

LESOTHO STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

LESA-UCT CONSTITUTION

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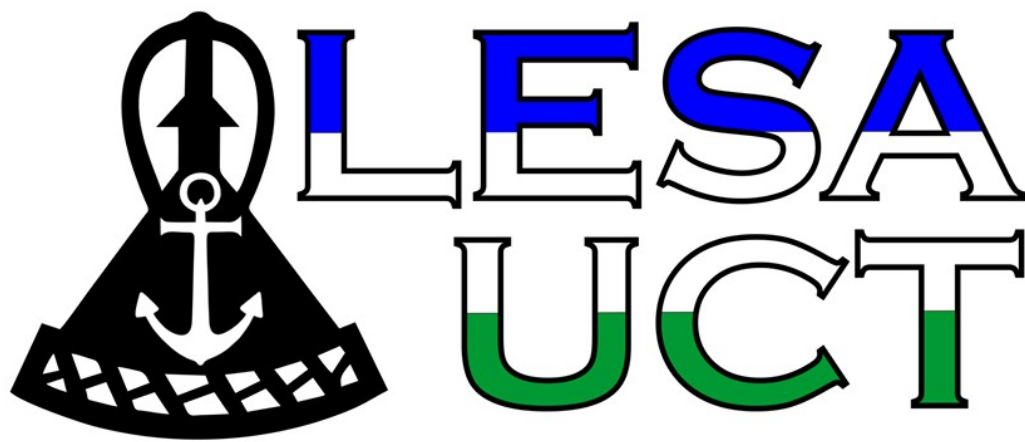
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PREAMBLE

This Association was formed in order to create a sense of unity and home away from home amongst the Basotho residing in The University of Cape Town. To let them know should they need help, there is always someone around for them. We as Basotho would want to get together and celebrate our heritage and through this Association we are united.

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**LESOTHO STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN**

PART ONE: ESTABLISHMENT, INTERPRETATION AND OBJECTIVES

Article 1. Establishment

- a. There shall be a Lesotho Students Association at the University of Cape Town.
- b. The Association shall be abbreviated as LESA-UCT.
- c. The Association is non-political, non-profit making, and not a trade union.
- d. The official languages of the Association shall be Sesotho and/or English.

Article 2. Interpretation

In this Constitution, the following terms have the corresponding meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

Academic year: a year starting from January to December of each year.

Affiliated member: any person who has become a member of the Association by reason of his/her or its activities being associated with those of the Association.

Basotho students: students whose country of origin is Lesotho, the singular of which is Mosotho.

By-election: an election conducted to fill the vacancy left in any post of leadership.

Casting vote: a power to vote for the second time by the presiding Chairperson in any meeting where the votes are equal in any voting process.

Consensus: mean agreement which is reached without voting.

Executive Committee (EC): a board of members that runs the society and which has specific and defined roles.

General Assembly (GA): the body made up of all LESA-UCT members.

General Meeting (GM): the meeting that includes all members of the LESA-UCT.

Honorary member: any person who has become a member of the Association by reason of the Association's appreciation of his/her or its role played in the Community at large.

LESA-UCT: the abbreviation for the Association.

Majority votes: any total sum of votes which is higher than the other in decision making.

Member: any person who is a member of the Association in any of the categories established by virtue of this Constitution.

Ordinary Member: Any Mosotho student registered with the University of

Cape Town or any student registered with the University who professes to have a sincere interest in the activities of the Association.

Quorum: minimal percentage of ordinary members present at a meeting.

The Association: Lesotho Students Association at the University of Cape Town.

Vote by proxy: voting right to an ordinary member, who is absent in a meeting, by a form prescribed in this Constitution.

Article 3. Application and Commencement

- a. This Constitution will apply to all members of LESA-UCT.
- b. The provisions of this Constitution will come into force after having been adopted by members, signed by designated signatories and sanctioned by relevant authorities of the University of Cape Town.

Article 4. Mission and Objectives

- a. Organizing the common life events for all Lesotho students, on and off campus, such as gatherings, sports and recreation.
- b. Discussing the academic and social problems of Lesotho students related to their stay at the University of Cape Town.
- c. Promoting Basotho culture among other student communities.
- d. Establishing close contact with other communities of students at the University of Cape Town.
- e. Assist LESA-UCT members in good and in difficult times.
- f. Contact prospective students of the University of Cape Town from Lesotho prior to their arrival at UCT.
- g. Undertake voluntary community development projects in South Africa and neighbouring countries.

