



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY RUHAAMA STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

THE CONSTITUTION OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY RUHAAMA STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (MURUSA)

MURUSA Constitution (Revised 2022)
Arrangement of Articles

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Preamble

We, the students of MAKERERE University that come from Ruhaama County—

Aware that the organization of Ruhaama students at MAKERERE University was created to serve the student community in its pursuit of academic excellence, social welfare, peace, competitiveness in the job market, and integrity.

Exercising our right to determine the form of organization we deem suitable for our association.

Determined that the values of transparency, accountability, respect for the rights of students, and social justice shall be institutionalized in our associations as to ensure that democracy is enjoyed by all students.

Convinced that this Constitution shall guarantee the continued peaceful existence of the association known as the MAKERERE University Ruhaama Students' Association.

Recognizing the desire of the students to have a constitution that will govern them.

Acknowledging the authority of and determined to abide by Universities Act, the Charter and the Statutes of MAKERERE University, and the laws of the Republic of Uganda.

Do here by, with the consent of the University's Elders, adopt and bind ourselves by this Constitution and the Schedule of Transitional and Consequential Provisions annexed here to as the Constitution of the MAKERERE University Ruhaama Students' Association.

Chapter One

Name and Purpose of the Association

Name

Article 1.

- 1) The MAKERERE University Ruhaama Students' Association shall, for all purposes, be There shall be Association of MAKERERE University students known as the MAKERERE University Ruhaama Students' Association, which with the approval of the University's Senate, shall be registered with the MAKERERE University Council.
- 2) abbreviated as MURUSA.

MURUSA's Scope of

Operation

Article 2.

- 1) All Makerere Ruhaama students shall abide by this Constitution.
- 2) The headquarters of MURUSA shall be located at the main campus of MAKERERE University.
- 3) With the approval of Executive, campuses or institutions declared to be part of MAKERERE University may establish branch offices of MURUSA.

Aims and Objectives of

MURUSA

Article 3.

The aims and objectives of MURUSA shall be—

- 1) To establish efficient and effective organs for the making and administration of MURUSA's policies.
- 2) To promote peace, cooperation and togetherness among students.
- 3) To deepen the members' sense of duty to the university community, families, and nation.
- 4) To ensure the rights of students in academics, disciplinary actions, administration and health services, catering and accommodation, social welfare services, and security.
- 5) To provide students with suitable opportunities for a healthy social life through the arts, sports, and entertainment.
- 6) To advance gender equity and human rights.
- 7) To further the integration of persons with special needs in MAKERERE University

and society.

- 8) To liaise with the Directorate of Alumni (Chief elder) in enhancing contact with the alumni of MAKERERE University.
- 9) In consultation with the University's Management, to honor members of the student body who have made outstanding contributions to the University in academic and co-curricular activities.
- 10) To develop positive relationships with the general public through participation in community service and other related projects.
- 11) with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, to collaborate with non-political organizations, professional associations, and student groups that share the vision, aims, and objectives of MURUSA.

Chapter Two Membership

Membership

Article 4.

- 1) Any student admitted to MAKERERE University and registered for a course leading to qualification for the award of a certificate, diploma or degree of the University and that member comes from Ruhaama shall be an *ordinary* member of MURUSA.
- 2) Well-wishers are welcome to the association, and they don't take part in any of the decisions of the organization including voting.

Cessation of

Membership Article 5.

- 1) An ordinary member shall cease to be a member of MURUSA when he/she ceases to be a student of MAKERERE University.
- 2) A person who ceases to be a member of MURUSA shall not be entitled to a refund of or compensation for any subscription fee, money, or donation made to MURUSA.
- 3) Members who finish university will continue guiding or supporting MURUSA through MURUSA elder's forum.

Rights of Ordinary

Members

Article 6.

- 1) An ordinary member has the right to—
 - a) Access the services and facilities offered by MURUSA, provided that such access shall be through appropriate and legal means.
 - b) Inspect MURUSA books of accounts twenty-one calendar days after having delivered a written notice to the Treasurer.
- 2) Upon joining the University, an ordinary member is entitled to an electronic copy of this Constitution and a printed MURUSA brochure.

Obligations of All Members

Article 7.

- 1) Every member shall recognize MURUSA Executive as the legitimate representatives of the student body and shall abide by all constitutional decisions made by the Executive and Elders Forum
- 2) Every member shall respect the property of MURUSA, the University, and the public, and any member who causes damage to such property shall be subject to the disciplinary provisions of the University and the laws of Uganda Every member shall be required to honor his/her financial obligations to MURUSA where need arises.

