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NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

Article I – PREAMBLE
We, the undergraduate students of North Carolina Central University, in order to promote self direction, to provide an atmosphere for the acceptance of self imposed responsibility, and participate in institutional governance, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association. The Student Government Association affords students the opportunity to practice self imposed responsibility and governance while promoting training in self governance. The North Carolina Central University Student Government Association shall be composed of four branches: The Executive, The Legislative, The Judicial, and The House of Departmental Representatives.

Article II – NAME
The name of this student organization shall be the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP
Under this Constitution, all undergraduate students enrolled at North Carolina Central University are deemed members of The Student Government Association.

Article IV – OATH OF OFFICE
Each Student Government Association appointed or elected representative shall be required to take the following oath of office at the beginning of the academic year of his/her term of office.

I, (name), do solemnly promise to fulfill the duties to which I am obligated, as a duly elected or appointed representative of the Student Government Association of North Carolina Central University. I promise to uphold the Constitution of the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association, the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, and the Constitution of the United States of America to the best of my ability. Throughout my term, I will remain faithful to our University’s motto of “truth and service” and I will diligently work for the educational and mutual uplifting of the members of the University community.

Article V – STUDENT GOVERNANCE AT NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
It is the policy of North Carolina Central University to involve students in the governance of the University. Each student shall be empowered and encourages participating in the electoral process of all student elections and general elections. The Student Government Association President shall actively recruit & make student appointments to all Special Committees and Advisory Boards, such as the Student Union, W.G Pearson Cafeteria, Residence Operations, and Health Services per authorization by the Chancellor of the University. Students shall also be given the opportunity to participate in the evaluation process of the faculty and play an active role in the development of policies relative to academics and student development services.

Article VI – JURISDICTION
All student organizations shall be within the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association. All Student organizations must register with the Office of Student Leadership, which in turn will furnish the Student Government Association with a list of current members in the organization, the officers (updated annually) and at least one advisor. All student organizations must have their respective Presidents register with the Office of the Student Body President for the Council of the Presidents prior to September 10th of every academic year.

The Student Government Association has the power to delegate authority and responsibility to the organizations within its jurisdiction including and not limited to:

I. Receiving budget requests from officially registered and recognized student organizations for consideration by the Student Government Association and/or the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.
II. Providing appropriate representation at Council of Presidents’ Meetings
III. Providing appropriate representation at University administration meetings.
IV. Granting citations of merit, and making appropriate awards.
Article VII – THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Executive Board shall be to ensure enforcement of all approved bills and policies of the Student Government Association. The Student Body President shall also propose legislation to the Senate and initiate projects to be completed by the Executive Board and the Student Senate.

Section B. EXECUTIVE BOARD POWERS

The powers of the Executive Branch shall be vested in the President of the Student Government. The President shall have the power to appoint a cabinet. The President of the Student Government Association may delegate his/her powers to members of the Executive Board.

Section C. COMPOSITION

The Student Government President shall chair the Executive Branch. The Student Government Vice-President, Mr. and Miss North Carolina Central University, and the four Class Presidents also serve on the board.

The following Executive Board members shall be appointed as voting members by the President: Chief of Staff, Executive Director of Academic Affairs, Executive Director of Elections and Transition, and Attorney General. The Student Government President shall be empowered to appoint any other voting members to the Executive Board at his/her discretion.

The President shall add additional non-voting positions as deemed appropriate, however the appointed members shall not exceed fifteen (15).

Section D. STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

The Student Body President shall exercise control over the tangible properties and facilities of the Student Government Association. The Student Body President shall serve as a voting member on the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees and shall be entitled to the powers and privileges incidental to that office for the tenure of the office. The Student Body President will ensure all processes to be carried out by the Student Government Association are done so in the best interest of the Student Body.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must be classified as a Junior.
II. Must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
III. Must have been enrolled as a North Carolina Central University student for at least two semesters prior to the beginning of the term of office.
IV. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
V. Must have held a position in the Student Government Association for one full academic year.
VI. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

The Student Body President shall serve for one academic year beginning May 1st, and ending May 1st of the following year. In the event that the President-Elect is a rising junior, he or she may not assume power until all credit hours are posted, and proves them to be at Junior standing. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. DUTIES & POWERs

I. Shall serve as a voting member on the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees and shall be entitled to all of the powers and privileges incidental to that office for the tenure of the office.
II. Shall appoint members to the Executive Board.
III. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Executive Board.
IV. Shall administer and enforce all laws and by-laws sanctioned by the Student Senate.
V. Shall address or meet with the Student Senate when called upon.
VI. Shall call emergency meetings of the Student Senate, as he/she deems necessary with written prior notice.
VII. Shall consult the Attorney General in appointing Associate Justices to the Student Judicial Court.
VIII. Shall approve, authorize, or reject all withdrawals of funds from the Student Government account after consultation with the Executive Director of Finance.
IX. Shall dismiss any appointed member of the Executive Board due to his/her neglect of duties.
X. Shall call and preside over meetings of the Student Body during the academic year.
XI. Shall exercise his/her veto power over legislation presented by the Student Senate.
XII. Shall authorize purchase requests and travel authorizations of all organizations receiving funds from the Student Government Association.
XIII. Shall serve as Chair and preside over the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association.
XIV. Shall exercise control over the tangible properties and facilities of the Student Government Association. Present a State-of-the-Campus Address to the Student Senate at its first session or when it is deemed as most appropriate by the Senate.
XV. Shall exercise control over all branches of the Student Government Association during periods of emergency.
XVI. Shall establish and maintain a sufficient amount of office hours for the entire tenure in office.
XVII. Shall delegate the powers of the office to others when necessary and appropriate.
XVIII. Shall secure from the Administration of the University all that is necessary for the performance of his/her duties.
XIX. Shall help in the University’s implementation of programs and activities such as Homecoming and any others incidental to the Student Body.
XX. Shall provide an adequate period of internship for the successor.
XXI. Shall coordinate leadership training for the Executive Board.
XXII. Shall disclose Executive Board meeting times and minutes to the Student Government of North Carolina Central University.
XXIII. Shall refer legislation passed by the Student Senate to Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs.
XXIV. Shall designate *t* delegates to serve at the Associations of Student Governments monthly meetings.
XXV. Shall have the Power of Division, as stated in the Special Committees section of this constitution.
XXVI. Shall convene the Executive Board at least once a month while school is in session.
XXVII. Shall perform all other duties incidental to that office.

Subsection III. INITIATIVES & REFERENDUMS

The Student Body shall have the power to initiate legislation provided that a minimum of fifty (50) students in good academic and financial standing sign a petition calling for the consideration of a bill which shall then be placed on the floor of the Student Senate in accordance with the procedures specified in the guidelines of that Body and do not conflict with this Constitution.

The Student Body shall have the power to review legislation passed by Senate, if a petition containing signatures of not less than fifty (50) students in good academic and financial standing be presented to the Senate.

The Student Government Association President shall call for a “reconsideration of the legislation”. In the case of irreconcilable differences the Student Government Association President shall order a student referendum on the legislation.

