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**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENTS' ORGANISATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI (SONU)**

PREAMBLE

WE the students of the University of Nairobi desiring to constitute ourselves as an organisation to secure for ourselves and our posterity academic freedom, excellence, liberty and our welfare,

HUMBLY submitting to God and recognising our responsibility before Him, humanity and to ourselves,

HONOURING the selfless efforts, drawbacks and successes of the founding and succeeding members,

PROUD of the diversity of backgrounds and cultures of members, united by a common purpose and aspirations,

GUIDED by the principles, reason, courtesy, and genuine search of all virtues to live in comradeship, peace and to develop salubrious concord with other student bodies, person(s), institutions and all who believe in the ideals of justice, equality and truth,

RECOGNISING the supreme authority of the University Council through the University of Nairobi Act Cap 210 Laws of Kenya, the Regulations Governing The Organisation Conduct and Discipline Of Students made thereunder and other related and relevant laws of the land in all activities and organisations of the University,

ADOPT, ENACT and give this Constitution to ourselves and our future generations as our supreme governing law.

COMRADES POWER!

PART ONE

NAME, INTERPRETATION AND OBJECTS

Preamble

Name

Article 1: Name

The name of the organisation shall be Students' Organisation of the University of Nairobi (hereinafter known and referred to as SONU or the Organisation).

Registered Office

Article 2: Registered Office Of SONU

The headquarters of the organisation shall be at the SONU Building at the University Main Campus P.O. Box 30197 00100, Nairobi or such other place as the Parliament may determine.

Article 3: Interpretation

- a) "Annual Accounts" shall mean the balance sheet and the statement of income and expenditure.
- b) "Bona fide Member" shall mean and include only the duly paid up members.
- c) "Chancellor's Court" shall refer to the Chancellor's Court situated at Main Campus of the University of Nairobi.
- d) "The Parliament" shall mean the body comprising the Executive and the elected Congresspersons as set out in SCHEDULES ONE and TWO attached hereto.
- e) "The Constitution" shall refer to the Constitution of SONU unless otherwise stated.
- f) "Main Campus" shall mean the Main Campus of the University of Nairobi.
- g) "Member of Staff" shall be construed to include both academic and non-academic staff members at the University of Nairobi.
- h) "Standing Orders" shall mean the Standing Orders of SONU Parliament.
- i) "Secretariat of SONU Parliament" shall mean the Clerk, Hansard Editor, Sergeant-at-Arms and their Deputies as well as any other such personnel.
- j) "Senate" shall refer to the University of Nairobi Senate as defined in University of Nairobi Act, Cap. 210 of the Laws of Kenya.
- k) "Student" shall mean a student as defined in the University of Nairobi Act, Cap. 210 of the Laws of Kenya.
- l) "Student Organisation" shall mean as provided for under Section 2, Sub-Section 3 of the University of Nairobi Act, Cap. 210 of the Laws of Kenya.
- m) "The Council" means the council of the university established under section 14 of Cap 210 Laws of Kenya
- n) "University" shall refer to the University of Nairobi as defined in Cap. 210 of the Laws of Kenya.
- o) "University Administration" shall mean and include all the administrative bodies and persons of the University of Nairobi Act and relevant provisions of the University Statutes.
- p) "University Financial Regulations" shall mean the financial regulations of the University.
- q) "University Management Board" shall have the same meaning as provided for under Statute XII and relevant provisions the University Statutes.

Interpretation

Article 4: Aims And Objectives

The aims and objectives of SONU shall be:

- (a) To use all lawful, proper and prudent means to ensure that members' aspirations and interests are realised.
- (b) To promote students' welfare.
- (c) To seek and undertake representation and/or participation in organs of the University.
- (d) To work in close solidarity with other students' organisations within the University and to establish friendly relations and understanding with other relevant organisations, whose objectives are similar to the Organisation's.
- (e) To seek, enhance and maintain the freedom of conscience, expression, association, academic liberty and all the rights and privileges accruing to members by virtue of their humanity, age, status, sex, citizenship and any other relevant criteria.
- (f) To promote the enjoyment of the freedoms, rights and privileges referred to in paragraph (d) above.
- (g) To work hand in hand with the University Administration or other University bodies concerned with the enhancement of members' standard of living and improvement of facilities at the University.
- (h) To encourage student academic research and the development of their artistic and professional talents.
- (i) To improve and preserve high academic standards in the University.
- (j) To improve the student-lecturer relationship by developing and enhancing mutual confidence among the students and lecturers.
- (k) To publish and distribute a magazine or other publications in which students can give expression, views, thoughts and creative talents.
- (l) To raise funds through any lawful means for purposes of achieving the aims and objectives of SONU.
- (m) To participate in community service in compliance with the University objects.
- (n) To carry out such other activities that may be incidental to achievement of the above objectives.

Aims And
Objectives

PART TWO

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5: Membership

1) Ordinary membership

Ordinary membership shall be open to all undergraduate students in the University of Nairobi as follows:

- a) Government Sponsored Students duly admitted by the Senate (otherwise known as module one) who shall pay an annual subscription fee of five percent (5%) of tuition fees or five hundred Kenya shillings (Ksh. 500), whichever may be lower, or an amount as may be proposed from time to time by Parliament and approved by Council.
- b) Self Sponsored Students duly admitted by Senate (otherwise known as module two) who shall pay an annual subscription fee of five percent (5%) of tuition fees or one thousand Kenya shillings (Ksh. 1000), whichever may be lower, or an amount as may be proposed from time to time by Parliament and approved by the Council.