PART TWO: MEMBERSHIP

Article 5. Membership

- a. There shall be three categories of membership of LESA-UCT: ordinary, affiliated and honorary membership.
- b. Ordinary membership shall be open to interested students registered at the University of Cape Town, irrespective of which programme of study they are undertaking.
- c. Affiliated membership shall be open to any member of the public, in and outside South Africa, provided that the application for such membership is to be approved by the Executive Committee of LESA-UCT.
- d. Honorary membership may be given by the Executive Committee to any person, in or outside South Africa, whose role in the Association or the community deserves recognition. This may also be given to any ordinary or affiliated member of the Association as a means of appreciation for the role played by him or her in the activities of the Association.
- e. Only ordinary members shall be eligible to vote or be voted for in electoral activities of LESA-UCT.
- f. Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, all members of LESA-UCT must enjoy the same rights and privileges vested on them by this Constitution or by virtue of being members of LESA-UCT.
- g. At least 85% of LESA-UCT members must be registered students at the University of Cape Town.

Article 6. Membership Status

Membership shall remain valid at any time in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution provided that:

- a. A member has paid his or her subscription fee as required by this Constitution (refer to Article 20).
- b. No disciplinary limitations have been imposed on him or her by virtue of this Constitution, which affect the status of his or her membership.
- c. There is no other limitation to his or her membership by virtue of this Constitution.

Article 7. Members' rights

All members of the LESA-UCT are equal. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a member has the right to:

- a. Benefit or participate in any of the LESA-UCT activities.
- b. Have equal treatment in all affairs of the Association without any form of discrimination.

- c. Enjoy any privileges of the Association attached to his or her membership.

Article 8. Members' duties

Every member of the LESA-UCT has a duty to:

- a. Comply with the Constitution and the Rules or Regulations made by any organ of the Association.
- b. Attend LESA-UCT general meetings as required by the provisions of this Constitution.
- c. Contribute morally and/or materially to all activities of the Association.
- d. Pay subscription fee as required by this Constitution.
- e. Perform any other task as may be assigned to him or her by any organ of the Association.
- f. Assist other members in their fulfilment of the objectives of this Constitution.

Article 9. Termination of Membership Voluntarily

- a. Members can voluntarily withdraw from the LESA-UCT by means of a written communication in electronic or non-electronic form addressed to the General Secretary of the LESA-UCT Executive Committee.
- b. The communication should state a motivation for the decision to withdraw.
- c. Where the General Secretary is of the opinion that the motivation behind withdrawal of membership by any member is not genuine, he or she may call the particular member and discuss with him/her the possibility, if any, of the member to change his or her mind.
- d. Where the consensus is not reached between the General Secretary and the member concerned, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee who may call the member and discuss with him or her the possibility of remaining as a member of the Association and if the consensus is not reached, the Executive Committee shall accept the withdrawal and inform the General Assembly and any other organ where necessary.
- e. In all the discussions in (c) and (d) above, a member should be allowed to express him- or herself with such reasonable freedom and shall, in any circumstance, not be forced or unduly influenced to change his or her decision of withdrawing his or her membership. The member must in all circumstances reach his or her decision with free consent.

Article 10. Termination of Membership by other reasons

Any member will cease to be a member by any of the following reasons:

- a. Death.
- b. Insanity or mental illness which has been certified medically to be of permanent nature or one which makes a person unable to exercise his or her duties as a member.
- c. Disciplinary measures in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- d. If one is an ordinary member, when he or she ceases to be a student of University of Cape Town
- e. If one is an affiliated or honorary member, when such membership is terminated by the Executive Committee with the approval of the General Assembly by the reason of non-compliance with the ethics, values or objectives of the Association.
- f. Any other reason in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

PART THREE: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Article 11. Organs of the Association

- a. There are two organs of LESA-UCT: The General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

The General Assembly is the Supreme organ of LESA-UCT.

