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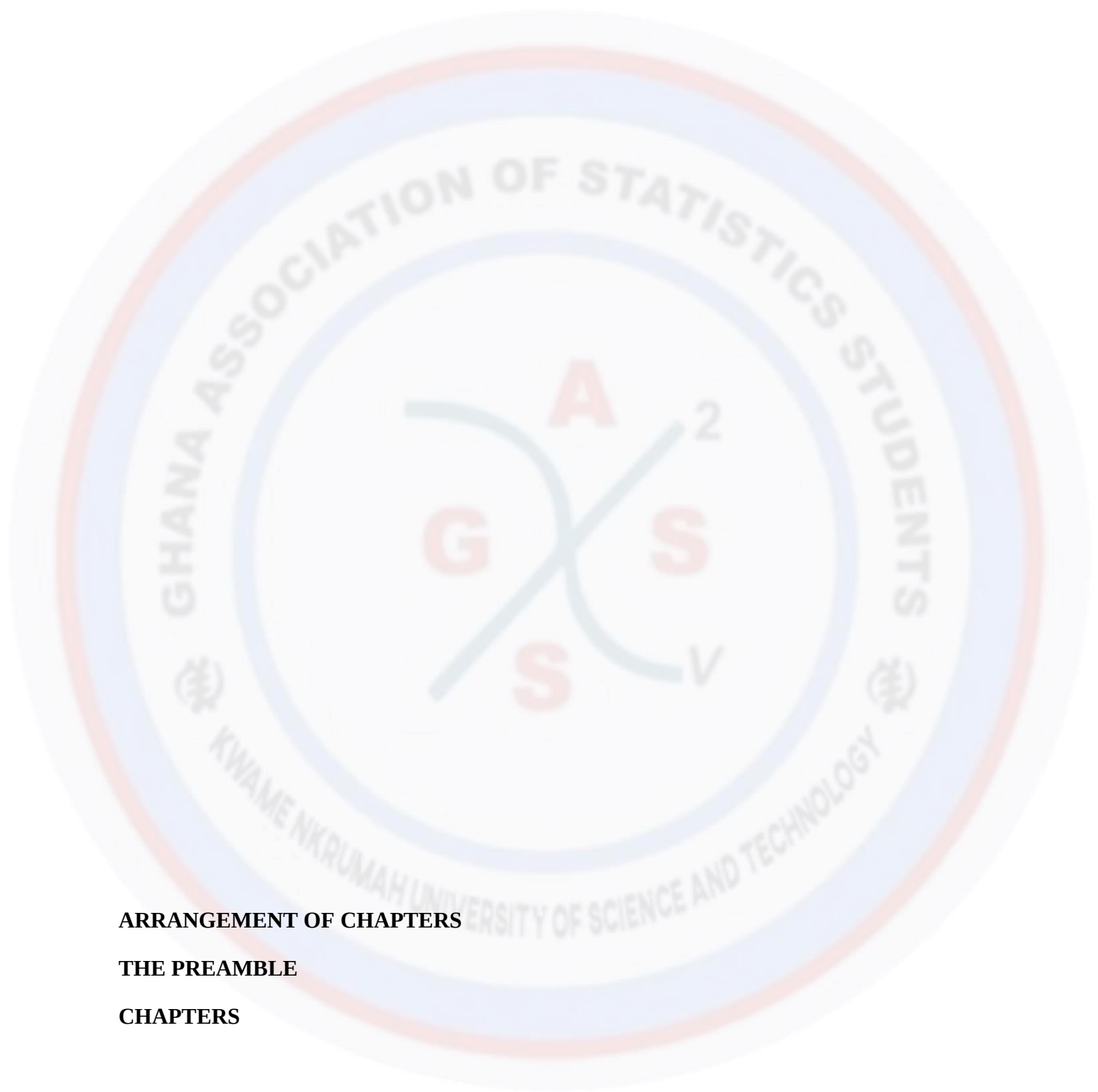
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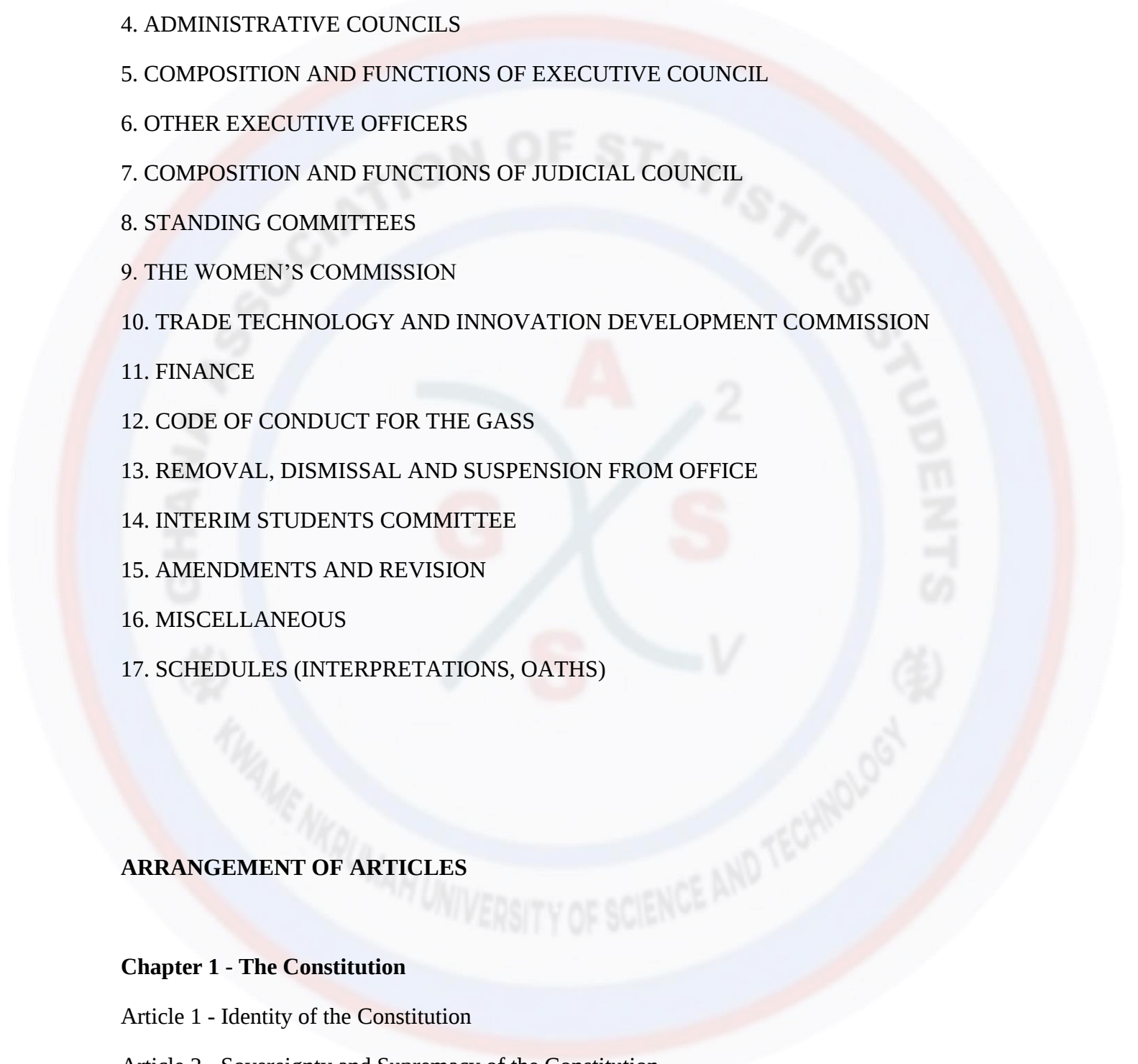


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OF THE

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AFFIRMING OUR FAITH, HOPE AND TRUST

IN THE NAME OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD,

DETERMINED to raise to the highest level the MORAL, INTELLECTUAL, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE and SOCIAL STANDARDS of the members of this association;

seeking to promote the WELFARE of members of this association as well as building the CAPACITY of members of the association.

We the entire membership of the Ghana Association of Statistics Students of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi

DO HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND ESTABLISH FOR OURSELVES THIS
CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER ONE

THE CONSTITUTION

IDENTITY OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1

(1) The legitimate statistics students' body shall be known as the Ghana Association of Statistics Students of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi hereinafter referred to as GASS, KNUST.

(2) The sovereignty of the leadership of GASS resides in the statistics students in whose name and welfare the powers of the association leadership are to be exercised within limits stated in the constitution.

