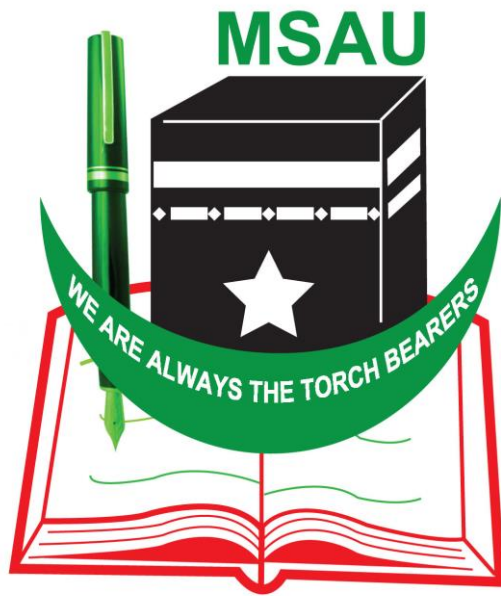


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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION
OF
THE MUSLIM STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION
OF UGANDA (MSAU)



THE PREAMBLE

This constitution presents articles of association of Muslim students' activities in Uganda. Any presents herein are a fulfillment of the general Muslim Students' Vision and Mission.

Declaration by the Delegates' Conference of Muslim Students Association of Uganda;

We, the Muslim Students of Uganda;

RECALLING our history which has been characterized by few education opportunities, being forced to change our religion in order to study and realizing our obligation in the development of Muslim education in Uganda given our circumstances,

COMMITTING ourselves to use our intellectual ability to provide a basis for national development in pursuance of our cherished aims and objectives, to maintain common identity we share as Muslim students, observing the need to foster unity among ourselves and to uphold the banner of Islam,

AWARE that such aspirations can only be realized through a collective struggle by an organised Muslim students' movement,

COMMENDING the credible initiative of our predecessors who formed an association in 1962 by the name of Uganda Muslim Students' Association (UMSA) but which went into exile in 1972, only to be revived later in 1983 with a change of name to Muslim Students Association of Uganda (MSAU), and in 1984 MSAU registered. Later in 1994 the Students Delegates Conference at Nabisunsa Muslim Girls SS adopted new constitution with creation of a Governing Council and change of head title from Chairman to President.

CONVINCED that maintaining and strengthening of this Association is a duty we owe to generations before and after us, and noting that the Association has up to this moment relied for guidance on the constitution adopted on the 3rd day of September 1994, with some amendments in 2007 and 2011;

SEEING that the said 2011 constitution required strong amendment to rhyme with the current growth and development of the Association, going ahead to make the required amendments, and having fully analyzed the amendments made;

Do hereby in and through this **9th Delegates Conference** solemnly adopt, enact and give our posterity, this amended Constitution of the Muslim Students' Association of Uganda, this **18th day of December, 2022 at Mbogo High School, Kawempe, Kampala.**

ARTICLE 01: NAME

The Name of the Association is the **MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF UGANDA** and may be abbreviated as **MSAU** by which abbreviation is referred to hereafter. Within limits of this constitution, it is also referred to as "The Association".

The details herein shall apply to the National Executive Council, abbreviated as NEC, with some reference to the lower structures.

ARTICLE 02: THE VISION

MSAU's vision is "is to become a knowledgeable, responsible and responsive Muslim students' population, practicing Islam in total, participating in and contributing to the progress of the Muslim Ummah in Uganda and the world at large."

ARTICLE 03: THE MISSION

MSAU seeks "to be a vibrant association that mobilizes and sensitizes the Muslim students to lead an Islamic life, participate in and contribute towards programmes aimed at moving the Muslim community forward; through promotion of education, good leadership and moral uprightness, using the Qur'an and Sunnah as supreme sources of guidance.

ARTICLE 04: THE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Muslim Students' Association of Uganda are;

1. To promote Academic Excellency among Muslim students in Uganda.
2. To promote Moral Uprightness among Muslim students.
3. To foster Unity among Muslim students in Uganda.
4. To train Muslim students in Leadership and Management skills.
5. To safeguard Muslim students Rights in various schools and institutions.
6. To promote the Social Welfare of Muslim students.
7. To Unite and Coordinate Muslim students activities within Uganda.
8. To encourage Muslim parents educate their children.
9. To amalgamate with any Muslim organization pursuing similar causes.
10. To prepare Muslim students to lead an Islamic life during and after school.
11. To uphold the international dignity of Islam within and outside Uganda.
12. To formulate and defend the Interests of Muslim students in Uganda.
13. To represent Ugandan Muslim students on all regional, national and international forums.
14. To raise funds that will promote the cause of Muslim students in Uganda.
15. To translate Islamic literature into local languages for easy propagation of Islam.
16. To publish and distribute Islamic books, journals, magazines, newsletters, periodicals that facilitate propagation of Islam.

ARTICLE 05: PHILOSOPHY

The way of MSAU is engrained in the following belief;

- i. We are always the torch bearers
- ii. We do the best possible in a Voluntary manner
- iii. We never give up

ARTICLE 06: THE MSAU VALUES

The system of MSAU shall always attach great value and importance to the following;

- i. Academic excellence
- ii. Moral uprightness
- iii. Leadership efficiency
- iv. Social change
- v. Unity of purpose

ARTICLE 07: THE MSAU METHOD

The method of execution of MSAU activities shall be seen in attainment of the following key fundamental outputs;

- i. Muslim Students Mobilisation
- ii. Muslim Students Organisation
- iii. Muslim students Training
- iv. Muslim Students Guidance

ARTICLE 8: MSAU PROGRAMS

- 1) Mobilisation and Sensitisation program
- 2) Capacity Building program
- 3) Tarbiya program
- 4) Structural Building and Strengthening program
- 5) Careers Guidance program
- 6) MSAU Media program
- 7) Community Health program
- 8) Women Affairs program
- 9) Caravans
- 10) Ramadhan seminars

All these programs have detailed documents that describe their scope and procedure.

ARTICLE 09: MEANS OF ACHIEVING MSAU OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS:

- a) To purchase, take, receive, lease as lessee, take as gift, devise or bequest or otherwise acquire, and to own, hold, use and otherwise deal in real and personal property.
- b) To sell, mortgage, pledge, lease as lessee, and otherwise dispose property and assets.
- c) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use or employ shares or other interests in or obligation of companies incorporated in Uganda or elsewhere, whether or not for profit, association partnership, or individuals.
- d) To make contracts and incur liabilities which may be appropriate to enable the accomplishment of any or all of its purposes, to borrow money for its purposes and to secure and of its obligations by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust or all or any of its property and income.
- e) To invest its funds from time to time in any real or personal property as security for the payment of funds so invested or lent, and
- f) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to affect any or all of the purposes for which MSAU is organised.

