



AfRU STUDENTS' GUILD CONSTITUTION - 2023

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PREAMBLE

We members of the students' Guild of Africa Renewal University recognizing that the management of the University is vested in the University Council Administration as embodied in the *Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001(as amended)*.

This Constitution is the expression of a self-governing students' Guild and is the foundation of its government. It is the intention of the authors of this Constitution to present an instrument which shall represent the framework of students' governance. It shall represent a means of settlement of all affairs which concern the students' Guild, "students' body" or any part thereof, and which will be interpreted and administered by the Executive Committee of the students' Guild for the advancement of the best interests of Africa Renewal University.

The primary goal of the student's Guild is to unify students of diverse ideologies, cultures and languages in the desire to provide and promote an environment suitable for academic excellence and personal transformation in our community. We are founded in the hope that by the provision of both social and educational services for the community, we shall foster both understanding and growth among students.

DECLARATION

We hereby declare, adopt and bind ourselves and our successors by this Amended Constitution as the constitution of Africa Renewal University Students' Guild on this day of July, the year two thousand and twenty three (July 2023).

CHAPTER ONE: THE GUILD CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Name

The student's body comprising of full and associate members (as in Article 9) shall be called and known as "The Africa Renewal University Students' Guild," hereinafter referred to as, "THE GUILD".

Article 2. Vision

To be a premier Christian University focused on transformational leadership development for the church and society.

Article 3. Mission

Our mission is to develop a new generation of Christian leaders whose lives are transformed by the rigorous study of Scripture, impassioned love for God, excellence in academics, and faithful service to the nations as the body of Christ.

Article 4. Core Values

- 1) We are a **CHRIST-CENTRED** educational center.
- 2) We practice **INTEGRITY** and encourage **ACCOUNTABILITY** in every aspect of life.
- 3) We pursue **EXCELLENCE** by setting high standards in our academics and ministry.
- 4) We practice biblical **STEWARDSHIP** with our time, talents and treasure.
- 5) We embrace **COMMUNITY** by living and working in unity to fulfill God's purpose for the body of Christ.
- 6) We seek to develop a **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE** of the body of Christ as we equip leaders for the developing Africa context

Article 5. Mission Statement

The students of Africa Renewal University uphold the values and the rights of this Constitution and its mission as a Christian University. The Students' Guild shall act as the student's government and will provide the right for the students to organize in order to develop

academically, socially and morally through student participation and input, as well as providing a student perspective to the administration of Africa Renewal University.

Article 6. Headquarters

The Headquarters of the Guild shall be at Africa Renewal University Main Campus.

Article 7. Purpose

The purpose of the Guild shall be to promote and protect the interests of all its members.

Article 8. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Guild shall be; -

- 1) To be the arbiter of first choice in matters regarding students' life in the university.
- 2) To establish a competent and well-organized student's government.
- 3) To nurture commendable qualities among members, to equip and prepare them for future service to the community.
- 4) To work with the Dean of Students in all matters affecting the guild members, and to uphold matters of interest to the University.
- 5) To seek representation on / involvement in organs of the University Administration.
- 6) To work in co-operation with other student organizations and create friendly relations and understanding with other external organizations, when and where it is not to the disadvantage of the University and the country.

In consultation with the Office of the Dean, to discuss with the guild Government or other bodies, in matters affecting the Guild and its members

Article 9. Membership

Full Members

Shall be for all students enrolled in Africa Renewal University for the current semester and module.

Associate Members

Shall be all former full members of the Guild or students of the University community.

Article 10. Rights and Obligations

Rights of Full Members

Any person who is a full member of the Guild has the right; -

- a. To participate fully in the proceedings of the General Assembly; -
- b. To elect and to be elected to any organ or organs of the Guild Government as provided by Article 40.
- c. To be elected, nominated or appointed to be a delegate or representative of the Guild in any of the Guild's undertakings;
- d. To express his/her opinion in the proper manner.

Rights of Associate Members

Every Associate member has the right to make use of the Guild facilities with the consent of the University administration and the Guild executive.

Obligations of all Members

Every member shall abide by the letter and spirit of the Guild Constitution

CHAPTER TWO: THE GUILD GOVERNMENT

Article 11. Establishment of the Guild Government

- 1) There shall be a Guild Government of the Students' Guild that shall be the highest Organ of the General Students' body.
- 2) The General Meeting of the Guild shall be called the "Guild Council Meeting."

Article 12. Functions of the Guild Council Meeting

- 1) The Guild Government shall be the supreme decision-making body of the General Students' body in consultation with the Dean of Students.
- 2) A Guild Council Meeting shall be held after giving at least **48** hours' notice for an Ordinary Meeting and **12** hours for an Emergency Meeting, where necessary. Business for such an Assembly shall always have been earlier discussed by the Guild Government.
- 3) The Guild Council shall organize students' body meetings at least twice a semester to give updates and accountability respectively of the Guild Council Services
- 4) The Guild Council Meeting shall be composed of all members of the Students' Guild, presided over by the Guild Speaker.
- 5) The Guild Council Meeting shall convene at least twice every Semester of a directly elected government.
- 6) All members of the Guild shall be under duty to attend in person all meetings lawfully convened by the Executive at the consent of two members from the Executive committee and to meaningfully contribute within the limits of their abilities and powers.

The Guild Council Meeting shall convene to resolve contentious issues arising from the Guild Administration and to receive reports from the Guild government

Article 13. The Guild Fund

There shall be a Guild Fund that will comprise of the following items:

Every student of AfRU enrolled for any session shall contribute a Guild Council fee as set by the University Administration.

- a) Of the total amount collected per session, 10% shall be designated to the Dean of

Students to run students' welfare office.

- b) The guild stipend (facilitation) will be 28% of the semester guild fund.
- c) The guild office welfare will be allocated with 7% of the semester guild fund and it will cater for items such as:
 - i. The meeting refreshments
 - ii. Airtime of the Guild leaders where necessary.
 - iii. Transport to those with delegated duties
- d) There will be 15% of the semester fund allocated to the Parliament to cater for the constituency activities. This shall be dependent on the number of students per course at the moment.
- e) The 30% of the guild fund will cater for the guild activities such as the parties, sports events, debates, cultural gala, and other related activities.
- f) The 10% of the guild fund per semester (20% **PER ANNUM**) shall be for Annual guild project. However, the Guild government is mandated to fundraise more resources towards the project even outside the Guild fund.
- g) The breakdowns of the allocated money (steep end, Guild office welfare and the parliamentary funds) will be discussed by Parliament.

CHAPTER THREE: THE ORGANS OF GUILD GOVERNMENT

Article 14. The Students' Guild Cabinet

The student's Guild Cabinet shall be composed of the following members:

- a) The President
- b) The Vice-President
- c) The General Secretary
- d) The Assistant General Secretary
- e) The Minister for Internal and External Affairs
- f) The Minister for Finance
- g) The Minister of Information
- h) Minister of Entertainment and Social Affairs
- i) The Minister for Health and Environment preservation.
- j) The Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs
- k) The Minister of Education and Sports
- l) The Minister in charge of religious affairs
- m) The Minister of Students" with Special Needs
- n) Any other Minister shall be added and approved by at least 2/3 of the total membership of the Parliament and by the consent of the President and Office of the Dean of Students.

Article 15. The Guild Standing Committees

A) There shall be the following standing Committees appointed by the respective ministers subject to approval by the Guild Executive Committee on behalf of the Guild Government. All the standing committees shall perform their roles in consultation with the Dean of students.

B) There shall be provision for one staff or one student on each committee to assist in the

organizing of the guild event where need be.

C) These committees shall serve for only one semester and can be changed again by the respective Chairpersons

D) There shall be adhoc committee where necessary that shall be dissolved after performing their duties

1) Committee for Property, Business and Establishments

Shall consist of the General Secretary as Chairperson, the Minister for Finance, Assistant General Secretary and 2 (two) other members appointed by General Secretary.

Majorly Responsible For:

- a) Monitoring and Supervising Guild Council Projects.
- b) Auditing of Guild Assets and Properties.
- c) Planning and Purchasing the Guild assets

2) Committee for Students' Affairs

Shall consist of the Minister for Internal and External Affairs as Chairperson, an international student representative and 2 (two) other members recommended by the Internal and External Affairs.