Section E. STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT

The Student Body Vice President shall perform the duties and execute the powers of the Student Body President in the event of the President’s incapacitation. The Student Body Vice President shall serve as President of the Student Senate.
Student Body Vice President will assist the Student Body President in ensuring that all processes to be carried out by the Student Government Association are done so in the best interest of the Student Body.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must be classified as a Junior.
II. Must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
III. Must have been enrolled as a North Carolina Central University student for at least two semesters prior to the beginning of the term of office.
IV. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
V. Must have held a position in the Student Government Association for one full academic year.
VI. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

The Student Body Vice President shall serve for one academic year beginning May 1st, and ending May 1st of the following year. In the event that the President-Elect is a rising junior, he or she may not assume power until all credit hours are posted, and proves them to be at Junior standing. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. DUTIES & POWERS

I. Shall perform the duties and execute the powers of the President in the event of the President’s incapacitation.
II. Shall serve as President of the Student Senate.
III. Shall refer legislation passed by the Student Senate to the President of the Student Government Association.
IV. Shall appoint Student Senate members as needed. The Student Body Vice President may delegate this power to the respective class President over to which the empty seat is associated.
V. Shall preside over all meetings of the Student Senate and ensure that in his/her absence, the Senate President Pro Tempore presides over the Student Senate.
VI. Shall provide an adequate period of internship for the successor.
VII. Shall secure from the Administration all that is necessary for the performance of his/her duties.
VIII. Shall maintain office hours for the entire term of office.
IX. Shall convene Senate a minimum of three times a semester.
X. Shall set the session calendar for the academic year.
XI. Shall coordinate a Leadership Training Workshop for the Senate.
XII. Shall disclose Senatorial meeting times and minutes to the Student Body in the way deemed most appropriate.
XIII. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.
XIV. Shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Board.

Subsection III. AMENDMENTS & BYLAWS

The Student Senate must make amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the current active membership. All amendments must be read in at least one regular meeting prior to the meetings in which the proposed amendment is voted upon.

Proposals to amend the Constitution or Bylaws shall be submitted by the Student Senate to the Student Government President to be ratified.

The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and University Legal Counsel must sign amendment to the Constitution, after a check to ensure that the proposed amendment does not violate University Policy, Local, State, or Federal Laws. The Student Body and University Planning Council must be made aware of the changes in a manner deemed appropriate.
Section F. MISS NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Miss North Carolina Central University shall represent the University in the best positive manner and shall serve as the official hostess of the Student Body. Miss North Carolina Central University will assist the Student Body President in ensuring that all processes to be carried out by the Student Government Association are done so in the best interest of the Student Body.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must have accumulate the minimum amount of credit hours needed to be classified as a Senior as determined by the Office of the University Registrars.
II. Must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
IV. Must have been enrolled as a North Carolina Central University student for at least two semesters prior to the beginning of the term of office.
V. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
VI. Must have held a position in the Student Government Association for one full academic year.
VII. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

Misses North Carolina Central University shall serve for one academic year beginning May 1st, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. DUTIES & POWERS

I. Shall represent the University in the best positive manner.
II. Shall be the official hostess of the Student Body.
III. Shall serve as a community service outreach official, and must plan at least one community service event per month for the tenure of office.
IV. Shall represent the North Carolina Central University Student Body as a good will emissary at official functions to which she might be invited.
V. Shall preside over the Royal Court Special Committee, under the supervision of the Student Body President.
VI. Shall preside over the Council of Organizational Queens/Kings and Royal Court, which must meet at least once a month.
VII. Shall hold at least one (1) awareness, cultural or social program per semester.
VIII. Shall aid the university in all recruitment efforts as requested.
IX. Shall plan and implement all projects and activities while delegating responsibilities to the Royal Court.
X. Shall assist in planning the coronation event.
XI. Shall travel to all programs where her presence is requested, if it is not in conflict with university programs and after consultation with advisor(s).
XII. Shall serve as a voting member of the Student Government Association Executive Board.
XIII. Shall assist with the election process and pageant for the forthcoming Miss North Carolina Central University.
XIV. Shall set the Royal Court calendar for the academic year.
XV. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.
XVI. Shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Board.

Section G. MISTER NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Mister North Carolina Central University shall represent the University in the best positive manner and shall serve as the official host of the Student Body. Mister North Carolina Central University will assist the Student Body President in ensuring
that all processes to be carried out by the Student Government Association are done so in the best interest of the Student Body.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must have accumulate the minimum amount of credit hours needed to be classified as a Senior as determined by the Office of the University Registrars.

II. Must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.


IV. Must have been enrolled as a North Carolina Central University student for at least two semesters prior to the beginning of the term of office.

V. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.

VI. Must have held a position in the Student Government Association for one full academic year.

VII. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

Mister North Carolina Central University shall serve for one academic year beginning May 1st, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. DUTIES & POWERS

I. Shall represent the University in the best positive manner.

II. Be the official host of the Student Body.

III. Shall serve as a community service outreach official, and must plan at least one community service event per month for the tenure of office.

IV. Shall represent the North Carolina Central University Student Body as a good will emissary at official functions to which she might be invited.

V. Shall preside over the Royal Court Special Committee, under the supervision of the Student Body President.

VI. Shall hold at least one (1) awareness, cultural or social program per semester.

VII. Shall aid the university in all recruitment efforts as requested.

VIII. Shall plan and implement all projects and activities while delegating responsibilities to the Royal Court Special Committee.

IX. Shall assist in planning the coronation event.

X. Shall travel to all programs where her presence is requested, if it is not in conflict with university programs and after consultation with advisor(s).

XI. Shall serve as a voting member of the Student Government Association Executive Board.

XII. Shall assist with the election process and pageant for the forthcoming Mister North Carolina Central University.

XIII. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

XIV. Shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Board.

Section H. APPOINTMENTS

The Student Government President-Elect shall have an open meeting for those interested in serving on the Executive Board. The President-Elect shall proceed with an appointment process at the discretion of the President-Elect.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must be an enrolled undergraduate student at North Carolina Central University.

II. Must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.

III. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
IV. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

All appointed Executive Board members shall serve for one academic year beginning upon appointment, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. VACANCY PROCEDURE

The President-Elect shall attempt to fill all vacancies in the Board before the end of the spring semester in which they are elected. Appointments are contingent upon certification of the appointee's qualifications by the Office of the University Registrar.

Article VIII – THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Legislative Branch shall be to ensure enforcement of all approved legislation, bills and policies of the Student Government Association. The Student Body Vice President shall also propose legislation to the Senate and initiate projects to be completed by the Student Senate.

Section B. LEGISLATIVE POWERS

All legislative powers of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Student Senate. The Vice President shall have the power to appoint voting and non-voting members to the Student Senate. The Vice President of the Student Government Association may delegate his/her powers to members of the Student Senate.

Section C. COMPOSITION

The Senate shall consist of the Student Body Vice President, Speaker Pro Tempore, the Clerk, the Parliamentarian, Class Presidents, Class Vice Presidents, and twenty (20) senators.

Subsection I. SENATE OFFICERS

The Student Government Association Vice-President shall be the Senate President and serve as the Speaker of the Student Senate, which shall preside over all Student Senate meetings.

The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the Student Senate at the first regular session. In the event there are no nominations for the Speaker Pro Tempore position from within the Senate, the Student Body Vice President may appoint the Speaker Pro Tempore at their discretion.

The Student Government Association Vice-President shall appoint the Parliamentarian, Senate Ambassador, and the Clerk outside of the Student Senate members.

Subsection II. STUDENT SENATORS

The Student Body Vice President and/or the respective Class Presidents shall appoint five (5) representatives to the Student Senate. If new Senators are elected or appointed after the Senate retreat, Senators must provide a period of internship for newly elected Senators.