Chapter Three

Organs and Meetings of MURUSA

Organs of MURUSA

Article 8.

- 1) The organs of MURUSA shall be—
 - a) The Students' Executive, also referred to as the Executive.
 - b) The Elders, Forum/ Council
 - c) The Constitution Oversight Committee (COC).
 - d) Subject to the approval of Executive, any other organ determined by the Elders Forum

The General Meeting

Article 9.

- 1) There shall be General Meetings (GMS).
- 2) Every member shall have the right to attend the GMS
- 3) Every member shall have the right to requisition that a vote be taken at the GMS.
- 4) The GMS, which shall ordinarily take place during every semester, shall—
 - a) Approve the minutes of the last GMS as presented by the Secretary-General.
 - b) Receive an overall report on MURUSA's operations from the Chairperson.
 - c) Receive the audited annual financial report from the Treasurer.
 - d) Discuss any other business relevant to enhancing the functions and operations of MURUSA.
- 5) Unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution, every resolution of the GMS shall be by as implicative vote of those present and voting at the meeting.
- 6) Voting at the GMS shall be by the raising of hands, unless two-thirds of the members present and voting resolve otherwise.
- 7) Notices of the GMS shall be posted to all campuses and posted on MURUSA social media platforms at least seven (7) calendar days before the date of the meeting.

The Special General Meeting

Article 10.

- 1) There shall be a Special General Meeting (SGM).
- 2) Every member shall have the right to attend a SGM.
- 3) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, any ordinary member may petition the Chairperson to convene a SGM, through a written proposal, detailing the agenda for the meeting and signed by not less than 20 students plus 10 elders and submitted fourteen (14) calendar days before the proposed date of the meeting to the Chairperson who must respond to the proposal within seven days (7) of the proposal being served to him/her.
- 4) After receiving the petition for a SGM, the Chairperson shall bring the proposal before the Executive and council of elders which shall decide whether the proposed meeting shall take place.
- 5) In consultation with the Chief Elder, the Chairperson may, as directed by the Executive, call a SGM to address emergency issues with help of chief elder and other two selected elders who will be representing Elders' council.
- 6) Notices for holding a SGM shall be issued by the Secretary-General, or in his/her absence the Vice Chairperson.
- 7) Notices of the SGM shall be posted to all association media platform that includes WhatsApp, twitter, Facebook and website at least seven (7) calendar days before the date of the meeting.

Chapter Four

The Executive

Establishment of Executive

Article 11.

There is established a Students' Executive of MURUSA.

Composition of Executive

Article 12.

- 1) The Executive shall consist of-
 - a) Members elected in accordance with Article 14.
 - b) Members nominated in accordance with Article 15.
 - c) The *ex officio* member who shall be Chief elder, in accordance with Article 25, Section 1(a).

Functions of Executive

Articles 13.

- 1) Executive shall have such authority and responsibility as provided for in this Constitution and in particular shall,
 - a) Be the supreme legislative and policy-making organ of MURUSA.
 - b) Debate and approve MURUSA policies, proposals and decisions tabled by Executive Committees, Executive persons, council of elders or the *exofacial* member.
 - c) monitor the implementation of its resolutions.
 - d) through its committees, establish investigations into suspected misdeeds by any MURUSA organs.
 - e) consider and vote on motions of no confidence as stipulated in Article 23(2) and (3).
 - f) debate, approval and adopt budgetary proposals which shall be monitored in accordance with Article 25 (1,b).
 - g) in all its activities, observe the Statutes, Regulations and Policies of the University, this Constitution, the by-laws, and policies of MURUSA, prudent practices, and the laws of Uganda.

- 2) Executive shall hear and discuss the Chairperson's address on the state of MURUSA, which shall be presented at its first sitting within the first twenty-one (21) days of each semester.

Roles of Members of Executive

Article 14

All members of Executive (Article 12) shall faithfully attend all Executive sittings and in addition execute roles specific to their entities.

