

Constitution of The AAADS Undergraduate Association

Preamble

Section 1: NAME

The name of this organization is The AAADS Undergraduate Association. AAADS stands for African American and African Diaspora Studies.

Section 2: PURPOSE & GOALS

The purpose of this organization is to create community amongst those with majors or minors in African American and African Diaspora Studies, as well as those with interests in issues concerning Black communities across the world. In doing so, this organization serves as a support system that assists undergraduate students of Indiana University Bloomington to succeed academically, personally, and professionally. In accordance with these goals, the organization strives to create interest and awareness of the African American and African Diaspora Studies Department amongst undergraduate students of Indiana University Bloomington.

Article I: Membership

All members of this organization should attend 2/3 of the organization's events, (including meetings), each semester and have sincere educational interests in the current cultures and past histories of Black peoples around the world.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

Sections 1: POSITIONS

The Executive Officers of this organization include the President, Vice President, Historian, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each officer must have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average within the African American and African Diaspora Studies Department, attend a monthly Executive Officers meeting, and fulfill the duties of their specialized role.

- A. The President is in charge of leading the organization's meetings and programming events to create community amongst members.
- B. The Vice President is responsible for creating interest about the organization and about the African American and African Diaspora Studies Department amongst the undergraduate student population. In addition to this the Vice President will also lead events in the President's absence.
- C. The Historian is responsible for taking pictures and videos of events created by the organization and posting them to the African American and African Diaspora Studies Department website.
- D. The Treasurer is in charge of managing and keeping record of all budgetary and fiscal matters concerning meetings and events.
- E. The Secretary is responsible for taking notes during meetings, sending emails to members, and completing University paperwork such as re-registering the organization each year.

Article IV: Advisor

The advisor will serve as a liaison between of the organization and the African American and African Diaspora Studies Department and will be selected by the President. The advisor will maintain this role for their entire tenure at the University unless resignation is desired. In the event of this

occasion the Executive Officers will interview and select a new advisor within 30 days of the previous advisor's departure.

Article V: Meetings

Meetings take place once a month (with exclusion of the Summer term) for approximately one to two hours. Members will be notified about meetings through email and/or a group messaging app. Those who are interested in joining meetings and becoming a member but have yet to do so can discover when meetings take place by contacting an Executive Officer or advisor. The Secretary will record attendance for meetings.

Article VI: Elections

Members shall secure a year long term as an Executive Officer by a majority vote of at least 3/4 of the organization's members. Election will occur once each school year during the Fall semester by way of an online voting system. Previous Executive Officers must re-run for said position at the start of a new school year if they wish to continue to serve in their role. Running for a position requires members with interest to state a speech on why they are fit for the role to members prior to election.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article VIII: Finances

The Treasurer is in charge of financial affairs that include: assuring funds are used responsibly and in accordance with University guidelines, applying for and managing a Student Organization Account, as well as giving the Secretary records of how money was utilized each semester. Money remaining in the occurrence that the organization dissolves will go

towards a final event that complies with the organization's purpose and goals.

Article IX: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article X: Amendments

Voting members include the Executive Officers of the school year in which the change to the constitution shall take place. These individual will be notified of proposed amendments during meetings.

Article XI:: Ratification

A 3/4 in person vote of Executive Officers is required to ratify an amendment.