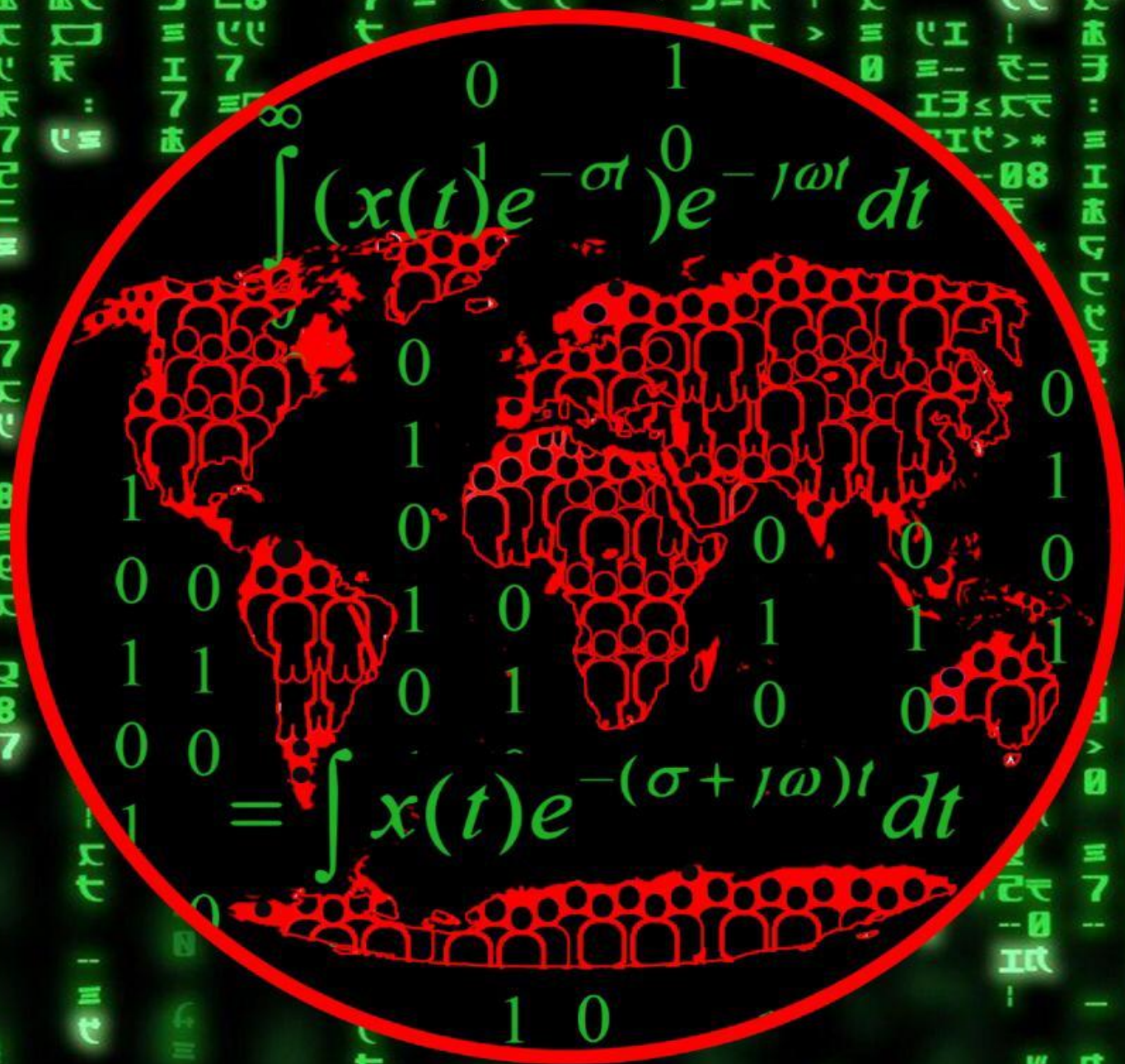


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“The Africanists take the view that there is only one race to which we all belong, and that is the human race,” - Robert Sobukwe

Preamble:

Us the Students have organised ourselves into a revolutionary student movement which seeks to pursue the aims of Us the People. Us the Students have realised that the freedoms achieved by the oppressed in all preceding struggles have been replacements of one domination by another, and most students have given up on resistance. While the conditions of the students make revolution desirable, it is evident from political participation among students that there is a need for an alternative and futuristic thinking, in our quest to achieve freedom from all forms of domination.

Advancements in science and technology have provided Us with a better understanding of human relations with nature, as well as the realisation of the necessity to oppose the State and all forms of monopolies, not for our sake, but for the sake of the future of humanity. Humans minds are locked in a complex matrix, and our decision is to unplug all minds from the need to dominate and addiction to be dominated.