The Chapter Presidents/Representatives:

Article 15

- 1) in particular shall-
 - a. carry out the duties entailed by Article 26 (3,h) and, in particular, discuss matters affecting members in his/her respective campuses with members of the Executive committee.
 - b. represent members in his/her respective campuses and, in particular, keep the Elders Forum informed of matters related to MURUSA at his/her respective campus.
 - c. Pursuant to Article 25(2) collaborate with the association leaders of his/her respective campus in organizing MURUSA approved activities.
 - d. in consultation with the members of his/her committee, prepare realistic budget estimates for the year's activities within fourteen (14) days of assuming office.
 - e. in consultation with the Secretary-General and the Deputy Director of his/her campus, communicate important information with members and the administration of his/her respective campus.
 - f. collaborate with the Treasurer in managing MURUSA investments and fixed assets in his/her respective campus.
 - g. In Liaison with the Council of elders, coordinate the planning and implementation of social and recreational activities for their campuses.
 - h. Ensure gender inclusiveness and consideration of students with special needs for participation in co-curricular activities.

**Qualifications for Election to
Executive
Article 16.**

- 1) A member is qualified for election to Executive if at the time for election he/she—
 - a) Is a citizen of the Republic of Uganda.
 - b) Is a registered student of MAKERERE University.
 - c) Has completed at least one semester in Makerere University.
 - d) Is within the normal time frame for completion of the program of study selected at time of initial registration.
 - e) Is nominated by 10 members from within the Executive area or entity he/she seeks to represent.

**Disqualification for Election to
Executive**

Article 17.

A member is disqualified from election to Executive if at the time for election he/she—

- a) Has ever been suspended from the University and the suspension was not revoked.
- b) If a member of the MURUSA Electoral Commission or the Election Appeals Committee.
- c) Has previously been removed from office for violation of this Constitution.
- d) Has contravened provisions and policies governing student conduct as contained in the University's Statutes, Joining Instructions, or the current *Student Handbook* or any provisions and policies pursuant to the same.
- e) Has been convicted of a criminal offense by a court of law in the Republic of Uganda or any other nation.
- f) Has received an academic warning within the last two (2) semesters.
- g) Has ever been suspended or discontinued from any other University prior to joining MAKERERE University.
- h) Has held office for two (2) terms as a member of the Executive in MAKERERE University or in any other University or Constituent College in Uganda.

The Speaker, Deputy Speaker of Executive

Article 18.

- 1) There shall be a Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Executive elected by all Association members during the general elections. Members of the Elders Council and the *ex officio* member shall not be eligible for election
- 2) The election of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker of Executive shall be by secret ballot conducted according to the Standing Orders of the Electoral commission.
- 3) The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker of Executive shall be sworn in by a Chaplain or the Imam of the Association.
- 4) The offices of Speaker, Deputy Speaker shall become vacant when—
 - a) the Speaker, Deputy Speaker informs Executive in writing of his/her resignation.
 - b) the Speaker, Deputy Speaker ceases to be a member of Executive as stipulated in the relevant provisions of Article 27 (2).
 - c) the Executive, as stipulated in Article 23 (2,3), passes a motion of no confidence in either the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.
- 5) An Executive person elected to be Speaker, Deputy Speaker shall continue to represent the Executive area or entity for which he/she was elected.
- 6) If the office of Speaker, Deputy Speaker becomes vacant, Executive shall not transact any other business until a new Speaker, Deputy Speaker is elected and sworn in, but a vacancy in the office of Speaker, Deputy Speaker shall not affect the work of Executive Committees, and this will be done in one month after the seat have been declared vacant.
- 7) The Speaker shall have authority and responsibility as provided for in this Constitution and in particular shall—
 - a) Swear in members of Executive.
 - b) Preside over meetings of Executive.
 - c) Receive motions and allocate time for Executive members to contribute to their discussions.
 - d) Address Executive at its first sitting.
 - e) Receive requests for recall of Executive persons and forward to the Elders Council and communicate the verdict to the entities involved.
 - f) Maintain order in Executive.
 - g) Communicate with Executive on matters relevant to its business.
 - h) Provide general oversight of the Executive Committees.
 - i) Together with the chief Elder, exercise prudent to oversight of the expenditure of MURUSA funds by Executive Committees.
- 8) The Deputy Speaker shall—
 - a) Be in constant consultation with the Speaker on matters related to the proper functioning of the Executive.
 - b) Assume the role of Speaker in his/her absence.

c) perform any duty as maybe assigned to him/her by the Speaker.

Inauguration of Executive

Article 19.

- 1) Immediately after the swearing in of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, the Speaker, or in his/her absence the Deputy Speaker, shall swear in the members of Executive collectively.
- 2) If a new member of Executive is absent from the swearing in of Executive persons and from the subsequent sitting of Executive, the Speaker shall declare the seat vacant, unless the new member received a written permission to be absent from the office of the Speaker.