IDENTITY SUPREMACY AND AUTHORITY OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 2

(1) This constitution shall be the Supreme Law for the governance of ALL students in this association and any constitution or provisions of a constitution found to be inconsistent with any provision(s) of this constitution shall to the extent of the inconsistency be rendered null and void.

(2) Notwithstanding the clause (1) supra, this constitution shall be subject to the constitution of the Republic of Ghana, Laws of Ghana, Acts of Parliament establishing this University, laws of this institution, constitution of the SRC KNUST and SCISA KNUST.

(3) In the events of any inconsistency, a provision of this constitution shall take precedence over any contrary provision of a constitution of a group or class or body within this association.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 3

(1) Any student(s), who alleges that –

(a) An act or omission of a person or group of persons,

(b) Or a constitution, decision or resolution or a body is in contravention to the provision(s) in this constitution may apply to the Judicial Council for a declaration to that effect.

(2) The Judicial Council shall for the purposes of such declaration under clause (b) make orders and give duration(s) as may deem fit for giving effect or enabling effect to be given the direction(s) so made.

(3) Failure to obey and comply by the terms of the order or direction made under clause (b) of this article constitute a violation of this constitution and a contempt of the Judicial Council and shall -

(a) In the case of an Executive Officer constitute a ground for removal from office.

(b) In the case of other statistics student not eligible for elections and to appointment to any office within the leadership of GASS.

DEFENCE OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 4

(1) Any person who shall -

(a) By himself or herself or with others, by any illegitimate means abrogates or breach the constitution or any part of the constitution or attempts to do such act;

(b) Aids and abet in any way any category of person referred to in clause(1)(a) commits of this article commits an offence of contempt of the constitution and –

(c) In the case of an Executive Officer constitutes a ground for removal from office.

(d) And in the case of any statistics student(s) governed by the leadership of GASS render the person(s) not eligible for elections and appointment into any office.

(2) All students governed by the leadership of GASS shall have right at all times -

(a) To defend the Constitution, in particular, to resist any person or group of persons seeking to commit any of the acts referred to in clause (1) of this article.

(b) To do all in their power to restore this constitution after it has been suspended, abrogated and overthrown as we referred to in clause (1) of this article.

CHAPTER TWO

STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

COMPOSITION OF GASS

Article 5

(1) GASS shall be composed of the following two working bodies:

(a) The Executive Council

(b) The Judicial Council

(2) The two working bodies provided in clause (1) above shall be independent of the other.

(3) The entire GASS shall meet at least once at the beginning of every first semester and these meeting shall be known as the General meeting. At an extreme, there shall be at most two meetings.

(4) In cases where the Executive Bodies decides to meet the members of the association, the first meeting shall be at the beginning of the semester with the second at the latter.

FUNCTIONS OF GASS EXECUTIVES

Article 6

1. The functions of the GASS executive bodies shall be to:

(a) Serve as a mouthpiece for the entire membership of GASS in the Department of Statistics, College of Science and KNUST.

(a) Engage with the Department, College and the School on matters relating to the welfare of its members.

(c) Responsible for planning and organizing, and coordination of major academic, innovative social activities, and other student-based activities of the association.

(d) Promote and maintain a cordial relationship between lecturers, the Department and the past students.

(e) Foster the maintenance of a proper academic atmosphere for the students of the association.

(f) Formulate such rules and regulations for both Executives and members of the association.

(g) Appoint sub-committees, sub-commissions and ad-hoc committees to promote projects and programs of the association.

CHAPTER THREE (3)

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (ELCTIONS AND ELECTORAL COMMISSION)

RIGHT TO VOTE

Article 7

- (1) All students in good standing shall have a voting right.
- (2) All students shall vote once.
- (3) There shall be no voting by proxy.
- (4) All members of the association may be allowed to vote by the officer in charge after they have been verified by the any approved means of verification.
- (5) A simple majority is required to win an election and unopposed candidates shall be required to have at least fifty percent plus one (50%+1) votes of the total vote cast to win an election.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions in clause five (5), fresh nominations shall be opened within three days after the declaration of provisional election results by the Electoral Commission where an unopposed candidate fails to attain the winning percentage.
- (7) A run-off shall be conducted by people who may tie.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Article 8

- (1) There shall be an Electoral Commission for GASS chaired by a commissioner.
- (2) The Commission shall be headed by the commissioner who shall be assisted by the two deputy commissioners.
- (3) The Electoral Commission shall consist of:
 - (a) The GASS Electoral Commissioner
 - (b) The GASS Deputy Electoral Commissioners
 - (c) A representative from each constituency.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

Article 9

(1) The Electoral Commission shall have the mandate to:

- (a) Inspect current number and identities of students in the association within the Department.
 - (b) Conduct and supervise all GASS General Elections, Bye-Elections (when necessary and possible), Elections within the individual constituencies under GASS, others as may be deemed fit.
 - (c) Educate the students on the electoral process and its purpose;
 - (d) Make additional rules and regulations in the performance of its functions
 - (e) Publish on all platforms and to all constituencies for at least 2 weeks (14 days) the rules and regulations governing the conduct of elections before the period of elections.
 - (f) Declare election results within a time not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours after elections.
- (2) Notwithstanding article 9(1) (d) the electoral commission shall make the additional rules and regulations in consultation with the Judicial Committee.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE COMMISSION

Article 10

(1) Except as provided in this Constitution, the Electoral Commission, in the performance of its functions, shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority.

QUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATES

Article 11

(1) Any student under the umbrella of GASS shall be qualified to contest elections if he satisfies the criteria set thereof:

- (a) He shall have been a student of this University for at least one Academic Year and is not in his Final Year of study.
- (b) He has not been found guilty of embezzlement and/or misappropriation of students and/or university funds by any judicial committee in any student association(s) and/or the Department

and/or College or the University. The students' association shall be either political or denominational or club.

(c) He shall not have been impeached, suspended, or dismissed as an officer of anybody, JCR, association, society, union, or club.

(d) He has not been found guilty of violation of this Constitution and contempt of the judicial committee as provided under Article 3 of this Constitution or offence of this Constitution as provided under Article 4.

(e) He shall not be an officer holding any position under the GASS (including the constituencies under GASS) at the time of filing his nomination.

(f) He shall submit himself for public screening by a screening panel that shall be set up in a manner provided in this Constitution.

(g) He shall have attained a CWA of 55.0% without any trails, or above 60% with only one trail as the time of filing of nomination.

(2) Any person shall petition the Electoral Commission for the enforcement of the provisions of clause one (1) during the period provided by the Electoral Commission for hearing of petitions after the display of aspirants to the electorates.

(3) The qualification requirements provided for under clause (1) applies to all Executive Committee officers.

CONDUCT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS

Article 12

(1) The Executive Committee Officers of GASS shall be elected through secret ballot by the students.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision in this Constitution the Electoral Commission may adopt the compilation of a biometric voters' register and the electronic voting system as well as any IT compliant means if it appears prudent to do so in the conduct of any elections.

(3) The Vice President shall be designated by the candidate for the office of the President before vetting prior to elections.

(4) A person designated for the position of Vice President shall satisfy the provisions laid down under article 11 (1) ("a" to "g").

(5) The Women's Commissioner shall be elected through secret ballot by only female students under the association, GASS.

(6) All offices shall be held for one academic year and any retiring officer shall be eligible for re-election subject to satisfying the relevant provisions under article 9 of this Constitution.

(7) All elections and hand over for GASS shall be held from the **fourth to eleventh week after the beginning of the second semester in an academic year.**

(8) The Electoral Commission shall in the event where an Executive Committee office becomes vacant organize a by-election with all protocols in Article 12 (1-7), except that the bye-election shall be done by the ECs with at the various constituencies within two weeks (14 days) to fill the vacancy.

(9) in the case where there EC fails to conduct the Bye-Election within the two weeks without any special speculated reason agreed on with the JC, the Newly-Elected President shall appoint a person with the approval of the **Newly-Elected Executives (forming the Executive Committee)** through vetting and voting. The President shall have no vote on this matter at the sitting (this shall be done within two weeks after swearing-in of the elected executives).

(10) No member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to contest a by election without first resigning from his office.

(11) A by- election shall not be held if any executive position becomes vacant one month before the general election.