Majorly responsible for

- a) Students Welfare like Meals, Hygiene and Security.
- b) Wellbeing of Guild Council Office; Repairs, Installation and renovations.
- c) Guild Meetings refreshments.
- c) Identify, address/refer matters concerning international students
- d) Other activities assigned by the parliament

3) Committee for Finance

Shall consist of the Minister for Finance as Chairperson and 2 (two) other members from the Guild recommended by the finance minister and approved by the Guild council members in their early meeting of the semester.

Majorly responsible for

- a) Ensure proper financial accountabilities
- b) Makes requisition from university accountant through Dean of student's office.
- c) Compiles the budget for the Guild government
- d) Participate in the university budgeting process and present it to the Guild Parliament

4) Committee for Information

Shall consist of the Minister for Information as Chairperson, MP journalism and one other member recommended by the minister for Information and approved by the parliament.

Majorly responsible for

- a) Informing the general student's body about University Activities.
- b) Receiving and communicating chapel announcements.
- c) University news highlights in university gatherings under the guidance of HOD journalism and media studies in liaison with the chaplain

5) The Disciplinary Committee for Guild

Shall consist of the Guild President as Chairperson, the Vice President, the Representatives of halls of Residence, Speaker and the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. The signed reports from this committee shall be sent to the Dean of students' office.

Majorly responsible for

- a) Hearing and handling Guild committee members' disputes.
- b) Handling indiscipline cases of Guild committee members.
- C) In instances a member of the committee is a victim, the case shall be handled by the Dean of students. And signed reports shall be sent to the chairperson university disciplinary committee.

6) Committee for Health and Environment

Shall consist of the Minister for Health as Chairperson, the Health Secretaries for the halls of Residence, 2 (two) members recommended by committee chairperson checked by HOD public health and approved by the parliament.

Majorly responsible for

- a) Observing and ensuring proper health and hygiene standards of the University.

- b) Shall participate in generating the safety precautions/ policies for university
- c) Ensure the preservation of natural resources for AfRU campuses.

7) Committee for Justice and Constitutional Affairs

Shall consist of the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs as Chairperson and 3 (three) other members recommended by the Chairperson and approved by the parliament.

Majorly responsible for

- a) To ensure that the constitution and the standing orders are observed.
- b) Amending the constitution whenever it is required.
- c) Compiling standing orders and laws of parliament in liaison with the Dean of Students
- d) Ensure the accessibility of the amended constitution by the students' body
- e) Orient the potential Guild candidates about the Guild constitution before they are elected.

8) Committee for Education and Sports

Shall consist of the Minister for Education and Sports as Chairperson and 5 (five) other members elected by the Chairperson with the guidance of the AfRU Sports Development Manager

Majorly responsible for

- a) To organize Students Sports activities in coordination with sports development managers.
- b) To organize education related events such as debates and workshop students
- c) Ensure that education matters of students are received and handled
- d) Shall follow-up on the academic policies of the University.
- e) Fundraise for education and sports activities

9) Committee for Students with Special Needs

Shall consist of the Minister for Students with Disabilities as Chairperson, and 2 (two) other members appointed by the Chairperson.

Majorly responsible for

- a) To ensure that students with special needs are being catered for in several matters.
(Inclusive environment)
- b) Promoting awareness on matters to do with disability in the university

10) Committee for Chapel and Religious Affairs

Shall consist of the minister in charge of religious affairs as the chairperson and 5 (five) other members appointed by the chairperson of the committee.

Majorly responsible for

- a) Organizing spiritual activities for Guild council and General students' body,
- b) Shall be responsible for all the spiritual matters of the students' Guild with consultation from the University chaplain.
- c) Shall be responsible for the guidance and counseling of the students in the religious affairs.
- d) Connect and direct new believers to the discipleship Chaplain for spiritual guidance.

11) Committee for Information, Entertainment and Social affairs.

Shall consist of Entertainment and social Minister as chairperson, Mr. And Mis. AfRU as default members and any other two members appointed by the chairperson.

Majorly responsible for

- a) Organizing and coordinate events for students.
- b) Shall be responsible for the entertainment of the students in the university such as watching, aerobics, cultural events and dance groups
- c) Shall be responsible for the preparation of the subscription requisitions for the entertainment such as the DSTV.

CHAPTER FOUR: THE GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a Guild Executive Committee made up of the President, the Vice President and the Guild speaker and they shall perform several tasks as stipulated in the constitution.

The president shall be the chairperson of the Guild Executive committee and report to the Dean of students.

The Vice President shall oversee, monitor and evaluate the roles and the performances of the ministers as they report to the president.

The Guild Speaker shall oversee, monitor and evaluate the roles and the performance of the Members of parliament and shall report to the president.

The Guild president and Guild speaker shall forward quarterly evaluation and performance reports to the Dean of Students

CHAPTER FIVE: THE CABINET

This shall be composed of the President, the Vice- President, the General Secretary and the Cabinet ministers appointed by the President.

Article 16. The President

1) Establishment of the Office of the President.

- a) There shall be a President of the Guild Government of the Africa Renewal University Guild at its Main Campus who shall be the head of the Guild and Chairman of the Cabinet.
- b) Before assuming the duties of the office of President, a student elected President shall take and subscribe to the oath of allegiance and the Presidential oath specified in the first schedule to this Constitution. In all cases, the oath of allegiance and the Presidential oath shall not be taken less than 2 weeks from the date of declaration of such student as President.
- c) Proceedings against any sitting President may be brought in respect of any civil or criminal offense whose sanctions and penalty exceed the jurisdiction of the University Disciplinary Committee.
- d) A President and a Vice President may be of the same sex. However, priority shall be given to the opposite sex of the President to be appointed as Vice President.

2) Executive authority vested in a President.

- a) The executive authority of the Students' Guild is vested in a President and shall be exercised in accordance with this Constitution and the rules and regulations of the University.
- b) The President shall execute and maintain this Constitution and all policies made under or continued in force by this Constitution.
- c) It shall be the duty of the President to abide by, uphold and safeguard this Constitution and the rules and regulation of the University and to promote the welfare of the students and protect the integrity of Africa Renewal University.
- d) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the functions conferred on the President by paragraph (a) of this clause may be exercised by the President either directly or through the office of the President.
- e) The President shall be a representative of the Students' Guild to the Senate, Disciplinary Committee and the University Council.
- f) Ensure that each Guild member understands his/her role and duties.
- g) Provide pastoral care for the Cabinet members.
- h) Makes a general monthly report of his/her Office.
- i) Guide all the cabinet members in practicing the University Values

3) Direct Liaison to the Dean of Students

- a) Meet regularly with the Dean of Students.
- b) Communicates requests from the Guild Executive Committee and the Students' Guild, to the Dean of Students.
- c) Report administrative communication back to the Guild Executive Committee and Students' Guild.

4) Notification by President on leaving the campus.

The President shall, whenever leaving the University campus on official duty, notify in writing the Vice President and the Speaker.

5) President to address Parliament on Guild Government affairs.

The President shall at the beginning of each semester, deliver to Parliamentary address on the state of the Guild Government affairs.

- a) The President may also in consultation with the Speaker, address Parliament from time to time, on any matter of Guild importance.

6) Qualifications for Presidential Candidates

In order to participate in the Guild Presidential nomination process as a potential candidate, a student must meet the following fundamental requirements.

7) Requirements for Presidential candidates

The following minimum procedural requirements apply for students seeking to be candidates in elections for Guild president:

- a) Potential candidates shall submit a completed candidate profile to the Electoral Commission by the deadline provided.
- b) Potential candidates shall include the following minimum materials in the candidate profile:
- c) A petition signed by 30 fellow students of Africa Renewal University from various programs enrolled for that specific semester, attesting to his or her qualifications to serve. Students may sign a petition for only one potential candidate per election cycle.
- d) Reasonable requirements shall be adopted by the Electoral Commission to ensure that signatures are not forged, duplicated or not obtained from actual students of Africa Renewal University.
- e) Written, signed and stamped recommendations from a Head of Department/fuculty of the potential candidate and the Dean of Students.
- f) A personal essay submitted in accordance with directions provided by the Joint Selection Board.

A faculty/ Department may nominate up to two of its students.

- a) Applicants for office shall be vetted by the Electoral Commission and the student representatives in the faculty/ departments.
- b) The Electoral Commission shall evaluate and assess candidates based on certain key criteria including but not limited to personal faith, tuition payment, moral character, academic excellence, and proven service whether in- or outside the university community.
- c) All Applicants must not be on academic probation thus should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Transfer students must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on their Africa Renewal University transcript as well as their transcript from the school from which they transferred.
- d) At least three candidates and in any case not more than five will be selected by the Electoral Commission to run for the office of Guild president. If there are less than three candidates that meet the minimum qualifications to run for office there may be less than three candidates in the election.
- e) Students pursuing their final year of study shall not be eligible for the office of president.