ARTICLE 10: INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

- a) The income of MSAU shall be expended in furtherance of its objectives and any such income whether or not consisting of gains or profits from a business shall be applied solely towards attainment the objectives of MSAU.
- b) The income and property of MSAU shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of MSAU as set forth in the Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise however by way of profit to the members of MSAU provided that nothing therein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any office or servants of MSAU or other person in return for any services actually rendered to MSAU.
- c) If upon the winding-up or dissolution of MSAU and settlement of debts and liabilities there remains any property whatsoever the same shall not be given to or transferred to paid or distributed among the individual members of MSAU but shall be given to or transferred to some other association(s) or institution(s) having objects similar to the objectives of MSAU at or before the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE 11: MEMBERSHIP

a) Eligibility

Membership of MSAU shall be open to all Muslim students associations within Uganda.

b) Categories of Membership

(i) Full Members

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- a) All Muslim students in Uganda in the level of primary schools to higher institutions of learning shall be full members regardless of race or tribe.
- b) All Ugandan Muslim Students Associations are deemed to be affiliated to MSAU.
- c) Any Muslim Student organisation wishing to be recognized by MSAU shall apply for registration.
- d) The NEC shall keep an up to date register of all registered Muslim Students' Associations (MSA) in the country.

(ii) Senior Members

- a) This shall be conferred to former leaders of MSAU after paying membership and subscription fees.
- b) They shall be registered when their interests in Muslim students activities have been confirmed by the G.C.
- c) To be confirmed as "Senior" one must exhibit seniority in offering a particular role/service for MSAU.
- d) Shall be free to participate in all activities and serve on any posts of MSAU (GC, BOT) except on the NEC

(iii) Honorary Members

- a) Honorary Membership shall be conferred by the G.C of MSAU to any Muslim in or outside Uganda who has contributed to the general welfare of Islam or MSAU.
- b) They shall be free to participate in any activities of MSAU including meetings upon invitation.
- c) They shall however have no voting rights.

C) Cessation of Membership

- a) Any member or association for any reason cease to subscribe to the memorandum and Articles of Association of MSAU shall ipso facto cease to be a member of MSAU.
- b) When a motion to expel a member from the association is supported by at least 2/3 of the members present in the NEC meeting, the member concerned shall forthwith stand suspended unless an appeal against such is made to the G.C within fourteen days.
- c) Muslim Students upon completion of their studies shall cease to be members.
- d) Where a member has lost membership, his/her name shall be removed from the register.

d) Rights and obligations of Members

- a) All full members shall have full rights to select leaders
- b) Shall be eligible for appointment to offices of MSAU at all levels.
- c) Attending general meetings.
- d) Proposing motions and moving resolutions.
- e) Participating in general activities of MSAU.
- f) Selecting and sending delegates to MSAU Delegates Conference.

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- g) Lower Executive Councils shall conduct activities and inform the NEC.
- h) Any member is free to notify the General Secretary that he intends to move a motion at a meeting that a particular member be expelled.

ARTICLE 12: LEGALITY

- a) This constitution shall be the supreme guide to all Muslim students' activities in Uganda.
- b) In case of any conflict in interpretation, the Qur'an and Ahadith shall prevail over this constitution.

ARTICLE 13: PRINCIPLES

- a) All operations of MSAU in the country shall be Islamic.
- b) In light of the above clause (a), MSAU shall derive its laws from the Islamic Law as in the Qur'an and Ahadith, and by Qiyas and Ijima.
- c) The organization system shall be democratic structurally and electorally.

ARTICLE 14: LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

- a) The liability of members is by Guarantee. Every member of the association undertakes to contribute to the welfare of the association through personal contributions or canvassing from other people.
- b) The association has no share capital and shall solely serve the interests of Muslim students from time to time.
- c) The income and property wheresoever derived shall be applied exclusively towards the promotion of the objects of the association.
- d) In case of dissolution whatsoever, the property of the NEC shall remain a property of MSAU.

ARTICLE 15: THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF MSAU

1. The Delegates conference (D.C)
2. The Governing Council (G.C)
3. The Board of Trustees (BOT)
4. The National Executive Council (NEC)
5. The Regional Executive Council (REC)
6. The District Executive Council (DEC)
7. The School/Institutional Muslim Students Association (MSA)

The Delegates' Conference as per the MSAU constitution is the supreme body and sits every three years. It has the powers to amend the constitution and to elect a G.C.

The G.C sits at least thrice a year to among other things elect a new NEC which has a term of only one year in office. The National Patron is the Chairman of the G.C

The NEC is the most executive body that runs the affairs of the association and is composed of eighteen members. It is headed by the President.

The REC is made up of all District Council Chairmen together with an elected executive. The Regional Councilor of each region to the NEC is the Chairman of the REC. The REC has a Sub- Constitution derived out of this NEC constitution and it details regional level activities. It appoints its Regional Patron.

The DEC is composed of all MSA chairmen together with an elected executive. The DEC has a Sub- Constitution derived out of the REC constitution and it details MSAU activities at district level. The DEC appoints its District Patron.

The MSA is the most grass root body at school/ Institutional/University level. It is composed of an elected executive. It has a Sub- Constitution derived out of the DEC constitution detailing MSAU work at school level and has a school Patron.

The Patron of the NEC shall be called the **National Patron** and is the head of all other Patrons and thus the Chairman of the Patrons Conference of MSAU.

ARTICLE 16: THE DELEGATES CONFERENCE (D.C)

- a) It shall be the supreme authority of MSAU
- b) It shall be an assembly of MSAU members from all over the country.
- c) It shall be attended by delegates selected by the regions at the district levels and delegates from subscribed Muslim students associations and associate members.
- d) The D.C shall sit at least once in every three (3) years, and many other number of times depending on the ability of the NEC to cause it to sit, and at such a place the NEC may deem fit.
- e) All MSAU District Executive Councils shall receive in writing, advance notice of not less than two (2) months to the time of the conference.
- f) Within a period of at least one month prior to the convening of the D.C names of the district delegates will be sent to the NEC Headquarters.
- g) The D.C shall be summoned by the President.
- h) Each district sending delegates to the D.C must have at least one member as a female.
- i) At all meeting of the D.C, the quorum shall be one third (1/3) of the total members expected to attend.
- j) The NEC shall determine the number to be invited depending on available resources, but in any case the D.C shall sit with not less than **100 delegates**.
- k) The **'MSAU Delegate'** shall be a person with good knowledge and understanding of MSAU functionality. Shall be capable of reading and understand documents for the DC and hence be in position to positively contribute to discussions aimed at shaping the desired future of the association. Former leaders, Opinion leaders, Patrons, DEC, REC and NEC leaders shall be invited as Delegates.
- l) The D.C shall be presided over by the Speaker.