(12) **Nomination forms shall be free of charge and shall be provided by the association.**

ELECTORAL OFFENCES AND IRREGULARITIES

Article 13

(1) A person commits an electoral offence if he:

(a) Sells, offers for sale or purchases a ballot paper;

(b) Is found in possession of an officially marked ballot paper if he is not designated to be in possession of such a ballot paper;

(c) Destroys, takes or otherwise interferes with a ballot systems or ballot paper intended to be used;

(d) Prints a ballot paper without authority;

- (e) Attempts to vote on behalf of another person whether with or without authorization.
 - (f) Directly or acting through another person bribes or attempts to bribe another to vote or refrain from voting.
 - (g) Treats or attempts to treat another, for purposes of influencing voting by that person or on account of that person having voted in a particular way.
 - (h) Unduly influences or attempts to unduly influence another to compel or induce the person from voting in a particular way.
 - (i) Obstructs or attempts to obstruct the free exercise of franchise by other persons;
 - (j) Seeks to excite or promote disharmony, hatred, or enmity against another person or group of persons by words, written or verbal, songs, or through any other medium;
 - (k) Organizes persons or group of persons with the intention of training them in the use of force, violence, be it physical or verbal against other persons;
 - (l) Seeks to influence voting pattern in whatever manner within 100 meters of polling station.
 - (m) Without lawful excuse destroys, defaces or removes a document exhibited under authority of the law
 - (n) Interferes or obstructs an electoral officer in the performance of his official duties.
 - (o) Publishes or causes to be published of another person for the purpose of effecting or preventing the election of a candidate, words, written or spoken or even song which is false or has no reason to believe is true.
 - (p) Votes at an election he is not eligible or entitled to vote at
 - (q) Engages in double voting
- (2) Any candidate or their duly authorized agent may petition the Electoral Commission in the event of a breach of the provisions under clause (1) (“a” to “q”).
- (3) The Electoral Commissioner shall set up a three (3) member committee from among members of the commission to investigate the allegations stated in the petition referred to in clause (2).
- (4) The Committee shall submit their recommendations to the Electoral Commissioner who shall be bound by such recommendations.

(5) The penalties to be prescribed by the committee set up by the Electoral Commissioner shall be payment of fines, amount of which shall be determined by the committee, and in grave circumstances disqualification of the candidate as determined by the JC.

(6) In the event where the person who is found to have committed the electoral offence or any irregularity is not an aspirant, the person shall be referred to the office Head of Department or of the Dean of Students' depending on the intensity of the victims actions for the appropriate action to be taken.

(7) Any person affected adversely by the recommendation **may as of right appeal to the GASS Judicial Committee for redress if any of the parties are not satisfied and the ruling of the GASS JC and their verdict shall be final.**

SCREENING AND SCREENING PANEL

Article 14

(1) The Electoral Commissioner shall for the satisfaction of article 11(1) (f) form a five (5) member screening panel for the purposes of vetting the aspirants and ensuring that candidates for any election under this Constitution satisfies the requirements provided for in this Constitution or regulations as may be set out by the Electoral Commission.

(2) The Electoral Commission shall appoint the members of the screening panel from among students of KNUST which shall consist of current students from any of the constituencies and may add alumnus from the GASS association.

(3) The Electoral Commission shall publish to all constituencies and aspirants the criteria by which every candidate shall be screened at least one week before the day of screening.

(4) The Electoral Commission shall publish the names of the members of the screening panel at least 72 hours before the day of screening.

(5) Any student may petition the Judicial Council of that jurisdiction within twenty-four (24) hours after the publication of the criteria envisaged under clause (3) for a revision, amendment or otherwise.

(6) The Judicial Council Chairperson shall within twenty-four (24) hours shall constitute a 5-member panel to hear such a petition and any decision of the panel shall be final.

(7) The Electoral Commission shall publish on all notice boards a full report of all candidates so screened at least seven (7) days before the day of elections.

(8) Such a report shall entail;

- (a) Whether or not a candidate so screened is recommended.
- (b) The Total Score obtained by each candidate so screened detailing the score obtained under each criterion.
- (9) No student shall be disqualified by any screening panel on any bases. Students not recommended by the screening panel shall still be presented to the electorates for voting.
- (10) Candidates not recommended shall be given a written notice of their status by the Electoral Commissioner and such notice shall contain a detailed account of the reasons for their non-recommendation at least Seven (7) days before the day of elections.

ADDITIONAL RULES

Article 15

- (1) Every candidate may have an authorized polling agent at the various polling stations on the day of voting.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provision in clause (1), a candidate wishing to present representatives at the various polling stations shall provide the Electoral Commission with the details of such representatives not less than 24 hours before the day of voting.
- (3) In the event where a position is vacant at the close of a nomination period, the nomination time shall be extended by forty-eight (48) hours and all students shall be duly notified.
- (4) If the position is still vacant after the forty-eight (48) hour extension, then the election shall proceed.
- (5) Such a vacancy envisaged under the preceding clause shall be filled by an appointment by the Head of Department in consultation with the GASS Patron, the GASS presidents and all Constituency Presidents.
- (6) The Electoral Commissioner shall after an election declare provisional results within Twenty-four (24) hours after close of polls.
- (7) The Electoral Commissioner shall within forty-eight (48) hours after the declaration of the provisional results, declare the final results.
- (8) Any instrument from the electoral commission which states that a student named in the instrument is declared elected shall be prima facie evidence that the person is duly elected
- (9) Any electoral procedure on which this Constitution is silent shall be referred to the Judicial Committee for determination.

CHALLENGING ELECTION RESULTS

Article 16

- (1) Any student can challenge the final results within seventy-two (72) hours after the declaration of the final results. **No petition shall be received after this period.**
- (2) Any petition for challenge of elections shall be presented to the Judicial Committee for adjudication.
- (3) The Judicial Committee without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, must sit on the petition within after Twenty-four (24) hours the Clerk has received notice.
- (4) The Judicial Committee shall without prejudice to any provision in this Constitution adjudicate on the merits of the petition. **The verdict of the JC shall be final.**
- (5) Any petition filed for the challenge of an electoral result shall have attached to it a schedule which shall contain the names, academic year, course and signatures of at least Ten (10) Students from each constituency.

CHAPTER 4

EXECUTIVE BODY

COMPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE BODY

Article 17

The Executive Council shall be composed of:

- (a) The Executive Committee
- (b) The Women's Commissioner
- (c) The Chief of Staff
- (d) The Public Relations Officer
- (e) The Electoral Commissioner
- (f) The Academic Committee Chairperson

- (g) The Welfare Commissioner
- (h) Programs and Projects Commissioner
- (i) TRATEC Commissioner
- (j) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner
- (k) The Outreach Commissioner
- (l) The Sponsorship and Internships Commissioner
- (m) And all other appointees of the President **with the exception of the Judicial Council Chairperson, and their appointees.**

FUNCTIONS

Article 18

- (1) The functions of the Council shall be:
 - (a) To formulate and initiate policies for GASS.
 - (b) To ensure performance of the functions of GASS
 - (c) To enforce the principle of rule of law as enshrined and entrenched in this constitution

CHAPTER 5

COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Article 19

- (1) The Executive Committee shall be composed of-
 - (a) The President
 - (b) The Vice President
 - (c) The General Secretary

(d) The Financial Secretary

(e) Organizing Secretary

(2) The executive authority of GASS shall vest in the President and shall be exercised in consultation with the Executive Council.

(3) The functions of the Executive Council shall be:

(a) To approve and endorse activities of GASS.

(b) To implement policies and programs of the GASS working with the appropriate body.

THE PRESIDENT

Article 20

(1) There shall be a President of GASS who shall be the leader and chief spokesperson of the GASS in all matters coming under his jurisdiction.

(2) The President shall take precedence over all other persons with authority of association and in descending order, the Vice President, and the Judicial Council/Committee Chairperson.

(3) The President shall appoint chairperson(s) and/or may appoint other members of the Committees.

(4) The President shall preside over all General Students' Body, General Council and Executive Council meetings respectively under the GASS.

(5) The President shall by virtue of his office be an automatic member of the SCISA Senate and on SRC committee if there is any.

(6) Without prejudice to the provisions of article (4) of this Constitution, and subject to the operation of the prerogative writs, the president shall not, while in office, be liable personally to proceedings in any judicial or quasi-judicial committee for the performance of his functions, or for any act done or omitted to be done, or purported to be done, or purported to have been done or purporting to be done in the performance of his functions, under this Constitution.

(7) Notwithstanding article 21(2) of this Constitution, the executive authority of the GASS shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and shall extend to the execution and maintenance of this Constitution.