8) Term of office for President.

- a) A student elected President under this Constitution shall hold office for a term of one academic year, to commence on the day of swearing in and to conclude on the day slated for taking oath / swearing in of a new President.
- b) A student shall not be elected under this Constitution to hold office as President for more than one term.
- c) The office of President shall become vacant:
 - i. On the expiration of the period specified in this Article; or

If the incumbent dies or resigns or ceases to hold office

- a) The President may with justifiable reasons resign from the office of President by writing to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

- b) The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs shall, immediately upon receiving the resignation of the President under this article, notify the Vice President, the Speaker and the Electoral Commission of the resignation.
- c) A student elected as the President under this Constitution after his/her resignation or removal, the Vice President shall complete the term of such resigned or removed President.

9) Privileges and benefits of a President.

- a) The President shall be given privileges as shall be agreed upon by parliament and Office of the Dean of students in consultation with the University Management. From the 35% of Guild fund he is entitled to a monthly facilitation and airtime as according to Article13 of the constitution.

10) Removal of the President

The President may be removed from office in accordance with this article on any of the following grounds: -

- a) Abuse of office or willful violation of the oath of allegiance and the Presidential oath or any provision of this Constitution.
- b) Misconduct or misbehavior: -
 - i. That he or she has conducted himself or herself in a manner which brings or is likely to bring the office of President into hatred, ridicule, contempt or disrepute; or
 - ii. That he or she has dishonestly done any act or omission which is contrary to the moral code and core values of Africa Renewal University.

An ongoing failure to perform the basic functions of office.

- a) For the purpose of removal of the President under paragraph (a) or (b) of clause (10) of this Article a petition in writing signed by not less than one- third of all the Members of Parliament shall be submitted to the Speaker:
 - iii. Stating that they intend to table a motion in Parliament for the removal of the

President on any of the grounds enumerated in paragraph (a) or (b) of clause (10) of this Article; and

- iv. Stating out the particulars of the charge supported by the necessary documents on which it is claimed that the conduct of the President be investigated for the purposes of his or her removal.
- b) The Speaker shall, within 24 hours after receipt of the petition referred in paragraph (a) (b) of clause (10) of this Article, cause a copy to be transmitted to the President and the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.
- c) The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, within four (4) working days after receipt of the notice transmitted under paragraph (d) clause (10) of this Article, constitute a Guild Disciplinary Committee sitting to investigate the allegation in the notice and to report its findings to Parliament stating whether or not there is prima facie need for the removal of the President.
- d) The President is entitled to appear at the proceedings of the Guild Disciplinary Committee and to be represented there by an expert or person of his or her choice.
- e) If the Guild Disciplinary Committee determines that there is a prima facie case for the removal of the President under paragraph (a), (b) and (c) of clause (10) of this Article then if Parliament passes the resolution supported by the signatures of not less than 2/3 of all Members of Parliament, the President shall cease to hold office.

The motion for a resolution for the removal of the President shall be moved in Parliament within seven (7) days after the receipt by the Speaker of the report of the Guild Disciplinary Committee.

- a) The President is entitled to appear in person, be heard and to be assisted or represented by an expert or person of his or her choice during the proceedings of Parliament relating to the motion for a resolution under this article.
- b) In all cases, the Guild President shall have a right to appeal to the University Disciplinary Committee against the decision of Parliament to remove him/her from office and the University Disciplinary Committee may after due consultation and inquiry into the facts leading to the removal of the President uphold or overturn the decision of Parliament.

- c) In the event the University Disciplinary Committee overturns the decision of Parliament to remove the President from office, the Guild President shall assume office immediately without the formalities of being re-sworn in as President.
- d) The Guild President shall appeal to the University Disciplinary Committee on the decision of Parliament to remove him or her from office within three (3) working days from the date of the Parliamentary decision being communicated to him/her. NOTE: Guild government shall not make any valid decision without consulting the Dean of Students.

11) Succession of the office of President

- a) If the President resigns, or is removed from office, the Vice President shall assume the office of the President until fresh elections are held and the elected President assumes office.
- b) Where the President is for any reason unable to perform the functions of the office of the President, the Vice President shall perform these functions until the President is able again to perform these functions.
- c) Where the President and Vice President are unable, the Speaker shall perform these functions until the President or the Vice President is able to perform those functions or until a new President assumes office.
- d) Before assuming the duties of the office of the President under paragraph (c) of clause (11) of this Article, the Speaker shall take and subscribe the oaths specified in relation to that office in the first schedule of this Constitution.

12) Power to act in emergency by the President

The President shall have powers to exercise for purposes of emergency.

- a) In an event where the President shall be required to exercise emergency powers, he/she shall convene a Guild Government meeting before taking up a decision.
- b) Such decision shall be communicated to the Speaker of Parliament who may be present at the emergency meeting before referred to in paragraph (a) of clause (12) of this Article.

- c) The resolutions and decisions made and taken up under paragraph (a) of clause (12) of this Article, through the Speaker of Parliament, shall be communicated to Parliament at its subsequent session for ratification.

Article 17. The Vice President.

There shall be a Vice President of the Africa Renewal University Guild who shall be appointed by the President of the Guild Government, subject to approval by Parliament.

1) Duties of the Vice President.

The Vice President shall:

- a) Deputize for the Guild President wherever the need shall arise;
- b) Assume the responsibilities of the President in the President's absence, but shall not make change in the cabinet.
- c) Shall supervise the activities of students 'clubs, societies and organizations.
- d) Keep a register of and be responsible for all Guild Property.
- e) Shall write monthly reports about his/her office

In consultation with the President, call meetings, prepare and circulate agenda for the Guild Cabinet.

- a) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to him or her by the President, or as may be conferred on him or her by this Constitution.
- b) In consultation with the Executive, call cabinet members for Guild Council meetings.

2) Vacancy of the office

The office of Vice President shall become vacant if:

- a) The appointment is revoked by the President; or
- b) The incumbent dies, resigns or is censured by Parliament.
- c) Where the office of Vice President becomes vacant, the President shall with the

approval of Parliament, and as soon as possible but in any case, not later than seven (7) days, appoint a person qualified to hold the office of Vice President.

- d) The Vice President shall, before commencing to perform the functions of Vice President, take and subscribe the oath of allegiance of Vice President, specified in the first schedule of this Constitution.
- e) Where a Vice President who at the time of appointment is a Member of Parliament, he/she shall automatically cease holding office as a Member of Parliament.

3) Privileges

- a) The Vice President shall be given privileges as shall be agreed upon by parliament and Office of the Dean of Students in consultation with the University Management. From the 35% of Guild fund he is entitled to a monthly facilitation and airtime as according to Article 13 of the constitution.

There shall be a Vice President of the Africa Renewal University Guild who shall be appointed by the President of the Guild Government, as long as the person has clear qualification as stated by this constitution.

Article 18. The General Secretary

The General Secretary shall have charge of the Guild office and shall be responsible in accordance with such instructions as may be given to him or her by the President, for arranging the business of and keeping the minutes of the Guild Government and for conveying the decisions of the Cabinet and Parliament and shall perform such other functions as the President may direct.

- 1) The General Secretary shall assume the duties of office after subscribing to the oath of allegiance and the oath of General Secretary specified in the first schedule to this Constitution.
- 2) The General Secretary shall be given privileges as shall be agreed upon by parliament and Office of the Dean of students. From the 35% of Guild fund the is entitled to a monthly facilitation and airtime as according to Article 13 of the constitution.

Article 19. The Cabinet

1) Appointment of the Cabinet

- a) A Member of Parliament appointed to the Cabinet shall have the right to maintain his/her seat in Parliament even after they have been appointed to a position within the Cabinet except with regard to paragraph (b), clause (7) of Article 20 of this Constitution.
- b) There shall be a total of not more than 15 Cabinet Ministers, a majority of whom shall be Members of Parliament. Up to 6 of the Cabinet Ministers may be appointed from outside the elected Members of Parliament.
- c) The total number of the Cabinet Ministers may be changed only in consultation of Parliament and with the approval of the Dean of Students and the Vice Chancellor.
- d) Appointment of the Cabinet Ministers shall be within seven (7) working days from the time of swearing in of the President.
- e) The Minister shall be given privileges as shall be agreed upon by parliament and Office of the Dean of students. From the 35% of Guild fund the is entitled to a monthly facilitation and airtime as according to Article 13 of the constitution.