The role of the D.C shall be: -

- a) To analyse all the developments achieved in the terms of office of the outgoing office bearers.
- b) The Executive Secretary shall present a three-year report to enable the D.C plan a better way forward.
- c) To receive and consider regional reports concerning the situation of Muslim students in the various schools and districts they would have represented.
- d) Consider developments and changes in the Muslim Students' Movement.
- e) Adopt or review the strategic plan of MSAU
- f) To amend the constitution.
- g) To ensure all REC, DEC and MSA activities move in line with the MSAU strategic plan
- h) To select members of the Governing Council
- i) The D.C shall sit on the first day to select the Speaker
- j) The DC shall on the second day approve a new NEC and National Patrons when due.
- k) The National Patron shall preside over the D.C as returning officer to select a new Governing Council, including the already approved five for NEC, the five Muslim community representatives and the five Senior MSAU members.
- l) The D.C is the supreme authority that takes final decisions on all matters of the Association, with the exceptions of matters related to property which are determined by the B.O.T

ARTICLE 17: THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (B.O.T)

- a) There shall be a Board of Trustees composed of five members who shall be senior citizens. They shall meet and select the chairman among themselves. The National Patron of MSAU shall be the secretary to this Board.
- b) For the purpose of the legal ownership of the property of MSAU the Board of Trustees shall have powers to buy, manage, dispose off or modify MSAU property as per development needs of the association. This shall be done with recommendations from the G.C.
- c) In addition, for purposes of resolving any leadership crisis that may arise, the Board of Trustees shall have powers to dismiss the NEC and the G.C and put in place a caretaker administration till sanity is restored.
- d) The B.O.T shall be the legal representative of MSAU.
- e) Members to this Board shall be nominated by the G.C.
- f) Members of the Board shall hold office for a period of six (6) years and may be replaced in the case of end of six years term of office, resignation, death or outrageous conduct.
- g) A Board member is eligible for reappointment.
- h) The Board shall not participate in the day-to-day administration of MSAU.
- i) Members of the G.C are eligible for appointment to BOT once established.

ARTICLE 18: THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (G.C)

- a) MSAU shall have a Governing Council which will comprise of members elected by the Delegates Conference
- b) The composition of the G.C will therefore be as follows:-
 - I. Top Administration 05
 - II. National Executive Council 05
 - III. Senior MSAU Leaders 05
 - IV. Muslim Community Representatives 05
 - TOTAL 20 members**
- c) The top administration shall comprise of the National Patron, the two deputies, the Executive Secretary and the Speaker.
- d) Any resourceful person from the public may be invited to attend a GC meeting by the Chairman when his presence is deemed to benefit business of the Council at that sitting.
- e) Past outstanding service to the Muslim students' movement will constitute a major consideration in the appointment of members to the G.C.
- f) The life of the G.C shall be three (3) years and shall be renewed in the D.C sitting.
- g) Save when the D.C is in session the G.C shall be the strongest voice of administrative authority of MSAU.
- h) The G.C shall sit at least three (3) times a year and as often as necessary.
- i) The National Patron of MSAU shall be the Chairman of the G.C. In his absence, he shall delegate one of the deputies to chair. In case the deputies too are not around and there are urgent issues to discuss, he shall authorize the President to select from one of the available members to chair, and report the urgent decisions made immediately for approval.
- j) The Speaker shall be the Secretary to the G.C, who shall sermon members to G.C meetings on advice of the National Patron.

The role of the G.C shall be: -

- a. To appoint, suspend or dismiss officials of NEC of MSAU.
- b. Adopt and ensure work plan implementation for each successive NEC.
- c. To play the role of the General Assembly of a conventional Association.
- d. Shall be responsible for induction and leadership training of the NEC.
- e. To fill an office of the G.C whenever it falls vacant.
- f. Shall have the powers and responsibility to select but not suspend or dismiss officials of the B.O.T
- g. Shall act as the consultative and reference body of the NEC and the B.O.T
- h. The quorum for the G.C meeting shall be **10 members**.

ARTICLE 19: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

- a) **The National Executive Council shall comprise of the following offices:**

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1. The President
2. The Vice President and Secretary for Religious Affairs
3. The Lady Vice President and Secretary for Women Affairs
4. The General Secretary
5. The Finance Secretary
6. The Education Secretary
7. The Capacity Development Secretary
8. The Social Affairs Secretary
9. The Mobilisation and Sensitisation Secretary
10. The Media Productions Secretary
11. The Sports and Recreation Secretary
12. The International Relations Secretary
13. Five Regional Chairmen (Central, Eastern, Northern, West Nile, Western)

Role of the NEC

1. The NEC shall oversee the conduct the routine business of MSAU
2. Shall take decisions on behalf of MSAU and implement them provided they are in line with established vision, mission and objectives.
3. It shall be advisory body to the Governing Council.
4. Shall directly monitor and guide the functioning of the Regional Executive Councils.
5. The NEC shall oversee all MSAU incomes and expenditures country wide.
6. Shall enact temporary by-laws for effective execution of MSAU work
7. The NEC shall ensure that the RECs form and supervise District Executive Councils which in turn shall oversee MSAU programmes, activities and progress of all Muslim Students Associations in all schools, institutions and Universities in the country.
8. Develop a National agenda for mobilising and sensitizing Muslim students in the country.
9. Develop a National strategy for raising funds for MSAU activities at all levels.
10. Develop an annual Sensitisation Program for use in sensitizing Muslim students in all forums like symposiums, conventions, seminars, dialogues.
11. Shall ensure that structures organize focused Dawah programmes for Muslim students with particular needs and gender sensitive seminars for Muslim women.
12. Promote a consistent program for reception and induction of new students in schools.
13. Ensure all structures organize social programmes e.g. social dinners, social outings, Idd parties, Candidates Duas, Competitions and others.
14. Encourage execution of many activities in a joint manner to save costs but increase social interaction and networking
15. Partner with other organizations in organizing Dawah programmes.
16. Liaise for support and protection of Muslim students rights and interests.
17. Lobby for scholarship assistance for Muslim students.
18. NEC meetings shall be summoned by the General Secretary on advice of the President, at a convenient venue and time.
19. There shall be a Cabinet of the NEC comprising of five members.