2) Associate membership

a) Associate membership shall be open to all duly admitted Post Graduate students of the University and all other undergraduate students of the University under any of the modules who are members of staff.

PROVIDED HOWEVER that such postgraduate students and any undergraduate students who are also members of staff at the University shall not be members of SONU.

b) Associate members shall pay an annual subscription fee of one thousand Kenya Shillings (Ksh.1000) or such an amount as may be proposed by from time to time Parliament and approved by the University Council.

3) Honorary membership

Membership

- a) The Organisation may, by a resolution passed by half of all the Members of Parliament, invite any past members of the Organisation or any person(s) who, in the opinion of the Parliament and approved by Council, has rendered valuable service and/or contribution to the Organisation or University, to become honorary member of the Organisation.
- b) Any former member may apply to the Executive to be an honorary member of the organisation. The Executive shall vet such applications and present proper applications to Parliament for recommendation to Council for its approval.
- c) A person invited to join the Organisation as an Honorary member may choose a class of honorary membership as follows:
 - i) Gold membership at a subscription fee of Ksh.20,000 or as may be proposed by Parliament from time to time and approved by Council.
 - ii) Silver membership at a subscription fee of Ksh.10, 000 or as may be proposed by Parliament from time to time and approved by Council.
 - iii) Bronze membership at a subscription fee of Ksh.5, 000 or as may be proposed by Parliament from time to time and approved by Council.
- d) An honorary member shall serve for a term of three years renewable upon satisfactory performance and proposal by Parliament and subsequent approval by the Council.

PROVIDED HOWEVER that honorary members shall not vote or be eligible to hold any office of SONU.

Rights
Privileges And
Duties Of
Members

Article 6: Rights, Privileges And Duties Of Members

1) Ordinary Members

- a) Subject to Article 20 of this Constitution, an ordinary member may seek election to any office or position established in this Constitution and shall be entitled to vote at SONU elections.

- b) Forming part of two thirds of registered members, an ordinary member may petition the Secretary General to call the Annual General Meeting.
- c) An ordinary member shall have the right to access all relevant information relating to affairs of the Organisation including books and records of accounts, audit reports and minutes of meetings in so far as it shall be reasonable.
- d) An ordinary member shall have the right to take part in all legal, valid and legitimate activities organized and run by the Organisation for its members.

2) Associate Members

- a) Upon obtaining signatures of two thirds of registered members, an Associate member, may petition the Secretary General to call the Annual General Meeting.
- b) An Associate member shall have the right to access all relevant information relating to affairs of the Organisation including books and records of accounts, audit reports and minutes of meetings in so far as it shall be reasonable.
- c) A member shall have the right to take part in all legal, valid and legitimate activities organized and run by the Organisation for its members.

3) Honorary Members

- a) An Honorary member may be appointed as Advisor of the Organisation as provided for under Article 18 of this Constitution.
- b) Honorary members may take part in all legal, valid and legitimate activities organized and run by the Organisation for its members.

Duties

Article 7: Duties

Every member shall solemnly abide themselves by the letter and spirit of this Constitution.

Article 8: Cessation Of Membership

Membership shall cease where an ordinary or associate member or honorary member as the case may be:

Cessation Of
Membership

- (a) Retires upon completion of the degree programme at the University, or voluntarily prior to such completion, or voluntarily in the case of honorary members.
- (b) Ceases to be a student on account of transfer to another university, death, suspension for a period longer than three weeks, expulsion or discontinuation by the University or for any other reason including mental infirmity or a vote of no confidence by the Parliament.
- (c) In the event of death of an honorary member, or where Parliament is of the opinion that the honorary member is not living to the spirit of this Constitution and upon approval by the Council such honorary membership shall cease.
- (d) Where a member is disqualified under any written law, or their continued membership is deemed by SONU and Council as being in any way detrimental to the organisation and the University.

Article 9: Suspension

Suspension

- 1) A member may be suspended by Parliament at the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee established under this Constitution for a duration deemed just and reasonable.
- 2) Suspension shall take effect if Parliament resolves that such a member as mentioned in section 1 above should be so suspended only on the grounds that their conduct has adversely affected the reputation or dignity of SONU and the University or that they have contravened any of the provisions of this Constitution.

PROVIDED that a member whose suspension is proposed shall have the right to fair hearing, including the right to appear, address, submit, call witnesses or any other conduct consistent with the rules of natural justice and in accordance with the letter and spirit of this Constitution.

PROVIDED further that a member shall not be suspended for more than fifteen (15) weeks from the date of the written notice of suspension.

PART THREE

ORGANS OF SONU

Organs Of
Administration

Article 10: Organs of Sonu

- a) Members in General Meetings;
- b) Parliament;
- c) The Executive.

Classes of
General
Meetings

Article 11: General Meetings

1) Classes of General Meetings

There shall be three classes of general meetings of SONU, that is

- a) The Annual General Meeting, hereinafter referred to as AGM;
- b) The Special General Meeting, hereinafter referred to as SGM and;
- c) Extra-ordinary General Meeting, hereinafter referred to as *Kamukunji*.

2) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Annual General
Meeting (AGM)

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than (12) twelve months following the last AGM.
- b) Notice in writing of such AGM, accompanied by the Annual Report and Accounts and the Agenda for the meeting shall be sent to all members in not less than 21 (twenty-one) days before the date of the meeting and, where practicable, the notice of the meeting shall be advertised in the press not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the date of the meeting.
- c) The Annual Report and Accounts as set out in Articles 32 and 33 of this Constitution

shall be tabled at the AGM and shall be open for inspection by members.

- d) An AGM may also be requisitioned for a specific purpose by order in writing to the Secretary- General by not less than one hundred (100) members and such meeting shall be held within 21 (twenty one) days of the date of the requisition. The notice for such meeting shall be sent out as stipulated in sub-section (b) of this section and no matter shall be discussed other than that stated in the requisition.
- e) The Agenda of any AGM, other than that requisitioned under paragraph (d) hereof shall consist of the following:
 - i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM;
 - ii) Tabling of Annual Reports and Accounts;
 - iii) Presentation of the Auditor' s Reports;
 - iv) Consideration and adoption of Annual Reports and Accounts;
 - v) Such other matters as the Executive may decide or as to which notice shall have been given in writing by a member or members to the Secretary General at least four weeks before the date of the meeting;
 - vi) Handing over;
 - vii) Any other business proposed with the approval of the Chairperson.

3) Special General Meeting (SGM)

Special General Meeting (SGM)

A SGM May be called for any specific purpose by the Parliament through the Secretary General. Notice in writing of such meeting and agenda shall be sent to all members not less than 7 (seven) days before the date of such meeting.

4) Extra –Ordinary General Meeting (*Kamukunji*)

Extra Ordinary General Meeting (*Kamukunji*)

- a) A *Kamukunji* shall be called for any purpose or purposes of an emergency nature by the Chairperson or in their absence the Deputy-Chairperson or in their absence, any other member or members of the Executive.
- b) The quorum of the *Kamukunji* shall be those members present at the meeting, provided that its decisions shall be subject to the approval of parliament.

5) Quorum For General Meetings

Quorum for General Meetings

Quorum for General Meetings except the *Kamukunji* shall be five hundred (500) members other than honorary members.

6) Supreme Authority

Supreme Authority

The Annual General Meeting shall be the supreme decision-making body of SONU .

Article 12: Parliament

1) Establishment And Composition Of Parliament

Parliament

- a) There shall be a Parliament of SONU, hereinafter referred to as "Parliament".
- b) Parliament shall consist of:

- i) Congresspersons consisting of Halls Representatives and Faculty, Institute or School Representatives;
- ii) Speaker as *ex-officio* member;

iii) The Executive.

2) Powers And Functions Of Parliament

Parliament shall have the powers to

- a) Subject to this Constitution, enact rules and regulations for SONU;
- b) Deliberate on and resolve issues of concern to the members;
- c) Consider and propose amendments to this Constitution to be approved by the AGM and the Council;
- d) Under the guidance of the University Finance Officer, propose budgetary allocations for legitimate members' activities, including allowances and remuneration of SONU officials, for approval by the University management;
- e) Approve policy and agenda of the Executive;
- f) Review the conduct of the officers of SONU;
- g) Review allowances and remuneration of SONU officials from time to time, subject to the approval of the University Management Board.
- h) Subject to this Constitution, delegate functions to any organ of SONU;
- i) Carry out any other duty that may be incidental to performance of its functions.

Powers And
Functions Of
Parliament

3) Procedures And Proceedings Of Parliament

- a) Subject to this Constitution, the procedures and proceedings of Parliament shall be governed by the Standing Orders of SONU Parliament.
- b) The Parliament shall meet at least twice a Semester.

Procedures And
Proceedings Of
Parliament

4) Parliamentary Committees

Parliament shall act through committees as provided for in the Standing Orders of SONU Parliament.