2) Duties of Ministers

a) Minister for Internal and External Affairs

There shall be a guild minister for Internal and External Affairs who shall: -

- i. Be Chairperson of the students Welfare Committee.
 - ii. Sit on various policy making bodies and committees on behalf of the Vice-president if the Vice-president is unable to attend.
- i. Be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the amenities and facilities on Campus.
 - i. Contact the University Administration from time to time with regard to the welfare of students.
 - ii. Contact any other body or bodies on the campus that may have interest in the students' welfare.
 - iii. Be responsible for all matters concerning Off-Campus students (inclusive of online

students).

- iv. Ensures that international students are catered for.
- v. Communicates the international students' concern to the Guild Government
- vi. Responsible for any other related issues of concern.
- vii. Makes a general monthly report of his/her department
- viii. Perform any other duties that he /she may be assigned by the Guild President.
- ix. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- x. Prays for the Guild Council and University as a whole.

b) The Minister for Finance

There shall be a guild minister for Finance appointed by the Executive from parliament who shall: -

- i. Be Chairperson of the Committee for Finance.
- ii. Looks after the financial matters of the Guild.
- iii. Be co-signatory to all Guild Financial transactions.
- iv. Take initiative of raising Guild funds with the approval of Executive.
- v. Reports/collaborates with the Bursar on the collection of Students' Guild fee.
- vi. Ensures Students' Guild fee is collected.
- vii. Submits financial reports to the Guild.
- viii. Makes a general monthly report of his/her department.
- ix. Collects monthly report of the Students, Guild budget from the Bursar through the Dean of Students.
- x. Completes/submits all financial requests on behalf of the Students' Guild to the University Bursar through the Dean of Students.
- xi. Perform any other duties that he/she may be assigned by the Guild President.
- xii. Makes monthly report for their office/department.
- xiii. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- xiv. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.

c) The Minister of Information, Entertainment and social affairs.

There shall be a guild minister for Information, Entertainment and Social affairs who shall: -

- i. Be Chairperson of the Committee for Entertainment and Social Affairs.
- ii. Co-ordinate booking for Socials and entertainments that fall within the jurisdiction of the Guild on the Campus.
- iii. Organize all entertainment for or under any Ministry or organ of the Guild and shall give financial account thereof at the end of each month to the Minister for Finance.
- iv. Be responsible for the Film Board and its finances.
- v. Makes subscription for DSTV in entertainment room.
- vi. Makes monthly report for their office/department.
- vii. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- viii. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.

d) Minister for Information

- i. Be Chairperson of the Committee for Information.
- ii. Be responsible for the Guild Official news and the production of official publications in consultation with the Dean of Students.
- iii. Either edit the official publications or appoint an editor or editors from amongst members of the Committee for Information.
- iv. Makes a general monthly report of his/her department.
- v. Perform any other duties that he /she may be assigned by the Guild President.
- vi. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- vii. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.

e) The Minister for Health and Environment Preservation.

There shall be a guild minister for Health who shall: -

- i. Be Chairperson of the Committee of Health.
- ii. Be responsible for the health welfare of students
- iii. Liaise with the University Hospital on matters concerning health.
- iv. Makes a general monthly report of his/her department.
- v. Perform any other duties that he /she may be assigned by the Guild President.
- vi. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- vii. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.

f) Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

There shall be a guild minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, appointed by the executive who shall: -

- i. Be Chairperson of the Justice and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- ii. Be Secretary of the Guild Disciplinary Committee.
- iii. Be responsible for the registration and coordination of the affiliated associations of the Guild.
- iv. Makes a general monthly report of his/her department.
- v. Performs any other duties that he /she may be assigned by the Guild President.
- vi. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- vii. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.

g) The Minister of Education and Sports

There shall be a Minister for Education and Sports, who shall be:

- i. The Chairperson of the Education and Sports Committee.
- ii. Responsible for the academic welfare of the students
- iii. Liaises with Registrar's office, through Dean of Students' office, in respect of

- students' academic affairs.
- iv. Deals with matters related to students' academic syllabus, examination timetables, Library and Lecture Rooms.
 - v. Forwards students' academic and sports issues in consultation with the Student's Guild and the University administration (the Dean of Students or the Registrar).
 - vi. Organizes workshops, seminars and other educational programs on different professional codes relevant to the University.
 - vii. Organizes all games and sports activities within the University.
 - viii. Liaises with all other institutions on issues regarding games and sports.
 - ix. Responsible for the safety and good maintenance of games and sports equipment, and keeps proper records of the equipment.
 - x. Keep an up-to-date games and sports calendar.
 - xi. Liaises with the games and sports patron to ensure facilitation of the games and sports ministry.
 - xii. Makes a general monthly report of his/her department.
 - xiii. Perform any other duties that he /she may be assigned by the Guild President.
 - xiv. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
 - xv. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.
 - xvi. Make monthly reports.

h) The Minister of Students with Special Needs

There shall a Guild Minister of Students with Special needs who shall: -

- i. Be the Chairperson of the Students with Disabilities Committee.
- ii. Be responsible for all matters concerning welfare of students with disabilities
- i. Makes and submits monthly reports of his/her department to the office of the Students' Guild President.
- ii. In consultation with the Guild and the Dean of Students, organizes seminars and workshops for people with special needs.
- iii. Bridge the gap between other students and those with special needs.
- iv. Perform any other duties that he /she may be assigned by the Guild President
- v. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- vi. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.
- vii. Make monthly reports.

i) Minister of Religious Affairs

- i. Oversees student devotions and weekly chapel.
- ii. Communicates with the Campus Patron about the chapel programs.
- iii. Confirms testimonies, specials, and musicians for weekly chapel meetings.
- iv. In consultation with the Campus Patron, organize worship nights and outreaches for the Students' Guild such as visiting churches, schools and other prayer meetings.
- v. Makes a general monthly report of his/her department.
- vi. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- vii. Pray for the Guild Council and University as a whole.

3) Cabinet Meetings

- a) Cabinet meetings shall be summoned and presided over by the President and in his or her absence, by the Vice President or in the absence of both of them, by a Minister designated in writing by the President.
- b) There shall at least be one Cabinet meeting in a Month after the Government is constituted.
- c) The Cabinet shall regulate the procedure of its meetings.
 - i. The quorum of the Cabinet meetings shall be two thirds of the total number of the Ministers
- d) The Speaker shall be an ex-officio Member of the Cabinet meetings held by the Cabinet.

4) The office of a Minister becomes vacant:

- a) If the appointment of the holder of the office is revoked by the Executive; or
- b) If the holder:
 - i. Resigns in writing to the President;
 - ii. Is censured by Parliament; or
 - iii. Is expelled from the University.
 - iv. Demonstrates an ongoing failure to perform the basic functions of office.

5) Collective responsibility

Ministers shall individually be answerable to the President for the administration of their ministries and collectively be responsible for any decision made by the Cabinet.

6) Grounds and procedure for censuring a Minister

- a) Parliament may, by resolution supported by more than half of all Members of Parliament, proceedings for censure of a Minister shall be initiated by a petition to the Executive through the Speaker signed by not less than 1/3 of all Members of Parliament giving notice that they are dissatisfied with the conduct or performance of the Minister and intend to move a motion of or a resolution of censure and setting out particulars of the grounds in support of the motion.
- b) The Executive shall upon receipt of the petition cause a copy of it to be given to the Minister in question.
- c) The motion for the resolution of censure shall not be debated until the expiry of fourteen (14) days after the petition was sent to the President.
- d) A Minister in respect of whom a vote of censure is debated is entitled during the debate to be heard in his or her defenses a vote of censure against a Minister on any of the following grounds:
 - i. Abuse of office or willful violation of the oath of allegiance or oath of office;
 - ii. Misconduct or misbehavior;
 - iii. An ongoing failure to perform the basic functions of office;
 - iv. Mismanagement; or
 - v. Incompetence.
- vi. Upon a vote of censure being passed against a Minister, the Executive shall, unless the Minister resigns his or her office, revoke the appointment
- e) Proceedings for censure of a Minister shall be initiated by a petition to the Executive through the Speaker signed by not less than 1/3 of all Members of Parliament giving notice that they are dissatisfied with the conduct or performance of the Minister and intend to move a motion of or a resolution of censure and setting out particulars of the grounds in support of the motion.
- f) The Executive shall upon receipt of the petition cause a copy of it to be given to the Minister in question.
- g) The motion for the resolution of censure shall not be debated until the expiry of fourteen
(14) days after the petition was sent to the President.
- i. A Minister in respect of whom a vote of censure is debated is entitled during the debate to be heard in his or her defense

CHAPTER FIVE: PARLIAMENT

Article 20. Members of Parliament

1) Establishment of Parliament.