The Cabinet shall comprise of:

- a. The President
- b. The Vice President and Secretary for Religious Affairs
- c. The Lady Vice President and Secretary for Women Affairs
- d. The General Secretary
- e. The Finance Secretary

Role of the Cabinet

- i. The Cabinet shall handle such urgent issues as may arise in the day to day running of the association.
- ii. Cabinet activities shall be limited to fast moving issues.
- iii. The Executive Secretary may attend Cabinet meetings.

ARTICLE 20: DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF NEC

1) The President

- I. Shall be a male Muslim student of a Tertiary Institution or University.
- II. Shall be a person of proven integrity, leadership skills, team players, innovate and self-motivated
- III. Shall preferably be the Chairman of one of the Institutional MSA.
- IV. Shall be the head of the NEC and ranked first in the hierarchy
- V. Shall preside over Executive and Council meetings as the chair
- VI. Shall have power to convene emergency meetings
- VII. May handle emergency correspondence
- VIII. Shall supervise the General activities of MSAU.
- IX. Shall be the association figure head
- X. May make emergency decisions and report to the Executive within one week
- XI. The Executive powers of the NEC shall rest in the President
- XII. Shall present an annual report to the last meeting of the NEC at the end of his term of office and it must include a detailed account of the association's assets, property and finances.
- XIII. The President may invite any other member of the public to attend a NEC meeting if he feels his presence will be beneficial to the association
- XIV. The agenda for any meeting shall be prepared by the President or by the General Secretary on the advice of the President
- XV. He may suspend an office bearer and inform the next sitting of the NEC
- XVI. Shall receive donations, purchases, and any other items for the NEC
- XVII. The seal, books, official papers, documents and correspondences shall be in custody of and under the direct control of the President.
- XVIII. The President may upon approval of the NEC co-opt other members to the NEC by creating virtual offices in his term of office. But such offices shall expire upon completion of his term of office and shall not be regarded as such outside the confines of that NEC.

2) The Vice President and Secretary for Religious Affairs

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- I. Shall be a male Muslim student at a tertiary institution
- II. Shall rank second to the President in the NEC hierarchy
- III. Shall assist the President in execution of his duties
- IV. Shall act as President in absence of the latter
- V. Shall execute any other duties assigned to him by the President or NEC
- VI. Shall be a person morally upright and with good communication abilities
- VII. Shall act as the Human Resources Manager in the association
- VIII. Shall act as Chief Whip for the association.
- IX. Shall be responsible for organization of religious programmes of the association
- X. Shall guide all association's business along Islamic norms
- XI. Shall forthwith enforce Sharia in all association activities
- XII. Shall be chairman of the Dawah committee comprising of Dawah Secretaries of RECs.
- XIII. Shall workout programmes of instruction, youth rallies and regional trips.

3) The Lady Vice President and Secretary for Women Affairs

- I. Shall be a female student at a Tertiary Institution
- II. Shall rank third in the administrative hierarchy of the NEC
- III. Shall be a sister of proven integrity, character and a team player.
- IV. Shall be the top head of the sister's wing of MSAU and be the advisor of MSAU on gender issues.
- V. Shall ensure that all structures organize Muslim women's workshops, seminars, conventions and symposia from time to time.
- VI. Shall ensure the Women Affairs Leagues are set up and functioning in all Universities and Tertiary Institutions in the country.
- VII. Shall Chair the Women Affairs Committee (WAC) comprising of Women Affairs Secretaries of all Regional Executive Councils.
- VIII. Shall work with the Sports Secretary to organise women sports and recreation programmes.
- IX. Shall coordinate organisation of competitions in women affairs country wide.
- X. Shall assess and mobilise support for Muslim sisters' programmes
- XI. Shall coordinate the sister's wing with other women organizations.

4) The General Secretary

- I. Shall be fourth ranking in the hierarchy of the NEC
- II. Shall be a person with good writing and communication skills
- III. Shall summon Cabinet and Council meeting on advice of the President
- IV. Shall prepare the agenda for all meetings on advice of the President
- V. Shall write minutes during all meetings
- VI. Shall file all NEC reports and other valuable documents including records of meeting attendance.
- VII. Shall handle all internal and external correspondences, but shall do this with full knowledge of the President.
- VIII. Shall coordinate all activities on the NEC work plan.

- IX. Shall keep the NEC well informed about what is going on in the Country.
- X. Shall keep an up to date register of full members as well as business of all structures.
- XI. Shall coordinate all REC and DEC to ensure conformity with MSAU functionality.
- XII. Shall coordinate with Regional General Secretaries for activity plans and reports.
- XIII. Shall be responsible for promoting networking and harmony with other Muslim associations

5) The Finance Secretary

- I. Shall be a Muslim student in a tertiary institution.
- II. Shall head all funding programmes of the association.
- III. Shall be a highly trustworthy person with high self-esteem.
- IV. Shall be the **custodian** of association funds
- V. Shall act as **Projects Manager** for the association
- VI. Shall emphasise payment of membership and subscription fees at all forums.
- VII. Shall receive and bank all funds due to the association on the MSAU account.
- VIII. Shall spend money after consultation with the NEC or the President
- IX. Shall account for the money spent in association business with valid receipts or other documentary evidence and ensure the same at all lower structures.
- X. Thus all money received wheresoever should be given/reported to the Finance secretary who should issue a receipt. Then all expenditures should be accompanied by a payment voucher, duly signed.
- XI. Shall chair the finance committee comprising of regional finance secretaries.
- XII. Shall ensure organisation of fundraisings for the association at all levels.
- XIII. Shall produce a financial report at the end of the term of office, countersigned by the President or Vice President
- XIV. Shall be the custodian of the association assets and shall account for them.
- XV. Shall keep up to a maximum of 500,000/= as cash for two weeks beyond which it has to be banked.
- XVI. Shall keep and update all association books of accounts.

6) The Education Secretary

- i. Shall be responsible for academic programs of MSAU
- ii. Shall prepare messages to be delivered in schools
- iii. Shall compile and update list of all Muslim schools in the country.
- iv. Shall assess education needs of the Muslim community and advise MSAU.
- v. Shall assess and compile challenges hindering academic success
- vi. Shall work out list of Muslim professionals and make appropriate linkages.
- vii. Shall solicit for scholarship opportunities for Muslim Students
- viii. Shall be charged with coordinating Careers guidance in schools.