Parliamentary
Committees

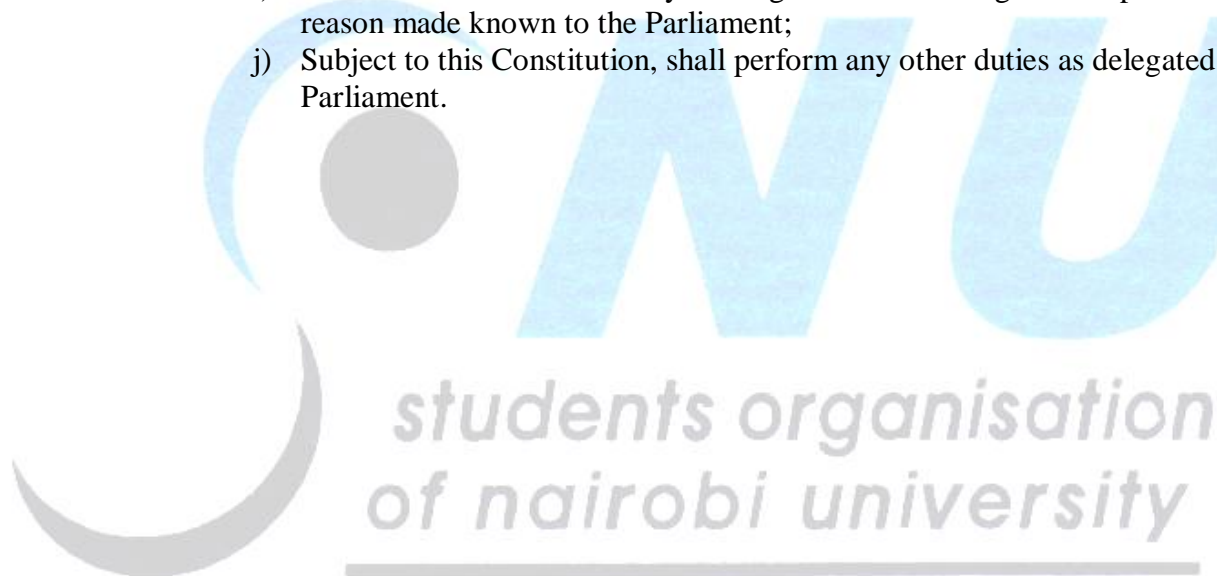
Article 13: Halls Representatives

There shall be Halls Representatives from each constituency as provided for in Schedule One.

The Halls Representatives:

- a) Shall be Members of Parliament and perform all functions of Parliament under this Constitution;
- b) Shall generally articulate the special needs, aspirations and interests of their respective Constituencies;
- c) Shall collect views from their respective Constituencies and present them to Parliament for appropriate action;
- d) May constitute, sit and perform duties of Parliamentary Committees as provided for under the Standing Orders of SONU Parliament;
- e) Shall represent SONU in the Strategic Management Units of their respective Constituencies;
- f) Shall represent SONU in any other relevant committee in their Constituencies;
- g) Shall represent SONU in Disciplinary Boards of their respective Constituencies;
- h) May be members of Executive Committees as provided for in Article 17 of this Constitution;
- i) Shall attend all Parliamentary and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Parliament;
- j) Subject to this Constitution, shall perform any other duties as delegated to them by Parliament.

Halls
Representatives



Article 14: Faculty/ School/Institute Representatives

- 1) There shall be Faculty/School/Institute Representatives from each constituency as provided for in Schedule Two attached hereto.
- 2) Each Faculty/ School/Institute outlined in Schedule Two shall have at least one representative from members outlined in Article 5(1)(b) of this Constitution.
- 3) The duly elected Representatives:
 - a) Shall be Members of Parliament and perform all functions of Parliament under this Constitution;
 - b) Shall generally articulate the special academic needs, aspirations and interests of their respective Constituencies;
 - c) Shall collect views from their respective Constituencies and present them to Parliament for appropriate action;
 - d) May constitute, sit and perform duties of Parliamentary Committees as provided for under the Standing Orders of SONU Parliament;
 - e) Shall represent SONU in the Strategic Management Unit of their respective Constituencies;
 - f) Shall represent SONU in any other relevant committee in their Constituencies;
 - g) Shall represent SONU in Disciplinary Boards of their respective Constituencies;
 - h) May be members of Executive Committees as provided for in Article 17(1) of this Constitution;
 - i) Shall attend all Parliamentary and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Parliament;
 - j) Shall subject to this Constitution perform any other duties as delegated to them by Parliament.

Faculty
Representatives

Article 15: The Speaker

There shall be a Speaker of SONU Parliament elected as provided for in the Standing Orders.

The Speaker shall:

- a) Be the head of SONU Parliament;
- b) Be a Member of Parliament and perform all functions of Parliament under this Constitution;
- c) Receive motions from members and communicate Parliamentary sessions as provided for in the Standing Orders of SONU Parliament;
- d) Organise Parliamentary sessions and call for special meetings of Parliament as provided for under the Standing Orders of SONU Parliament;
- e) After being mandated by Parliament declare a seat vacant for purposes of by-elections as provided for under Article 28 of this Constitution.
- f) Act as a link between SONU Parliament and the Executive;
- g) Be in charge of the Secretariat of SONU Parliament;
- h) Subject to this Constitution perform any other duties as delegated to them by Parliament.

The Speaker

Article 16: The Executive

1) Composition

The Executive shall consist of the following eighteen (18) officials:

The Executive

- a) Chairperson;
- b) Deputy- Chairperson (Administration and Finance)
- c) Deputy- Chairperson (Academic Affairs);
- d) Secretary General;
- e) Treasurer;
- f) Organizing Secretary;
- g) Secretary for Legal Affairs;
- h) Secretary for Health, Catering and Accommodation;
- i) Secretary for Gender Affairs;
- j) Secretary for Sports and Entertainment;
- k) One representative each from the following campuses:
 - i) Parklands;
 - ii) Lower Kabete;
 - iii) Upper Kabete;
 - iv) Medical School;
 - v) Chiromo;
 - vi) Kikuyu;
 - vii) Main Campus, College of Architecture and Engineering;
 - viii) Main Campus, College of Humanities and Social Sciences.
 - ix) Kenya Science

2) Powers and Functions Of The Executive

The Executive:

Powers Of The Executive

- a) Shall be responsible for the day to day running of SONU;
- b) Shall implement decisions of the Parliament;
- c) Shall have powers to deal with emergency matters, but shall report to and seek the ratification of Parliament at the next meeting of Parliament;
- d) Shall deal with any petition lodged to it by any member through the office of the Secretary General on account that any organ of SONU has failed to act as stipulated in the Constitution;
- e) Shall appoint members of the sub- committees as provided for in this Constitution;
- f) May subject to this Constitution, and where it deems appropriate, appoint an *ad hoc* committee for any named specific task; provided the committee shall dissolve upon the completion of the named specific task;
- g) Shall meet as often as there is need but at least twice in a month;
- h) Shall handle, manage or deal with any matters directly affecting or incidental to the governance of SONU;
- i) Shall be the appointing authority of the Secretariat of SONU Parliament or any other such personnel and;
- j) Shall subject to this Constitution perform any other functions delegated to it by the Parliament;

3) Chairperson

The Chairperson:

- (a) Shall be the Chairperson of SONU and the Executive and shall, subject to this Constitution, be answerable for all matters on behalf of SONU;
- (b) Shall summon Executive and SONU meetings and shall unless incapacitated by reason of illness or any other sufficient cause preside over such Executive and general meetings in accordance with this Constitution and the SONU Standing Orders;
- (c) Shall sign the confirmed minutes of Executive and SONU meetings;
- (d) Shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees and *ad hoc* committees;
- (e) Shall be a co-signatory to all SONU cheques and other negotiable instruments;
- (f) Shall represent SONU in the University Council;
- (g) Shall have the following emergency powers:
 - i. to call an emergency meeting of the Executive and/or Parliament.
PROVIDED that the meeting of the Parliament shall be called through the Speaker;
 - ii. to take emergency decisions on behalf of SONU in extra-ordinary circumstances when the Executive or the Parliament cannot be consulted. He shall however seek the approval of the Parliament and the Executive as the case may be and communicate their decision to the Executive as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (h) Chair and nominate members of the Special Investigations Committee, provided for under this Constitution, for appointment by the Executive;
- (i) Shall articulate the policies of SONU and provide exemplary leadership;
- (j) Shall subject to this Constitution, carry out any other duties that may be delegated to them by the Executive or Parliament provided that such duty or responsibility is consistent with the laws of the land.

Chairperson

4) Deputy-Chairperson (Administration And Finance)

The Deputy-Chairperson(Administration and Finance) shall:

- a) Together with the Deputy-Chairperson, Academic Affairs deputise the Chairperson in the latter's absence;
- b) In consultation with the Treasurer, be in charge of resource mobilisation and income generating activities and projects of the organisation;
- c) Be in charge of all administrative and internal administration matters of the organisation;
- d) Together with the Treasurer, co-chair and nominate members to the Finance And General Purpose Committee as stipulated in this Constitution, for appointment by the Executive;
- e) Prepare in consultation with the Treasurer proposals for raising finances and resources for the organisation;
- f) Mobilise in consultation with the Treasurer finances for SONU programmes approved by Parliament;
- g) Develop and organise leadership training programmes;
- h) Ensure welfare of needy as well as physically challenged members;
- i) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- j) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Chairperson and/or the Executive.

Deputy-Chairperson
(Administration
And Finance)

5) Deputy-Chairperson (Academic Affairs)

The Deputy-Chairperson Academic Affairs shall:

- a) Together with the Deputy-Chairperson, Administration and Finance deputise the Chairperson in the latter's absence;
- b) Liaise with the DVC (academic affairs) on academic issues;
- c) Work in liaison with the University Librarian and be a representative in the Senate Library and Bookshop Committee, Time-Tabling Committee and Board of Common Undergraduate Courses;
- d) Coordinate Senate Students Representatives;
- e) Be the head of SONU Faculty Representatives Committee;
- f) Appoint and chair the Academic Affairs Committee as stipulated under this Constitution;
- g) Participate in the planning, organisation and management of academic, social, counselling, career and work study programmes;
- h) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- i) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Chairperson and/or the Executive.

Deputy-
Chairperson
(Academic
Affairs)

6) Secretary General

The Secretary General shall:

- a) Be the Secretary of SONU Executive and the Organisation;
- b) Take minutes of all Executive meetings and the organisation's general meetings;
- c) Be responsible for all general correspondence on behalf of the organisation;
- d) Subject to this Constitution, keep all records and documents of the Organisation including keeping files, registers and minutes of SONU;
- e) In consultation with the chair, communicate to all members and/or Executive members the venue, dates and agenda of Executive Meetings or General Meeting as the case may be;
- f) Keep an accurate register of members and make it available for purposes of dissolution, vote of no confidence, elections and other purposes;
- g) In consultation with the Chairperson and the Organising Secretary, draw the SONU programme of activities;
- h) Be co-signatory to all SONU instruments and/ or documents *ejusdem generis* with the Chairperson or any other officer as stipulated under this Constitution;
- i) Be the co-chair of External Affairs Committee together with the Organising Secretary;
- j) Be a representative of SONU in the University Council;
- k) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- l) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

Secretary
General

7) The Organising Secretary

The Organising Secretary shall:

Organising
Secretary

- a) Be the Organising Secretary of SONU Executive and the organisation ;
- b) Oversee the actual organisation of SONU activities;
- c) In conjunction with the Chairperson and Secretary General, draw SONU annual programme of activities;
- d) Together with the Secretary General, co- chair and and nominate members of External Affairs Committee;
- e) Be the SONU Public Relations Officer in conjunction with the Secretary General of SONU ;
- f) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- g) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