Subsection III. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The Student Body President, Class Presidents, and Class Vice Presidents, and Executive Assistant to the Student Body Vice President shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Student Senate.
Subsection IV. APPOINTMENTS

The Student Body Vice President shall appoint Student Senate members as needed. The Student Body Vice President may delegate this power to the respective class President over to which the empty seat is associated.

If positions are left vacant after Spring Elections of the previous academic year and fall elections of the current academic year, then the procedure will be followed as:

I. The interest letter must be submitted to Senate President and the Class President from those who seek appointments.
II. The Class President may appoint new members with the consultation of his/her class members and with the approval of the Senate President.
III. Appointments are contingent upon certification of the appointee's qualifications by the Office of the University Registrar.

Section D. QUALIFICATIONS & TERM OF OFFICE

I. Must be enrolled as a full-time student.
II. Must have the required amount of credit hours to serve in the capacity of their desired position as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
III. Must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
IV. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
V. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

Senators shall serve for one academic year beginning May 1st, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Section D. DUTIES & POWERS OF SENATE OF OFFICERS

I. The Student Government Association Vice-President shall be the Senate President and serve as the Speaker of the Student Senate, which shall preside over all Student Senate meetings. The Student Government Association Vice-President shall appoint the Parliamentarian and Clerk outside of the Student Senate members.
II. The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall perform the duties of the Speaker in the event of the Speaker's absence of incapacity.
III. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Speaker in preserving appropriate order sessions of the Student Senate as it relates to the parliamentary procedure and, upon request, shall assist the Speaker in the interpretation of the Student Government Association Constitution.
IV. The Senate Ambassador shall serve as an active liaison between all major groups on campus and the Student Senate; while offering ideas and consultation to the Senate President on ways to better engage the student body actively and legislatively.
V. The Clerk shall record all Student Senate proceedings including roll call and be responsible for the records and correspondence of the Student Senate including adequate distribution of the meeting time and place.

Section E. DUTIES & POWERS OF STUDENT SENATE

The North Carolina Central University Student Government Association Student Senate shall be empowered to:

I. Shall ratify all Executive Board appointments made by the President of the Student Government Association. They shall also make recommendations in the event that the appointment is not approved.
II. Shall overrule a Presidential veto by the three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate.
III. Shall recommend the approval or rejection of any law, or regulation-governing students at the University.
IV. Shall hold forums to hear student concerns and make necessary inquiries leading to an official statement, resolution, or investigation.
V. Shall approve or reject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate a Constitutional Amendment.
VI. Shall require and record reports from the standing committees and from various organizations under the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association or from those organizations receiving funds from the Student Government Association.
VII. Shall establish ad hoc committees to facilitate its function.
VIII. Shall make recommendations to the administration concerning any phase of student life and activity over which authority to Senate is not given.
IX. Shall grant certificates of merit to outstanding members of the University community or pass resolutions in recognition of persons, measures, or organizations.
X. Shall grant funding to student organizations that request budget allocations through proper proposal procedure by way of majority vote.
XI. Shall hear any and all student appeals on legislation, Student Government internal operations, funding decisions and any procedural inquiries on a case-by-case basis. Decisions rendered from these situations shall be approved or rejected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section F. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS

The Student Senate must make amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the current active membership. All amendments must be read in at least one regular meeting prior to the meetings in which the proposed amendment is voted upon.

Proposals to amend the Constitution or Bylaws shall be submitted by the Student Senate to the Student Government President to be ratified.

The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and University Legal Counsel must sign amendment to the Constitution, after a check to ensure that the proposed amendment does not violate University Policy, Local, State, or Federal Laws. The Student Body and University Planning Council must be made aware of the changes in a manner deemed appropriate.

The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and University Legal Counsel must check to ensure that proposed amendments to the Bylaws do not violate University Policy, Local, State, or Federal Laws. The Student Body and University Planning Council must be made aware of the changes in a manner deemed appropriate.

Article IX – THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Judicial Branch shall be to ensure that the applicable student rights of the student body are effectively heard and advocated for. The Judicial Branch shall serve to guarantee due process of law according to the provisions of the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the Student Government Association Constitution, and University regulations, and to interpret said provisions.

Section B. JURISDICTION

Judicial Branch has the power to hear all cases involving currently enrolled students, while they are on premises owned by North Carolina Central University, and off campus facilities occupied by students, transportation occupied by students, by virtue of their association with North Carolina Central University.

Section C. POWERS

The Chief Justice shall be the Chief Administrative Office of the Court. The Attorney General and his/her staff shall have the power to subpoena witnesses on behalf of the court. Any student failing to appear at a hearing after subpoena has been received shall be subject to be held in contempt of court. A student found in contempt of court shall be subject to a fine.
within reason and to be determined by the Attorney General. Money collected from fines shall go to the cost of the court with the remaining balance going to the Rising Leaders Scholarship Fund of North Carolina Central University.

The Advocate General and his/her staff shall have the power to represent accused students before the Judicial Court; however, they cannot speak directly to the Court. The accused student has the right to waive the assistance of the Advocate General and his/her staff.

Section D. COMPOSITION

The Judicial Branch shall consist of the Attorney General, Advocate General, a Chief Justice, and nine (9) Associate Justices. The Student Government Association President shall appoint the Attorney General, Advocate General, and Chief Justice. The Associate Justices shall consist of at least one (1) from each class. They will be appointed by the Chief Justice with consultation from the Attorney General and approved by the Student Government President. The Associate Justices shall serve as the Judicial Court Jury for the hearing of cases referred to the Judicial Court.

Section E. QUALIFICATIONS & TERM OF OFFICE

The Student Body President shall appoint the Attorney General, Advocate General, and Chief Justice. The Judicial Court Jury shall consist of the nine (9) Associate Justices. The criteria for the Associate Justices shall be:

I. Must be enrolled as a full-time student.
II. Must have at least a cumulative 2.3 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
III. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
IV. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

Associate Justices shall serve for one academic year beginning upon appointment, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Section F. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The purpose of the Judicial Branch shall be to ensure that the applicable student rights of the student body are effectively heard and advocated for. All positions within in the Judicial Branch shall be tasked with this in mind.

Subsection I. ATTORNEY GENERAL

I. Shall use his/her staff to compile all available facts in a case and shall present them to the Student Judicial Court. The students shall maintain their right to select their legal consultant.
II. Shall review all formal complaints and refer each case to the proper Judicial Body for adjudication.
III. Shall, in the absence of written law, he/she shall issue advisory opinions.
IV. Shall appoint members to the Judicial Court, with the consultation of the Student Body President.
V. Shall maintain an official Judicial Handbook that shall set guideline consistent with the Constitution for the operation of the Judicial System.
VI. Shall preside over the Student Judicial Board hearings.
VII. Shall establish and maintain a sufficient amount of office hours for the entire tenure in office.
VIII. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Subsection II. CHIEF JUSTICE

I. Shall use his/her staff to compile all available facts in a case and shall present them to the Student Judicial Court. The students shall maintain their right to select their legal consultant.
II. Shall review all formal complaints and refer each case to the proper Judicial Body for adjudication.
III. Shall maintain an official Judicial Handbook that shall set guideline consistent with the Constitution for the operation of the Judicial System.
IV. Shall, in the absence of the Attorney General, preside over the Student Judicial Board hearings.
V. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

The Justices shall establish administrative rules and procedures as they see fit; however, these procedural standards shall include:

I. All decisions shall be in writing with a minority opinion provided;
II. Parties to a case shall be notified by letter to [a] hearing and [b] of the decision rendered;
III. Complete and accurate records shall be kept of all decisions as well as thorough minutes of all cases; and
IV. Copies of the procedure shall be filed in the Student Government Office, and the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Section G. QUORUM

A quorum for the Judicial Court Jury shall be five (5) members. The Attorney General or Chief Justice shall attend all hearings. The Court shall reach its decision by a majority vote.