- a) There shall be a Parliament of the Africa Renewal University Guild Government.
- b) The composition and functions of Parliament shall be as prescribed by this Constitution.
- c) The term of office for Members of Parliament shall be one academic year, to commence three weeks after declaration of winners, in which Members of Parliament are elected and to conclude on the day newly elected members of parliament make oath of Members of Parliament.
- d) Where there exists any situation in the Guild Government which would prevent a normal general election from being held, Parliament may by resolution supported by not less than 2/3 thirds of all Members of Parliament, extend the life of Parliament for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days at a time.
- e) The speaker and deputy speaker will be voted in the first seating of parliament, presided over by the former speaker and deputy one week after swearing in.

2) Composition of Parliament

- a) Parliament shall consist of members directly elected to represent constituencies; (In this constitution, the term constituencies will mean the different programs offered by the University and two representatives from the female and male hostels of residence.)
- b) Parliament shall by law prescribe the procedure for elections of representative referred to in paragraph (a) of this clause.
- c) There shall be an assistant General Secretary, to do record minutes in the parliamentary sittings and will work alongside the General Secretary.

3) Powers of the Parliament.

- a) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Parliament shall have the power to monitor, supervise, and evaluate the decisions made by the Executive.
- b) Parliament shall be informed about the new University policies before they are passed on to students through the Minister of Information.
- c) Parliament shall interpret the student's manual, Guild Constitution as well as the University policies to the students.
- d) Parliament shall protect this Constitution and promote the democratic governance of Africa Renewal University Students Guild.
- e) Parliament shall evaluate and approve Guild planned activities and their budgets.

4) Qualifications for Member of Parliament

- a) A student is qualified to be a Member of Parliament if that student is:
 - i. A fully registered student; or
 - ii. A student who was registered in the immediately preceding semester and is not left with two semesters to complete his/ her course of study.
- b) A student is not qualified for election as a Member of Parliament if that person:
 - i. Is of unsound mind;
 - ii. Exhibits immoral behavior within the meaning of the University code of conduct;
 - iii. Has had judgment given against them once by the Guild Disciplinary Committee in a period not more than 3 months before the election; or
 - iv. Is unable or unwilling to acknowledge and respect the core values of Africa Renewal University.
 - v. Is struggling academically thus below cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

5) Elections of Members of Parliament

- a) Election of Members of Parliament shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution as stated in Chapter 7 of this Constitution.
- ii. Where a vacancy exists in Parliament, the Speaker shall notify the Electoral Commission in writing within four (4) days after the vacancy has occurred and a by-election shall be held within fourteen (14) days after the notice to the Electoral Commission

7) Members of Parliament to take and subscribe to oath

- a) Every student elected to Parliament shall take and subscribe the oath of allegiance and the oath of a Member of Parliament specified in the first schedule to this Constitution.

6) Grounds for recalling a Member of Parliament.

- a) Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Electoral Commission and any interested group referred to in this Constitution shall have the right to recall their Member of Parliament before the expiry of the term of Parliament.
- b) A Member of Parliament may be recalled from that office on any of the following grounds:
 - i. An ongoing failure to perform the basic functions of office
 - ii. Misconduct or misbehavior likely to bring hatred, ridicule, contempt or disrepute to the office; or
 - iii. Persistent desertion of the electorate without reasonable cause.
- c) The recall of a Member of Parliament shall be initiated by a petition in writing setting out the grounds relied on and signed by at least two-thirds of the registered voters of the constituency or of the interest group and shall be delivered to the Speaker.
- d) On the receipt of the petition referred to in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Speaker shall, within five (5) days require an ad hoc committee of Inquiry to conduct a public inquiry into the matters alleged in the petition and this committee shall expeditiously conduct the necessary inquiry and report its findings to the Speaker.
- e) The Speaker shall on receipt of the report:
 - i. Declare the seat vacant, if the ad hoc committee of Inquiry reports that it is satisfied from the inquiry, with the genuineness of the petition; or
 - ii. Declare immediately that the petition was unjustified, if the Commission reports that it is not satisfied with the genuineness of the petition.

Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), (c) and (d), of this clause Parliament shall, by law prescribe the procedure to be followed for the recall of a Member of Parliament

7) Privileges of Members of Parliament.

8) Members of Parliament shall be given privileges as shall be agreed upon by parliament and Office of the Dean of students. From the 35% of Guild fund, he is entitled to a monthly facilitation and airtime as according to Article 13 of the constitution.

9) Functions and Roles of Members of Parliament.

- i. Come up with, Present bills in parliamentary sittings.
- ii. Organize Events and work plans for their constituencies or programs
- iii. Mobilizes new students for the University and publicizes it.
- iv. Prays for the Guild Council and University as a whole.
- v. Make at least two general meetings in a semester with their constituents.
- vi. Make Monthly reports for their departments.
- vii. mobilize funds for their constituency or program
- viii. Performs any other duty assigned by the Executive

Article 21. Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

There shall be a Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Parliament. Members of Parliament from among themselves shall elect the Speaker and Deputy Speaker in their first sitting after assuming office. The outgoing Speaker shall preside over an election of a Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

1) Duties and functions

- a) The Speaker shall call and preside over all meetings in the Guild Parliament and General Assembly in consultation with the Guild President.
- b) The Deputy Speaker shall preside over any such meetings as provided in (a), above, in the absence of the Guild Speaker and in any case at least chair six (6) meetings in a term of office.

2) Grounds for vacating the seat of Speaker or Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker or Deputy Speaker shall vacate his or her office:

- a) If he or she is appointed to any public office within the University that is not related to his or her being a Speaker of Parliament;
- b) If he or she becomes a Minister; if he or she resigns office in writing addressed to the General Secretary to the Guild;
- c) If he or she ceases to be a Member of Parliament; or
- b) If he or she is removed by resolution of Parliament supported by not less than two-thirds of all Members of Parliament
- c) Except for the purpose of taking the oaths referred to in paragraph (a) of this clause, no student shall sit or vote in Parliament before taking and subscribing to the oaths.

8) Grounds of vacating seat by a Member of Parliament

A Member of Parliament shall vacate his or her seat in Parliament:

- a. If he or she resigns his or her office in writing signed by him or her and addressed to the Speaker;
- b. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, upon dissolution of Parliament;
- c. If that student is absent from three sittings of Parliament, unless he or she is in recess, without permission in writing of the Speaker during any period when Parliament is meeting and is unable to offer satisfactory explanation to the relevant Parliamentary committee for his or her absence;
- d. If that student is found guilty by the Guild Disciplinary Committee of violation of the leadership code of conduct and the punishment imposed is or includes the vacation of the office of a Member of Parliament;
 - i. If recalled by the electorate in his or her constituency in accordance with this Constitution
- e. The speaker or deputy speaker may be removed by resolution of Parliament supported by not less than two thirds of all members of Parliament on one or more of the following grounds:

- i. Abuse of office or willful violation of the oath of allegiance or any provisions of this Constitution.
- ii. Misconduct or misbehavior bringing or likely to bring Parliament or the office of the speaker, deputy speaker into ridicule, contempt or disrepute.
- iii. The performance of an act or omission contrary to the Code of Conduct of Africa Renewal University.
- iv. Upon the announcement of a general election, if he or she intends to stand in such election. In such case, the Speaker and/or Deputy Speaker shall be on leave from such office(s), and the Parliament shall elect from among its members a Speaker and/or Deputy Speaker pro tem to serve until the election is concluded and the results are announced.

3) Procedural Requirements for the Removal of the Speaker or Deputy Speaker by Parliament.

- a) For the purpose of removing the speaker or deputy speaker under clause (2) of Article 20 of this Constitution, a petition in writing supported by not less than one third of all Members of Parliament shall be submitted to the Guild Disciplinary Committee Chairperson.
- b) Such petition shall state the intention of such members of Parliament to present a motion for the removal of the speaker or deputy on any or all of the grounds set forth in clause 8 of Article 20 of this constitution.

The petition shall set out the particulars of their charge supported by the necessary evidence; the petitioners shall present their case to a fully constituted Parliament at a date not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of receipt by the Tribunal Chairperson and the speaker who subject of the petition.