8) The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

Treasurer

- a) Be the Treasurer of SONU;
- b) In consultation with the Deputy- Chairperson (Administration And Finance) and other Executive members raise funds for the organisation;
- c) Be in charge of management of finances of the organisation.
- d) Shall keep proper books of accounts and avail them for audit and inspection;
- e) In consultation with the Deputy- Chairperson (Administration and Finance) be in charge of resource mobilisation and income generating activities and projects of the organisation;
- f) Together with the Chair and Secretary General, be the signatory to all SONU bank cheque(s) and other negotiable instruments;
- g) Under the guidance of the University Finance Officer, draw the annual budget of SONU with the Deputy- Chairperson (Administration And Finance) and table it before the Executive and the Parliament for approval;
- h) Prepare annual account of SONU and liaise with the internal auditor during the period of audit;
- i) Ensure that the audited accounts are tabled before the AGM;
- j) Prepare any other financial report as the Executive and Parliament may from time to time demand;
- k) Ensure that sufficient internal controls exist to protect the assets of SONU;
- l) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless otherwise prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- m) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

9) Secretary For Legal Affairs

The Secretary for Legal Affairs shall:

Secretary For
Legal Affairs

- a) Be the SONU Secretary in charge of legal affairs;
- b) Be the Legal Officer of SONU;
- c) Be advisor to SONU on legal matters;
- d) Represent SONU in all Disciplinary Committees of the University where members are involved from Senate to the halls,

- PROVIDED** that the Secretary for Legal Affairs may delegate representation to a Disciplinary Committee to any other SONU official;
- e) Be the chair and nominate members of the of the Legal Affairs Committee provided for under this Constitution, for appointment by the Executive;
 - f) Carry out any legal investigations or actions as may be mandated by Parliament;
 - g) Be co-signatory to all SONU Memoranda of Understanding , contracts, treaties and all other legal instruments *ejusdem generis*;
 - h) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
 - i) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

10) Secretary For Health, Catering And Accommodation

The Secretary for Health, Catering and Accommodation shall:

- a) Be the SONU Secretary in charge of catering, health and accommodation;
- b) Be in charge of all Health, Catering and Accommodation matters;
- c) Act as a link between the organisation and Student Welfare Authority (SWA) and represent SONU in committees of SWA;
- d) Act as a link between the organisation and University of Nairobi Health Services (UONHS) and represent SONU in committees of UONHS;
 - e) Be the chair and appointing authority of the Health Affairs Committee;
 - f) Be the chair and nominate members of the Meals and Accommodation Committee under this Constitution for approval by the Executive;
 - g) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
 - h) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

Secretary For
Health, Catering
And

11) Secretary For Sports And Entertainment

The Secretary for Sports and Entertainment shall:

- a) Be the SONU Secretary in charge of sports and entertainment;
- b) Liaise with the Office of the Dean of Students and the University Sports Department to ensure members' welfare in matters pertaining to sports and entertainment ;
- c) Develop Sports and Entertainment policy of the organisation;
- d) Be the chair and nominate members of the Sports and Entertainment Committee, as provided for under this Constitution, for appointment by the Executive;
- e) Represent SONU in all University Sports Council and all Sports Department Committees;
- f) Represent SONU in the management of the University Choir;
- g) Represent SONU in the management of the University Sports Teams;
- h) Work in conjunction with the Deputy -Chairperson (Academic Affairs) to ensure provision of social services;
- i) Work in conjunction with the Secretary for Gender Affairs to ensure provision of cultural and implementation of programmes;
- j) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- k) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

Secretary For
Sports And
Entertainment

12) Secretary For Gender Affairs

The Secretary for Gender Affairs shall:

Secretary For
Gender Affairs

- a) Be the SONU secretary in charge of gender affairs;
- b) Develop the gender policy of SONU;
- c) Work in conjunction with all Secretaries to ensure provision of cultural and implementation of programmes;
- d) Be the chair and nominate members of the Gender Affairs Committee as provided for under this Constitution, for appointment by the Executive;
- e) Act as a link between SONU and be the SONU representative in any university organisation concerned with gender issues;
- f) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- g) Subject to this Constitution perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

13) Campus Representatives

Each Campus representative shall:

Campus
Representatives

- a) Generally articulate the special needs, aspirations and interests of their respective Campuses;
- b) Represent SONU in the College Academic Board of their campus;
- c) Represent SONU in the Strategic Management Unit of their campus;
- d) Represent SONU in Senate;
- e) Represent SONU in College Disciplinary Boards;
- f) In liaison with the Deputy óChairperson(Administration and Finance) be in charge of resource mobilisation for campus based SONU activities;
- g) Under the guidance of the College Principal, be in charge of the funds provided for under Campus Decentralisation Funds in Article 34 of this Constitution in their respective campus;
- h) Take part in all the other duties and functions of the Executive;
- i) Attend all Executive and organisation meetings unless prevented by sufficient reason made known to the Executive;
- j) Subject to this Constitution, perform duties as delegated to them by the Executive.