Section H. HEARINGS

The Judicial Court shall hear, try, and decide all cases within its prescribed level of jurisdiction as referred to in the Student Handbook and Code Of Conduct, and shall return these cases with the decision reached to the Office of the Dean of Students within two calendar weeks.

The Advocate General shall consult accused students prior to all hearings and continue to consult them throughout the accused student’s trial process.

Section I. FINDINGS

Findings of the Student Judicial Court shall be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs for execution after forty-eight (48) hours. During this period, the case may be appealed in writing to the Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

Article X – THE HOUSE OF DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the House of Departmental Representatives shall be to ensure that the academic concerns of the student body is effectively heard and advocated for. The House of Departmental Representatives shall be the academic branch of the North Carolina Central University Student Government Organization by using representatives from all academic areas within the university.

Section B. HOUSE OF DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES POWERS

The powers of the House of Departmental Representatives shall be vested in the Executive Director of Academic Affairs, as appointed by the Student Body President. The House of Departmental Representatives Chairperson shall also propose legislation to the Student Senate and initiate projects to be completed by the House of Departmental Representatives.

The House of Departmental Representatives shall maintain the Rising Leaders Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund shall be generated from donations of student organizations and other donations from faculty, staff and the community. The funds shall go to the individuals who are active on campus or incoming students who plan to be active. The House of Departmental Representatives shall decide whom the scholarship shall be awarded and shall set all the criteria for the scholarship.

The House of Departmental Representatives shall award full-time North Carolina Central University students with student research grants that are funded by independent Student Government grant writing and fundraising.
The House of Departmental Representatives shall conduct a thorough syllabus and book review for all required general education courses and offer suggestions to the Office of the Provost.

The House of Departmental Representatives shall initiate an Academic Faculty Appreciation and Retention Campaign. This campaign shall be active throughout the term of the House Chairperson.

The House of Departmental Representatives shall review all academic policies and practices and make suggestions to the Office of the Student Body President and Office of the Provost.

The House of Departmental Representatives shall recommend the approval or rejection of any academic policy or regulation that will affect students.

The House of Departmental Representatives shall hold forums to hear student concerns and make the necessary inquires leading to an official statement, resolution, or investigation when relating the academic awareness of the Student Body.

The House of Departmental Representatives shall act as a direct liaison between the office of the Provost, all College Deans, Department Chairs, and the Student Government Association and the student body.

Section C. COMPOSITION

The House of Departmental Representatives shall be composed of the House Chairperson, the House Speaker, the House Secretary, and at least three (3) representatives from each of the major undergraduate colleges and schools on campus. These representatives are to be referred to as “Departmental Representatives”.

Section D. HOUSE CHAIRPERSON

The Executive Director of Academic Affairs shall serve as the Chairperson of the House of Departmental Representatives. The Chairperson will ensure all processes to be carried out by the House of Departmental Representatives are done so in the best academic interest for the Student Body.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must be classified as a Sophomore.
II. Must be current Executive Director of Academic Affairs.
III. Must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
IV. Must have been enrolled as a student at North Carolina Central University for at least two semesters prior to the beginning of the term of office.
V. Must be in good academic, financial and disciplinary standings with the University.
VI. Must have held a position in the Student Government Association for one full academic year.
VII. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

The House Chairperson shall serve for one academic year beginning upon appointment by the Student Body President-Elect, and ending midnight May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. DUTIES & POWERS

I. Shall serve as House Chairperson for the term of office as the Executive Director of Academic Affairs.
II. Shall act as a direct liaison between all College Deans and the Student Government Association and the student body.
III. Shall delegate the powers of the office to others within the House of Departmental Representatives when necessary and appropriate.
IV. Shall refer legislation to the Student Senate for the development of the House of Departmental Representatives.
V. Shall preside over all meetings of the House of Departmental Representatives and ensure that in his/her absence, the House Speaker presides over the Meeting.
VI. Shall provide an adequate period of internship for the successor.
VII. Shall secure from the Administration all that is necessary for the performance of his/her duties.
VIII. Shall maintain office hours for the entire term of office.
IX. Shall convene the House of Departmental Representatives a minimum of four times a semester.
X. Shall appoint members of the House of Departmental Representatives, inclusive of the Departmental Representatives, and House Secretary.
XI. Shall actively recruit members from major colleges and schools on campus to foster active membership in the House of Departmental Representatives.
XII. Shall explore and initiate grant writing and fundraising campaigns with faculty, staff, and independent entities in order to raise monetary recourses for Student Research Grants.
XIII. Shall present all proposals for Student Research Grants to Student Senate for approval or rejection, based on voting total.
XIV. Shall create committees within the House that shall conduct thorough syllabus and book analyses for all required general education courses as outlined by University College.
XV. Shall initiate an Academic Faculty Appreciation and Retention Campaign.
XVI. Shall create committees within the House that shall review all academic policies and practices, and make suggestions to the Office of the Student Body President, Office of the Dean of University College and Office of the Provost.
XVII. Shall set the session calendar for the academic year.
XVIII. Shall coordinate a Leadership Training Workshop for the appointed Departmental Representatives.
XIX. Shall disclose House of Departmental Representatives meeting times and minutes to the Student Body in the way deemed most appropriate.
XX. Shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Board, in the capacity of the Executive Director of Academic Affairs.
XXI. Shall establish and maintain a sufficient amount of office hours for the entire tenure in office.
XXII. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Section E. HOUSE SPEAKER

The Senate Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as the Speaker of the House of Departmental Representatives. The House Speaker will assist the House Chairperson in ensuring all processes carried out by the House of Departmental Representatives are done so in the best academic interest for the Student Body.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must be classified as a Sophomore.
II. Must be current Senate Speaker Pro Tempore.
III. Must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
IV. Must have been enrolled as a student at North Carolina Central University for at least two semesters prior to the beginning of the term of office.
V. Must be in good academic, financial and disciplinary standings with the University.
VI. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

The House Speaker shall serve for one academic year beginning upon appointment by the Student Senate as Speaker Tempore, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. DUTIES & POWERS

I. Shall serve as House Speaker for the term of office as the Senate Speaker Pro Tempore.
II. Shall act as a direct liaison between Department Chairs and the Student Government Association and the student body.

III. Shall seek for new ways to development of the House of Departmental Representatives, and suggest those methods to the House Chairperson for Legislative purposes.

IV. Shall serve as the Student Senate Representative from the House of Departmental Representatives.

V. Shall attend all meetings of the House of Departmental Representatives and in the absence of the House Chairperson, preside over the meeting.

VI. Shall secure from the Administration all that is necessary for the performance of his/her duties.

VII. Shall maintain office hours for the entire term of office.

VIII. Shall assist in appointing new members to the House of Departmental Representatives in the event that a position in the House becomes available.

IX. Shall actively recruit members from major colleges and schools on campus to foster active membership in the House of Departmental Representatives.