7) The Capacity Development Secretary

- I. Shall be responsible for coordination training programs for all Muslim students leaders in the country from time to time.
- II. Shall ensure all new leaders at all levels undergo induction training
- III. Shall liaise with the Trainers Forum to organise Basic Training Courses across the country.
- IV. Shall mobilise funds to facilitate the training programs in the country
- V. Shall solicit for training materials to aid trainings
- VI. Shall lobby for setting up training centres across the country
- VII. Shall work to expand the size of the Trainers Forum

8) The Social Affairs Secretary

- I. Shall ensure Muslim students interact more frequently in formal and informal settings to build lasting cohesion.
- II. Shall encourage all leaders at each level to arrange for social dinners at all possible places to increase friendship.
- III. Shall promote social visits to other universities and places for purposes of boosting friendships and collaboration.
- IV. Shall ensure structures organise social meetings for members to bond more closely
- V. Shall be responsible for organisation of competitions at all levels.
- VI. Shall coordinate organisation and conduct of Caravans in the country.

9) The Mobilisation and Sensitisation Secretary

- I. Shall act as the Chief Morale of the association
- II. Shall be responsible for publicity of the association and its business
- III. Shall ensure that all association programmes are well attended
- IV. Shall make all public communications for association activities that require public involvement
- V. Shall act as the Public Relations Officer of the association
- VI. Shall monitor the wellbeing of all association members
- VII. Shall ensure that there is life in execution of association activities.
- VIII. Shall work out mechanisms of increasing love for MSAU and her programs

10) Media Productions Secretary

- I. Shall act as the information officer for the association
- II. Shall source for relevant information (internet, papers...) and update NEC members on any major happenings, locally, nationally and internationally
- III. Shall assess, analyse any available data to retrieve relevant information
- IV. Shall be responsible for gathering any relevant information for any activity
- V. Shall organize radio programmes for the association
- VI. Shall be in charge of any media publications of the association
- VII. Shall work with the mobilization Secretary to improve publicity of the association
- VIII. Shall run the association news letter
- IX. Shall appoint and be Chairman of the Media Committee of the NEC.

11) The Sports and Recreation Secretary

- I. Shall promote Muslim students welfare through sports and recreation activities
- II. Shall prepare sporting activities of varied nature at varied times
- III. Shall develop a general sports menu for MSAU
- IV. Shall coordinate organisation of Sports Galas in the country
- V. Shall solicit for sports materials
- VI. Shall promote organisation of drama productions at all levels.
- VII. Shall form and be chair of the sports committee of MSAU

12) Secretary for International Relations

- i) Shall assist the President to handle international correspondences.
- ii) Shall make and keep an updated register of all International Muslim bodies.
- iii) Shall in addition establish working relations with many other bodies
- iv) Shall maintain MSAU membership established with some bodies
- v) Shall be responsible for the MSAU website, uploading and updating information.

11) Regional Chairmen

The five Regional Chairmen shall represent their respective regions to the NEC, namely; Central, Eastern, Northern, West Nile and Western.

12) Standing Committees of the NEC

The NEC shall have the following four standing committees:

- a. Religious Affairs Committee
 - b. Women Affairs Committee
 - c. Finance Committee
 - d. Media Committee
 - e. Sports committee
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- The office bearer of the respective office shall be automatic Chairman of the standing committee.
 - At its first sitting, the committee shall appoint a Secretary.
 - The standing committee shall have only two posts; the Chairman and Secretary, the rest as members
 - The members of this committee shall be limited to the respective office bearers in Regional Executive Councils.
 - Other members of NEC are however free to join any other standing committee
 - The NEC President shall not belong to any standing committee but may attend any committee meetings

- The committees shall assist the office bearer in execution and fulfillment of the duties of his/her office.

ARTICLE 21: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILS (REC)

- i. MSAU shall have Uganda divided into five administrative regions; Central, Eastern, Northern, West Nile and Western. Each with a Regional Patron with two deputies.
- ii. Each region shall have a Regional Executive Council (REC), which shall preferably be based at one of the tertiary institutions in that region.
- iii. The REC shall operate using a REC constitution drawn out of this National Constitution, stipulating required activities at regional level.
- iv. The REC shall form and monitor District Executive Councils which in turn shall form and monitor Muslim Students Associations in all tertiary institutions and schools using customized sub- constitutions drawn out of this National Constitution and detailing MSAU work at district level.
- v. The Regional Councils shall work from the grass root to generate work plans, for use in drawing the NEC work plan, which shall thus be encompassing countrywide activities.

ARTICLE 22: DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COUNCILS (DEC)

- I. MSAU shall create her own districts in each region depending on numbers of schools available and the numbers of Muslim students therein.
- II. Regions like Central, Eastern and West Nile with large Muslim populations can afford to have a DEC in each of the government districts, unlike Northern and Western.
- III. In highly Muslim populated districts, lower leadership structures shall be created at Sub county level.
- IV. In highly urban districts like Kampala, Wakiso, etc there shall be created structures at levels of Division and Municipality, with respective sub constitutions.
- V. DEC's shall ensure all schools and institutions have functional MSAs
- VI. The DEC shall compile a list of all schools in the district, indicating those with and without MSAs. Lists of Muslim students and Muslim teachers shall also be compiled.
- VII. The DEC shall coordinate MSA leadership change and continuously compile as well as updating lists of executives in each school.
- VIII. DEC's shall make efforts to arrange for joint handovers for schools in closer proximity.
- IX. Most of MSAU activities are coordinated at DEC level.

ARTICLE 23: MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATIONS (MSA)

- I. MSA start at Primary, Secondary, Tertiary Institution and University.
- II. MSAU has a prototype constitution for each level, but with allowance for diversity depending on the local situation of each MSA.
- III. The Tertiary and University MSAs have the Women Affairs League (WAL) formed under the existing MSA to specifically handle women issues.
- IV. Each MSA has a Patron with some deputies who should preferably be staff members.
- V. These MSA are supposed to register to be full members of MSAU.

ARTICLE 24: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (E.S)

MSAU shall hire and pay a wage to an Executive Secretary who shall;

- I. Be a Muslim with a sound Islamic background in MSAU
- II. Hold at least a degree from a recognized University.
- III. Have served MSAU beforehand in some capacity.
- IV. Serve for a period of 6 years and his term of office may be extended depending on the services he rendered to the Association.
- V. Be appointed by the D.C but may be replaced by the G.C.
- VI. Be the Secretary to the D.C and shall preside over the D.C before election of the Speaker.
- VII. Participate in the management of major undertakings as well as assets of MSAU under the supervision of the National Patron.
- VIII. May attend the Cabinet, Executive and G.C meetings of MSAU
- IX. Guide NEC in routine execution of MSAU work.
- X. Keep all MSAU files and any other valuable documents at the National Secretariat.
- XI. Shall receive all MSAU funds from any form of donation or fundraising activity.
- XII. Shall be charged with verification of MSAU funds before it is spent. For small sums of money, he shall authorize use. For bigger sums of money and major undertakings, he shall seek approval from the National Patron or his Deputy.
- XIII. Shall be one of the signatories on the MSAU bank accounts.
- XIV. Shall keep an inventory of MSAU property and shall ascertain the condition of this property before it is signed against by those returning or receiving it. In doing this, he shall work in liaison with the Finance Secretary with guidance of the National Patron.
- XV. All official documents of MSAU save for the NEC shall be produced and for most of the time signed by the Executive Secretary.
- XVI. The official representatives of MSAU on public fora shall include; The President and The Executive Secretary.
- XVII. The President or The Executive Secretary shall receive donations on behalf of MSAU.