Article 12. Leadership Structure

- a. The leadership of LESA-UCT shall be voluntary. There will be no salary or any remuneration paid to leaders of LESA-UCT except for the reimbursement of properly accounted expenses incurred in course of doing activities of the Association.
- b. The Association shall be led by the Chairperson, assisted by the Vice-Chairperson, General-Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Academics Representative.

(Refer here to Article 4).

- c. The term of office for leaders of LESA-UCT shall be one year from the date of election or appointment to fill any vacancy.
- d. The office of any leader shall fall vacant in case any of the following occurs against any of the leaders:
 - i. Death.
 - ii. Any physical or mental disability approved by a professional or medical doctor makes the person incapable of performing his/her duties.
 - iii. Completion of his or her studies at the University of Cape Town.
 - iv. Convicted and sentenced for any offence punishable under the laws of the host country.
 - v. Resignation provided that the General Assembly is officially informed.
 - vi. Removal from the office by the decision of the General Assembly following any misconduct which the General Assembly finds undesirable for the good image of the Association or proper conduct of the business of the Association following a procedure outlined in Articles 26(a) and 26(e)(iii).
 - vii. Any other reason which may make a person to be unavailable for official duties for a period not less than one month without prior permission of the Executive Committee.

Article 13. Composition and Functions of Organs of the Association

- a. In accordance with the provisions of Article 6(a) of this Constitution
 - i. The General Assembly shall be constituted by all members of the LESA-UCT regardless of their category of membership.

ii. The Executive Committee shall be constituted by all such leaders of LESA-UCT pursuant to Article 12(b) of this Constitution.

iii. Any person can be invited by the Executive Committee to form part of any organ specified under Article 11(a) of this Constitution provided that such co-opted member does not have a voting right on any decision which might require the exercise of such right in a particular organ.

b. The functions of the General Assembly shall be:

i. To approve any activity which must be done by the Association.

ii. To elect leaders of the Association.

iii. To appoint or form any committee to assist the Executive Committee in carrying out some specific duties as may be deemed desirable by the

General Assembly provided that such committee is temporary and serves the only purpose for which it has been established for.

iv. To approve and adopt an agenda for the meetings as may be tabled by the Executive Committee.

v. To discipline any member of the Association subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

vi. To advise the Executive Committee on any matter which is of interest to the Association.

vii. To pass resolutions after democratic deliberations of matters as tabled by the Executive Committee.

viii. To consider and approve or disapprove, with reasons, any resignation of a leader.

ix. To perform any other function which members shall agree on pursuant to the objectives of LESA-UCT or any other affiliated organ of the University.

x. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the General Assembly, by way of special resolution, may entrust any of its functions to the Executive Committee or any member of the Executive Committee or any special committee appointed by it, except for the amendments of the Constitution.

c. The functions of the Executive Committee shall be:

i. To carry out and implement all the decisions reached by the General Assembly.

ii. To report to the General Assembly on any matter which the Executive Committee may find necessary to do so.

iii. To account before the General Assembly on implementation of any such resolution(s) passed by the General Assembly.

iv. To represent the Association on any such matter which the Association needs to be represented.

v. To organize meetings or any such occasion which members of LESA-UCT are required to participate in or be involved.

vi. To think and plan on how the Association importantly realizes its objectives and where necessary, the Executive Committee may consult any person for moral or material support.

vii. To invite and co-opt any person in its meetings or the General Assembly's meetings for the purpose of securing any assistance or advice from such person on any matter which members of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly may be discussing.

viii. To manage all the properties of the Association on behalf of the Association.

ix. To appoint any ordinary member to fill, temporarily, any vacancy left within the leadership structure of the Executive Committee or any committee formed by the General Assembly by virtue of Article 13(b) (iii), provided that such appointment must be reported to the General Assembly, within one month, which must decide whether to affirm permanently that appointment or otherwise.

x. To perform any other function which the General Assembly may assign to it.