X. Shall assist in any of the House of Departmental Representatives’ grant writing and fundraising campaigns with faculty, staff, and independent entities in order to raise monetary resources for Student Research Grants.

XI. Shall present all proposals for Student Research Grants to Student Senate for approval or rejection in the event that the House Chairperson is unable to do so.

XII. Shall assist in creating committees within the House of Departmental Representatives.

XIII. Shall assist in the initiation of any of the House of Departmental Representatives ongoing campaigns.

XIV. Shall set the session calendar for the academic year.

XV. Shall establish and maintain a sufficient amount of office hours for the entire tenure in office.

XVI. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Section F. HOUSE SECRETARY

The House Secretary will assist the House Chairperson and House Speaker in ensuring all processes carried out by the House of Departmental Representatives are done so in the best academic interest for the Student Body.

Subsection I. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at North Carolina Central University.

II. Must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.

III. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.

IV. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

The House Secretary shall serve for one academic year beginning upon appointment by the House Chairperson, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Subsection II. DUTIES & POWERS

I. Shall serve as the House Secretary.

II. Shall serve as the head of all administrative duties incidental to the House of Departmental Representatives.

III. Shall advise the House Chairperson and House Speaker in preserving appropriate order in sessions of the House of Departmental Representatives as it relates to the parliamentary procedure.

IV. Shall, upon request, assist the House Chairperson and House Speaker in the interpretation of the Student Government Association Constitution.

V. Shall record all House of Departmental Representatives proceedings.

VI. Shall keep and maintain all records and correspondence incidental to the House of Departmental Representatives.

VII. Shall disclose meeting minutes to the Student Body, and make the Student Body aware of all meetings, events or related engagements.

VIII. Shall perform all other responsibilities deemed appropriate by the House Chairperson.
IX. Shall maintain the House session calendar.
X. Shall establish and maintain a sufficient amount of office hours for the entire tenure in office.
XI. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Section G. APPOINTMENTS

The newly appointed House Chairperson shall have an open meeting for those interested in serving within the House of Departmental Representatives. The newly appointed House Chairperson shall proceed with an appointment process at the discretion of newly appointed House Chairperson.

The newly appointed House Chairperson shall attempt to fill all vacancies within the House before the end of the spring semester in which they are elected. The newly appointed House Chairperson should also consider the contributions of the incoming freshman class when considering the appointment process. Appointments are contingent upon certification of the appointee’s qualifications by the Office of the University Registrar.

The House Chairperson shall have the power to appoint the unfilled House of Departmental Representatives positions in the event the positions are left vacant at anytime during the academic year. This is not inclusive of the House Speaker.

The newly appointed House Chairperson shall only appoint a maximum of thirty (30) Departmental Representatives. The newly appointed House Chairperson shall only appoint a minimum of twenty (20) Departmental Representatives. The appointed Departmental Representatives shall reflect diversification of department and school. The appointed Departmental Representatives may be of any undergraduate classification.

Section H. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

I. Must be an enrolled undergraduate student at North Carolina Central University.
II. Must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
III. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
IV. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

The Departmental Representatives shall serve for one academic year beginning upon appointment by the House Chairperson, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

Section I. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

I. Shall act as a direct liaison between the respective academic departments being represented and the Student Government Association and the Student Body.
II. Shall explore and initiate grant writing and fundraising campaigns with faculty, staff, and independent entities in order to raise monetary resources for Student Research Grants.
III. Shall initiate an Academic Faculty Appreciation and Retention Campaign.
IV. Shall grant certificates of merit to members of the University community with outstanding academic performance or academic service.
V. Shall make recommendations to the Provost Office when concerning any phase of student life that deals with the Student Body’s academic endeavors.
VI. Shall establish ad hoc committees to facilitate its function.
VII. Shall hold forums to hear student concerns and make the necessary inquiries leading to an official statement, resolution, or investigation when relating the academic awareness of the Student Body.
VIII. Shall recommend the approval or rejection of any academic policy or regulation that will affect students.
IX. Shall conduct a thorough syllabus and book review for all required courses in respective represented departments.
X. Shall initiate projects to be completed by the House of Departmental Representatives.
XI. Shall actively recruit members from respective represented departments within the House.
XII. Shall recommend and nominate students for Student Research Grants.
XIII. Shall set all criteria for the Rising Leaders Scholarship.
XIV. Shall award the Rising Leaders Scholarship to qualified students by way of majority vote.
XV. Shall establish and maintain two (2) office hours per week.
XVI. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

**Article XI – THE CLASS COUNCILS**

**Section A. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Class Councils shall be to ensure that the each classification within the student body is effectively heard and advocated for. The Class Councils shall be led by each class president of each respective class.

**Section B. POWERS OF THE CLASS COUNCILS**

The powers of the Class Councils shall be vested in each respective Class President, as appointed by the Student Body. The Class Councils shall be empowered to handle issues that face their respective constituency within the student population. Each respective class shall be responsible for the execution of legislation and awareness, cultural and social events for the benefit of their respective class, and the university community.

**Section C. COMPOSITION**

Each respective Class Council shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, King, Queen, Class Representatives (number chosen by the President), and other non-voting members as deemed necessary by the Class President.

**Section D. QUALIFICATIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE**

I. Must be an enrolled undergraduate student at North Carolina Central University.
II. Must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
III. Must have the respective amount of hours required to be considered a member of a respective class to serve on that class council.
IV. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
V. May not have ever been impeached or removed from a previous elected or appointed position in the Student Government.

All members of each respective Class Council shall serve for one academic year beginning upon May 1st, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

All appointed members of each respective Class Council shall serve for one academic year beginning upon appointment, and ending May 1st of the following year. This is not inclusive of removal from office or resignation from office.

**Section E. DUTIES OF CLASS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

All elected class officials shall ensure that their respective constituency within the student body is effectively heard and advocated for.

**Subsection I. CLASS PRESIDENTS**

I. Shall serve as a voting member of the SGA Executive Board and shall be entitled to all privileges incidental to that office for the tenure of the office.
II. Shall appoint non-voting members to his/her Class Executive Board as deemed necessary by him/her.
III. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees formed within his/her class council.
IV. Shall address or meet with his/her respective Class Council when called upon with written prior notice.
V. Shall approve, authorize, or reject all withdrawals of funds from his/her respective Class Council’s account after consultation with the Treasurer.
VI. Shall delegate the powers of the office to others within the Class Council when necessary and appropriate.

VII. Shall call and preside over meetings of his/her respective class.

VIII. Shall present a “State-of-the-Class” address to his/her respective Senate.

IX. Shall secure from the Administration of NCCU all that is necessary for the performance of his/her duties.

X. Shall convene his/hers respective Executive Board at least once per month.

XI. Shall vote only in the event of a tie on issues in the Class Council.

XII. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Student Senate.

XIII. Shall establish and maintain a calendar for the Class.

XIV. Shall establish and maintain a sufficient amount of office hours for the entire tenure in office.

XV. Shall provide a period of internship for successor.

XVI. Shall perform all duties incidental to the office of Class President.

Subsection II. CLASS VICE PRESIDENTS

I. Shall perform all duties and execute the powers of the President in the event of the President’s incapacity.

II. Shall complete the term of the President whenever such a vacancy occurs.

III. Shall secure from the Administration of NCCU all that is necessary for the performance of his/her said duties.

IV. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Student Senate.

