

Macon State College
Model African Union
Constitution

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

A. The name of this student organization shall be Model African Union, and its colors are green and gold. The purpose of this organization is:

To increase awareness of the role, organization, and performance of the African Union;

To highlight key economic, social, and political-security issues facing the African continent;

To demonstrate the patterns of cooperation between the African Union, the United Nations, and other international organizations;

To generate understanding of the multi-various determinants, capabilities, and constraints shaping the foreign policies of Member States of the African Union;

To demonstrate the patterns of cooperation and conflict characterizing intra-African diplomacy; Page

To highlight the impact of global policies on economic, social, and political-security issues facing the African continent as well as attempts to influence the policies of major powers in matters of common concern;

To demonstrate the need for effective diplomatic, economic, and military cooperative action in an unfolding crisis situation.

B. This organization will support the mission of the Office of Student Life and Macon State College along with subscribing to the policies and procedures of the University System of Georgia and Macon State College.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

A. Active membership is confined to regularly enrolled Macon State College students who have a minimum academic load of three (3) hours during each semester of participation.

B. Membership will not be denied because of race, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, or disability. Page **3** of **9**

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

A. Officers of this organization will be:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

Duties of the President:

In addition to his/her customary duties and powers, the President shall:

- (1) preside over all meetings.
- (2) shall enforce the provisions of the constitution.
- (3) shall not have the power to vote except in the case of a tie vote.
- (4) shall appoint members and chairpersons of all committees.
- (5) shall present his/her working agenda to the members of the Model African Union at the first meeting of the Fall Semester.

Duties of the Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall preside and assume the duties of the President in:

- (1) The absence of the President.
- (2) Upon the order of the President. Page **4** of **9**

(3) In the event that the office of the President is vacated.

(4) The Vice-President is responsible for keeping the President informed and to attend all meetings and events that the Model African Union plans.

(5) The Vice-President is also responsible for helping the President with major issues upon request.

Duties of the Secretary:

(1) The secretary shall take the minutes of all meetings of the Model African Union and shall keep accurate record of attendance.

(2) He/She shall send out all club notices and make such reports as the President deems necessary.

(3) He/She shall keep an accurate record of all club business such as agendas and letters.

(4) He/She shall call or email and inform each member of all meetings, activities, and or events.

(5) He/She shall make sure documents are typed, filed, and in order.

Duties of the Asst. Secretary:

(1) The Assistant Secretary shall assume the duties of the Secretary in his/her absence or in the event that the office of the Secretary is vacated.

(2) He/She shall also help to assist the Secretary in needed instances. Page 5 of 9

Duties of the Treasurer:

- (1) The Treasurer shall collect all dues and handle all financial matters that concern this organization.
- (2) He/She shall submit a written report to the Model African Union each semester stating all expenditures and all funds received by the organization.
- (3) He/She shall keep up with all accounts of the Model African Union.

Duties of the Parliamentarian:

- (1) The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for making sure the parliamentary procedures, according to the Robert's Rules of Order are followed.
- (2) He/she is, therefore, responsible for familiarizing him or herself with these procedures.

B. All students holding an elected or appointed position of leadership and acting as an officer of this organization must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and must be enrolled at Macon State College during the length of service.

C. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of dues paying members of the Model African Union. Election of officers will initially occur within four weeks from beginning of fall semester, but in the future, election of new officers will be held towards the end of spring semester. If this is not possible, it is recommended that the outgoing President appoint a contact person until the election of new officers can be held.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

A. This organization shall meet regularly during the fall and spring Semesters. Meetings during the summer semester will be held as needed.

B. All meetings, including the dates, times, and locations will be confirmed with the Office of Student Life prior to publication and/or announcement of these meetings.

C. The Model African Union will collectively decide any responsibilities for attending meetings and/or repercussions for non-attendance.

ARTICLE V

A. Dr. Mary Mears shall serve as the faculty advisor for this organization. She accepts the responsibilities of the advisor and will approve all events and activities of this organization.

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ARTICLE VI REVENUE

A. All monies collected from membership dues and from all fundraisers must be deposited into the Model African Union's MSC dues account. These deposits will be made through the MSC Business Office as soon as possible after the monies have been collected.

B. No petty cash or slush funds will be kept by any member or advisor of this organization.

C. All fundraisers will be approved by the Office of Student Life at least two weeks prior to the actual event and will follow all of the guidelines as outlined in the RSO recognition process. Dues will be payable each semester.

ARTICLE VII RATIFICATION

A. This constitution is subject to the approval by the proposed student membership, the Macon State College Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Dean of Students.

B. Following the approval by all of the above, the founding members of the Model African Union and advisor will be notified by the Office of Student Life.

ARTICLE VIII BY-LAWS

A. This constitution may be supplemented with By-Laws which pertain to the above articles.

B. An electronic and paper copy of any and all By-Laws will be filed with the Office of Student Life.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS/SUPPLEMENTS

A. A written notice will be presented to the membership of this organization at a regular meeting to amend or supplement any part of this constitution. The proposed amendment/supplement will be voted upon no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting and must receive two-thirds majority vote of all members in good standing.

B. Any amendments/supplements to this constitution will then be submitted to the Office of Student Life for approval.

This constitution was approved by SGA on 1/24/11