AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

We, the officers and members of the African American Student Association, hereby establish this constitution to serve as the governing document over all affairs concerning the association.

ARTICLE I: Mission/Purpose

The mission of the African American Student Association is to improve the quality of the college experience of African American students at Lone Star College-Kingwood by meeting their cultural and educational needs and establishing a coalition with all Clubs and Associations on campus. The Association exists to...

1.) Promote African American heritage and culture

2.) Provide opportunities for academic success and leadership skills

3.) Promote community involvement in support of education

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section I: Students seeking and maintaining membership in the Association must be currently enrolled in a minimum of six credits during the Fall and Spring semesters and a minimum of three credits during the Summer semester.

Section II: The members will meet twice per month during the Fall and Spring semesters and at least once a month during the Summer semester.

Section III: Members will provide the President of the association with a copy of his/her student profile each semester to verify academic standing.

ARTICLE III: Officers Requirement:

Section I: All officers must hold a GPA not less than 2.5.

Section II: Officers may not be on disciplinary probation.

Section III: Officers may not hold more than one position within the Association.

ARTICLE IV: Equal Opportunity:
1.) No student will be denied membership or participation in the Association on the basis of age, sex, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or race.
2.) No one member shall monopolize meetings, events, or projects.

GOALS:

1.) Enhance the college success rate of members
2.) Provide leadership training
3.) Sponsor and participate in a series of cultural and community events
4.) Participate in one highly visible community or college project

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1.) Officers will accompany sponsors to community events.
2.) Officers will meet with the sponsors monthly.
3.) Members will accompany sponsors to community events.
4.) There will be one annual joint general membership meeting of AASA students enrolled at all Lone Star Colleges.
5.) There will be one annual joint project of all associations.

SUGGESTIONS:

Members are encouraged to join one other student organization.

BENEFITS OF AASA MEMBERSHIP:

1.) Opportunities to enhance college success through additional support systems.
2.) Opportunities to participate in cultural events via field trips and campus activities,
3.) Opportunities to contribute to improvement of your community through student projects.
4.) Opportunities to develop leadership skills.
5.) Opportunities for mentoring and job references/referrals.
6.) Opportunities to connect with other Clubs and Associations to promote unity across the campus.

BY-LAWS

Contents include:

1.) Categories of membership
2.) Duties of officers
3.) Committees
4.) Meeting Quorum
5.) Elections

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6.) Scholarships (if applicable)

The principal elected officers of the association shall consist of the following:

PRESIDENT

1.) Through collaboration with the Association’s sponsors and general membership, set the direction and vision for the Association
2.) Serve as the spokesperson and designated representative of the Association
3.) Through collaboration, set the agenda for executive and general meetings
4.) Preside over executive and general meetings
5.) Call special meetings and appoint members to committees
6.) Serve as ex-officio member of all committees
7.) Must attend all meetings

VICE PRESIDENT

1.) Serve as assistant to the President and, in the absence or inability of the President to serve, shall perform the duties of the officer; in case of permanently disability or resignation of the President, shall succeed to that office for the un-expired term
2.) Arrange programs for the meeting
3.) Must attend all meetings.

SECRETARY

1.) Keep in permanent form complete and accurate records of all meetings of the Association
2.) Responsible for meeting notices to membership and other Association correspondence
3.) Publish a membership directory
4.) Computer skills mandatory
5.) Must attend all meetings

HISTORIAN

1.) Present all events to the campus media
2.) Keep archives of community and campus events
3.) Serve as the public relations of the African American Student Association
4.) Attend all functions and events and document the success of the events
5.) Arrange and document events onto the African American Student Association’s website
6.) Must attend all meetings

CO-HISTORIAN

1.) Serve as assistant to the Historian

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2.) Shall succeed the Historian in the event the officer resigns or in case of a disability
3.) Assist in public relations of the Historian
4.) Must attend all meetings

**CHAIRPERSON**

Shall be appointed by the President

1.) Form a committee to carry out all projects and committee work done outside of the regular meeting
2.) Assist in the committee of all work done outside of the regular meeting
3.) Must attend all meetings

This constitution is hereby signed this 16th day of May 2011.

Signature

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President, African American Student Association

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