Summoning of

Executive

Article 20.

The first meeting of Executive must take place within the seven (7) days following its inauguration. thereafter, the Chairperson, in consultation with the Speaker, shall convene the subsequent sittings.

Meetings of Executive.

Article 21.

- 1) Ordinarily, sittings of the Executive shall be held at the main campus of the University.
- 2) Within a semester, Executive will meet at least once in every four (4) weeks so that a period of four (4) weeks does not intervene between sittings of the Executive.
- 3) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Speaker presides at all sittings of the Executive. when the Speaker is absent or barred from presiding, the Deputy Speaker shall preside. and in the absence of both the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, any of the three (3)
- 4) The Chief elder, as *ex officio* member, shall attend the sittings of Executive. And when absent, he/she shall send his/her representative.

Voting in Executive

Article 22.

- 1) Except where special majorities are required by this Constitution, all decisions in Executive shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the members present and voting.
- 2) Secret ballot shall be used in voting for substantive bills.
- 3) On any question proposed for a vote in Executive, the member presiding at the sitting shall have a deciding vote but not an original vote.

- 4) Only registered students in Makerere university hailing from Ruhaama county both East and Original shall be eligible to vote. The students shall provide proof to show that they are true residents of Ruhaama county

Chief Elder and Patron

Article 23

- 1) The Chief Elder, shall-
 - a) Be an *exofficio* member of Executive and shall not vote on any question before the Executive.
 - b) Collaborate with Executive and the members of SGC in preparing the budget proposals and monitor their implementation.
 - c) Advise Executive on the creation of new Executive areas and entities.
 - d) Pursuant to Article 27 and 45, make referrals for investigations leading to vacation of office to the Oversight Committee.
 - e) together with the Speaker, exercise prudent oversight of the expenditure of MURUSA funds by Executive Committees.
 - f) In the event that the Secretary General fails to turn up for Committee sittings or is him/herself subject to disciplinary proceedings, or in the event of multiple parallel disciplinary sittings, the chief elder in consultation with the Chairperson shall nominate any member of the Elders council or Executive to represent students in the Committee sittings.
 - g) Shall participate in all decision making and shall represent Elders' council on the executive
 - h) Shall provide and give update to council of elders regarding the status of the association and interfere in any situation that may arise.
 - i) Shall call to order the executive in case association activities are not going on well
 - j) Shall work hand in hand with the executive and maintain peace in the association.
- 2) The patron, shall-
 - a) Be nominated by executive in consultation with the Elders council
 - b) Officiate all functions of the association including handover ceremonies, dinners, and any other activity that he/she will be invited to attend.
 - c) Support the association in times of need
 - d) Advise the executive on how to run the association
 - e) Lobby for the association

Dissolution of

**Executive
Article 24.**

Executive shall stand dissolved when the MURUSA Electoral Commission declares all positions open for contest.

Chapter Five

The Elders' Council

Establishment of the Elders' Council

Article 25.

- 1) There is established Elders' Council of MURUSA.
- 2) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the Elders' Council shall be the chief administrative and managerial organ of MURUSA.
- 3) The office of the Elders' Council shall be located at the main campus of MAKERERE University or Outside the University.
- 4) Ordinarily, meetings of the Elders' Council shall be held at any Venue/Platform as they may decide.

The Elders council shall be the top organ decision makers of the association

Composition of the Elders' Council

Article 26.

- 1) The Elders' Council shall consist of all former members of Makerere University Ruhaama Students Association and will be lead by the Chief Elder and any other leaders as they made decide from time to time.

Qualifications for the Election to the Elders' Council leadership

Article 27.

- 1) To qualify for election to the Elders' Council leadership, an aspirant shall-
 - a) Be a citizen of the Republic of Uganda, who originates from Ruhaama.
 - b) Be nominated.
 - c) Have graduated from the university.
 - d) Have shown capabilities of leadership and discipline during their time of studies

Disqualification for Election to the Elders' Council

Article 28.

A member is disqualified for election to the Elders' Council if at the time of the election he/she-

- a) Has ever been suspended from the University and the suspension was not revoked.
- b) Is still a student at the university.
- c) Is a member of the MURUSA Electoral Commission.
- d) Has previously been removed from office for violation of this Constitution.
- e) has been convicted of a criminal offense by a court of law in the Republic of Uganda or any other nation.
- f) Has ever been suspended or discontinued from any other University prior to joining MAKERERE University.