- c) In relation to paragraph (b) above, the office of the Speaker shall within a period not exceeding seven (7) days convene a Special Parliamentary session for that purpose.
- d) The speaker or deputy speaker who is the subject of the petition shall have the right to be heard before Parliament and before a decision is taken.
- e) For the purpose of this Special Parliamentary session in paragraph (d) above, the

Guild Disciplinary Committee Chairperson shall preside over the session.

4) Allowances and remuneration for Speaker /Deputy Speaker.

- d) The Minister shall be given privileges as shall be agreed upon by parliament and the Office of the Dean of students. From the 35% of Guild fund the is entitled to a monthly facilitation and airtime as according to Article 13 of the constitution.

5) The Speaker and Deputy Speaker take oaths.

The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall each before assuming the duties of office take and subscribe to the oath of Speaker and of Deputy Speaker respectively as specified in the first schedule of this Constitution.

Article 22. Quorum of the Parliament.

- 1) The quorum of Parliament shall be one-third of all Members of Parliament entitled to vote.
- 2) The quorum prescribed by clause (1) of this Article shall only be required at a time when Parliament is voting on any question.
 - i. Rules of procedure of Parliament shall prescribe the quorum of Parliament for the conduct of business of Parliament other than for voting

Article 23. Voting method in Parliament.

Except as otherwise prescribed by this Constitution or any other law, any question proposed for decision in Parliament shall be determined by a majority of votes of Members present and voting in a manner prescribed by rules of procedure made by Parliament under article of this Constitution.

Article 24. Procedure of Parliament.

- 1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Parliament may make rules to regulate its own procedure.
- 2) Parliament may act notwithstanding a vacancy in its Membership
- 3) The presence or the participation of a person not entitled to be present or to participate in the proceeding of Parliament shall not by itself invalidate those proceedings.
- 4) The Speaker shall determine the order of business in Parliament and shall give priority to Guild business;

Article 25. Time and place for Parliamentary sessions.

- 1) When a new Parliament assumes office, the Speaker shall by proclamation appoint the place and a date not beyond fourteen (14) days after the general elections or of the extended period as the case may be, for the first sitting of the new Parliament.
- 2) A session of Parliament shall be held at such place within the University and shall commence at such time as the Speaker may by proclamation appoint.
- 3) The Speaker may after consultation with the President, prorogue Parliament by proclamation.
- 4) A session of Parliament shall be held at least every after fourteen (14) days.
 - ii. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, at least 1/3 of all Members of Parliament may request in writing a meeting of Parliament, and the Speaker shall summon Parliament to meet within five (5) days after receipt of the request
- 9) The Office of the Dean of Students shall be given prior written notice of all Parliamentary sessions. Notice shall include an agenda. Written minutes of all Parliamentary sessions shall be presented to the Dean of Student's Office within a reasonable time after each Parliamentary session.

Article 26. Dissolution of Parliament.

- i. Parliament shall stand dissolved upon the expiration of its term as prescribed by paragraph (c) clause (1) of Article 20 of this Constitution

CHAPTER SIX: THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Article 27. Establishment of the Electoral Commission.

There shall be a Commission called the Electoral Commission.

Article 28. Composition and officers of the Commission.

1) This Commission shall consist of such Commissioners prescribed under the subsequent clauses and shall be some members of the Outgoing Guild Government who will be appointed by the President in consultation with the Dean of Students.

2) The Commission shall consist of:

a) **The Chairperson**, whose duties are:

- i. To coordinate all Commission work and that of his or her officers;
- ii. To preside over all meetings of the Commission;
- iii. To ensure that regular, free and fair elections are held; and
- iv. To supervise and control Commissioners and other Members of the Commission in the execution of their duties.

b) **The Vice Chairperson**, whose duties shall be:

- i. To assist the Chairperson on all matters of the Commission;
- ii. To act as Chairperson whenever the Chairperson is absent; and
- iii. To perform any other duties as assigned by the Chairperson.

c) **The General Secretary of the Commission**, whose duties are:

- i. To take and keep minutes of the Commission;
- ii. To manage and keep a proper registry of all the voters;
- ii. To handle all correspondences of the Commission; and

iii. To perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Commission chairperson.

d) **The Commissioner for Public Relations**, whose duties are:

i. To determine all information about elections;

ii. To regularly update voters about Commission work;

iii. To receive complaints from the voters and general public; and

iv. To perform any other function as may be assigned by the Commission chairperson.

e) **The Commissioner for Finance**, whose duties are:

i. To receive and manage all Commission finances;

ii. Shall prepare the budgets and give their accountabilities for the electoral commission

iii. To keep a proper record of the Commission's account books; and

iv. To give a financial report at the end of the term of office of the Commission.

f) Any other Member (one) the President may deem fit to carry out the functions of the Commission.

3) The persons specified in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) (d) and (e) of clause (2) of this Article shall be executive Members of the Commission while those named in paragraph (f) of clause (2) of this Article shall be ordinary Members of the Commission.

Article 29. Qualifications of officers of the Commission.

1) Any person shall be eligible to hold office as an officer of the Commission if:

a) For the offices specified in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of clause (2) of Article 42 he or she is in his or her final year of study;

iii. He or she is of a high moral character and proven integrity; and

b) He or she possesses considerable experience and has demonstrated competence in conduct of student affairs.

2) The requirement spelt out in paragraph (a) of clause (1) of this Article does not apply to

officers of the Commission specified in paragraph (f) of clause 2 of Article 40 of this Constitution.

Article 30. Removal of Members of the Commission.

- 1) The President may with approval of Dean of Students remove an officer of the Commission from office on the following grounds:
 - a) An ongoing failure to perform the basic functions of office;
 - b) Misbehavior or misconduct; or
 - c) Incompetence.

Article 31. Functions of the Electoral Commission.

The Electoral Commission shall have the following functions:

- 1) To ensure that regular, free and fair elections are held from 8:00am- 5:00pm.
- 2) To organize, conduct and supervise elections and referenda in accordance with this Constitution.
- 3) To demarcate constituencies in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 4) To ascertain, publish and declare in writing under its seal the results of the elections and referenda,
- 5) To compile, maintain, revise and update the voter's register.
- 6) To hear and determine election complaints arising before and during polling;
- 7) To conduct by-elections where need be.

Article 32. Demarcation of Constituencies.

- 1) Demarcation of constituencies shall be the sole responsibility of the Electoral Commission.
- 2) The Electoral Commission shall from time-to-time review constituency demarcation in consultation with the Dean of Students and present to Parliament any changes thereto for approval and budgeting purposes.

Article 33. Grievances.

- 1) Any student aggrieved by the decision of the Electoral Commission in respect of any of the complaints may appeal to the Dean of Students within seven (7) days after elections.
- 2) The Dean of Students shall summon the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission and the complainant to address the issues between the two parties and will thereafter come up with a final decision.
- 3) A student aggrieved by a decision of the Dean of Students made under clause (2) of this Article may appeal to the University Disciplinary committee.
- 4) A decision of the University Disciplinary Committee on appeal under clause (1) and clause (3) of this Article shall be final.

Article 34. Terms and conditions.

- 1) Parliament shall budget adequate resources and facilities for the Commission to enable it to perform its functions effectively.
- 2) The Commission shall be a self-accounting institution and shall deal directly with the ministry responsible for finance on matters relating to its finance.
- iv. The administrative expenses of the Commission, including allowances and overtime payable to or in respect of persons serving with the Commission, shall be budgeted in the application fee.

CHAPTER SEVEN: ELECTIONS

Article 35. General Elections.

- 1) There shall be annual Guild General Elections, which shall take place during the September semester, at such date as determined by Parliament and published with no less than two weeks' notice, provided, however, that such date shall be no more than six weeks prior to the end of such a semester and no less than four after the beginning of such a semester.
- 2) All students registered during the semester in which elections are conducted, and all students registered in the immediately preceding semester who have not graduated shall have the right to vote for the person of their choice in any General Election.
- 3) All Guild elections shall be by secret ballot on the basis of one-man one vote.
- 4) In the event of a tie in any Guild election, such election shall be repeated until a candidate obtains a simple majority.
- 5) A student shall not be eligible for elections if he or she has been convicted by the Guild Disciplinary Committee for an offense that involves moral turpitude or has been warned for more than two times by the Guild Disciplinary Committee or 2/3 of the General Assembly vote against his character before his or her elections.

Article 36. Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.

There shall be Presidential and Parliamentary elections on the same day as set by the Parliament.