Article 14. Functions of members of the Executive Committee

a. The functions of the Chairperson of the Association shall be:

i. To preside over all meetings of the Association.

ii. To represent the Association on any matter which requires individual representation.

iii. To perform any other general function entrusted to the Executive Committee by the provisions of this Constitution where other members are absent provided that he or she must report to other members of the Executive Committee thereafter, who may decide to ratify or not.

iv. To perform any other function which the General Assembly or Executive Committee may assign to him or her.

b. The functions of the Vice-Chairperson of the Association shall be:

i. To assist the Chairperson on any such function vested on him or her by virtue of this Constitution.

ii. To perform any such function vested on the Chairperson in the absence of the latter.

iii. To assume the office of the Chairperson for such period until the election is made in event the office of the Chairperson falls vacant.

iv. To perform any other function as the General Assembly, Executive Committee or the Chairperson of the Association may assign to him or her.

- c. The functions of the General Secretary of the Association shall be:
- i. To keep all records of the Association.
 - ii. To call or schedule, after consultation with the Chairperson of the Association, all the meetings of LESA-UCT.
 - iii. To speak on behalf of the Association on any matter which the spokesperson for the Association may be needed to do so.
 - iv. To prepare report(s) to be tabled before the General Assembly, the Executive Committee or any other organ which may need such report pursuant to the fulfilment of the objectives of LESA-UCT.
 - v. To keep, maintain and update the register of the members of the Association.
 - vi. To prepare agenda of all the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee. The General Secretary must circulate the agenda of the General Assembly or Executive Committee before other organ members at least two days before the meeting and ask such members for any comments in relation to those agenda.
 - vii. In case the comments made to the agenda suggest addition or removal of any agenda or modification of any kind, the General Secretary may decide either to incorporate such suggestion as it is or modify it where he or she finds it necessary.
 - viii. The General Secretary may reject any suggestion made on the agenda pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution with reasons.
 - ix. The organ whose agenda are prepared by the General Secretary may resolve to adopt any rejected agenda after taking into consideration the reasons for rejection of such agenda by the General Secretary.
 - x. To perform any other function assigned to him or her by the General Assembly, Executive Committee or by the Chairperson.
- d. The functions of the Treasurer shall be:
- i.** To keep all financial records of the Association.
 - ii.** To account to the Executive Committee on any such expenditure or revenue related to the Association's activities.
 - iii.** To prepare and present before the Executive Committee and the General Assembly any such financial report as may be needed from time to time.
 - iv.** To think and plan for any such activity which may raise funds to cater for objectives of the Association.

v. To perform any such other function which the Chairperson, Executive Committee or General Assembly may assign to him or her.

e. The functions of the academic representative shall be:

i. To develop policies and procedures for excellent academic achievement of LESA-UCT.

ii. To assist LESA-UCT members in academic matters.

iii. Direct students to information about services offered within the University and the Students Support Facilities.

iv. Ensure that LESA-UCT members are aware of any decisions or changes that the University makes.

v. Be a point of contact for students on issues relating to their courses and facilities.

vi. Organise and facilitate meetings with the mentors in their respective courses once a term.

vii. To perform any such other function which the Chairperson, Executive Committee or General Assembly may assign to him or her

f. The functions of the Public relations representative shall be:

i. To organise and coordinate social events for LESA-UCT members.

ii. To notify the treasurer in time about financial needs of such events.

iii. Investigate and pursue standardisation with event approval and planning procedures.

iv. To perform any other duties related to the staging of events.

v. To perform any such other function which the Chairperson, Executive Committee or General Assembly may assign to him or her

g. All members of the Executive Committee should work as a team to achieve the objectives of the Association and shall in all circumstances

and where necessary or upon the request from one another, assist each other in their execution of the functions vested on them for the benefit of the Association.

- h. Any member of the Association shall assist the Executive Committee, on request or where the need arises, in ensuring that the objectives of the Association are achieved

