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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.

Term of Office

The term of office shall not be more than 24 months annually;

Executive Committee

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. Each region will be represented by their respective Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Regional Secretaries.
- c. The National Conference shall at least be convened once annually during the first term.
- d. The National Conference shall elect the NEC from the representatives of the Regional Executive Committees to the NC;
- e. The Chairperson of the NEC shall become the automatic student representative on the NAMCOL Board of Governors.

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. REC consists of students from all the programmes;
- c. Members of the regional executive committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, secretary, treasury, Sport/Cultural Officer, Academic Officer;
- d. The chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of the REC should be students registered for programmes with a duration of more than 24 months;
- e. The REC shall be managed by a Regional Chairperson and Executive Team that shall fulfill the executive function of the regional SRC structure;
- f. The REC shall meet at least once a month.

National Executive Committee

- a. The members of the NEC are elected by the delegates of the NC;
- b. The NEC shall consist of the following members: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, treasury, Sport/Cultural Officer, and Academic Officer who will serve for a period of not more than two years;
- c. Members of the NEC shall be students registered for a formal qualification in any of NAMCOL's programmes for at least one semester prior to the commencement of his/her term of office;
- d. Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, treasury, Sport/Cultural Officer, and Academic Officer shall be elected annually.
- e. The chairperson of the NEC shall serve for two years consecutive years;
- f. The chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of the REC shall be students registered for programmes with a duration of more than 24 months
- g. The NEC shall be managed by a National Chairperson and Executive Team that shall fulfill the executive function of the SRC as outlined in the SRC operational guidelines;
- h. The NEC shall meet twice annually, its first meeting being in term 1 and the second meeting in term 2.

The election will take place between March and April in all regions.