

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (UNISA JHB)



Preamble

The Unisa Student Christian fellowship, acknowledges the ministry laid in believers' hearts, being to preach the gospel of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ to all nations as crystallised in the book of Mark 16:15, acknowledging the lordship of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, committing ourselves in total to the principles, statutes and will of our Lord Jesus Christ. The fellowship is aiming at impacting a student life in all dimensions, not forsaking academic excellence.

We do hereby adopt this constitution based on the solid principles of God's word as the document regulating the establishing and governing of the fellowship.

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the body which the constitution is entitled to establish and regulate shall be Unisa Johannesburg Student Christian Fellowship (UNISA JHB-SCF).

The name shall only be used for the sole purpose and interest of the fellowship.

ARTICLE 2: FORCE AND EFFECT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Subject to the bible, this constitution is the supreme authority in relation to the affairs and governance of the fellowship.

ARTICLE 3: OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

- To see student around Johannesburg Learning Centre submitting themselves to the discipleship of Jesus Christ
- Establish Godly relationships between Christian organisation or movements in other institutions
- Preach the God News without fear, favour, prejudice or intimidation
- Impact a student's life in all spheres
- Promote academic excellence

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to everyone complying with the following:

- Such person must be a registered student of UNISA.
- Such person must comply with the provisions of the constitution.
- Such person must fill in the membership form.
- Such person must adhere to the principles laid in the kingdom of God.
- Such person must pay membership fee.

ARTICLE 5: COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall consist of eight vacancies being:

President

Deputy President

General Secretary

Deputy Secretary

Treasurer

Program Coordinator

Public Relations Officer

Arts Administrator

ARTICLE 6: TERM OF OFFICE

The term of each and every committee shall be twelve months calculated from the day of elections until the corresponding date and month of the following year.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be one general meeting held every six months. Subsequent meetings shall be convened if there is a need for such.

English shall be the medium of instruction in the executive meetings

ARTICLE 8: QUORUM

A quorum of any meeting of the executive committee of SCF shall consist of four members present at a meeting of such

If there is no quorum present on commencement of such a meeting the president must adjourn the meeting for at least thirty minutes

President → If the required quorum is not present when the meeting is reconvened after thirty minutes, the present must give due notice of the holding of another meeting and if required quorum is not present at this second meeting those members present at this second meeting will be deemed to constitute a quorum

ARTICLE 9: MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE

A persona may be removed from office as members of the executive committee if motion of no confidence has been passed in him/her. Such motion must be supported by five of the seven members of the Guardian Committee and five out seven members of the executive

ARTICLE 10: DUTIES AND POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

- Shall supervise all activities of the fellowship
- Shall preside in all the meeting of the committee unless he delegates such power to the other senior leader of the executive
- Shall be the senior leader of the fellowship
- The president together with the secretary and treasurer shall serve as signatories of the fellowship
- Shall have the power to establish any sub-committee and sure shall be ratified by the committee and the Guardian committee
- Shall convene all executive meetings

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

- Shall handle the responsibilities of the President in his/her absence
- Shall head the disciplinary committee
- Shall deal with external matters

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Shall be the centre of the organisation
- Shall together with the President and finance officer, serve as the signatory of the fellowship
- Shall conduct all the correspondence of the fellowship
- Shall be chief administrator of the fellowship
- Shall be in the possession of the documents of the fellowship

DEPUTY SECRETARY

- Shall handle all the responsibilities of the secretary in his/her absence
- Shall coordinate the teams under the secretarial office

FINANCIAL OFFICER

- Shall deposit all the monies of the organization at a safe and relevant location
- Shall keep record of all the finance of the fellowship
- Shall together with the President and the secretary serve as the signatory of the fellowship
- Shall implement a structure of the financial accountability
- Shall head the financial committee
- Shall recommend the financial committee to the executive committee and guardian committee

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

- Shall develop a PRO (written-, electronic-and radio press) source list
- Shall market SCF effectively and efficiently for maximum exposure to all press
- Shall be the head of the marketing committee
- Is the highest spoken person of the fellowship

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- Shall be accountable for structuring all programmes of services and events of the fellowship
- Shall be the timekeeper in SCF services

ARTS ADMINISTRATOR

- Shall be responsible for identifying, promoting, exposing and providing a platform for God-given talents the members possess.
- Shall be responsible for the musical, arts and cultural matters of the fellowship
- Shall carry out the duties of the PRO and/or programme director in their absence