(8) The President shall in consultation with the Executive Council and acting on their advice:

(a) At the first, second or third week of the beginning and at the end of each semester deliver at the General Council meeting an address of the state of affairs of the GASS. The President shall deliver the State of the GASS at every GASS General meeting;

(b) At any point in time deemed necessary by the president in consultation with the Executive Council may deliver the State of GASS address;

(c) Within two weeks before handing over to the incoming GASS Executive Body, deliver an address of the state of affairs of the SRC before the General Students' Body where every student shall have the right to know what has been achieved by the association for their advantage.

(9) The President shall while in office communicate to the Judicial Council his intention to travel outside the country in writing.

(10) Notwithstanding clause (9), the President shall communicate by giving two weeks' prior notice or in cases of emergency within a reasonable time and the JC shall for the purposes of this provision inform members of the GASS within a reasonable time of such intention by the President.

(11) The President shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by this Constitution.

(12) (a) The President shall appoint persons to occupy and head the following offices and committees under the GASS;

i. Judicial Chairperson/Commissioner

ii. Chief of Staff

iii. Public Relations Officer

iv. Electoral Commissioner

v. Academic Committee Chairperson

vi. Welfare Commissioner

vii. Sports and Entertainment Commissioner

viii. Programs and Project Commissioner

ix. TRATEC Commissioner

x. Publicity Commissioner

xi. Outreach Commissioner

xii. Sponsorship and Internship Commissioner

(b) No appointee mentioned in clause (a) shall have more than two deputies.

(c) The president is at liberty to appoint others not provided for in this constitution but will need at least 2/3 Approval of Executive Council and the Judicial Council.

(d) In the event where the Councils does not approve these appointments, the said appointees cannot hold themselves as officers under the GASS and would not be entitled to any benefits whatsoever.

THE VICE PRESIDENT

Article 21

(1) There shall be a Vice President who shall be elected through a General election (as a running mate to the president) who shall perform such functions as shall be provided for in this Constitution.

(2) The Vice President shall act as an ex-officio member of all committees of the GASS with the exception of the independent committee (Judicial Council).

(3) The Vice President shall coordinate the activities of representatives on all Department Committees and other committees coming under his jurisdiction.

(4) The Vice President shall be the Chairman of the Students' Academic Board and may represent students on the Department's Academic Board.

(5) The Vice President shall coordinate programs and activities between the GASS and other Universities and/or Organizations, and associations in this university, and within and outside Ghana.

(7) Notwithstanding any provision in this Constitution, whenever the President dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the Vice President shall assume office as President for the unexpired term of office with effect from the day of the death, resignation or removal of the President.

(8) The Vice President shall upon assuming office as President under clause (7) of this article, nominate a person to the office of Vice President subject to approval by Judicial Council.

(9) The Vice President shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the President under this Constitution.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Article 22

- (1) There shall be a General Secretary elected through a General election who shall perform such functions provided for in this Constitution.
- (2) The General Secretary shall in consultation with the President and acting on his advice convene General Council, Executive Council, Executive Committee and GASS General Meetings.
- (3) The General Secretary shall keep true records and accurate minutes of all proceedings and resolutions of these meetings.
- (4) The General Secretary shall in consultation with the President handle all general correspondence on behalf of the GASS.
- (5) The General Secretary shall within seven (7) days after every meeting with the General Students' Body, publish on all notice to the knowledge of the Statistics Students' populace, the true and accurate outcome of such meetings.
- (6) The General Secretary shall be the Chairperson of the Editorial Board and the Clubs and Societies within GASS.
- (7) The General Secretary shall be a member of any Executive Delegation(s) of all conferences both local and international.
- (8) The General Secretary shall represent the association together with the president on the SCISA Senate.
- (9) The General Secretary shall perform any other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Article 23

- (1) There shall be a Financial Secretary elected through a General election who shall perform such functions provided for in this Constitution.
- (2) The Financial Secretary shall have custody of all GASS cheque books and cash books.

(3) The Financial Secretary shall have responsibility for all financial accounts and keep true records of all financial transactions and assets of the union.

(4) The Financial Secretary shall be the chairperson of the Financial Committee.

(5) The Financial Secretary shall together with the president be signatories to the bank account(s) of the GASS.

(6) The Financial Secretary shall publish the budget of the GASS on all constituency platforms at the beginning of the Academic Year. The Financial Secretary shall perform other functions as may be specified by the president.

THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

Article 24

(1) There shall be an Organizing Secretary elected through a General election who shall perform functions provided for in this constitution.

(2) The Organizing Secretary shall be responsible for the organization of venues and items for programs with GASS and help with joint programs with other associations, SRC and/or clubs and organizations.

(3) The Organizing Secretary together with the Chief of Staff shall be responsible for suggesting convenient dates for programs to the President, Women Commissioner and the any commission or committee for their programs to be held.

CHAPTER 6

OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

THE WOMEN'S COMMISSIONER

Article 25

(1) There shall be a Women's Commissioner who shall be elected in a manner provided for in this Constitution.

(2) The Women's Commissioner shall be the chairperson of the Women's Commission.

(3) The Women's Commissioner shall advocate the cause and interest of female students.

(4) The Women's Commissioner shall ensure that GASS policies are not inimical to the development of female students in general.

The Women's Commissioner shall represent the GASS female body both on SCISA and the SRC. The Women's Commissioner shall perform other functions as may be specified by the President.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Article 26

(1) There shall be a Chief of Staff:

(a) who shall be appointed by the President in a letter signed by the President.

(b) There shall be **one (1) Deputy Chief of Staff** who shall be appointed by the president in the manner stated under clause 1(a).

(c) The deputy shall perform functions as may be directed by the head so far as it relates to the functions of the office and in the absence of the head, the deputies shall perform the functions of the head.

(2) The Chief of Staff shall:

(a) act as the principal officer to all GASS appointees of the Executive Council

(b) He shall handle disputes among GASS appointees of the Executive Council.

(c) He shall in consultation with the General Secretary of the GASS handle all correspondences sent to the Office of the President.

(d) He shall monitor the day-to-day activities of all committees under the GASS with the **exception of the Judicial Committee.**

(e) He shall perform other roles assigned by the President

(3) Any time the functions of the Chief of Staff conflicts with any function meant to be performed by other officer provided for under the GASS Constitution, that officer shall perform such a function.

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Article 27

(1) There shall be a Public Relations Officer who shall be appointed in a manner provided for in this Constitution.

(2) The Public Relations Officer shall be the chairperson of the Public Relations office of the GASS and be the sole officer in charge of all external communications of the GASS including the media, and banner and flyer designs.

(3) The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for making effective publicity and advertisement of all GASS activities.

(4) The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible to the Executive Council in the performance of his duties.

(5) The Public Relations Officer shall advise the Executive Council on all media related issues and handling of information.

(6) The Public Relations Officer shall perform any other function assigned to him in relation to the office by the Executive Council and by this Constitution.

THE WELFARE COMMISSIONER

Article 28

(1) There shall be a Welfare Commissioner who shall be appointed in a manner provided for in this Constitution.

(2) The Welfare Commissioner shall be the chairperson of the Welfare Commission.

(3) The Welfare Commissioner shall inform the Executive Council on the state of the general welfare of students.

(4) The Welfare Commissioner shall advise the Executive Council on all welfare related matters.

(5) The Welfare Commissioner shall perform any other function assigned to him by the executive council in relation to the office and by this Constitution.

THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSIONER

Article 29

- (1) There shall be a Sports and Entertainment Commissioner:
- (a) who shall be appointed in a manner provided for in this constitution.
 - (b) The Deputy Sports and Entertainment Commissioner shall be appointed by the President in the manner stated under clause 1(a)
 - (c) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner and the Deputy Sports and Entertainment Commissioner:
 - i. Shall at least partake or participate in one sporting activity.
 - ii. Should have partaken or participated in any sporting and entertainment activities either currently in this university or vibrantly prior to the university.
 - iii. Should be an active member of the Sports Club/team.
 - (d) fulfilment of at least two of the three criteria listed in (1) c above shall serve as enough qualification.
- (2) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner shall:
- (a) Be the chairman of the Sports and Entertainment Commission.
 - (b) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner shall advice the executive council on sports and/or entertainment related issues under the GASS.
 - (c) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner shall represent the Department/Association in any sports and/or entertainment related activities or events and shall be the sole recognized representative of the statistics students' body.
 - (d) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner shall perform his duties in consultation with the Welfare Commission of the GASS.
 - (e) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner shall perform any other function assigned to him by the executive council in relation to the office.

CHAPTER 7

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

GASS JUDICIAL POWER

Article 30

(1) The GASS Judicial Power resides in the Judicial Council and shall be exercised by the Judicial Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and accordingly neither the President nor any office under the GASS shall have or be given final judicial power.