V. Shall serve as committee heads within the Student Senate when deemed appropriate.

VI. Shall establish and maintain a sufficient amount of office hours for the entire tenure in office.

VII. Shall provide a period of internship for successor.

VIII. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Subsection III. CLASS MISSES

I. Shall provide opportunities for community service to her respective class females.

II. Shall perform other actions deemed necessary by her respective class President, Miss and Mister North Carolina Central University.

III. Shall serve as the official hostess for her respective class.

IV. Shall serve on the Royal Court, under Miss and Mister North Carolina Central University.

V. Shall provide a period of internship for successor.

VI. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Subsection IV. CLASS MISTERS

I. Shall provide opportunities for community service to his respective class males.

II. Shall perform other actions deemed necessary by his respective class President, and Miss and Mister North Carolina Central University.

III. Shall serve as the official host for his respective class.

IV. Shall serve on the Royal Court, under Miss and Mister North Carolina Central University.

V. Shall provide a period of internship for successor.

VI. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Subsection V. CLASS SECRETARIES

I. Shall assist the respective class Executive Board that he/she serves on with administrative duties.

II. Shall keep and disclose minutes of meetings to the Student Body in a way deemed appropriate by the Class President.

III. Shall contact board members about meetings.

IV. Shall assist in the acquisition of needed supplies.
V. Shall perform other responsibilities deemed appropriate by the respective President he/she serves under.

VI. Shall provide a period of internship for successor.

VII. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Subsection VI. CLASS TREASURERS

I. Shall ensure the fiscal responsibility of class funds.

II. Shall perform other actions deemed appropriate by his/her respective class President.

III. Shall serve as on the Executive Budget and Finance Committee under the Executive Director of Finance.

IV. Shall provide a period of internship for successor.

V. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Subsection VI. CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

I. Shall serve on committees created by the Class Council.

II. Shall serve as a voting member of the Class Council.

III. Shall perform other actions as deemed necessary by his/her respective class President.

IV. Shall provide a period of internship for successor.

V. Shall perform all duties incidental to that office.

Article XII – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Special Committees within Student Government Association shall be to ensure that the productivity of the Student Government Association as a whole. The Student Government Association shall not disable any Special Committee without the approval of the Student Body President and/or the Student Senate.

All committees created under the Student Government Association will be known as “Special Committees.” The Student Government Association President shall be a co-efficic member of all Standing Special Committees, and shall exercise power of any and all Special Committees when he or she deems appropriate.

The Committee Chairs to each respective Standing Special Committee may seek to fill membership in his or her respective committees, with the permission of the Student Body President. Each Special Standing Committee shall not exceed more than twenty (20) members.

There shall be four (4) Standing Special Committees that stem from the Executive Branch and shall report to the appropriate personnel, as deemed appropriate by the Student Body President. They shall be the Budget and Finance Committee, the Public Relations Committee, the Elections and Transition Committee and the Royal Court Committee.

Section B. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget and Finance Committee shall be comprised of the following members of the Student Government Association:

I. Finance Lead — As designated by the Student Body President (Committee Chair)

II. The Senior Class Treasurer

III. The Junior Class Treasurer

IV. The Sophomore Class Treasurer

V. The Freshman Class Treasurer
Section C. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee shall be comprised of the following members of the Student Government Association:

I. Public Relations Lead — As designated by the Student Body President (Committee Chair)
II. The Senior Class Public Relations Chair
III. The Junior Class Public Relations Chair
IV. The Sophomore Class Public Relations Chair
V. The Freshman Class Public Relations Chair
VI. The Elections Committee Public Relations Chair
VII. The Royal Court Public Relations Chair
VIII. The Public Relations “Street Team”

Section D. ELECTIONS & TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The Elections and Transition Committee shall be comprised of the following members of the Student Government Association:

I. The Executive Director of Elections and Transition (Committee Chair)
II. The Assistant Director of Elections and Transition (Committee Co-Chair)
III. The Special Assistant to the Executive Director of Elections and Transition
IV. The Chief of Staff of the Elections and Transitions Committee
V. The Assistant Chief of Staff of the Elections and Transitions Committee
IX. The Elections Committee Public Relations Chair
X. The Elections Committee Assistant Public Relations Chair
VI. The Pageant Coordinator
VII. The Assistant Pageant Coordinator
VIII. The Elections and Transition “Street Team”

Section E. ROYAL COURT COMMITTEE

The North Carolina Central University Student Government Royal Court shall serve as official host of the Student Body. The Royal Court shall serve as the chief division of community service and community outreach within the Student Government Association. The Royal Court shall assist administration in the recruitment of students, special programs such as Orientation and Convocation, while also providing services incidental to being the official hosts of the Student Body.

Royal Court members are prestigious representatives of the University community, are committed to community service initiatives, uphold the University motto, and shall serve as the official decorum representatives at all official on campus and off campus events. The Royal Court Committee shall be comprised of the following members of the Student Government Association:

I. Miss North Carolina Central University (Committee Chair)
II. Mister North Carolina Central University (Committee Chair)
III. Miss Senior
IV. Mister Senior
V. Miss Junior
VI. Mister Junior
VII. Miss Sophomore
VIII. Mister Sophomore
IX. Miss Freshman
X. Mister Freshman
In instances not incidental to the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association Constitution, the Royal Court Committee shall be referred to as “The North Carolina Central University Student Government Association Royal Court.”

The Royal Court shall be comprised of the Royal Court Committee, and Mister and Miss Homecoming. Mister and Miss Homecoming shall be a part of the Royal Court for the week of Homecoming only, after which they are no longer a recognized position within the Royal Court. The Royal Court shall fall under the direct supervision of the Student Body President and the Student Government Association advisor.

Subsection I. MISS & MISTERS HOMECOMING

Miss and Mister Homecoming shall be co-efficio members of the Royal Court Committee. Miss and Mister Homecoming shall be a source of the Student Government Association’s fundraising for Student Research Grants. Miss and Mister Homecoming will not be a mandatory Student Government practice, but shall be used as a means to fundraise, provide scholarship, increase Student Government involvement, increase student morale, increase campus awareness, and provide students with a less formal visible role to participate in. Miss and Mister Homecoming will only serve on the Royal Court Committee for the week scheduled for Homecoming.

§—A. ELIGIBILITY

Contestants who wish to run for Miss and Mister Homecoming must have met the following criteria:

I. Must be an enrolled undergraduate student at North Carolina Central University.
II. Must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average as certified by the Office of the University Registrar.
III. Must be in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standings with the University.
IV. Must not be a current member of the Royal Court Committee.
V. Must agree to all guidelines and regulations regarding position and fundraising.

§—B. FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

Contestants who are approved to run for Miss and Mister Homecoming must adhere to the following fundraising guidelines:

I. Contestants may not request funds from the Student Government Association for the aid of their fundraising campaign.
II. Contestants may not use privatized corporations that already have philanthropic relations with North Carolina Central University as a source of funding.
III. Contestants may not use corporations that already have philanthropic relations with North Carolina Central University as a source of funding.
IV. Contestants must comply with all bylaws of the University and the Student Government Association.
V. Contestants must sign all necessary paperwork prior to beginning all campaigning for the position.
VI. Contestants have no limit on how much they choose to fundraise.