ARTICLE 25: THE MSAU SPEAKER

- I. MSAU shall have a Speaker who shall preside over the Delegates Conference.
- II. The first business to be transacted in the D.C shall be appointment of a Speaker,
- III. The Speaker shall be appointed by members of the D.C from among the senior members of the association. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed as Speaker if he is a member for the NEC or G.C
- IV. The Executive Secretary or a member of the D.C designated by the D.C shall preside at the appointment of a Speaker. He may however appoint a minute recorder to assist him execute that duty during meetings.
- V. The Speaker shall be Secretary to the Governing Council.
- VI. The Speaker shall liaise with the National Patron to convene GC meetings and shall take as well as produce the minutes accordingly.
- VII. The Speaker shall ensure that all GC decisions are implemented.

- VIII. He shall ensure members submit reports for discussion in the GC meeting.
- IX. The Speaker shall attend NEC meetings as an advisor
- X. Shall have the responsibility to draft the overall action plan for the new NEC and arrange the handover as well as induction program for the new leaders.
- XI. The Speaker shall be the official figure to preside over general MSAU functions.

ARTICLE 26: MSAU PATRONS

- I. The National Executive Council shall have a male Patron referred to as the “National Patron” with two deputies referred to as; First Deputy National Patron and Second Deputy National Patron.
- II. The National Patron and his deputies shall be Muslim elderly persons preferably Senior members of MSAU, between age 35-60 years
- III. Shall be at least graduates from a recognized University.
- IV. Shall preferably have good linkage with academic institutions and schools.
- V. Shall have personal interest and knowledge in Muslim students’ matters.
- VI. Shall be Muslims with proven integrity and character.
- VII. Shall possess ability to guide Muslim students’ Dawah and leadership affairs.
- VIII. Shall act as Principal advisors to the NEC, but also to the REC, DEC and MSA.
- IX. **The National Patron** shall specifically be in charge of structural functionality, capacity development and community outreach programs.
- X. **The first deputy national patron** takes care of work plans, networking, media, reports and records management functions.
- XI. **The second deputy national patron** oversees women issues, social affairs, competitions and fundraising functions of the association.
- XII. The National Patron shall be Principal signatory to all MSAU National bank accounts. The Deputy National Patrons shall also be signatories to National bank accounts.
- XIII. Shall preside over NEC elections in the Governing Council Meeting
- XIV. Shall preside over swearing in of new office bearers
- XV. Shall ensure that new office bearers undergo Induction into MSAU business and Leadership Training within one month after assuming office.
- XVI. Shall ensure that office bearers do not deviate from MSAU objectives.
- XVII. Shall work with Incoming President to prepare his work plan before handover.
- XVIII. Shall monitor implementation of the agreed work plan of the NEC
- XIX. Shall organise the Patrons’ Conference at least once in three years.
- XX. Shall have powers to dissolve the NEC in case of proven conduct likely to harm the reputation of MSAU.
- XXI. Shall be appointed and suspended by the Delegates Conference.
- XXII. The National Patron may appoint, suspend the Regional or District Patron upon conduct deviant of MSAU objectives or contrary to Islam.
- XXIII. The National Patrons shall have a term of office of six years and may be reappointed.

ARTICLE 27: MSAU FORUMS

a) THE SENIOR MEMBERS' FORUM (SMF)

There shall be established a body for outstanding former MSAU leaders called "**Senior Members' Forum**". The role of the forum shall be to bring together these persons for the purpose of supporting development efforts of MSAU. It shall have an elected seven man executive, for a two-year term. It shall be regulated by the Governing Council for its operations, and shall have its modus operandi. A membership fee of 50,000 shillings is to be paid plus an annual subscription of 20,000 shillings.

b) TRAINERS FORUM

- I. MSAU shall have a Forum for its trainers referred to as Trainers Forum
- II. The trainers are Senior leaders of MSAU who have undertaken training and are well versed with all aspects and matters of MSAU.
- III. They have attended the Basic Training Course (BTC), Master Training Course (MTC) and Training of Trainers (TOT), passed and have been certified.
- IV. They have capacity to direct and guide lower level training at levels of BTCs.
- V. They have an established leadership and terms of reference.

c) PATRONS FORUM

- I. The MSAU patrons have two forums;
 - 1) The National and Regional Forum
 - 2) The District and MSA Forum
- II. When the patrons congregate together, they constitute the "Patrons Congress"
- III. The meeting of National, Regional and District patrons constitute the "National Patrons Congress"
- IV. The business of patrons is stipulated in a document called the "**Patrons Handbook**"

d) MEDIA FORUM

The Media Forum of MSAU derives its gist from the Media Policy. The policy sets up the media committee to act as a forum for enhancing the media agenda of MSAU.

Aims of the Media Forum

- a) To encourage MSAU members to use social media.
- b) To enlist the framework for social media use by MSAU
- c) To offer guidance on the type and quality of information to send out
- d) To regulate use of the media by the association
- e) To allow for swift action in case of breach of notion does occur.

1) Media committee/forum

CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF UGANDA

MSAU shall set up a National Media Committee (NMC) or Forum which shall be a sub-committee of the Governing Council. This shall be charged with administering and managing the social media affairs of MSAU in the country. This NMC shall be free to set up and supervise other similar committees at regional and district levels.

The NMC shall be comprised of the following five members.

- a) The Executive Secretary, as Chairman
- b) The President
- c) The Media and Publications Secretary
- d) Two Senior Members

The other roles of the committee shall include;

- i. Plan for MSAU social media use now and in future and provide clear strategies.
- ii. Encouraging members to make sound of social media
- iii. Provide guidance on information to search for and post on social media
- iv. Manage the MSAU Data Base and Website
- v. Ensure issues that need response are effectively handled
- vi. Develop and manage passwords
- vii. Approve certain information for uploading on social media
- viii. Handle crisis media issues
- ix. Offer social media training for members and leaders.

ARTICLE 28: PROCEDURE OF GETTING NEW MSAU LEADERS

The general calendar for changing of MSAU leaders shall be as follows; MSA in September, DEC in October, REC in November, and NEC in December of each calendar year. However, in case local conditions dictate otherwise, adjustments shall be made accordingly.