PART FOUR: MEETINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

Article 15. Meetings of the Association

- a. There shall be ordinary and extraordinary meetings for the two organs of the Association.
- b. The General Assembly shall meet twice in a year for its ordinary meetings - one at the start of the first semester and the other at the end of the second semester at that date and place which the General Secretary, after consultation with the Chairperson, shall determine.
- c. All members of the Association have the right to attend any of the meetings of the General Assembly and participate in any activity or activities undertaken in such meetings subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
- d. Members of the Association may meet for any social gathering as part of recreation, sports or any other event as may be organized by the Executive Committee.
- e. The Executive Committee shall meet twice in a year for its ordinary meetings - one at the start of the first semester and the other at the end of the second semester at that date and place which the General Secretary, after consultation with the Chairperson, shall determine.
- f. The General Assembly or the Executive Committee shall meet at any time for an extraordinary meeting as the General Secretary shall determine.
- g. The legal effect of any resolution passed by the members in an ordinary or extraordinary meeting, shall be the same provided that any resolution may either be passed by consensus or by majority votes.
- h. The Quorum for any of the meetings of the Association shall be one third of all ordinary members registered and present in UCT at the time of the meeting provided that in any of such meetings at least two members of the Executive Committee are present and attend the particular meeting.
- i. In an event that no member of the Executive Committee is able to attend the meeting of the Association for the reasons which are unknown to other members of the Association or for any other reasons, members present at the meeting, through mutual agreement, will decide whether to proceed with the meeting or postpone it until such members of Executive Committee are present and able to attend the meeting.
- j. In case members in (i) above agree to proceed with the meeting without the attendance of any of the members of Executive Committee, they shall appoint a person to preside over the meeting and the person who shall keep the records of that particular meeting.

Article 16. Resolutions

- a. Any resolution passed in an ordinary meeting shall be known as ordinary resolution.
- b. Any resolution passed in an extraordinary meeting shall be known as a special resolution.
- c. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, any resolution of any organ of the Association can be passed by general consensus of the members present in a duly constituted meeting.
- d. Except in the case of constitutional amendments, any resolution can be passed by majority votes of members who are present in a duly constituted meeting.
- e. Any member who is present in a meeting and who is eligible to vote for any resolution and who decides to abstain from voting shall be deemed to have supported any decision passed by the majority votes.
- f. A member who is absent from the meeting and who has issued a notice of apology in any written form to the General Secretary, can vote in any resolution by proxy.

PART FIVE: ELECTIONS

Article 17. Types of Elections

- a. The Association shall have a general election as advised by UCT before the end of fourth term.
- b. The general election shall be conducted on the date stated by UCT.
- c. The Association may conduct by-election to fill any vacancy left by any of the elected leaders of the Association subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

Article 18. Right to participate in Elections

- a. All ordinary members of the Association have the right to vote or be voted for any post in the Association.
- b. Other members of the Association can participate as observers in any election process.
- c. No ordinary member of the Association shall be eligible stand for any of the posts of the Association if such member has no more than six months of study period left at the University of UCT.

Article 19. Procedures of the Election

- a. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for calling up an independent electoral commission, constituting of at least five voluntary ordinary members, whose responsibility shall be to undertake all preparations pertaining to the election of a new Executive Committee.
- b. The electoral commission shall notify the General Assembly of the day of elections in writing at least two weeks prior to the day of elections. The general electoral commission shall determine the procedures to be used in the election. In any election, the quorum for voting is 50% of ordinary members.
- c. Any ordinary member interested to become a candidate for any post in the Executive Committee can lodge his or her application to the electoral commission at least one day prior to the date of election.
- d. In an event no ordinary member has shown his or her expressed interest to be nominated for any of the posts, the General Assembly shall nominate any two ordinary members to sit as candidates in such post and members shall be asked to vote for anyone among the two nominated members to serve in the post concerned. Such a post shall be occupied by the candidate who attains votes amounting to at least 51% of the quorum.
- e. The election shall be done only for three posts - Chairperson, General Secretary and Treasurer.

- f. Other two members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson after consultation with the General Secretary in consideration of gender and representation from postgraduate and undergraduate programmes.
- g. In case the electoral commission decides to use a secret ballot in any election or any form of voting to decide a winner among two or more candidates in the same post, the winner shall be determined by majority votes.
- h. An ordinary member who is absent can nevertheless vote by proxy provided that a written notice, electronic or otherwise, was given at least half an hour before the election starts to the person presiding over the election exercise. The notice must state the person who shall exercise that right in the absence of that person.

