Campuses shall be requested to forward names of candidates to

the SAM of the CSCO seven day prior to the deployment meeting

16.25. All candidates must comply with section 17 to qualify to be in for deployment

16.2.6. Deployment shall be according to capacity not campuses

16.2.7. Deployment should strive to reflect gender equality at all times

16.2.8. Candidates shall not take part in the deployment session to avoid conflict of interest.

16.2.9. Candidates will be required to go outside the venue and members will be allowed to motivate/demotivate.

#### **17. LEGIBILITY FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE SRC AND SGC**

17.1. Must be a member of SCO for more than six month

17.2. Must be a born again Christian

17.3. Must have academic average of 55% and above to be legible for

deployment

17.4. Must not be academically struggling

17.5. Must be a registered student of the campus that seeks to deploy him/her.

17.6. Must not be a first year student

17.7. In an instance where the person was a member of another political structure (other form of structures are exempted). The person must serve the period of two full years in SCO before they can be declared legible for deployment.

17.8. Must be an active member of SCO and have at list served in any branch sub-committee or BEC.



**18. RECALLMENT**

1 8.1. Recallment must be a disciplinary measure not a form of punishment

1 8.2. The disciplinary committee shall handle the recallment of BEC members, LSGC and the LSRC members.

1 8.3. A representative (delegate) shall be recalled if he\she ceases to be a member of SCO

1 8.4. A representative (delegate) shall be recalled if he\she is found guilty of bringing the name of the organisation into disrepute

1 8.5. A representative shall be recalled if found guilty of any offence by the disciplinary committee

1 8.6. The defendant can only be recalled after all necessary investigations have been conducted by the disciplinary committee and reasonable proof of any misconduct or disrepute is established

18.7. The defendant must be given a reasonable opportunity to defend themselves before the disciplinary committee

..1 8.8. Should the disciplinary committee pass a verdict of recallment of an SRC delegate, de SAM together with the branch secretary shall be instructed to write and submit a recallment letter within 3 working days.

1 8.9. The recallment resolves of the disciplinary committee shall not be revoked under any circumstances.

1 8.10. Recallment of CSRC delegates shall be handled in the CSCO political desk where all campuses are represented.

## **19. REPLACEMENTS AND FILLING OF VACANCIES (LOCAL AND CENTRAL)**

1 9.1. After the verdict of recallment is passed:

1 9.2. The political desk shall call a deployment meeting at list seven day after the

recallment verdict is passed and the recallment letter is written and submitted to the respective student life and governance officials.

19.3. Normal deployment procedures shall be followed in the filling the existing vacancy

19.4. The Chairperson together with the Secretary shall write and submit a letter for the filling of the existing vacancy after the deployment meeting has set.

## **20. MENTORS (GUARDIAN PASTOR)**

- 20.1 . It is upon the Branch Executive Committee to decide how many mentors to have
- 20.2. The mentor shall respect the constitution of SCO
- 20.3. Does not have any authority to change the dictates of the SCO  
Constitution and its operations
- 20.4. All new leadership have the option to select the mentor of their choice

## **Chapter 6**

### **21. ELECTION AND BI-ELECTIONS**

- 21 .1 . Executive Elections
- 21 .1 .1 . The executive committee shall be chosen yearly at a general meeting.
- 21 .1 .2. A member shall not be elected to be in the executive for more than two terms in a portfolio.
- 21.2. **Elections Criteria for Nominations.**

**All nominees will be tested according to these criteria:**

21.21. A member who can be elected to be in the executive committee must have spent minimum of six months in the UNISA SCO as a born again Christian.

21.22. Must be a registered student of that particular campus that nominated him/her.

21.23. Must be declared legible by the disciplinary committee of SCO

21.24. Must have served in the sub-committee (ministry) of SCO to be legible to stand as nominee to the Executive Committee

21.25. Must understand processes and operations of SCO

### 21.3. Election Nominations Procedures:

21.3.1. Nomination will take place within six days after reporting out of the executive.

21.32. Maximum of five people may be nominated per portfolio.

21.3.3. Nominated candidates will be required to go outside the venue and members will be allowed to motivate/demotivate

21.3.4. At least ten members should affirm every nominee, for him/her to stand in the nominee list (ballot paper).

21.3.5. In the event of nominee having less than ten members affirming him/her that nominee will not be put in the ballot paper. She/he will return and be eligible to be nominated again for another portfolio.

21.3.6. Members are not allowed to nominate a person in his/her absence unless there is a written apology and an intention to stand, this should be given to the IEC

### 21.4. Voting.

21 .4.1 . Voting will take place within four days after submission of nominations.

21.4.2. No student will vote without a Membership card and student card or proof of registration/ID.

21 .4.3. Immediately after voting, the results will be published within 24 hours.

21 .4.4. Elections will be valid only if fifty per cent plus one (50<sup>0</sup>/0+1) of registered members have voted.

## 21 .5. Bi-Elections

21 .5.1 . Bi-election shall be held in case an executive member resigns for that portfolio.

21 .5.2. Should more than three executive members resign, the executive committee shall be dissolved and Bi-elections shall be held for all the portfolios.

21 .5.3. After the Bi-election the BEC may with the approval of the majority reshuffle the committee if deemed necessary.

21 .5.4. Bi-elections shall be held not earlier than one week after the announcement of such resignation to be the SCO and not later than two weeks.

## 22. SUBCOMMITTEES

22.1. All sub-structural leaders shall run their respective sub-structures in respective

with their branch in good faith of the organization

## 23. TERM OF OFFICE

23.1. The term of office shall be 12 months for all committee (executive committee, central SCO, Disciplinary Committee and sub-committee)

23.2. If a member served in the executive committee for less than six months it shall not be regarded as a term

23.3. Term of office shall be from October to September of the following year.

## 24. ORGANOGRAM OF SCO

24.1. Central Executive committee

24.2. General Assembly

24.3. Disciplinary committee

24.4. Branch Executive Committees

24.5. Sub-Committee and the Political desk

24.6. Mass (general membership)

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