1. Eligibility

- I. Changing of leaders shall be conducted at the end of the one-year term of office.
- II. All Muslim students are eligible for election provided they have at least one academic year of study i.e. not finalists.
- III. Persons to be recommended to NEC positions must be Muslim students at a tertiary institution and University.
- IV. There shall not be campaigns for any leadership position in MSAU and any member who contravenes this law shall be deemed to have dubious intentions and shall be disqualified.
- V. Persons against whom MSAU has been advised because of dubious character and intention shall not be considered.

2. Filling vacant offices

- I. Whenever an office prematurely falls vacant, efforts shall be made to fill it.

- II. Before the office is filled, the NEC shall appoint any member from within the Council to act in that position.
- III. Filling of the vacant office shall be a main item on the agenda of the next sitting of the G.C.

3. Appointment of NEC members

- I. Appointment of a new NEC shall be conducted by a meeting of the Governing Council or at a sitting of the Delegates Conference.
- II. The outgoing President shall present a report for his regime covering work plan implementation, achievements, failures, challenges, financial matters and recommendations.
- III. The report shall be discussed satisfactorily, making all the relevant observations and drawing plans for the future.
- IV. The president shall then dissolve his NEC and pave way for appointment of new a NEC.

Procedure

- i. The National Patron shall preside over the entire process of appointing of the new NEC.
- ii. The D.C or G.C shall use the **Shura system** in getting new office bearers.
- iii. The outgoing NEC shall sit beforehand and come up with a list of potential persons to take up positions in the next NEC. The proposed list shall be discussed by the top management of the GC to make all detailed vetting of proposed persons.
- iv. In the sitting of the D.C or G.C the proposed list shall be presented for approval, fully or with adjustments. There shall not be casting of votes!
- v. However, in cases where circumstances dictate total failure to hold a meeting of the G.C, the outgoing NEC and National Patron shall sit and directly appoint a new NEC.

ARTICLE 29: HANDOVER AND SWEARING IN PROCEDURE

Persons approved for the next NEC shall assume office in a week's time after taking the MSAU oath at the swearing in ceremony that shall be presided over by the National Patron, his deputy or such a person delegated by the National Patron.

Both the outgoing and incoming office bearers shall attend the swearing in/handover ceremony and any invited members of the Muslim public.

At the handover ceremony, new office bearers shall receive official files, assets and other property of the association from the National Patron.

1) Whenever setting out for handover, the following aspects shall be given priority in the organisation process;

- a) The Outgoing Regime Report in relation with their work plan but inclusive of other activities done along. To show how the objectives were met and progress made.
- b) Financial Report; showing incomes, sources, expenditures, balance, debtors and creditors.

- c) Work plan of the incoming Executive; developed by the top management from the strategic plan and outgoing regime report.
- d) Files for each of the office as per Constitution; these are collected beforehand by the Executive Secretary, to avoid reaching handover day when files are missing.
- e) Oath of assuming office, for each office, printed out. Swearing in is by oath.
- f) Lists of outgoing and incoming executive members. To guide the swearing and handover function flow.
- g) Appointment letters for each officer printed and signed by the Executive Secretary. Every appointed officer must have a written evidence.
- h) Asset Register for property to be passed on.
- i) Certificates for outgoing team, who deserve them. Only given to those who worked
- j) Program line up to guide logical flow of events.
- k) Invitation of current and senior members, MSAU leaders, as well as members of other universities. This is the network we desire to build and maintain.
- l) Venue selection and nice set up. This creates the lasting image.

2) Basic Handover Program line up

1. Opening recitation of the Qur'an
2. Welcome remarks by the Duty Manager
3. Regime report for outgoing team by the President
4. Financial report by the Finance Secretary
5. Handing over of assets back to the patron
6. Handing over of office files back to the patron & getting certificate for outgoing team
7. Handing over office files and appointment letters to the new executive.
8. Swearing in of new executive by the National Patron
9. New work plan by incoming President
10. Guest speeches
11. Chief guest (National Patron)

ARTICLE 30: INDUCTION PROCEDURE OF NEW LEADERS

New office bearers shall receive induction into MSAU functionary in a program organized by the National Patron or his deputy after assumption of office. The induction may be carried out that very day of handover in the morning or the following day. Depending on circumstances, the program may last 1-2 days.

The induction shall cover the following basic aspects of MSAU;

- a) History, present and future of MSAU
- b) General information about the NEC
- c) The MSAU Programs and activities carried out
- d) The MSAU constitution and roles of each officer
- e) The MSAU strategic plan and work plan of that regime
- f) Principles and practices of monitoring MSAU activities country wide.
- g) Strategic planning

ARTICLE 31: PROCEDURE OF CONDUCTING NEC MEETINGS

1. Ordinary NEC Meetings

- i. Ordinary meetings refer to convening not prompted by any urgency, but are set to discuss routine matters.
- ii. An ordinary meeting shall be held at an advance notice of one week given to all Council/Committee members of MSAU in writing: all shall be summoned by the General Secretary on the advice of or after consultations with the President.
- iii. Any business may be transacted at ordinary meetings save for the business that may be at the end of regime meeting.

A) The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

- a) Opening of the meeting
- b) Recording of membership in attendance (apologies)
- c) Communication from the Chairman (President) and matters arising
- d) Review of minutes from the previous meeting (if any)
- e) Reports of officials and or standing committees and matters arising
- f) New business and actions to take
- g) Closing of the meeting

B). Motion in Meetings Business

- I. The meeting business shall be conducted by way of motion.
- II. Any member shall be at liberty to move any motion which has to be seconded by at least two members.
- III. The chairman, shall keep order in the meeting.
- IV. The chairman may rule out of order any member acting in a manner unbefitting an orderly debate.
- V. A motion put to debate may be put to vote and the chairman shall declare it carried or lost.
- VI. The chairman shall have a final discretion to make a final ruling and close a motion, and his decision shall be final and binding.

C). Quorum in Meetings

- I. The quorum for council meeting shall be half the members

- II. The quorum for cabinet meeting shall be three members.
- III. At any meeting, if thirty minutes expire from the set time before quorum is realized, such a meeting shall be dissolved and stand adjourned to the same day and time of the next week.
- IV. If the President is not present within fifteen minutes to chair the meeting, the Vice President shall take over, and in case he is not around, the members present may appoint any executive member as Chairman for that meeting.

D). Notice of ordinary meeting

This shall be fully signed by the General Secretary and sent at least one week early and receipt acknowledged.

- 2. **Emergency meetings** shall be held if an advance notice of one day is given to members to handle urgent issues as they arise. When such a meeting is called, at least three of the Cabinet members must be present in person.

