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Preamble

The management of the Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL), recognises the imbalances of the education landscape. Therefore management, commit to a non-racial and non-sexist democratic education system as articulated in the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia. To address the imbalance, the Students of NAMCOL are committed in moving beyond the traditional distance mode of delivery, committed to the development and improvement of quality education for all. Therefore, through our democratic elected representatives establish the NAMCOL Students Representative Council (SRC) which through a democratic process derives its powers and legitimacy from the students' body it serves.

Status of Constitution

The Constitution is formulated in terms of the NAMCOL Act (Act No. 1 of 1997), section 17 (a) and approved by the Board of Governors of NAMCOL, in terms of section 17(b) to guide the affairs of student governance at the College. This Constitution binds the SRC and their structures including subcommittees, student societies and other student structures.

Aims and Objectives

The aim and objectives of this constitution are to:

- a. promote maximum representation, transparency, inclusiveness and accountability to student structures.
- b. commit to the process of fundamental transformation of our institution.
- c. render service of the highest quality to all students.
- d. foster and promote ideals that enhance the image of students of the College.
- e. promote a culture of openness and tolerance in practice for the benefit of students.
- f. encourage students to participate in community development work.

Membership & Fees

A student registered at NAMCOL for any formal qualification is eligible for membership and election to the SRC. All registered students are required to pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Board of Governors from time to time for SRC activities. The amount determine for 2021 academic year is N\$ 10,00.

Term of Office

The term of office shall not be more than 12 months annually;

Organizational structures of the SRC

The SRC shall consist of the following organizational structures:

National Conference, National Executive Committee, Regional

Executive Committee

National Conference,

- a. Delegates to the NC shall be drawn from the four (4) NAMCOL Regions.
- b. Secondary education students will be represented by their respective Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons and Regional Secretaries.
- c. Students enrolled for tertiary programmes will be represented by their respective Regional Representatives.
- d. Technical, vocational education and training shall be represented by their respective regional representatives of the Central, Northern and North-Eastern Region; whilst the Southern Region shall be represented by their respective Trade representatives.
- e. The National Conference shall at least be convened once annually during the first term.
- f. The annual National Conference shall be convened and chaired by a NAMCOL official as designated by the Director, until the election of a Chairperson.
- g. The National Conference shall elect the National Executive chairperson (NEC) whose Chairperson shall automatically become the student representative on the NAMCOL Board of Governors.

National Executive Committee

- a. The members of the NEC are elected by the delegates of the NC
- b. The NEC shall be managed by a National Chairperson and Executive Team that shall fulfils the executive function of the SRC as outlined in the SRC operational guidelines;
- c. The NEC shall meet twice annually, its first meeting being in term 1 and the second meeting being in term 2

Regional Executive Committee

- a. The members of the REC are elected by delegates drawn from the various fields of study and trades registered with NAMCOL and based at the Central, Northern, North-Eastern and Southern Regional Offices;
- b. The REC shall be managed by a Regional Chairperson and Executive Team that shall fulfill the executive function of the regional SRC structure;
- c. The REC shall meet on a bi-monthly basis

Quorum

- a. A quorum for all SRC structures shall be a simple majority of the constituting members.
- b. Any student who is registered with NAMCOL and who complies with the provisions of article 5 is eligible to hold office. (constitution is loaded on NAMCOL website)
- c. Students registered for a non-formal qualification (courses less than 6 months) will be excluded to hold office.

The election will take place during the week 26th April to 05th May in all regions.