Article 37. Election of the president

- 1) Campaigns.
 - a) The period for Campaigning shall be set by the Office of the Dean of Students, with consultation with the Electoral Commission, and shall be no less than ten (10) days in duration unless good cause is provided to shorten the period.
 - v. Candidates shall not attempt to influence voters in cash or in kind

- 10) Election of the president shall be by secret ballot
- 11) Elections shall be conducted at polling stations of various constituencies and supervised by the Electoral Commission members.
- 12) Each Guild candidate shall during an election have at least 2 polling agents appointed to supervise a polling station and such agent's identities shall be brought to the attention of the electoral body at least 24 hours before the election process commences.
- 13) Whenever practicable, the election of the President shall be held during the September semester, at such date as determined by Parliament and published with no less than two weeks' notice, provided, however, that such date shall be no more than six weeks prior to the end of such semester and no less than four weeks after the beginning of such semester.
- 14) The Electoral Commission shall ascertain, publish and declare in writing under its seal, the results of the Presidential election within two hours from the close of polling.
- 15) Declaration of a voted candidate. The candidate who receives the greatest number of valid votes cast shall be declared elected as President.
- 16) Second Election to be held within seven (7) days after declaration of the results. Where at a Presidential Election two or more candidates with the most votes have exactly the same number of votes, a second election shall be held within seven (7) days after the declaration of the results, in which election the candidate who receives the highest number of valid votes shall be declared elected as President.
- 17) President to be a resident student. A student elected President while he is a non-resident shall become a resident during his or her term of office, not later than the commencement of the semester following the semester in which he or she is elected.
 - i. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Parliament shall by law, prescribe the procedure for the election and assumption of office by a president.

Article 38. Procedure for Presidential elections.

- 1) The returning officer in collaboration with the Electoral Commission shall announce the nomination day of Guild Presidential candidates, and call for nominations at least two

(2) days before campaign starts.

- 2) A candidate for Guild presidency shall apply to the Commission in writing including his or her registration card, identity card, letter of recommendation from his or her pastor.
- 3) Elections shall be conducted at polling station of respective constituencies under the supervision of the returning officer, outgoing Speaker, in collaboration with Electoral Commission.
- 4) During the time of elections each Guild Presidential candidate shall have at least two (2) polling agents at the polling stations who shall be made known to the presiding officer at least one (1) day before the polling.
- 5) After elections, the returning officer in consultation with the Electoral Commission shall announce the results of elections immediately at the end of the polling day.

Article 39. Procedure for elections

- 1) All elections shall be conducted from the hour of 8:00am to 5:00pm on the Election Day and the same shall be by secret ballot.
- 2) All persons already in line to cast their vote and are caught by the hour of 5:00pm shall be allowed to cast their votes.
- 3) Successful candidates shall be declared within three (3) hours of completion of an electoral process and in any other case at a later hour with sufficient cause for the same.
 - ii. The Chairperson of the Electoral Commission or his or her Deputy shall upon completion of the tallying of results declare the person with the highest votes cast winner and accordingly fill out a declaration form to that effect

Article 40. Challenge of Elections

- 1) Every candidate shall have the right to challenge elections of the Guild President or Member of Guild Parliament, which shall be done through petition, submitted to the Dean of Students within seven (7) days after the elections.
- 2) Petitions seeking to overturn a presidential election shall be submitted to the Dean of Students. Upon receipt of a petition, the Dean of Students shall constitute an Election Appeals Board to consider the petition and issue a ruling. The Election Appeals Board shall consist of the Dean of Students, as Chairman, the outgoing Speaker, and Chairman

of the Electoral Commission, the General Secretary of the Electoral Commission, the University Pastor, and a senior Member of staff appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

- 3) Petitions seeking to overturn a Parliamentary election shall lie with the Dean of Students.

Article 41. By-election

- 1) There shall be by elections held only upon resignation or removal of the Guild president and any Member of Parliament.
 - iii. The said elections shall be held at such a time defined and deemed appropriate by the Dean of Students.

CHAPTER EIGHT: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 42. The Constitution to be amended by a resolution.

This Constitution shall only be reviewed and amended after a period of three (3) years as provided herein.

Article 43. Procedure for Amendment

- 1) Petitions for the amendment of this Constitution shall be in one of the following three alternative methods:
 - a) A Petition tendered to Parliament and signed by 50 students presently enrolled at Africa Renewal University.
 - b) A Petition submitted to the office of the Speaker of Parliament signed by at least 2/3 (one third) of the Members of Parliament.
 - c) A Petition submitted by the Office of the Dean of Students signed by the Dean of Students whichever is applicable submitted to the Students' Affairs Board of the University.
- 2) Petitions in clause (1) (a) and (b) above shall be considered for approval by Parliament and then forwarded to the Dean of Students who will in turn transmit the same to the Vice Chancellor for counsel. In order to obtain Parliamentary approval, the Petition must be passed by affirmative vote of 2/3 (two thirds) of all of the members of Parliament present at two consecutive sittings thereof.
- iv. Once the Vice Chancellor and other technical staff of the University approve of the intended amendment (s), the Vice Chancellor shall forward the same to the Students Affairs Board for further deliberation and then to the University Council for approval

CHAPTER NINE: SCHEDULES

Article 44. First Schedule Oaths

1) Oath of Allegiance

I solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Africa Renewal University and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Guild Constitution. So, help me God.

2) Presidential Oath

I Being sworn in as Guild President does solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution of Africa Renewal University Students" Guild. I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and uphold the foundations of this institution. I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations and I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office with honesty and to the best of my ability. So, help me God.

3) Guild General Secretary's Oath

I being called upon to exercise the functions of secretary to the Guild Government of Africa Renewal University do solemnly swear/affirm that I will not directly or indirectly reveal such matter as shall be debated and committed to my secrecy as General Secretary. So, help me God.

4) Oath of Ministers

Ibeing appointed a Minister of Africa Renewal University Students" Guild solemnly swear/affirm that I will at all times truly serve the Guild in the office of a Minister of and that I will, to the best of my judgment at all times, when required, freely give my advice to the Guild President for the good management of Africa Renewal University Students" Guild; and that I will not directly reveal any matter as shall come to my knowledge in discharge of my duties and committed to my secrecy. So, help me God

5) Oath of Members of Parliament

I Being sworn in as the Member of Parliament representing..... do solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution of Africa Renewal University Students" Guild. I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and uphold the foundations of this institution. I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations and I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office with honesty and to the best of my ability. So, help me God.

Second Schedule

1. Leadership Code of Conduct

This Code shall bind all officers of the Guild. The officers shall be obliged to observe the Christian morals, spiritual principles and heritage that shall be the basis of education at the University.

- 1) Conduct which is: -
 - a) Likely to compromise the honesty, impartiality and integrity of specified officers; or
 - b) Likely to lead to corruption in public affairs; or
 - c) Detrimental to the public good or welfare is contrary to this code.
- 2) Any officer who engages in sexual immorality, including, without limitation, fornication and adultery, shall violate this code.
- 3) Any officer, who plans, promotes or participates in public demonstrations which are against this Constitution or any document of the University shall violate this code.
- 4) Any officer, who fabricates or with ill intentions publishes, disseminates or otherwise circulates any information that is likely to tarnish the name of any Guild officer or the University shall violate this code
- 5) Any officer who obstructs or interferes with the legitimate activities of another officer shall violate this code