Article 17: Standing Committees

1) Executive Standing Committees

Executive
Standing
Committees

- a) The Executive shall have the following standing committees:
 - i) Committee for Academic Affairs, hereinafter referred to as CAA, which shall deal with academic welfare of members;
 - ii) Special Investigations Committee, hereinafter referred to as SIC, which shall deal with any issue(s) that might have led or may lead to students' unrest;
 - iii) Meals and Accommodation Committee, hereinafter referred to as MAC, which shall examine meals and accommodation problems with a view to coming up with practicable solutions;
 - iv) Finance and General Purposes Committee, hereinafter referred to as FPC, which shall exercise overall supervision of SONU expenditure in conjunction with Parliament and concerned Parliamentary Committee(s) as provided for under this Constitution;
 - v) Sports and Entertainment Committee, hereinafter referred to as SEC, which shall

examine sports and entertainment problems with a view to coming up with practicable solutions;

- vi) Legal Affairs Committee, hereinafter referred to as LAC, which shall be concerned with legal issues;
 - vii) External Affairs Committee, hereinafter referred to as EAC, which shall identify and propose external links;
 - viii) Gender Affairs Committee, hereinafter referred to as GAC, which shall deal with issues concerning gender affairs;
 - ix) Health Affairs Committee, hereinafter referred to as HAC, which shall deal with issues concerning members' health welfare;
 - x) Any other standing committee appointed by the Executive.
- b) Any committee appointed under this section shall be assigned duties and report its findings or recommendations to the Executive. The Executive shall study such a report and recommend appropriate action for Parliament to approve.
- c) Each of the standing committees shall consist of 5 members appointed by the Executive.

2) Parliamentary Standing Committees

Parliamentary
Standing
Committees

- a) Parliament shall have standing committees as provided for in the Standing Orders.
- b) Standing committees of Parliament shall operate as provided for in the Standing Orders.

Article 18: Advisor

There shall be an Advisor who shall be a gold member of SONU and proposed by SONU Executive and approved by the Council;

The Advisor shall:

- a) Give the Executive and Parliament appropriate advice on technical issues which may arise from time to time;
- b) Be the trustee of SONU for purposes of dissolution as provided for in Article 38;
- c) Give SONU any other assistance where they may be needed;
PROVIDED that the Advisor shall not:
 - i) be remunerated;
 - ii) sit with the Parliament except for purposes of advising the Parliament;
 - iii) vote in any SONU meeting.

PART FOUR – ELECTIONS

Article 19: Elections

General

- 1) Elections shall be held between April 15th and May 15th of every year.
- 2) Parliament shall be dissolved by the chairperson through a motion one month before election date.
- 3) If the chairperson fails to dissolve Parliament, **or Parliament rejects the Chairperson's motion for dissolution**, Parliament shall stand dissolved within two (2) days after the date on which it should have passed a motion of dissolution.

Article 20: Qualification For Candidates

Qualification
for candidates

- 1) All candidates for SONU elections shall be paid up ordinary members of SONU.
- 2) An ordinary member may contest for any seat save for the seat of the Secretary for Health, Catering and Accommodation, that shall be contested only by ordinary members as outlined in Article 5(1)(a) of this Constitution.
- 3) A candidate contesting for a post in Parliament as a Halls Representative shall be a resident of the constituency that he or she is contesting for.
- 4) A candidate contesting for a post of Faculty/ School/ Institute representative shall be a student of the constituency that they are contesting for.
- 5) No candidate shall stand for election in more than one position in an election.
- 6) No student shall stand for election in any executive position unless he or she has been a member of SONU for at least one year.
- 7) No candidate who has contested for an executive post shall succeed himself or herself.
- 8) Any student who will not be available to serve for the entire term shall not contest for any position.
- 9) All candidates shall submit a certificate of good conduct and certificate of good academic record from the office of the Dean or Director of the relevant Faculty, School or Institute.

Article 21: Electoral Commission

- 1). There shall be an Electoral Commission to conduct and supervise SONU Elections .
- 2). The Electoral Commission shall consist of all outgoing SONU Executive officials who are not vying in the elections and nine (9) University staff Commissioners.
- 3). In the case of an outgoing SONU Executive Official who is contesting in the elections, they shall be replaced by an outgoing senior SONU Official from their campus.
For purposes of this section, the most senior person shall be the Speaker, followed by the Faculty Representatives, Halls Representatives and members of the Secretariat of SONU Parliament in that order.

PROVIDED that whenever there is more than one person eligible as a senior, the person in a higher year of study shall be considered more senior.

PROVIDED further that whenever there is more than one person in the same year of study, the Members of Parliament from that campus shall vote for one.

Electoral
Commission

- 4)) The nine (9) University staff commissioners shall be appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students Affairs) in consultation with the Dean of Students and approved by Senate.

PROVIDED that there shall be only one representative from every Campus.

- 5) There shall be a Chairperson of the Electoral Commission who shall be appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students Affairs) from among staff commissioners and approved by Senate.
- 6) The Chairperson of Electoral Commission shall be the head of the Electoral Commission.
- 7) There shall be a Lead Commissioner, elected from amongst the student commissioners who shall work hand in hand with the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission.
- 8) The Electoral Commission shall begin working officially when the elections are called.
- 9) The Electoral Commission is mandated to undertake all activities related or incidental to the election.