PART SIX: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article 20. Source of funds

- a. LESA-UCT is a non-profit association.
- b. All funds and subscriptions generated by LESA-UCT shall be for the purpose of ensuring that the general objectives of the Association are met in line with rules and regulations of the University of Cape Town.
- c. The primary source of funds for the Association shall be the annual membership fee paid by all members of the Association except honorary and affiliated members.
- d. The annual membership fee will be determined by the General Assembly annually.
- e. Apart from membership fees, members may donate anything to the Association to keep the activities of the Association running.
- f. A receipt shall be issued to any fee collected from any person, and for any donation or contribution the record should be kept by the Treasurer.

Article 21. The Office of Treasury

- a. The Treasurer shall be the Accounting Officer of the Association and shall work closely with the Chairperson and the General Secretary in all financial matters and records.
- b. No payment shall be effected without the approval of the Treasurer.
- c. The Chairperson may temporarily appoint any member of the Executive Committee to perform the duties vested on the Treasurer in case the latter is temporarily absent from UCT.

Article 22. Account and Signatories

- a. The Association shall open an account with any South African Bank which has its branch in UCT and the account shall have the name of the Association.
- b. The signatories of the Association will be the Chairperson, the General Secretary and the Treasurer. Any two signatures can make any banking transaction on behalf of the Association provided that in case one of those two signatures is not of the Treasurer, then the notice must be given to the Treasurer within 24 hours after such a transaction has been made.

PART SEVEN: DISCIPLINARY

Article 23. Disciplinary measures

- a. No disciplinary action shall be taken against any member of the Association unless the notice, in any form, has been served to that member stating categorically the allegations against him or her and that member has been afforded the right to be heard.
- b. The General Assembly will be a disciplinary organ for the Association subject to article 26 (a).
- c. When addressing disciplinary issues, the General Assembly shall be subject to the disciplinary codes and processes of the University of Cape Town and the SSOC.

Article 24. Causes for disciplinary action

Any member of the Association can face disciplinary action where it is proved that:

- a. That member conducts himself or herself in a manner which is inconsistent with the values or objectives of the Association.
- b. That member has breached the provisions of this Constitution or any rules made by the organs of the Association.
- c. That member has conducted himself or herself in disrespect of other members of the Association.
- d. That member conducts himself or herself in a manner which tarnishes the good image of the Association.
- e. That member has abused the office or properties of the Association.

Article 25. Powers of the Executive Committee on disciplinary matters

- a. The Executive Committee will have power to hear any dispute or complaint between two or more members and advise them accordingly in the spirit of ensuring good relationship among members of the Association.
- b. In a case where a dispute brought to the attention of the Executive Committee persists, a written warning shall be issued to a member concerned.
- c. In an event that a warning issued by the Executive Committee is not complied with by the member concerned, the General Secretary after consultation with the Chairperson, should table the matter before the General Assembly which will determine the matter and take appropriate measures where necessary by majority votes.

- d. In all such cases, members are encouraged to behave in a manner that will reflect the good values which the Association advocates and be ready to cooperate in all circumstances to uphold moral values of the society they are living in and live in mutual respect to each other.
- e. In an event a member of the Executive Committee is accused of any misconduct, the matter should be discussed by all other members of Executive Committee and where necessary, a warning will be issued to the member concerned.
- f. All complaints or allegations against any member of the Association will be channelled through the General Secretary.
- g. Where the allegations or complaints are against the General Secretary, such complaints or allegations should be channelled through the Chairperson who will have power to summon all members of the Executive Committee to discuss the matter.
- h. In an event of any disagreement among Executive Committee on any disciplinary action, the matter should be determined by majority votes and the Chairperson will have the casting vote in case of any balance in number of votes.

Article 26. Appeal

- a. The decision of the General Assembly is not final and conclusive. All members have the right to appeal to the Student Court and all members shall be notified of this right.
- b. Any appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee must be heard by the General Assembly.
- c. The General Secretary will schedule the meeting of the General Assembly three days after receiving a notice of appeal from any member of the Association and the General Assembly will appoint any member other than a member of Executive Committee to preside over a meeting which should determine an appeal of any member of the Association.
- d. In an event of any equal balance in number of votes in the General Assembly, the presiding Chairperson will have a casting vote.
- e. The General Assembly shall have power to issue any of the following disciplinary measures:
 - i. Issue a warning to a member.
 - ii. If it is the member of Executive Committee, suspend him or her from his or her official duties for a period not exceeding one month.
 - iii. If it is the member of Executive Committee, remove him or her from the office and replace him or her with another member in accordance with Article 19.