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **The Tri-une God.** We believe in one God, eternally existing in three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who know, love, and glorify one another. This one true and living God is infinitely perfect both in his love and in his holiness. He is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy to receive all glory and adoration. Immortal and eternal, he perfectly and exhaustively knows the end from the beginning, sustains and sovereignly rules over all things, and providentially brings about his eternal good purposes to redeem a people for himself and restore his fallen creation, to the praise of his glorious grace.
2. **Revelation.** God has graciously disclosed his existence and power in the created order, and has supremely revealed himself to fallen human beings in the person of his Son, the incarnate Word. Moreover, this God is a speaking God who by his Spirit has graciously disclosed himself in human words: we believe that God has inspired the words preserved in the Scriptures, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, which are both record and means of his saving work in the world. These writings alone constitute the verbally inspired Word of God, which is utterly authoritative, and without error in the original writings, complete in its revelation of his will for salvation, sufficient for all that God requires us to believe and do, and final in its authority over every domain of knowledge to which it speaks. We confess that both our finitude and our sinfulness preclude the possibility of knowing God's truth exhaustively, but we affirm that, enlightened by the Spirit of God, we can know God's revealed truth truly. The Bible is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it teaches; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; and trusted, as God's pledge, in all that it promises. As God's people hear, believe, and do the Word, they are equipped as Disciples of Christ and witnesses to the gospel.
3. **Creation of Humanity.** We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in his own image. Adam and Eve belonged to the created order that God himself declared to be very good, serving as God's agents to care for, manage, and govern creation, living in holy and devoted fellowship with their Maker. Men and women, equally made in the image of God, enjoy equal access to God by faith in Christ Jesus and are both called to move beyond passive self-indulgence to significant private and public engagement in family, church, and civic life. Adam and Eve were made to complement each other in a one-flesh union that establishes the only normative pattern of sexual relations for men and women, such that marriage ultimately serves as a type of the union between Christ and his church. In God's wise purposes, men and women are not simply interchangeable, but rather they complement each other in mutually enriching ways. God ordains that they assume distinctive roles which reflect the loving relationship between Christ and the church, the husband exercising headship in a way that displays the caring, sacrificial love of Christ, and the wife submitting to her husband in a way that models the love of the church for her Lord. In the ministry of the church, both men and women are encouraged to serve Christ and to be developed to their full potential in the manifold ministries of the people of God. The distinctive leadership role within the church given to qualified men is grounded in creation, fall, and redemption and must not be sidelined by appeals to cultural developments.

4. **The Fall.** We believe that Adam, made in the image of God, distorted that image and forfeited his original blessedness—for himself and all his progeny—by falling into sin through Satan’s temptation. As a result, all human beings are alienated from God, corrupted in every aspect of their being (e.g., physically, mentally, volitionally, emotionally, spiritually) and condemned finally and irrevocably to death—apart from God’s own gracious intervention. The supreme need of all human beings is to be reconciled to the God under whose just and holy wrath we stand; the only hope of all human beings is the undeserved love of this same God, who alone can rescue us and restore us to himself.
5. **The Plan of God.** We believe that from all eternity God determined in grace to save a great multitude of guilty sinners from every tribe and language and people and nation, and to this end foreknew them and chose them. We believe that God justifies and sanctifies those who by grace have faith in Jesus, and that he will one day glorify them—all to the praise of his glorious grace. In love God commands and implores all people to repent and believe, having set his saving love on those he has chosen and having ordained Christ to be their Redeemer.
6. **The Gospel.** We believe that the gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ—God’s very wisdom. Utter folly to the world, even though it is the power of God to those who are being saved, this good news is Christological, centering on the cross and resurrection: the gospel is not proclaimed if Christ is not proclaimed, and the authentic Christ has not been proclaimed if his death and resurrection are not central (the message is: “Christ died for our sins . . . [and] was raised”). This good news is biblical (his death and resurrection are according to the Scriptures), theological and salvific (Christ died for our sins, to reconcile us to God), historical (if the saving events did not happen, our faith is worthless, we are still in our sins, and we are to be pitied more than all others), apostolic (the message was entrusted to and transmitted by the apostles, who were witnesses of these saving events), and intensely personal (where it is received, believed, and held firmly, individual persons are saved).
7. **The Redemption of Christ.** We believe that, moved by love and in obedience to his Father, the eternal Son became human: the Word became flesh, fully God and fully human being, one Person in two natures. The man Jesus, the promised Messiah of Israel, was conceived through the miraculous agency of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary. He perfectly obeyed his heavenly Father, lived a sinless life, performed miraculous signs, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. As the mediatorial King, he is seated at the right hand of God the Father, exercising in heaven and on earth all of God’s sovereignty, and is our High Priest and righteous Advocate. We believe that by his incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus Christ acted as our representative and substitute. He did this so that in him we might become the righteousness of God: on the cross he canceled sin, propitiated God, and, by bearing the full penalty of our sins, reconciled to God all those who believe. By his resurrection Christ Jesus was vindicated by his Father, broke the power of death and defeated Satan who once had power over it, and brought everlasting life to all his people; by his ascension he has been forever exalted as Lord and has prepared a place for us to be with him. We believe that salvation is found in no one else,

for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved. Because God chose the lowly things of this world, the despised things, the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, and no human being can ever boast before him—Christ Jesus has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

8. **The Justification of Sinners.** We believe that Christ, by his obedience and death, fully discharged the debt of all those who are justified. By his sacrifice, he bore in our stead the punishment due us for our sins, making a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice on our behalf. By his perfect obedience he satisfied the just demands of God on our behalf, since by faith alone that perfect obedience is credited to all who trust in Christ alone for their acceptance with God. Inasmuch as Christ was given by the Father for us, and his obedience and punishment were accepted in place of our own, freely and not for anything in us, this justification is solely of free grace, in order that both the exact justice and the rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners. We believe that a zeal for personal and public obedience flows from this free justification.
9. **The Power of the Holy Spirit.** We believe that this salvation, attested in all Scripture and secured by Jesus Christ, is applied to his people by the Holy Spirit. Sent by the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, and, as the other Paraclete, is present with and in believers. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and by his powerful and mysterious work regenerates spiritually dead sinners, awakening them to repentance and faith, and in him they are baptized into union with the Lord Jesus, such that they are justified before God by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. By the Spirit's agency, believers are renewed, sanctified, and adopted into God's family; they participate in the divine nature and receive his sovereignly distributed gifts. The Holy Spirit is himself the down payment of the promised inheritance and in this age indwells, guides, instructs, equips, revives, and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.
10. **The Kingdom of God.** We believe that those who have been saved by the grace of God through union with Christ by faith and through regeneration by the Holy Spirit enter the kingdom of God and delight in the blessings of the new covenant: the forgiveness of sins, the inward transformation that awakens a desire to glorify, trust, and obey God, and the prospect of the glory yet to be revealed. Good works constitute indispensable evidence of saving grace. Living as salt in a world that is decaying and light in a world that is dark, believers should neither withdraw into seclusion from the world, nor become indistinguishable from it: rather, we are to do good to the city, for all the glory and honor of the nations is to be offered up to the living God. Recognizing whose created order this is, and because we are citizens of God's kingdom, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, doing good to all, especially to those who belong to the household of God. The kingdom of God, already present but not fully realized, is the exercise of God's sovereignty in the world toward the eventual redemption of all creation. The kingdom of God is an invasive power that plunders Satan's dark kingdom and regenerates and renovates through repentance and faith the lives of individuals rescued from that kingdom. It therefore inevitably establishes a new community of human life together under God.

11. God's New People. We believe that God's new covenant people have already come to the heavenly Jerusalem; they are already seated with Christ in the heaven lies. This universal church is manifest in local churches of which Christ is the only Head; thus each "local church" is, in fact, the church, the household of God, the assembly of the living God, and the pillar and foundation of the truth. The church is the body of Christ, the apple of his eye, graven on his hands, and he has pledged himself to her forever. The church is distinguished by her gospel message, her sacred ordinances, her discipline, her great mission, and, above all, by her love for God, and by her members' love for one another and for the world. Crucially, this gospel we cherish has both personal and corporate dimensions, neither of which may properly be overlooked. Christ Jesus is our peace: he has not only brought about peace with God, but also peace between alienated peoples. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both Jew and Gentile to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. The church serves as a sign of God's future new world when its members live for the service of one another and their neighbors, rather than for self-focus. The church is the corporate dwelling place of God's Spirit, and the continuing witness to God in the world.

12. Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordained by the Lord Jesus himself. The former is connected with entrance into the new covenant community, the latter with ongoing covenant renewal. Together they are simultaneously God's pledge to us, divinely ordained means of grace, our public vows of submission to the once crucified and now resurrected Christ, and anticipations of his return and of the consummation of all things.

13. The Restoration of All Things. We believe in the personal, glorious, and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ with his holy angels, when he will exercise his role as final Judge, and his kingdom will be consummated. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust—the unjust to judgment and eternal conscious punishment in hell, as our Lord himself taught, and the just to eternal blessedness in the presence of him who sits on the throne and of the Lamb, in the new heaven and the new earth, the home of righteousness. On that day the church will be presented faultless before God by the obedience, suffering and triumph of Christ, all sin purged and its wretched effects forever banished. God will be all in all and his people will be enthralled by the immediacy of his ineffable holiness, and everything will be to the praise of his glorious grace. We encourage other staff and students to agree with this Statement of Faith and expect them to refrain from denying it.

Approvals

We accept the terms and conditions of this Constitution

Vice Chancellor

Director Quality Assurance

Dean of Students

Director Quality Assurance

President of Students' Guild

Vice President

Speaker