Article 31

COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(1) The Judicial Council shall be composed of-

(a) The Judicial Committee, compose of:

(i) The Judicial Council Chairperson appointed by the President on a letter signed by the President.

(ii) Two (2) Deputy Judicial Chairpersons appointed by the President on a letter signed by the President or Vice President.

(iii) Judicial Recorder/Secretary appointed by the Judicial Council Chairperson on a letter signed by the Judicial Council Chairperson.

(iv) Judicial Clerk appointed by the Judicial Council Chairperson on a letter signed by the Judicial Council Chairperson.

(v) And Two (2) member(s) appointed by the Judicial Council Chairperson on a letter signed by the Judicial Council Chairperson.

(vi) The Judicial Council Chairperson with the President must appoint council members with surety that every constituency has a representative on the Judicial Council.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Article 32

(1) The Judicial Council shall in the performance of its function be subject to this Constitution, the SCISA Constitution and SRC Constitution, as well as the rules and regulations and Acts of

Parliament regarding this University and the Constitution of Ghana and shall not be subject to the control or direction of any person or authority.

(2) Neither the President nor the Executive Council nor any person acting under the authority of the President nor any other person shall interfere with Judicial Council officers or other persons exercising judicial power, in the exercise of judicial functions, all students shall accord to the Judicial Committee such assistance as the judicial committee may reasonably require to protect the independence, dignity and effectiveness of the Judicial Committee, subject to the Constitution.

(3) A Judicial Committee member or any person exercising judicial power shall be liable to any action or suit for any act or omission by him in the exercise of the judicial power.

FUNCTIONS OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Article 33

(1) The Judicial Council shall be responsible for formulation of rules of procedure for the Judicial Committee.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Article 34

(1) There shall be a Judicial Council Chairperson who shall be appointed by the President.

(2) No student shall be qualified to be appointed as judicial council chairperson unless-

(a) He is actively serving or has actively served in any former Judicial Committee of the GASS;
or

(b) He is a member of any substantive Judicial Committee of the JCR or any academic body.

(3) The Chairperson shall be the head of the Judicial Council and shall have the right to the panel members of the Judicial Committee for hearings and shall perform other duties provided for under this constitution.

DEPUTY JUDICIAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Article 35

- (1) There shall be two deputies to the Judicial Council Chairperson who shall be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Deputy Judicial Chairpersons shall perform all functions as enshrined in this constitution for the Judicial Chairperson but with the authority of the Chairperson.
- (3) The deputies shall assist the Chairperson in all his duties and shall perform any other function assigned by the Chairperson.

GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Article 36

- (1) The Judicial Committee shall be the final committee of appeal and shall have such appellate and other jurisdiction as may be conferred on it by this Constitution.
- (2) The Judicial Committee shall not be bound to follow the decisions of any other committee.
- (3) The Judicial Committee may while treating its previous decisions as normally binding, depart from a previous decision when it appears to it right to do so; and all other lower adjudicatory bodies shall be bound to follow the decision of the Judicial Committee on questions of law.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Article 37

- (1) The Judicial Committee shall have original jurisdiction in -
 - (a) All matters relating to the enforcement and interpretation of this Constitution.
 - (b) All matters arising as to whether a resolution made by any council, commission or committee is in excess of the powers conferred on any authority.
- (2) Where an issue that relates to a matter or question referred to in clause (1) of this article arises in any proceedings in a lower adjudicatory body, that body shall stay the proceedings and refer the question of law involved to the judicial committee for determination; and the adjudicatory body in which the question arose shall dispose of the case in accordance with the decision of the Judicial Committee.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Article 38

- (1) The Judicial Committee shall have appellate jurisdiction in every issue relating to resolving conflicts between students or group of students.
- (2) The Judicial Committee shall have appellate jurisdiction over all electoral disputes lodged with the electoral commissioner.
- (3) The Judicial Committee shall be the same as the Legal Affairs Commission of the GASS.

REVIEW JURISDICTION

Article 39

- (1) The Judicial Committee may review any decision made or given by it on such grounds and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the petitioner's code.
- (2) The Judicial Committee when reviewing its decision under this article shall be constituted by not less than five (5) judicial committee members.

SOLE ADJUDICATORY POWER

Article 40

- (1) Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter, the Judicial Council Chairperson in extreme and exigent circumstances may sit as a sole adjudicator.

CHAPTER 8

STANDING COMMITTEES

WELFARE COMMISSION

Article 41

- (1) There shall be established a Welfare Commission for GASS which shall be composed of:
 - (a) The Vice President of the GASS who shall be the head overseer of the commission.

(b) The Welfare Commissioner who shall be appointed by the President in a letter signed by the President.

(c) The Welfare Commissioner shall be assisted by two (2) Deputy Welfare Commissioners who shall be appointed by the President in a letter signed by the President or the Vice President.

(d) There shall be One (1) member from each constituency who shall be the President of the Welfare Committee of each constituency.

(e) In absence of a Welfare Committee at any constituency as stated in Clause (1)(c) above, the President or Welfare Commissioner (in accordance with Presidential directive) shall appoint a representative from that constituency.

(2) The Welfare Commission shall:

(a) Investigate cases relating to students' health and sanitation services, financial condition and report its findings to the Executive Council for necessary action to be taken.

(b) Develop strategies and solutions to address pertinent health and sanitation issues.

(c) Present periodic reports to Executive Council on the state of the welfare of members of the GASS.

(e) Formulate and implement policies aimed at improving the welfare conditions of the members with special academic, health and financial challenges.

(f) Discharge such other duties affecting welfare of students as may be referred to it by the President or imposed on it by this constitution and directives from the SRC and the general students' policies.

(3) The Welfare Commissioner shall be the sole commissioner responsible for presenting the report on the state of the welfare of students to the President or the Executive Council for hearing at GASS General Meetings.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION

Article 42

(1) There shall be established under the GASS a Sports and Entertainment Commission which shall be composed of:

(a) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner appointed by the President on a letter signed by the President.

(b) Two (2) Deputy Sports and Entertainment Commissioners appointed by the President on a letter signed by the President or the Vice President.

(c) Two (2) members appointed by the President or the Sports and Entertainment Commissioner under the authority of the President.

(2) The Sports and Entertainment Commission shall:

(a) Be responsible for the general development of sports and entertainment under the GASS.

(b) Initiate programs aimed towards the development of Sports and Entertainment between constituencies within the GASS.

(c) Shall perform any other duties assigned to it by the President or the Executive Council.

(3) The Sports and Entertainment Commission shall in consultation with the Judicial Committee Commission draft a work document to regulate the affairs of the Commission.

(4) The Sports and Entertainment Commissioner shall be the sole commissioner responsible for presenting the report on the state of Sports and Entertainment under the GASS to Executive Council.

STUDENTS' ACADEMIC BOARD

Article 43

(1) There shall be a Students' Academic Board of the GASS which shall comprise of:

(a) The Vice President of the GASS who shall be the head overseer of the Board.

(b) The Academic Board Chairperson appointed by the President on a letter signed by the President.

(c) Two (2) Deputy Academic Board Chairpersons appointed by the President on a letter signed by the President or the Vice President.

(b) A representative each from all constituency of the GASS appointed by the President or the Academic Board Chairperson in a letter signed by the President, the Vice President or the Academic Board Head.

(2) The Students' Academic Board shall:

(a) Advise the GASS Executive Council on all academic matters affecting students.

- (b) Conduct surveys on the nature of teaching, research and content of course, conduct of examination and the availability of books and equipment to students.
- (c) Develop a vacation training Program for students especially Quiz Teams for consideration and implementation by the Executive Council.
- (d) Be responsible for organizing an inter-constituency competition every academic year in consultation with the Executive Committee.
- (e) Perform any other function that may be assigned to it by the Executive Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 44

- (1) There shall be a Finance Committee under the GASS which shall comprise:
 - (a) The Financial Secretary of the GASS who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.
 - (b) One (1) person appointed by the Financial Secretary to serve as the Deputy Financial Committee Chairperson.
 - (c). The Chief of Staff of the GASS as a representative member of all committee in drawing of their budgets.
- (2) The Finance Committee shall:
 - (a) Together with the Sponsorship and Internship Commission be responsible for seeking sponsorship to fund GASS activities.
 - (b) Ensure that all financial administrative laws and regulation, laws of the University, College of Science and Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science are observed by all the bodies under the GASS.
 - (c) Advise the Executive Council on all financial issues and develop best ways to maximize utility or expenditure.
 - (d) Review budgets of all commissions and offices under the GASS and aid the Financial Secretary to collate all administrative budgets into a single budget of the GASS for presentation to President and Executive Council. And then Financial Secretary with the President shall present the budget to the Head of Department

(3) The Finance Committee shall have the power to inspect at any time the accounts and financial activities of any executive office or commission under the GASS and shall do so by exercising due diligence.

