

CONSTITUTION OF THE BLACK STUDENT CAUCUS
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Black Student Caucus.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- A. The overall purpose of this organization is to provide support services as defined by and for students, faculty, staff and employees associated with the School of Public Health who are Black. The primary aim of the organization is to be the vehicle wherein ideas, needs, and interests regarding the enhancement of the total academic, social and health related experiences of the membership can be channeled, deliberated, and acted upon collectively.
- B. This organization will facilitate the increase in Black representation at the faculty and student level in the School of Public Health and the total University complex.
- C. The organization shall serve to influence the development and modification of the academic curriculum of the School of Public Health and the total University complex, to assure quality, relevancy and truth, without bias towards race, sex or ethnicity.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all Black students enrolled in the School of Public Health or associated with health related programs.

- A. Ex Officio - Director of Minority Affairs

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The governing body of the Black Student Caucus shall be composed of members filling the capacities of:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Treasurer
- D. Corresponding Secretary
- E. Recording Secretary
- F. Parliamentarian
- G. Member-at-Large

Section 1. Elections.

- A. The election of all officers will be held by the third official meeting of the organization during the fall semester. All vacancies must be filled within 30 days after occurrence and by a majority vote of members present.
- B. The President shall be elected at the end of the fall semester and serve for one year until the end of the following fall semester.
- C. No President shall be able to succeed himself.

Section 2. Duties.

- A. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, preserve order, be dependable, reliable, firm, competent, tactful, and just. He must be neutral in the

- choice on controversial matters and must allow full discussion in all debatable motions.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in his absence or inability to serve.
 - C. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to serve as custodian of all funds of the organization, to receive and disburse funds in conjunction with the President, to give itemized reports of receipts and disbursements at business meetings, and to keep an accurate list of all members in good standing.
 - D. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to be responsible for the preparation, coordination, and dissemination of all information and correspondence within and to anyone outside of the organization, as approved by the organization and/or the President.
 - E. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record in the minutes the business of all meetings of the organization, to keep and read the minutes, to serve as custodian of papers and records, to prepare or assist the President in preparing the agenda for meetings, and to notify committees.
 - F. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to ensure that correct parliamentary procedures are followed.
 - G. It shall be the duty of the Member-at-large to initiate and maintain continuous contact with all minority group organizations and individuals on the University campus. The purpose of this mission is to realize a collective approach towards eradication of all barriers to academic, social and financial equality for members of minority groups on the campus. The member-at-large will, as a minimum, perform the following duties:
 - 1. Facilitate organization among minority students wherever they are located.
 - 2. Meet, when possible, with all organizations concerned with the affairs of minorities on the University campus and community.
 - 3. Keep the Black Student Caucus informed of the programs, projects, and support needs of all campus or community based minority group organizations.

Section 3. Vacancy.

In the event any office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to serve remainder of term. In the event the President's office should become vacant, the Vice-President shall complete his tenure of office.

Section 4. Removal Procedures.

- A. Any person serving in a elected or appointed position may be impeached and removed from office on the following grounds:
 - 1. Incompetence
 - 2. Non-performance of duty
 - 3. Malfeasance, Misfeasance
 - 4. Violation of this Constitution or its By-Laws
- B. Charges for impeachment may be presented by any member at a general meeting or a special meeting as provided.
 - 1. Charges must be considered for 3 days then voted upon. A 2/3 majority vote is required in order to remove an officer.
 - 2. All impeachment charges must be presented in writing.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the organization will be held every three weeks as decided by the President and/or the membership. Meeting dates and times will be decided according to class schedules of the members.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

The following are the standing committees of the organization:

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Finance Committee
- C. Program Committee

The President shall appoint or may serve as the chairman of all committees. All committees with the exception of the standing committees will be abolished as assigned tasks are completed and approved by the membership of the organization. The President shall be responsible for filling all vacancies occurring within committees.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCES

All funds solicited for and by the organization are to be reported to the treasurer. The treasurer is responsible and held accountable for all funds within the organization. All checks and other financial transactions are to be signed by the Treasurer and President. All checks should be made out to the Black Student Caucus. Amount of dues are to be established at the time of election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments are possible at any meeting by a majority vote of those present, provided that such amendments have been written and circulated throughout the membership at least one week prior to its consideration. In absentia, members may vote in writing.

ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION

This Constitution and any ensuing Amendments shall be ratified by a majority vote of members present at time of vote.