§—C. PROCEEDS GUIDELINES

The revenue that is raised during the Miss and Mister Homecoming campaign season shall be used as a key source of funding for Student Research Grants.
The winners of the competition will be awarded a scholarship in the amount totaled to 60% of what they raised. Of the remaining 40%, 10% of the total raised is to be awarded to the contestants so they may purchase things incidental to their capacity within the Royal Court Committee. The remaining 30% of the winner's total amount raised shall be allocated to the Student Research Grant Fund.

The second place runners up in the Miss and Mister Homecoming campaign shall be awarded 30% of their total raised amount in the form of a scholarship. The remaining 70% of the total amount raised shall be allocated to the Student Research Grant Fund.

All other contestants in the Miss and Mister Homecoming campaign shall be awarded 15% of their total amount raised. The remaining 85% shall be allocated to the Student Research Grant Fund.

§§—C-I. PROCEEDS GATHERING

All revenue raised in the Miss and Mister Homecoming campaign shall be given to the Student Government Association Advisor, and be signed off upon reception by the House Chairperson and Student Government Association Advisor. A receipt shall be kept by the Student Government Association and given to the candidate of the transaction.

§§—C-II. PROCEEDS PROCEDURE

All candidates for Miss and Mister Homecoming shall turn in proceeds gained by fundraising at least once a month. If the contestant has nothing to turn in, a receipt shall be recorded to reflect such.

§—D. CAMPAIGNING

The contestants for Miss and Mister Homecoming shall declare their intent to campaign prior to September 10th of the respective fall semester. The earliest to declare intent to campaign for Miss and Mister Homecoming shall be August 25th.

The crowning of Miss Homecoming shall be one week prior to the week of Homecoming, as mandated by the University Calendar.

The winners shall be chosen based on who raised the most revenue. All runners up shall be placed by how much they raised.

§—E. HOMECOMING PARTICIPATION

Miss and Mister Homecoming will only serve on the Royal Court Committee for the week scheduled for Homecoming, as mandated by the University Calendar.

Miss and Mister Homecoming shall participate in all events that the Royal Court Committee takes part in, such as Miss and Mister Coronation, Kings Reception, Misses Tea, the Homecoming Parade, the Homecoming athletic event, and other similar and applicable events.
Section F. PRESIDENTIAL POWER OF DIVISION

The Student Body President shall be empowered to order any Special Standing Committee, Special Committee, Committee or Subcommittee to cease action at any time over the course of his or her term. When a Standing Special Committee is ordered to cease, all the subcommittees are disbanded. The members are the Special Standing Committees are still maintained in their own capacities, but not to be used a collective unit.

Subsection I. STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT POWER OF DIVISION

The Student Body Vice President shall be empowered to order any Student Senate Committee, Special Committee, or Subcommittee to cease action at any time over the course of his or her term.

Subsection II. HOUSE CHAIRPERSON POWER OF DIVISION

The House Chairperson shall be empowered to order any House of Departmental Representatives Committee, Special Committee, or Subcommittee to cease action at any time over the course of his or her term.

Subsection III. CLASS PRESIDENTS POWER OF DIVISION

The respective Class Presidents shall be empowered to order any of their classes Committees, Special Committees, or Subcommittees to cease action at any time over the course of his or her term.

Any Special Standing Committee, Special Committee, Committee or Subcommittee that is ordered to cease may petition to the Student Senate to be reactivated. The Student Senate Shall overrule a Presidential Division by the three-fourths (3/4) vote.

Article XIII – COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council of Presidents within Student Government Association shall be to ensure that all registered Student Organizations have an equal voice in the decision making of the Student Government Association. It shall also serve as grounds for collaborating and networking for the advancement of the Student Body.

Section B. COMPOSITION

The Council of Student Organization Presidents is a collective body represented by the President of each registered student organization.

Section C. PARTICIPATION

Each President is encouraged to attend Student Organization meetings hosted by the SGA President or appointed representative every month.

Article XIV – GENERAL ELECTIONS

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Elections and Transitions Committee shall be to execute fall, spring and referendum elections for the Student Body.
Section B.  ELECTIONS HANDBOOK


Article XV – COMPENSATION

Section A.  PRESIDENTIAL COMPENSATION

The Student Government Association President and Vice President shall receive free room and board or the equivalent stipend for the term in office in addition to a monthly stipend for their twelve (12) month term of office.

Section B.  MISS & MISTER NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY COMPENSATION

The Student Government Association Miss and Mister North Carolina Central University shall receive a monthly stipend for their twelve (12) month term of office as well as paid travel to University events where they are requested to participate.

Section C.  EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Each voting member of the Student Government Executive Board shall receive reasonable compensation for office hours, to be determined by the SGA President.

Section D.  GENERAL COMPENSATION

Each member of the Student Government Association Executive Board, Student Senate, House of Departmental Representatives, and Student Judicial Court may receive at least 15 hours of community services per semester, according to the guidelines of the Academic Community Service Learning Program.

Article XVI – CONSTITUTIONAL CLAUSES

Section A.  STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT ORGANIZATION GRANTS

All North Carolina Central University registered student organization and clubs must complete a grant application which includes a detailed proposal and budget.

Upon completion of the aforementioned grant application, it must be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee, where it will be reviewed, if need be, the Executive Director of Finance, Student Government Association President and Vice President will be consulted.

It is hereby agreed, and will be dually noted in formal contract (Profit Sharing Agreement), that all profits made from the event, program, or initiative will be split in a manner between the North Carolina Central University Student Association and the sponsored student organization or club.

Any request for a grant from the Student Government Association will be presented by the Budget and Finance Committee in the form of a motion on the floor of the Student Senate, who may approve or reject the grant by a (2/3) vote.

Section B.  LINE OF SUCESSION

In the event that North Carolina Central University Student Government Association President is incapable of performing or executing the duties of office, the line of succession shall be as follows: Vice President, Speaker Pro Tempore, House Chairperson, Chief of Staff, Director of Campus Affairs, Director of Public Relations, and then Director of Finance.

In the event that The North Carolina Central University Student Government Association Vice-President is incapable of performing or executing the duties of office, the line of succession shall be as follows: Speaker Pro Tempore, Parliamentarian, Senate Ambassador, and then Senate Clerk.
In the event that Miss North Carolina Central University is incapable of performing the duties of office, Miss Senior shall serve as Miss North Carolina Central University for the remainder of the academic school year. The Senior Class Council shall then elect a new Miss Senior by (2/3) vote to serve the Senior Class for the remainder of the academic school year.

In the event that Mr. North Carolina Central University is incapable of performing the duties of office, Mr. Senior shall serve as Mr. North Carolina Central University for the remainder of the academic school year. The Senior Class Council shall then elect a new Mr. Senior by (2/3) vote to serve the Senior Class for the remainder of the academic school year.

In the event that a respective Class Council President of the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association is incapable of performing the duties or executing the powers of office the line of succession shall be as follows: Vice-President, Secretary and then Treasurer.

Section C. TENURE AMENDMENT

No person will be allowed to hold any elected position within the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association unless they are an enrolled student for the entire tenure of that academic school year.

No Student Government Association Executive Board Officers will be allowed to hold any elected position within the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association unless they are an enrolled student for the entire tenure of that academic school year.

Section D. CLASS VICE PRESIDENTS AMENDMENT

The Class Vice President shall serve as ex-officio members of the Student Senate. They will also serve as an advisor to a standing committee in the Student Senate.

Section E. APPOINTMENT POWERS OF STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT

The Student Body Vice President shall have the power to appoint the unfilled Student Senate positions in the event the positions are left vacant at any time during the academic year.