(4) Pursuant to clause (1)(b) of this article persons appointed by the Financial Secretary shall have good financial, negotiation and proposal drafting skills.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

Article 45

(1) There shall be established a Public Relations Office under the GASS which shall comprise:

(a) The Public Relations Officer of the GASS who shall be appointed by the President in a letter signed by the President.

(b) Two (2) Deputy Relations Officers who shall be appointed by the President in a letter signed by the President or Vice President.

(c) The various Constituency Presidents (Class Presidents) shall serve as members of the Public Relations Office.

(2) The Public Relations Office shall:

(a) Be responsible for publicizing all activities of the GASS in consultation with the particular commission concerned.

(b) Formulate strategies as to how to disseminate information and make information accessible to all members of GASS and beyond.

(c) Be responsible for the organization of all meetings of the GASS and shall do this upon authorization by the General Secretary of the GASS.

(d) Monitor and maintain all GASS notices, and letter head and authorize the usage of same by any other body.

(e) Perform any other functions that may be assigned to it by the Executive Council in relation to its office.

(3) The Public Relations Officer shall be the sole officer responsible for presenting the report on the state of information dissemination of the GASS to GASS General Assembly and may delegate any member of the office to represent him.

CHAPTER 9

THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Article 46

(1) There shall be established under the GASS a Women's Commission which shall be composed of:

(a) The Women's Commissioner who shall be elected in a manner specified in this Constitution.

(b) The Women's Commissioner shall have deputies each from the four (4) constituencies of the GASS with one as for administration, one for communication, one for TRATEC, and one for organizing. The Women commissioner shall charge the various representative of the constituencies with any of the above offices.

(2) The Women's Commissioner shall be the sole commissioner responsible for presenting the report on the state of the welfare of female students and women activities to the Executive Council once every semester and may delegate any member of the women's commission to represent her at such hearings.

(3) The Women's Commission shall have the power to co-opt other members to perform specific tasks as may be assigned to them by the commission and such members shall be guided by the work document of the Commission in consultation with the JC.

FUNCTIONS

Article 47

(1) The Commission shall promote the rights and interests of women.

(2) The Commission shall encourage active participation of female students in leadership positions.

(3) The Commission shall inculcate in the female students a sense of inclusion, solidarity and active participation in activities on campus.

(4) The Commission shall be responsible for creating a link between the female students and other women groups with the aim of sharing ideas and strategies on female related issues.

(5) The Commission shall be responsible for organizing seminars, symposia, public forums and other programs with the aim of empowering the female students and sensitizing them on gender related issues.

(6) The Commission shall present periodic reports to the Executive Council and may also provide report to the Head of Department on the state of the general welfare of female students.

(7) Discharge such other duties affecting general welfare of female students as may be referred to it by the President or imposed on it by this Constitution.

FINANCE

Article 48

(1) All expenses of the Commission shall be charged on the GASS accounts.

(2) The Women's Commissioner shall present the semester budget of the Commission to the Financial Secretary and then to the Executive Council to be presented for discussion with the Head of Department.

CHAPTER 10

TRADE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

THE TRATEC COMMISSION

Article 49

(1) There shall be established under the GASS a TRATEC Commission which shall be composed of:

(a) There shall be a Chairperson who shall be appointed by the President in a letter signed by the President.

(b) There shall be two Deputy Chairpersons who shall be appointed by the President in a letter signed by the President or Vice President.

(2) The Chairman shall be the sole commissioner responsible for presenting the report on the state of Trade, Technology and Innovation Development of students to Executive Council through the Chief of Staff.

(3) The Commission shall have the power to co-opt other members to perform specific tasks as may be assigned to them by the commission and such members shall be guided by the work document of the Commission drafted in consultation with the JC.

FUNCTIONS

Article 50

- (1) The Commission shall promote Trade, Technology and Innovation Development among students.
- (2) The Commission shall be responsible for organizing a Trade and Technology Program each Academic Year. Notwithstanding this, the commission shall corporate with possible individuals, teams, students or organizations to train the members of this association with In-depth IT training geared towards **Coding and Data Analysis**.
- (3) The Commission shall inculcate in Students a sense of innovation development by organizing Innovative development project competitions among constituencies every academic year.
- (4) The Commission shall invite and receive innovative ideas and projects throughout the Academic year for implementation if approved.
- (5) In pursuance of clause (4) the commission shall in consultation with the finance committee seek sponsorship for the implementation of such approved projects and ideas.
- (6) The Commission shall perform any other function as may be assigned to the Commission by the Executive Council or the President in relation to its office.

FINANCE

Article 51

- (1) All expenses of the Commission shall be charged on the GASS accounts.
- (2) The Chairperson shall present the semester budget of the Commission to the Financial Secretary and to the Executive Council of the GASS for discussion with the Head of Department.

CHAPTER 11

FINANCE

DUES DETERMINATION

Article 52

- (1) The GASS shall have its funds in a bank account under the supervision of the University's Dean of Student but subject to future policies and arrangements.

(2) The amount for dues to be spent will be determined by the segment of fraction that is approved by the College of Science Dean through the President or Executive Council of Science Students Association, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (SCISA KNUST)

ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENT

Article 53

(1) The GASS shall open a current account where all monies shall be deposited. Disbursement of GASS funds shall be limited to:

(a) Provisions, activities and functions as the President and Financial Secretary of GASS and the Head of Department may approve.

(b) Administrative expenditure.

(2) The GASS President shall allocate any amount of money approved by Head of Department to the Women's Commission, TRATEC Commission and other Commissions for their activities and other administrative expenses.

SIGNATORIES

Article 54

(1) The signatories to the GASS accounts shall be the President and Financial Secretary.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, all the signatories must sign for the accounts to be assessed.

CHAPTER 12

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE GASS

ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GASS EXECUTIVES

Article 55

(1) These shall be the code of conduct which shall guide all GASS Officers under this Constitution.

(a) A GASS officer shall not put himself in a position where his personal interest conflicts or is likely to conflict with the performance of the functions of his office.

(b) A GASS officer shall at all times act in the best interest of the members of GASS.

(c) The exercise of power by any GASS officer shall not be arbitrary, or biased whether by resentment, prejudice or personal dislike and shall be in accordance with due process of the law.

(d) A GASS officer shall not accept a gift, token or any other consideration which he would normally not receive for the performance of his function, from any person.

(e) No GASS officer shall indulge himself in any act that shall bring or is likely to bring the name of the GASS and/or Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, College of Science and the University into disrepute.

(2) Before entering upon the duties of his office, a person elected or duly appointed to an office under the GASS shall take and subscribe the oath of allegiance, oath of secrecy and the oath of office in this Constitution.

(a) Any breach of the provisions set out in clauses (1) to (2) may constitute a ground for removal or suspension from office.

CHAPTER 13

RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL

RESIGNATION

Article 56

(1) Any GASS officer shall communicate his resignation in writing to his respective head of council under the GASS seven (7) days before the date of resignation and copy same to the President of the association.

(2) The Council from which the officer resigns shall publish such resignation on all constituency platforms within five (5) days after receipt of the resignation letter.

(3) Any Head of Council or Commission under the GASS shall communicate his resignation in writing to the Judicial Council Chairperson seven (7) days before the date of resignation and copy same to the President and in the case of the Judicial Council Chairperson, he shall communicate such resignation to the President.

(4) The President shall communicate his resignation in writing to the Judicial Council Chairperson two weeks before the day of resignation.

(5) In pursuance of clause (3) and (4), the Judicial Council Chairperson or the GASS President as the case may be, shall publish such resignation on all notice boards within five (5) days after receipt of the resignation letter.

(6) In the event where a GASS officer resigns he shall hand over all GASS properties in his possession to the Judicial Council Chairperson three (3) days before the date of resignation.

GROUND FOR REMOVAL OF GASS OFFICERS

Article 57

(1) GASS officer(s) shall individually or severally be removed or suspended from office if found by the Judicial Committee in accordance with the provisions of this article to have:

- (a) Acted in wilful violation of the oath of office set out in the schedule.
- (b) Acted in violation of any provision of this Constitution.
- (c) Misappropriated or embezzled funds of the GASS or any other association or organization (with evidence).
- (d) Grossly misconducted himself.
- (e) Been suspended or dismissed from this University.
- (f) Conducted himself in a manner which brings or is likely to bring the name of the GASS into disrepute.
- (g) Deferred his course of study
- (h) Been incapable of performing the functions of his office by reason of infirmity of mind or body.