In addition to the stated duties and power of the executive committee

They are also to:

- Encourage members of the fellowship to adhere to the principles of the Word of God

- Groom/shepherd new candidates in relation to the Word of God
- To run and administer the affairs of the fellowship
- To ensure that members respect the provision of the constitution
- To make sure that the executive is in good standing by filling any vacancy within the executive

ARTICLE 11: DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee shall be dissolve in the following circumstances:

- Non-fulfilment of duties
- During the meeting if more than five members vote for dissolution
- In addition to the five members of the executive committee voting for dissolution, it must further be supported by five out of seven members of the GC

ARTICLE 12: GUARDIAN COMMITTEE

This constitution acknowledges and appreciates the existence of the GHC and seeks to regulation the committee s power s, duties and connected thereof

GC

ARTICLE 13: COMPOSITION OF GUARDIAN COMMITTEE

The GC shall consists of seven members without portfolio

ARTICLE 14: POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GUADIAN COMMITTEE

Powers:

Right to veto the executive committee decision in relation to schedule "2" matters

I. **DEFINATION OF GUARDIAN COMMITTEE**

SPIRITUALLY COMMITTEE ANIDIVIALS WHO God laid a burden to continually pray, guide (advise) and act in accordance to the principle of the Good News on behalf of the fellowship

individuals

DUTIES

- Mentorship (discipleship) and shadowing
- Intercession
- Guiding and being an advisory group
- Intervention in cruise and conflicts
- Give guidelines to election process
- Networking channels

ARTICLE 15: MEETING OF GUARDIAN COMMITTEE

The meetings of the guardian committee shall be held once in three months. Further or subsequent meetings shall be held if there is an emergency

ARTICLE 16: DISPUTES

There shall be an ad hoc committee consisting of three spiritually matured former executive members of the SCF to entertain any dispute that might arise between executive committee and GC

The decision of such as hoc committee shall be final and binding to both parties

ARTICLE 17: LEGAL PERSONALITY

Neither the SCF executive committee nor the GC enjoys a legal personality on its own and shall therefore not able to sue or be sued in its own name

ARTICLE 18: FORCE AND EFFECT OF APPENDICES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any schedule to this constitution forms an integral part of such constitution and must be read in conjunction therewith provided that where provisions of such schedules conflicts with the provision of this constitution, The provision of this constitution will prevail

ARTICLE 19: CODE OF CONDUCT

Once constitution by the executive and GC, this constitution abolishes any existing constitution of the SCF and its operatives with immediate effect

ARTICLE 20: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended in the following circumstances:

- At a properly constituted meeting with the supportive vote of at least five members of the executive committee: provided a supportive vote of at least five members of the GC is obtained
- The amendments must only be effected in the be interest of the fellowship, taking into cognisance the principles laid word of God

ARTICLE 21: CODE OF CONDUCT

- Members should conduct themselves properly during services
- Members should respect each other at all costs
- Members should conduct themselves in accordance with the word of God in the services and elsewhere (private life)
- No one is allowed to misuse and damage the property of SCF
- Members must respect the property of the fellowship
- Members shall not engage themselves in any form of physical or verbal abuse
- Contravention of article 21 shall be subject to disciplinary hearing conducted by the DC and GC

ARTICLE 22: DEFININATION OF TERMS

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms used in this constitution /schedules to such constitution shall have the following meanings:

"Fellowship"- means the UNISA Student Christian fellowship

"Father"- means God

"Principles of God"- means provisions contained in the Bible

"Godly relationship"- means relationships furthering the interests of and based on the word of God (Bible)

"Good News"- means the word of God

"Month"- means calendar month, including weekends and holidays

"President"-means president of the SCF executive members

"Person"- relation to Article 9 an executive members and except as provided in the a foregoing the word shall bear a literal meaning

"Guardian committee (GC)"- means see Article 14

"Ad hoc committee"- committee instructed for a specific purpose or task which shall dissolve after such purpose has been exhausted

"Schedule"-any attachment to this constitution whether stated in many words or not

"Members"-executive members, GC members or ordinary member who complies with the provision as stated in Article4

Schedules

Schedule 1: includes electoral, financial and administrative policy

Schedule2: related to class "A" matters being:

-Motion of no confidence passed to members of the SCF executive committee

-Dissolution of a committee

-Utilisation of any property of the SCF