ARTICLE 32: PROCEDURE OF EXECUTION OF MSAU ACTIVITIES

The document “**How to Organise MSAU Activities**” spells out in detail how each particular activity is organised and carried out to get the set objectives. Note should be made of the fact that generally, one activity at a time is organised and conducted to avoid multi-tasking. Each activity is planned by clearly stipulating the following;

- a) Purpose of the activity
- b) Objective(s) to be met by conducting the activity
- c) Specific acts to be executed during the course that activity
- d) Mode of execution of set acts
- e) Programme line up and its management

ARTICLE 33: GRADING SYSTEM

The criterion for selecting an individual to a leadership position in MSAU is based on his/her score on the grading system. To be able to serve on any structure from MSA to BOT depends on one's rank on the system.

A leader can thus advance from one rank to another and thus be in position to serve at an upper structure. This upward movement is based on training, advancement, performance and service.

Points are obtained on a number of set aspects which enable one to advance in ranking as in the grading system document.

1) Growth and Promotion

This grading system creates leaders with exceptional performance as shall be determined by accumulated points. Certain ranks will be attained as to amounts of points one possesses. The Grading Committee shall promote (and demote) people as per their progress along the points scale.

2) The Points Scale

POINTS	RANK
0-5	MSAU MEMBER
6-19	MSAU LEADER
20-39	MSAU TRAINER
40- 99	MSAU RESOURCE
100- 299	MSAU STAR
300 AND ABOVE	MSAU ASSET

ARTICLE 34: FINANCE, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- a. The finances of MSAU shall be raised in all ways permitted by Islam e.g. through subscriptions, donations, fund raising activities, auctions, gains and collections gained and received from investments, and other business carried out by MSAU and its activities.
- b. Thus all financial operations of MSAU shall ensure good book keeping.
- c. The NEC shall cause to produce true copies of accounts showing the income and expenditure of MSAU
- d. The NEC shall annually produce and keep true copies of the income and expenditure of MSAU.
- e. The NEC may appoint an auditor or a firm of auditors who shall be responsible for the execution of the above duties and/or any other duties which may be assigned to the same in writing.

The following people shall not be eligible for appointment as Auditors

1. A member of the NEC
 2. A member of the B.O.T
 3. A person who is a partner of or in the employment of any member of the NEC or B.O.T
- f. The remuneration of the auditors shall be determined and fixed by the NEC at its meeting.
 - g. Every auditor so appointed shall have a right of access at all times to the books of accounts and vouchers of MSAU and shall be entitled to request from the official of MSU such information and explanation as may be required by them.
 - h. The financial year shall in principal be a period commencing from the time a new NEC is sworn in and the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account and the annual report passed by the NEC shall be presented to the members at the annual G.C meeting.

ARTICLE 35: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

1. Reasons for Removal from office

Any member of MSAU may be removed from office if he/she;

- i) Ceases to be a Muslim
- ii) Involves in activities that are contrary to Islamic teachings
- iii) Becomes of unsound mind
- iv) Fails to cope with the objectives of MSAU
- v) Becomes incompetent in fulfilling thy duties.

2. Suspension

- i) The President of NEC may decide to temporarily remove from office an office bearer as a result of dubious circumstances surrounding his/her integrity in service.
- ii) A fact finding-committee shall then be set up to look into facts leading to suspension of the officer and report to the NEC in a set period.
- iii) Acting on the report submitted by the fact finding committee, the NEC may decide to reinstate or expel the suspended officer.
- iv) The National Patron may suspend any office bearer from office upon valid evidence of conduct contrary to Islam and MSAU objectives.

3. Vote of No Confidence

- i) If any member of the NEC is known to have acted with disrespect to the principles of Islam, violated the MSAU constitution or is guilty of gross misconduct, a member of the NEC may move a motion of no confidence in the officer.
- ii) This motion shall be written, signed by the mover, countersigned by two secondors, and shall be followed by a petition signed by at least ½ of the NEC members and then submitted to the President.
- iii) The President shall then summon a NEC meeting to discuss the motion.

ARTICLE 36: INDEMNITY

Every member and office bearer for the time being of the association shall indemnify out of the assets of the association against any liability incurred by him executing any activities of the association whether civil or criminal in which judgment is given in his favour or is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court.

ARTICLE 37: THE SEAL

The Muslim Students' Association of Uganda shall have a seal known as the "Common Seal" of the association engraved with its characters.

The common seal shall be the official signature of the association and shall be fixed on all contracts, communications and important documents deemed as such by the association.

ARTICLE 38: INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Any matter arising as to the interpretation of these presents shall be referred to the Delegates Conference of MSAU, whose interpretation by a simple majority decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 39: AMENDMENT OF THESE PRESENTS

These presents may be modified, enlarged or amended from time to time by a decision of the Governing Council. The decision to adopt the amendments being taken by a two thirds majority. The various Regional and District Executive Councils may propose amendments to the Governing Council of these presents which shall commission a committee to analyse the proposed amendments before presentation to the Delegates Conference. In any case, proposals to amend this constitution shall be considered after **nine** years from the previous amendment.

ARTICLE 40: THE MSAU OATH

New office bearers assuming office shall do so upon pronouncing the MSAU Oath Holding the Qur'an high up or rising up their right hands in a swearing in ceremony, led by the National Patron. They shall sign a prepared copy of the oath after swearing and this copy shall be kept by the Executive Secretary. Swearing shall proceed as follows;

BISMILLAH ARRAHIMAAN RAHIIM

Iswear that, I shall faithfully exercise the functions of the office of of the National Executive Council of MSAU and shall uphold, preserve, and defend the constitution and observe the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah and that I shall work tirelessly to promote the cause of Muslim students in Uganda. I undertake this obligation voluntarily and promise to do my best in fostering achievement of MSAU objectives,

So Help and Guide me Allah.

ARTICLE 41: ADOPTION:

Adopted as amended by the 9th Delegates Conference this 18th Day of December 2022 sitting at Mbogo High School, Kawempe Kampala and signed for and on behalf of the rest of the Delegates by;

S/N	PORTIFOLIO	NAME	SIGNATURE
1	NATIONAL PATRON		
2	DEPUTY N/ PATRON		
4	REGIONAL PATRON		
5	PRESIDENT		
6	VICE PRESIDENT		
7	LADY V/PRESIDENT		
8	DISTRICT PATRON		
10	SENIOR PRESIDENT		
12	SENIOR PRESIDENT		
13	SENIOR MEMBER		
15	SPEAKER		
16	EXEC. SECRETARY		
17	DELEGATE		
18	DELEGATE		
19	DELEGATE		
20	DELEGATE		
21	DELEGATE		