Article XVII – RESIGNATION AND IMPEACHMENT PROCEDURES

Section A. PRESIDENTIAL IMPEACHMENT

The Student Government Association President and Vice President may be impeached and duly removed from office due to documented neglect of duties or other disreputable offenses. A petition of 500 votes of the current student body must be submitted to the Student Senate. The Student Senate will then hold an open hearing to decide to recommend impeachment to the Student Judicial Court with the Attorney General presiding. Upon recommendation of impeachment the Student Judicial Court will hold hearings with the Attorney General of the Student Judicial Court presiding.

Section B. MISS & MISTER NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY IMPEACHMENT

The Student Government Association Miss and Mister North Carolina Central University may be impeached and duly removed from office due to documented neglect of duties or other disreputable offenses. A petition of 500 votes of the current student body must be submitted to the Student Senate. The Student Senate will then hold an open hearing to decide to recommend impeachment to the Student Judicial Court with the Attorney General presiding. Upon recommendation of impeachment the Student Judicial Court will hold hearings with the Attorney General of the Student Judicial Court presiding.
Section C. PRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTIVE VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

The Student Senate shall have the power through a three-fourths (3/4) vote, to remove the President of the Student Government Association. The Senate then may make a recommendation for a newly appointed President to fill the position, which must be ultimately approved by the Vice President of the Student Government Association in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Section D. VICE PRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTIVE VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

The Student Senate shall have the power through a three-fourths (3/4) vote, to remove the Vice-President of the Student Government Association. The Senate then may make a recommendation for a newly appointed Vice President to fill the position, which must be ultimately approved by the President of the Student Government Association in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Section E. MISS NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTIVE VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

The Student Senate shall have the power through a three-fourths (3/4) vote, to remove Miss North Carolina Central University of the Student Government Association. The Senate then may make a recommendation for a newly appointed Miss North Carolina Central University to fill the position, which must be ultimately approved by the President of the Student Government Association in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Section F. MISTER NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTIVE VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

The Student Senate shall have the power through a three-fourths (3/4) vote, to remove Mister North Carolina Central University of the Student Government Association. The Senate then may make a recommendation for a newly appointed Mister North Carolina Central University to fill the position, which must be ultimately approved by the President of the Student Government Association in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Section G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REMOVAL

The Executive Board Members shall be removed from office due to documented neglect of duties or other disreputable offenses. The Executive Board member will receive a formal letter of reprimand that specifically states their violation from the Student Government Association President. The member shall receive a consultation with the Student Government President and the Executive Board member will then have a two-week probationary period. The member will be able to appeal his/her removal in an open hearing of the Student Judicial Court.

Section H. STUDENT SENATE REMOVAL

A Senator may be impeached for violations of the attendance policy, documented neglect of duty, or misconduct as defined by the Student Code of Conduct.

Section I. JUDICIAL COURT REMOVAL

Justices from the Court may be removed from office for violations including, but not limited to, violations of the attendance policy, documented neglect of duty, or misconduct as defined by the Student Code of Conduct. The Attorney General shall have the power to remove an Associate Justice with consultation of the Chief Justice.

Section J. HOUSE OF DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES REMOVAL

A Departmental Representative may be impeached for violations of the attendance policy, documented neglect of duty, or misconduct as defined by the Student Code of Conduct.
Section K. CLASS EXECUTIVE REMOVAL

Class Executive Board members may be impeached through a process of recommendation to the full Senate and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate composition.

Section L. GENERAL RESIGNATION PROCEDURE

An Executive Board Member shall be considered to have resigned from the Executive Board upon becoming ineligible to be a member of the Executive Board under the provisions of this Constitution, and he/she may voluntarily resign at any time. Voluntary resignation shall be delivered in writing to the Student Government Association President by the resigning member.

A Representative shall be considered to have resigned from the Student Senate upon becoming ineligible to be a member of the Student Senate under the provisions of the Constitution, and he/she may voluntarily resign at any time. Voluntary resignation shall be delivered in writing to the Speaker of the Senate.

A Representative shall be considered to have resigned from the Student Judicial Court upon becoming ineligible to be a member of the Student Judicial Court under the provisions of the Constitution, and he/she may voluntarily resign at any time. Voluntary resignation shall be delivered in writing to the Chief Justice.

A Representative shall be considered to have resigned from the House of Departmental Representatives upon becoming ineligible to be a member of the House of Departmental Representative under the provisions of the Constitution, and he/she may voluntarily resign at any time. Voluntary resignation shall be delivered in writing to the House Speaker.

A Class Council Member shall be considered to have resigned from the Class Council upon becoming ineligible to be a member of the Class Council under the provisions of this Constitution, and he/she may voluntarily resign at any time. Voluntary resignation shall be delivered in writing to the respective Class President by the resigning member.

Article XVIII – ADVISORS

Section A. PURPOSE

The purpose of Student Government Advisors shall be to advise and support Student Government Association activities. In no way are they to attempt to dictate or mandate action of the lack thereof in any manner of the Student Government unless it violates the Student Government Association Constitution.

Section B. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ADVISORS

The Student Government Association President shall appoint the Advisor, with the consultation of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The Advisor shall serve as the Chief Advisor to all entities of the Student Government Association.

The Student Government Executive Board shall select the Assistant Advisor by a simple majority vote with the approval of the Chief Advisor.

Subsection I. CLASS COUNCIL ADVISORS

Each class shall have the option of selection their own Advisor for their respective class simply by majority vote with the approval of the Chief Advisory.

Subsection II. ROYAL COURT COMMITTEE ADVISOR

Miss and Mister North Carolina Central University and the Royal Court Committee may select their own advisor by a simple majority vote, with the approval of the Chief Advisor and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.
Subsection III. ADVISORS COUNCIL

All advisors shall serve as the Advisors Council and be lead by the Chief Advisor.

Subsection IV. ADVISOR REMOVAL

The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, with prior recommendation of the Student Government Association President, may remove any advisor from his/her position.

Article XIX – RATIFICATION

Section A. RATIFICATION PROCEDURE & PRACTICES

Proposed constitutions may originate in the Student Government Executive Board or the Senate provided that the proposal wins a simple majority vote in that body.

If originated in the Student Government Association Executive Board, the proposed constitution shall be presented to the Student Senate for consideration and approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership.

If originated in the Student Senate, the proposed constitution shall be presented to the Executive Board for consideration and approval by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the present members.

The constitution shall then be presented to the President of the Student Government Association for signature, the Student Body and University Planning Committee for aware, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs & University Legal Counsel for verification of legality, and finally to the Chancellor of the University for notification of changes.

In cases of rejection by any party after Senate approval, the originating sponsor of the amendment will seek reasonable compromises to the proposed constitution and/or amendment. Should a compromise not be reached, the Board of Trustees will make the final decision.

Section B. RATIFICATION FINALIZATION

In cases of approval the President and Vice President of the Student Government Association shall sign five (5) copies and submit them to the Chancellor of the University, who shall sign and sate each copy. When this has been completed, this Constitution shall immediately become law.

Official (signed) copies are to be kept on file in the offices of the Chancellor of the University, University Legal Council, and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Office of the Student Government President and the Student Senate.

Reginald McCrimmon — Student Body President  

Carmelo Montalvo — Student Body Vice President  

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Dr. Kevin Rome — Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

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Charles Becton, J.D., L.L.M — Chancellor (interim)

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