IMPEACHMENT

Article 58

(1) An executive officer (elected and appointed) under the GASS shall only be removed by the procedure specified in this clause:

- (a) A petition for the removal of an executive officer shall by notice in writing be addressed to the Judicial Council Chairperson stating the grounds for removal and copied to the Patron of the GASS.

(b) Attached to the petition shall be a Schedule containing the names, academic year, course of study and signatures of twenty (20) students from each constituency.

(c) A copy of the proceedings shall be served on the Executive Officer whom such a proceeding has been proffered against at least three (3) days before the hearing of such case.

(d) The chairperson of the Judicial Council shall within seven (7) days on the receipt of such a notice of impeachment, empanel the judicial committee to ascertain the merits of such a case.

(e) The decision of the judicial committee shall be published on all constituency platforms.

(f) An executive officer so impeached shall cease to be an officer in “stricto sensu” under the GASS and shall lose all privileges and benefits accruable to an executive officer.

(2) The Judicial Council Chairman shall only be removed by the procedure specified in this clause:

(a) A petition for the removal of the Judicial Council Chairperson shall by notice in writing be addressed to the President of the GASS and copied to the Head of Department of the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science.

(b) The President shall constitute a five (5) member panel consisting of two Judicial Committee members, one of whom shall be appointed Chairperson by the president, and two other persons who are not members of the Judicial Council.

(c) The committee appointed under sub clause (b) of this clause shall inquire into the petition and recommend to the President whether the Judicial Council Chairperson ought to be removed.

(d) All proceedings under this clause shall be held in camera and the Judicial Council Chairperson is entitled to be heard in defence by himself or by Counsel of his own choice.

(e) The president shall in each case act in accordance with the recommendations of the committee.

(3) A review lies as of right from the decision of the Judicial Committee in clause (1) and the committee described under clause (2) to the Judicial Committee which shall be constituted of seven (7) members and such application for review shall be made within 48 hours.

(4) Any vacancy created by virtue of any provision in this article shall be filled within twenty-one (21) days after such vacancy is created.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in this article, a petition for the removal of an executive committee officer shall be accompanied by a Schedule containing the names and signatures of five (5) students from each constituency and the hearing shall be in camera.

VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

Article 59

(1) Without prejudice to any provision in this Constitution an executive officer(s) shall be removed from office on the passing of a vote of no confidence by at least two thirds (2/3) of membership of Judicial Council.

CHAPTER 14

INTERIM GASS REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEES

PURPOSE

Article 60

(1) The purpose of these provisions on the interim student representative committee is to ensure that there is never a hiatus or interregnum in student representation.

(2) There must be student representation whenever the term of office of one administration ends. Wherefore, it is impractical to hold elections for new administration to succeed the old one, the provisions of this chapter shall be invoked as an alternative to association's members representation.

MANDATE

Article 61

(1) To represent students until the leadership of GASS elections is organized.

(2) To undertake the organization of the GASS Elections within the first 21 days upon the commencement of the new academic year for students.

(3) It is required of the committee to consult the outgoing Electoral Commissioner on processes taken so far to conduct the GASS Elections.

(4) To ensure that power is properly transitioned within seven (7) days after the elections, to the duly elected GASS executives.

(5) Any other decision to be taken within this period shall be made in consultation with the Patron and Head of Department.

(6) Any other functions assigned it by this constitution.

COMPOSITION DETERMINANT

Article 62

- (1) The composition of the Interim GASS Executives shall be determined by whether or not elections have been conducted as at the end of tenure of the outgoing administration.
- (2) If at the end of the tenure of office of the outgoing administration, there has been elections held for GASS Executives the earlier provisions of the GASS Executive Council shall apply.
- (3) If at the end of tenure of office of the outgoing administration, elections have not been held for GASS Executives the provisions for the Interim GASS Executive Council, Interim Model shall apply.

INTERIM MODEL

Article 63

- (1) The Interim GASS Executive Council (I-GASSEC) shall be made up of three representative bodies which shall be;
 - a) Interim Administrative Council (I-AC)
 - b) Interim Judicial Council (I-JC)
 - c) Interim Electoral Commission (I-EC)
- (2) The I-AC, shall be made up of;
 - (i) A representative from amongst third year student with a reputable close to the elected executives or a former elected executive position.
 - (ii) Two (2) representatives from amongst Elected Class Representatives for both the incoming Forth and Third year students.
 - (iii) Four (4) representatives from Welfare Committee Executives for the continuing classes
- (3) The I-JC, shall be made up of;
 - (i). The I-JC shall comprise of three (3) members appointed by the outgoing GASS Judicial

Chairperson in consultation with the outgoing GASS President from continuing Students amongst the outgoing Judicial Council.

(ii) In the event where there are no continuing students among the Judicial Council (Members) or the number of continuing students are not up to three (3), the rest or all of them shall be appointed from class representatives of continuing students classes as the case may be.

(iii). The Chairperson of the I-JC shall be appointed by the outgoing GASS Judicial Chairperson in consultation with the outgoing GASS President from the three members appointed in clause 3(i) and (ii).

(iv). The Committee shall have at least, one female.

(4) The Interim Electoral Commission, shall be made up of;

(a). The Interim Electoral Committee shall comprise of three members appointed by the I-GASSEC Chairperson in consultation with the committee members from continuing students amongst the outgoing Electoral Commission.

(b). There shall be only three (3) students on the I-EC with one as Chairperson and two serving as Deputy Chairpersons.

(c). The committee shall have a least one female.

(d). The chairperson of the Interim Electoral Commission as stated in clause (4)(b) shall be appointed by the I-GASSEC Chairperson on the advice of the outgoing GASS Electoral Commissioner.

(e). The I-EC shall be responsible for the conduct of GASS within the period of 21 days, as mentioned in this constitution.

(5) Members of the Interim GASS Executive Council shall select among the Interim Administrative Council the Chairperson and Secretary.

DURATION FOR INTERIM GASS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Article 64

(1) The tenure of the Interim GASS Executive Council ends within 21days period upon the commencement of the new academic year elapses.

(2) The Interim Electoral Commission and Interim Judicial Council shall continue to hold power to see to the end of an election and proper transition of power to a new administration.

(3) The Interim Electoral Commission however, shall stay to conduct delegate election within the period of seven (7) days after the twenty-one (21) days.

(4) The powers of the I-EC and I-JC ends after power has been handed over to the new administration.

POWERS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE INTERIM JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Article 65

(1) The I-JC shall be responsible for the administration of justice within the period.

(2) The I-JC Chairperson shall be responsible for the conduct of the handing-over and swearing-in of the Elected, in accordance with this Constitution.

(3) The I-JC shall have all the powers of a substantive JC under this Constitution and all other powers necessary in the administration of Justice.

(4) The I-JC shall not have the power to amend or review this constitution within the period.

(5) The I-JC is bound by its own decisions and the precedents of the GASS Judicial Committee.

POWERS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE INTERIM ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Article 66

(1) The I-EC shall be responsible for the conduct of GASS elections within the period of 21 days, as mentioned in this constitution.

(2) In the case where the 21 days elapses, the I – EC shall supervise the delegate elections within the seven (7) days extension.

MISCELLANEOUS

Article 67

(1) Provisions of articles 1, 2, 5, 8 and 9 shall apply in I – GASSEC model.

CHAPTER 15

AMENDMENT AND REVISION

AMENDMENTS

Article 68

- (1) Any student shall petition the Judicial council chairperson for the amendment of any provision of this Constitution.
- (2) Any notice for the amendment of any provision of this Constitution shall be accompanied by a Schedule containing the names, academic year and signatures of Ten (10) students from each constituency of the GASS.
- (3) The Judicial Council Chairperson shall constitute a committee of seven (7) members from the judicial committee which shall sit within fourteen (14) days on the receipt of such a notice.
- (4) The Judicial Council shall report its decision for amendment or otherwise to the Executive Committee.
- (5) The president shall serve the Residence Committee with the amendment.

REVISION

Article 69

- (1) Any student shall petition the Judicial Council Chairperson for a total revision of this Constitution.
- (2) Any notice for the total revision of this constitution shall be accompanied by a schedule containing the names, academic year and signatures of ten (10) students from each constituency.
- (3) The Judicial Council shall sit within forty-eight (48) hours on the receipt of such a petition to consider its merits or otherwise.
- (4) In the event where merit is found in such a petition, a Constitution Review Committee shall be set up by the Judicial Council Chairperson to solicit and collate views of students and to review the Constitution.
- (5) The Constitution Review Committee shall prepare a draft constitution and a report and forward same to the Executive Committee which shall within three (3) days of receipt of such draft constitution and report, and present it for discussion and approval.