Us the students is a revolutionary student organisation with a futuristic outlook and shall exist, as well as propel its principles and ideas in all institutions of learning.



1. Section One

Name

The name of the organisation shall be Us the Students.

2. Section Two

Logo and Colours

The logo of Us the Students shall be the global map, representing our Planet Earth, which is under threat from greed. The continents shall be coloured red and black with the land mass surfaced by people across the world, with the red representing the pain of the oppressed and exploited while black represents antiauthoritarianism. The ocean shall be black with green matrix codes and mathematical formulas representing the scientific methods of solving complex problems, unplugging the People from the matrix, as well as our commitment to science and technology as a solution for the future. Above the globe shall be a gold star, representing the Sun that gives energy and light for a bright future.

3. Section Three

Principles

The policies and programs of Us the Students shall be guided by the following principles.

- The pursuit of equal freedom for all.
- The pursuit of equal access to education.
- Unity and Collectivism in responsibility.
- Federal participation of all activists.
- Theoretical and intellectual development of activists.
- Propulsion of revolutionary theory and propaganda.

4. Section Four

Aims and Objectives

- To rally students behind the struggle for equal freedom of all embodied in the Founding Manifesto of Us the People.
- To oppose all oppressive and exploitative systems in institutions of learning.
- To oppose the commodification of education and authoritarianism in institutions of learning.
- To promote voluntary and democratic participation of all students in political education and activities.
- To promote the unity among students and oppressed and exploited workers in institutions of learning.



5. Section Five

Membership

- a. Membership of Us the Students is restricted to all registered students in public and private institutions of learning who agree to abide by its principles and policies, joins a local body and work actively to execute programs of the organisation.
- b. No individual shall be given organisational responsibilities or represent the organisation unless confirmed as a member of Us the Students in accordance to this Constitution.

6. Section Six

Rights and Duties of Members.

Each member of the organisation bears the following rights and responsibilities:

- a. Organise and actively participate in meetings and other activities of Us the Students.
- b. Raise their own political consciousness and understanding of the theoretical line and principles of Us the Students.

7. Section Seven

Structures

Local Bodies

- a. The Local Commune shall democratically elect and allocate responsibilities to the Local Body.
- b. Each Local Body shall be registered with the National Body and shall consist of no fewer than 100 members. A Local Body is constituted every year by members in good standing. Following the Local Commune, a Local Body shall be coordinated by the Chairperson, Correspondence Secretariat (Circulates notices of meetings and activities of the organisation, as well as keeping record of documents from meetings and reports of the organisation), Publication Secretariat (Communicates all public notices and statements on behalf of the organisation), Organising Secretariat (coordinates and fundraises for projects of Us the Students) and six other members of the body according to responsibilities democratically agreed to in by all members of the Local Body.

Provincial Bodies

- a. The Provincial Commune shall democratically elect and allocate responsibilities to the Provincial Body.
- b. The Provincial Body shall be coordinated by the Correspondence Secretariat (Circulates notices of meetings and activities of the organisation, as well as keeping record of documents from meetings and reports of the organisation), Publication Secretariat (Communicates all public notices and statements on behalf of the



organisation), Organising Secretariat (coordinates and fundraises for projects of Us the Students), and nine other members according to responsibilities democratically agreed to in by members of the Province.

National Body

- a. The National Commune shall democratically elect and allocate responsibilities to the National Body.
- b. The National Body shall be coordinated by the General Secretary, Correspondence Secretariat (Circulates notices of meetings and activities of the organisation, as well as keeping record of documents from meetings and reports of the organisation), Publication Secretariat (Communicates all public notices and statements on behalf of the organisation), Organising Secretariat (coordinates and fundraises for projects of Us the Students), and sixteen other members according to responsibilities democratically agreed to in by members of the Organisation.

Responsibilities

- a. Each structure shall allocate responsibilities to all its members at its own discretion. All members shall take the responsibility of educating society, as well as communication, political education, organising and campaigns.
- b. The highest decision-making body shall be collective and democratic participation of Local Bodies.

8. Section Eight

Conduct

- a. The Organisation may, at a National, Provincial, or Local level, democratically suspend the membership of any individual if the member shows the following conduct:
 - i. Any act of greed or act that seeks to promote greed.
 - ii. Use of oppressive institutions against the organisation or any of its members.
- b. A Local Body shall conduct disciplinary processes democratically by communicating effectively with the accused member, as well as involving all members of the local body in democratic decision making.

9. Section Nine

Amendment to the Constitution

- a. Amendments to this constitution may be done democratically in accordance to the principle of collectivism.