Election of MURUSA

officials

Article 29.

The election of MURUSA officials shall be conducted according to the provisions of this Constitution and the MURUSA Electoral Commission's rules and regulations governing elections.

Establishment and Composition of the MURUSA Electoral Commission

Article 30.

- 1) There shall be five members of the MURUSA Electoral Commission according to the enumeration given below.
- 2) One month before the beginning of the semester of election, the Chief Elder shall appoint two (2) permanent members of the Electoral Commission, who shall be members of MURUSA as follows—
 - a) A Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, whom the chief elder shall appoint from among the members in (h) of this Section.
 - b) A finance minister Electoral Commission, whom the chief elder shall appoint from among the members in (h) of this Section.
- 3) Permanent members of the Electoral Commission shall remain in office between elections.
- 4) The Chief Elder may replace permanent members.
- 5) In the first week of the semester of election, the Chairperson of EC shall appoint three (3) students known for their integrity who will serve as interim members of the Commission.

**Ineligibility for nomination to the Electoral
Commission
Article 31.**

Members who have served in Executive or the Elders' Council during the year preceding election shall be ineligible for appointment to the Electoral Commission.

**Authority and Responsibilities of the Electoral
Commission
Article 32.**

- 1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Electoral Commission shall—
 - a) Conduct and supervise MURUSA elections.
 - b) Promote free, fair and credible elections.
 - c) Determine the dates for the submission of applications for candidacy and election.
 - d) Supervise the preparation of the voter register, ballot papers, ballot boxes, and the designation and preparation of polling stations.
 - e) Prepare the budget for the elections.
 - f) With the exception of students, appoint any other appropriate person(s) to assist in the elections.
 - g) verify all nominations for candidates and teams according to the procedures it shall establish in the Election Code, which the Commission shall revise as the need arises.
 - h) Prepare and post a list of candidates and teams cleared, for election and a list of applicants disqualified for candidacy with the reason(s) for their disqualification.
 - i) Regulate campaigning.
 - j) Provide a voting procedure that is understandable and precise.
 - k) ensure that the results of the voting are announced by the presiding officer at each polling station.
- 2) The Electoral Commission shall have the power to warn individual candidates and teams of disqualification and to disqualify them for violation of the Electoral Code as established by this Constitution and the Commission.
- 3) A candidate or team who/which is disqualified shall be at liberty to make a written appeal to the Electoral Commission which will hear and determine the case.
- 4) A decision by the Electoral Commission to disqualify any candidate or teams shall be final and binding.
- 5) The Electoral Commission shall take any other action it deems necessary to ensure

that the elections are transparent, fair, peaceful, and credible.

- 6) In determining the timetable for the elections, the Electoral Commission shall, in consultation with the Elders' council consider issues of public order and security at the University and national levels.
- 7) When necessary, the Electoral Commission shall recommend to Elders 'council the rescheduling or suspension of the election.
- 8) The Elders' Council may, upon the recommendation of the Electoral Commission reschedule or suspend the elections under this Section.

Election

Procedure

Article 33.

1) Preliminary process

In the Third week of the first semester, the Electoral Commission shall—

- a) Establish the timetable for the electoral process which should be completed by the end of the seventh week of the semester.
- b) Declare all positions open for contest.
- c) Announce the dates of elections.
- d) Call for the submission of nomination forms and receive them.
- e) Vet aspiring candidates and teams and, pursuant to Articles 16, 17, 31 and 32, and verify their nominators.
- f) Prepare and post visibly and at numerous locations a list of candidates and teams eligible for election, and a list of applicants and teams ineligible for election.

Election Petitions

Article 34.

- 1) Seven working days before the day set for election of Executive persons and Representatives, Chief Elder shall constitute the Elections Appeals Committee which shall consist of—
 - a) The Chairman EC who shall serve as chairperson.
 - b) two members of the association, a female and a male, who shall be named by the Chairperson.
- 2) The Elections Appeals Committee shall have the authority and responsibility provided for in this Constitution and in particular shall,
 - a) formulate rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its business and the procedures of elections appeals.
 - b) within seventy-two (72) hours of the announcement of the election results, receive any written petition against the election results addressed to the Chairperson, Election Appeals Committee.