(6) There General Meeting by the GASS Assembly for the purposes of the debate on the proposed constitution and shall be approved by two thirds 50%+1 vote (above 50% vote) of the members present.

(7) The decision of General Assembly for the revision shall be served on the President in the form of a resolution bill for him to assent.

(8) The President shall serve on the Residence Committee the revision.

(9) **A total revision of this constitution may be done at least every five (5) years.**

CHAPTER 16

MISCELLANEOUS HONARARIA

Article 70

(1) Certificate of office shall be presented to the entire GASS Executives and all other officers on the day of handing over to a new administration.

PROHIBITION ON ALTERATION OF THE GASS CONSTITUTION

Article 71

(1) Unless where constitutional amendments have been made to some provisions of this Constitution no part thereof shall be altered or excluded or any additions made to its contents.

(2) Any person who alters or excludes or makes additions, or attempts to alter or exclude or make additions to any part thereof of this Constitution without being sanctioned by law shall be held to have committed an offence under this Constitution and in the case of a GASS officer shall be a valid ground for removal from office and in the case of any other student shall be a valid ground for ineligibility to contest for any GASS position.

(3) All provisions specified in the schedules shall be regarded as part of this constitution.

Chapter 17

SCHEDULE INTERPRETATIONS AND OATHS

FIRST SCHEDULE INTERPRETATIONS

Article 72

(1) In this Constitution, the context otherwise requires “Academic Board” means Academic Committee “Executive officer” means any student who is a member of the Executive Council; “He”, “his”, “him”, “chairman” shall refer to any student, male or female; “PRO” means the Public Relations Officer; “GASS officer” means any student who holds an office in any of the three working bodies of the GASS; “GASS” means Ghana Association of Statistics Students; “Tratech” means Trade and Technology; “Treating” means corruptly paying wholly or in part the expenses of giving or providing meat, drink, entertainment or provision to or for any person or group of persons for purposes of influencing voting by that person or an account of that person having voted in a particular way; “University” means Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST); “Department” mean Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science and; “college” means College of Science.

(2) The judicial committee shall have the **power to rule on matters on which the Constitution is silent or which are ambiguous and such rulings shall be expressed in precise terms and shall become a precedent of binding authority on the GASS**, until such a ruling is overturned or the provision in question is amended or revised in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

SECOND SCHEDULE GENERAL (Part I – Hand Over Ceremony)

Article 73

(1) The GASS hand over ceremony shall be as stated below:

(a) The Former GASS Executives shall hand over power to a newly elected GASS Executives before the ending of the semester days from the commencement of the GASS electoral process.

(b) The GASS electoral process shall commence not more than four (4) to five (5) weeks from the official reopening date of the Second semester of the University Academic Year.

(c) The elections shall be held before the commencement of the KNUST-SRC general elections.

(d) Formal Dissolution of the GASS shall be on the eve of the scheduled date for handing over to the GASS Executives-elect, after joint meeting of outgoing GASS Executives and GASS Executives-elect, where the Judicial Council chairman alone retains his status as a member of GASS.

(e) Final swearing in ceremony of the President and entire composition of the GASS Executive Council shall be before the entire student body by the Judicial Council Chairman.

(f) The outgoing Judicial Council Chairperson automatically relinquishes his status above immediately after swearing in the Judicial Council Chairperson-appointed.

Part II– Transitional Provisions

Article 74

(1) Notwithstanding anything in this constitution:

(a) any person duly appointed or elected under the law immediately in force before the coming into force of this Constitution shall be taken to have been duly elected for the purposes of this Constitution.

(b) The old structure of the GASS shall be operative until the tenure of office of the current elected GASS officers begins.

(c) This Constitution shall come into force 7 days after the referendum and promulgation by the General Assembly.

THIRD SCHEDULE FORMS OF OATHS

OATH OF OFFICE

Article 75

(1) For the purpose of the handover ceremony, the outgoing Judicial Committee Chairperson shall swear in the newly appointed Judicial Committee Chairperson who shall then swear in the other incoming executives.

(2) THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I do in the name of the Almighty God swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the GHANA ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENTS as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of this Association, that I will faithfully and conscientiously perform my duties, and that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitution. So, help me God.

(3) AUXILLIARY COMMITTEE OATH

I, having been elected / appointed for the position of

GHANA ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENTS (GASS), do hereby in the name of the Almighty God swear that I will at all times faithfully and truly serve this Association and students of the Association. That I will support and uphold the principles of meticulous accountability financially and otherwise and that I shall seek the welfare of the students of the ASSOCIATION. I further solemnly affirm that should I at any time break this oath of office, I shall submit myself to the penalty prescribed by the constitution of the Association thereof. So, help me God.

(3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OATH

I, having been elected / appointed for the position of GHANA ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENTS (GASS), do hereby in the name of the Almighty God swear that I will at all times faithfully and truly serve this Association and students of the Association. That I will support and uphold the principles of meticulous accountability financially and otherwise and that I shall seek the welfare students of GHANA ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENTS. I further solemnly affirm that should I at any time break this oath of office, I shall submit myself to the penalty prescribed by the constitution of the Association thereof. So, help me God.

(3) VICE PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I..... having been elected Vice President of GHANA ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENTS (GASS), do hereby in the name of the Almighty God swear that I will at all times faithfully, and truly serve, and uphold the principle of meticulous accountability in my capacity as the Vice President and assist the President in the administration of responsibilities to his office, and I further solemnly affirm that should I at any time break this oath of office, I shall submit myself to the penalty prescribed by the constitution of the Association thereof. So help me God.

(4) PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I....., having been elected President of GHANA ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENTS (GASS), do hereby in the name of the Almighty God swear that I will at all times faithfully and truly serve and uphold the principle of meticulous accountability in my capacity as the President and I further solemnly affirm that should I at any time break this oath of office, I shall submit myself to the penalty prescribed by the constitution of the Association thereof. So help me God.

(5) JUDICIAL OATH

I....., having been appointed Chairperson (member) of the Judicial Committee of GHANA ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENTS (GASS), do hereby in the name of the Almighty God swear that I will at all times faithfully and truly serve this Association and students, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to this Association as by law established; that I will uphold its sovereignty and integrity; and that I will truly and faithfully perform the functions of my office without fear or favour: affection or ill-will in the adjudication of all matters that shall be brought under my jurisdiction, and that I will at all times uphold, preserve, protect and defend the constitution. I further solemnly affirm if I should at any time break this oath of Office, I shall submit myself to the penalty prescribed. So, help me God.

(6) OATH OF SECRECY

I holding the Office of..... do in the name of the Almighty God swear, and solemnly affirm, that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall come to my knowledge in the discharge of my official duties or as may be specially permitted under this Constitution. So, help me God.

FOURTH SCHEDULE FORMS OF OATHS

Article 76

ORDER OF ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND HANDING OVER.

(1) Outgoing JC will swear in the Incoming JC

Oaths;

a) The Judicial oath,

b) Oath of Secrecy.

(2) The Incoming JC will swear in the GASS President.

Oaths;

a) Presidential Oath,

b) Oath of Secrecy,

c) Oath of Allegiance.

(3) The Incoming JC will swear in the Elected Officers, that is, General Secretary, Financial Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and the Women's Commissioner.

Oaths;

a) Oath of Allegiance,

b) Officers Oath,

c) Oath of Secrecy.

d) Executive Oath.

(4) President will swear in his Vice President.

Oaths;

(a). Oath of Allegiance,

(b). Vice President's Oath

(c). Oath of Secrecy.

Commenced and Completed by the GASS Judicial Council in June 2023 comprising of:

Zizinga Priscilla A. - GASS Judicial Council Chairperson

Jonathan Anthonio Nii Pedro Nelson - Deputy Judicial Council Chairperson

Addy Vanessa Janice - Deputy Judicial Council Chairperson

Elsie Micha - Judicial Council Clerk and a representative for Statistics Two (2) constituency.

Turkson Cecilia Owubaah - Judicial Council Member and a representative for Statistics One (1) constituency.

With Executive committees reports from commissions and committees through the Chief of Staff
- Kortey Francis.

Amendment process commenced and completed by the GASS Executives of 2022/2023 academic year.

Zizinga Priscilla A. – Judicial Council Chairperson

Sarkodie Akwasi Boateng - President

