Model African Union

Article I- Name and Purpose

Model African Union has been established for the purpose of providing an academic simulation of the African Union that aims to educate participants about current African events, diplomacy, and the African Union agenda. Participants will role-play as delegates representing an African nation and will advocate for the represented country's interest in a simulated session of a committee of the African Union, such as the Technical Committee on Social Matters or the General Assembly. Participants will research a country, take on roles as delegates, investigate intra-African issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop Pan-African solutions to problems facing the continent.

Article II- Scope

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

Article III- Membership

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

- Attending at least 3 meetings

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC undergraduate student (without restriction of GPA requirement, try-outs, etc.)

Membership in this organization will not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran status, national origin, or religion.

Article IV- Officers and Elections

a. Officers

The officers of Model African Union shall be the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, The Educational Chair, The Fundraising Chair, and Public Relations.

The duties of the President shall include:

- chairing a committee
- managing member recruitment/retention
- overseeing all committees
- managing communication within the group
- developing and managing projects
- exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• serving as the organization’s official representative for communicating with SGA and UMBC staff

The duties of the Vice-president shall include:

• chairing a committee
• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing fundraising
• managing communication within the group
• developing and managing projects
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• assuming the role of President in the event of the President's absence or incapacity

The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

• chairing a committee
• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing fundraising
• managing public relations
• developing and managing events
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• managing the organization's funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines

The duties of the Secretary shall include:

• chairing a committee
• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing fundraising
• managing public relations
• developing and managing projects
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• recording and archiving information from meetings and activities

The duties of the Educational Chair shall include:

• chairing a committee
• managing member recruitment/retention
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization

The duties of the Fundraising Chair shall include:

• managing fundraising
• developing and managing events

The duties of the Public Relations shall include:

• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing communication within the group
• managing public relations
• recording and archiving information from meetings and activities

b. Elections

All officers shall be elected to a term of one year starting and ending on May 1st.
Elections will be held between April 15th and April 30th. In addition, in the case that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected positions identified in this Article, an election will be held to fill the position.

At least 7 days notice shall be given to all members before the annual election meeting.

Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot where the person receiving the majority of votes wins, but if no one receives a majority a runoff occurs between the two candidates with the most votes.

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a 2/3 vote of the other members present at a meeting.

Before the vote, the individual(s) proposing to remove the officer will explain the specific reasons for the proposed action, which must involve misconduct or failure to fulfill officer responsibilities, and the officer will have the opportunity to respond.

**Article V- Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.

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