

Constitution of the New Apostolic Church Students Society, University of Stellenbosch [NACSS] 2021/2022

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Preamble

The members of NACSS (US) endeavour to assist one another and emerge as a support group whereby each can feel that, besides studying at the University, they have fellow students (brothers and sisters in faith) who are going through similar circumstances and studies.

1. Operations

a) The Branch exists and operates under the principles of the New Apostolic Church and the Branch Constitution.

b) The duties and functions of the Branch are to:

- i. Encourage students to actively participate in the work of God;
- ii. Mobilize all New Apostolic students to join the ranks of NACSS and be active therein;
- iii. Prepare members to participate actively and effectively in their neighbouring and home congregations;
- iv. Be known by the following characteristics:
 - Academic support;
 - Spiritual support
 - Exemplary behaviour
 - Fun group

2. Obligations

All NACSS (US) members are obliged to:

- a) pledge their unswerving loyalty to the NACSS and place themselves under such discipline;
- b) carry out decisions, duties and directives with diligence
- c) organize, participate and contribute positively to all New Apostolic Church activities and contribute to the strengthening of its organic unity;
- d) rally all youth to be active participants in all activities
- e) protect NACSS and its property at all times by exercising maximum vigilance;
- f) proclaim God's word to all nations;
- g) Exercise discipline and exemplary, Godly behaviour at all times and maintain harmonious relations with all members of the New Apostolic Church and the community, in general.

3. **Branch Substructures**

- a) The structure of NACSS will consist of Unit Committees for residences or groups of residences.
- b) Sub-committees will be responsible for specific activities within the functioning of the Branch, as determined by the BEC from time to time.

4. **Branch Executive Committee (BEC)**

- a) **The members of the BEC are as follows:**

I. Chairperson

II. Deputy Chairperson

III. Treasurer

IV. Secretary

V. Music

VI. Media

VII. Logistics

VIII. Events

b) **The duties of these members will consist of the following**

i. The **chairperson** is responsible for presiding over all BEC meetings and general meetings, and is the chief executive of the Branch; he/she are responsible for the operations of the Branch – and may delegate such duties.

ii. The **deputy chairperson** is responsible for the duties of the chairperson in absence of the latter to perform any of his/her tasks; and for any such additional duties as determined by the chairperson or BEC from time to time.

iii. The **treasurer** is responsible for the keep of financial records, the preparation of quarterly and annual statements, and for any such additional duties as determined by the chairperson or BEC from time to time.

iv. The **secretary** is responsible for the taking of minutes of all meetings, keeping of records; he/she handles all correspondence of NACS; and for any such additional duties as determined by the chairperson or BEC from time to time.

v. The **media coordinator** is responsible for the duties of updating and maintaining all social media and the society Google drive and for any such additional duties as determined by the chairperson or BEC from time to time

vi. The **music coordinator** is responsible for duties pertaining to music activities within the society, the highlight thereof being at least one concert in the year, which serves as a fundraiser.

vii. The **additional members** of the BEC shall have duties as determined by the BEC from time to time. i.e. **Logistics** and **Events**, respectively. The **logistics manager** is responsible for the moving of resources e.g. people (transportation), materials or equipment used for events or activities. The **events manager** is responsible for finding other potential societies to form collaborations with as this is a prerequisite for the re-registration of the society. Also, for the planning of society events such as society fairs (Welcoming and General), annual choir concert and additional activities planned for the year.

viii. The issuing of official statements by the Branch will be done by authority of the chairperson and one additional member of the BEC who will have responsibility for media and liaison matters; such an additional member may not be the chairperson.

5. **Branch General Meeting (BGM)**

- a) The Branch General Meeting will be held at least once a month:
- b) The BGM will:
 - i. Discuss and adopt campaigns and programmes for the branch;
 - ii. Receive and consider progress reports from the Branch leadership;
 - iii. Consider and implement directives from the New Apostolic Church leadership;
 - iv. Consist of all members of NACS in the particular branch;
 - v. reserve the right to pass a vote of no-confidence in the BEC. To pass, such vote must receive a two-thirds majority of the vote cast.

6. **Branch Congress (BC)**

The BC will meet, at least, once a year – unless otherwise required by leadership of the New Apostolic Church.

a) Composition

The BC will be composed of the BEC members and members of NACS who are of good standing within the Branch.

b) Procedures, powers and duties

- i. The BC will consider and make proposals to other NACS societies and New Apostolic Church leadership
- ii. The BC will receive, discuss and adopt the BEC report on the work of the Branch
- iii. The BC will discuss and adopt resolutions on local matters in keeping with the overall policy objectives of NACS
- iv. The BC will find ways to promote the work of God and, subsequently, the New Apostolic Church
- v. the BC will elect the BEC as in paragraph 5 (a) of this document.

c) The procedure for election of members to the BEC will happen as follows:

- i. Elections to the BEC will be supervised by an appointed NAC Office Bearer.
- ii. A candidate for membership to the BEC must be an active New Apostolic Christian. A testimonial can be requested from his/her Rector. Another member will nominate the candidate.
- iii. Voting will take place by a secret ballot

7. **Disciplinary Committee (DC)**

The DC of the Branch will consist of the BEC with addition of a representative of the New Apostolic Church Office Bearer's body.

8. **Amendments**

Any proposed amendments to the Branch Constitution will be submitted to the BC for consideration; and can only be passed by a two-thirds majority vote.

9. **Quorum**

A quorum for all NACS membership or committee gatherings/meetings will be 50% plus one of the eligible participants. A quorum for congress will be two-thirds of eligible participants.

Chairperson of NACSS

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