- c) Receive evidence relevant to a petition.
 - d) within five (5) days of receiving a petition, uphold or nullify the contested vote and forward written notification of its judgment to the MURUSA Electoral Commission.
- 3) Rulings of the Elections Appeals Committee shall be final and binding.
 - 4) If the Election Appeals Committee does not receive any petition against the elections results within 5 days prescribed for appeals, then the Committee stands dissolved.

Chapter Seven

The Constitutional Oversight Committee

Establishment of the Committee Article 35.

There shall be established a MURUSA Constitutional Oversight Committee (COC).

Composition of the Committee Article 36.

1) The Committee shall consist of the following persons.

- a) Chief Elder.
- b) Current President at any time
- c) Two former Presidents
- d) Four Continuing Students
- e) Two founding members

And these shall be the administrators of the main forum of the association and will regulate all association media platforms.

2) Members of the Committee listed in Article 60 (1):

- i. (a) shall serve for a term of one year renewable once.
- ii. (c) and (e) shall remain in office at the pleasure of the Chief Elder.
- iii. (e) shall serve for a term of one year which is renewable.
- iv. (b) and (d) shall be replaced by the Chief Elder at the end of every term and shall be eligible for reappointment.

Interpretation of this Constitution Article 37.

- 1) With due regard to the laws of the Republic of Uganda and the explicit and implicit powers given to MAKERERE University in the Universities Act, this Constitution draws its authority from the members of the MAKERERE University Ruhaama Students Association.
- 2) This Constitution shall be interpreted in a manner that—
 - a) Promotes the intent of this Constitution as stated in the Preamble.
 - b) Enables members to reach the aims and objectives of MURUSA as stated

in Article 3.

- c) Encourages the creative and responsible development of students.
- d) Avoids technicalities that defeat the purpose of this Constitution.

Chapter Eight

Finance and Investments

Sources of Finance

Article 38.

The funds of MURUSA shall be derived from—

- a) MURUSA membership and subscription fees as provided for in this Constitution.
- b) Revenue earned from income generating activities.
- c) Fundraising and donations.
- d) Any other sources proposed by Executive and subject to the approval of the Elders' Council.

Collection of Revenue

Article 39.

- 1) MURUSA funds shall be collected and kept on association's account or kept by treasurer.

Expenditure

Article 40.

- 1) All monies received or the purpose of MURUSA must be spent for the benefit of MURUSA according to the recommendations of Executive and the approval of the Elders' Council.
- 2) As the need arises, the Chairperson and the Treasurer will make requests through the executive for expenditures according to the schedule and expenditures determined at the beginning of the semester.
- 3) In case of an emergency, the Elders' council may, in consultation with the Executive, authorize an expenditure not provided for in the approved budget.
- 4) All procurement of goods and services for MURUSA shall be done according to Official association's tendering and procurement procedures with the advice of the Elders Council's Head.

**Books of
Accounts
Article 41.**

- 1) MURUSA shall maintain proper books of accounts or a simple financial report that shall be made available for audit.
- 2) MURUSA's accounts shall be audited by the executive one week before General Meeting.

Dissolution of MURUSA

Article 42

- 1) After a Special General Meeting called to discuss dissolution, MURUSA can be dissolved through a referendum in which not less than 80% of the members shall vote for dissolution.

If MURUSA is dissolved, all assets shall be used to pay MURUSA's creditors and any remaining assets shall be handed over to the Council of Elders.

SCHEDULE TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS

The transitional and consequential provisions set out herein shall take effect on the effective date.

Effective Date

1. This Constitution shall come into force upon the expiry of a period of fourteen days from the date of ratification by Executive.

Repeal of previous Constitution

2. The Constitution in force immediately before the effective date shall stand repealed on the effective date subject to the provisions of this Schedule.

Existing Laws

3. All by-laws and policies in force immediately before the effective date continues in force and shall be construed with the alterations, adaptations, qualifications, and exceptions necessary to bring it into conformity with this Constitution.

Existing offices

4. Unless this Schedule provides otherwise, a person who, immediately before the effective date, held or was acting in an office established under the former Constitution shall on the effective date continue to hold or act in that office under this Constitution for the unexpired period, if any, of the term of the person provided he/she is still a student.
5. A member who has held office for two terms already in the predecessor of the Elders' Council established by this Constitution (Elders, Council) or Executive shall not be eligible for re-election to the elders Council or the Executive respectively.

Oath of allegiance to this Constitution.

On the effective date, members of the Elders' Council and Executive or such other members who had taken and subscribed an oath or affirmation of office under the former Constitution shall take and subscribe the appropriate oath or affirmation under this Constitution.

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