- iv. Suspend the membership for a period not exceeding three months.
- v. Terminate membership.
- f. The General Assembly should take into consideration the interests of the Association, the willingness of the member to amend his or her faults and the need to uphold good values of the Association before taking any disciplinary measure against any member.
- g. The functions of the General Assembly under the provisions of this Article cannot be delegated to any other organ of the Association except where this Article allows otherwise.

PART 8: MISCELLANEOUS

Article 27. Power to make or adopt rules

- a. The General Assembly may adopt any rules to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of this Constitution.
- b. The Executive Committee may adopt a Code of Ethics for all members of the Association.
- c. In case of any conflict between the provisions of this Constitution and any rule made by any organ of the Association, the Constitution shall prevail.
- d. In case of any lacuna within the provisions of this Constitution or rules made under this Constitution, the Executive Committee should determine the appropriate steps to fill that gap provided that such steps will not go to the extent of amending the provisions of this Constitution without prior approval.

Article 28. Amendment of the Constitution

- a. A motion to amend this Constitution shall be filed by any member of the Association to the General Secretary of the Association.
- b. That motion must be accompanied by a supporting petition signed by at least 1/3 of all registered ordinary members of the Association.
- c. A motion to amend the Constitution originating from the resolution passed by 2/3 of the Executive Committee shall not require any supporting petition before it is tabled for discussion and approval or disapproval by the General Assembly.
- d. The General Secretary, upon receiving a properly filed motion, shall, in two (2) days, call for a meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss the motion and schedule for a meeting of the General Assembly seven (7) days after the Executive Committee's meeting.
- e. The General Secretary shall schedule for the General Assembly meeting to discuss any motion originating from the Executive Committee which proposes for the amendments to the Constitution seven days (7) after the motion was passed by the Executive Committee.
- f. Any motion to amend the Constitution should be circulated to all members of the Association at least three (3) days prior to the General Assembly's meeting.
- g. The Amendments of any of the provisions of this Constitution shall come into effect after having been passed by 2/3 of the properly constituted General Assembly and signed by the presiding Chairperson of the particular meeting.

- h. Any proposed amendments will be consistent to the objectives of the Association.

Article 29. Relationship with other bodies

- a. LESA-UCT shall be registered in accordance with the rules governing registration of students association at the University of Cape Town and should have its legal status in accordance to the rules of its registration.
- b. The Association shall be free to work with or join any organization which conforms with the objectives of this Association provided that by doing so, the Association or its members will not be contravening any law for which the Association is required to abide with.
- c. The Executive Committee will be the representative of the Association in such affairs with other bodies.
- d. The Association will co-operate with the University to ensure that the objectives of the Association are met.
- e. The Association may consult the Students Representative Council of the University of Cape Town for any advice or assistance where necessary.
- f. The Association will remain subordinate to all such organs which by virtue of its establishment and registration is required to be so.

Article 30. Dissolution

- a. The existence of the Association is independent from its members.
- b. The fact that there is no Lesotho student studying at the University of Cape Town will not mean that the Association is dissolved.
- c. The Association shall be dissolved by the operation of law or by 2/3 agreement of all members.
- d. The Association may by a resolution passed by at least 2/3 of its members suspend its activities for any reason which the General Assembly may deem satisfactory.
- e. The notice of dissolution will be sent to such other bodies which reasonably require such notice.

Article 31. Copy of this Constitution

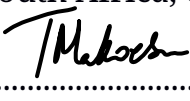
- a. The copy of this Constitution may be available in the Sesotho language version which will be signed by the Chairperson.
- b. In case of any conflict between the interpretation in Sesotho and English versions, the English version shall prevail.
- c. Each member of the Association at his or her own expense may have a copy of this Constitution and the Rules made therein.

- d. The General Secretary may issue a copy of this Constitution to any authority or body where he or she deems necessary to do so.

Adopted and signed at Cape Town, South Africa, on this ...²⁹ day of
.....*March*..... 2026

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Chairperson of LESA-UCT


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General Secretary of LESA-UCT