Article 22: Nomination Procedure

Nomination
procedure

- 1) Nomination papers shall be picked from **the Electoral Commission** nineteen (19) days prior to the election date.
- 2) There shall be a non-refundable nomination fee which shall be equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the monthly allowance that the outgoing office holder in such a post was earning. The fee shall be collected by the **Electoral Commission** on behalf of SONU.
- 3) Nominations for the posts of the Executive shall be signed by the candidate, the candidate's proposer and five hundred (500) seconders.
- 4) Nominations for other Parliament members shall be signed by the candidate, a proposer and fifty (50) seconders.
- 5) Candidates shall submit duly signed nomination papers to the Electoral Commission between nine (9) to twelve (12) days prior to the election date between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- 6) The nomination papers **for all positions** shall be returned in designated places in the contestants' respective campuses.
- 7) The **Electoral Commission** shall announce within two (2) days and cause to be prominently published immediately thereafter successfully nominated candidates.
- 8) Official campaigns shall begin immediately after the publication of the list of nominees by the **Electoral Commission** and shall last for seven (7) days and end 24 hours before the elections.
- 9) Any regulations governing the conduct of campaigns by candidates and their supporters shall be published by the **Electoral Commission**. Once published, any such regulations may not be amended during the same election. The rules shall be availed to and be signed by validly nominated candidates.
- 10) The **Electoral Commission** shall be the sole interpreter of any such regulations, subject to the complaints procedures outlined in the Constitution.
- 11) The **Electoral Commission** shall organize campaign debates in all the campuses for contestants for the executive seats.
- 12) A candidate validly nominated may withdraw his or her candidature by a written notice signed by the candidate and attested by three witnesses, one of whom shall be a person mentioned under clause 3 and 4 of this Article, and delivered to the **Electoral Commission**.

Article 23: Voting

- 1) **Voting shall be done between 8:00 am ó 6:00 pm.**
- 2) SONU elections shall be by secret ballot, simple majority system and on the principle of one

member one vote.

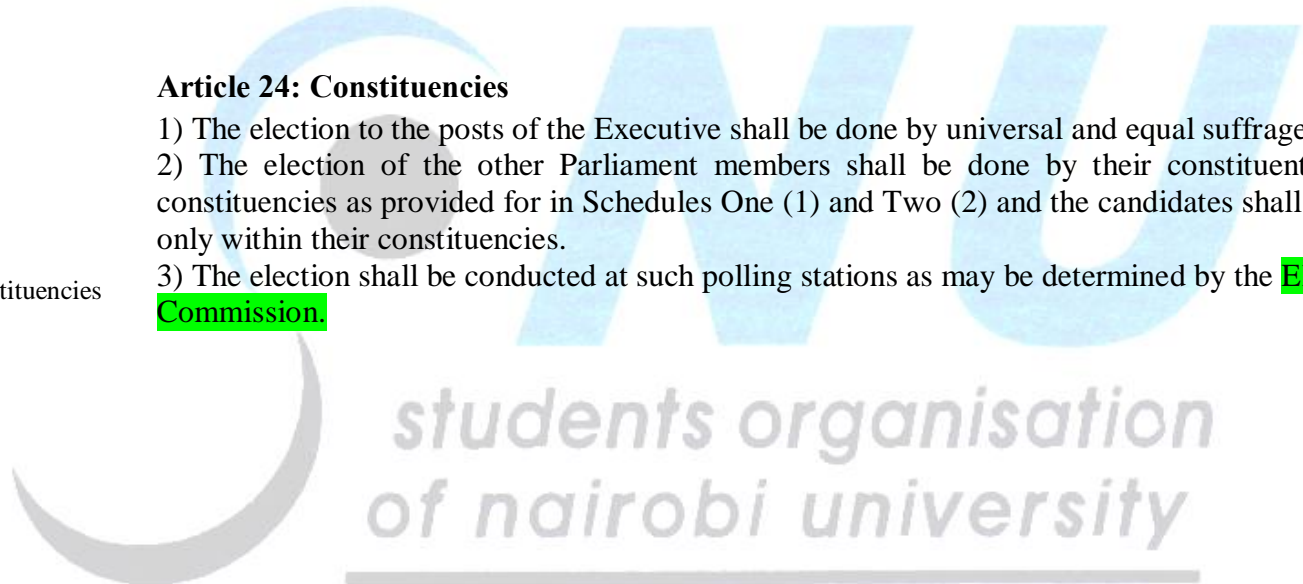
Voting

- 3) The ballot boxes shall preferably be transparent, of a fixed number, counted, certified and recorded.
- 4) Notwithstanding the provisions in clause 3, the Electoral Commission on the recommendation of the SONU Parliament may consider electronic voting.
- 5) For purposes of identification, students shall be required to produce a valid student ID and a national identity card or a passport.
- 6) The electoral roll or register shall be prepared by the University.
- 7) Immediately after voting, the votes shall be counted at the respective polling stations.
- 8) The counting shall be presided over by the Returning Officer at the respective polling stations.
- 9) Candidates or their agents have the right to witness the counting and tallying.
- 10) The tallying shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission.
- 11) Tallying shall be done at such place as may be determined from time to time by the Electoral Commission.
- 12) Whenever there is a tie in elections, such elections shall be held afresh (*de novo*) until a candidate obtains a simple majority.
- 13) A candidate shall be entitled to a maximum of three recounts.
- 14) The candidate who gets a simple majority shall be declared the winner.
- 15) The Electoral Commission shall announce election results within twelve (12) hours and cause to be prominently published immediately thereafter the results of the elections.

Article 24: Constituencies

constituencies

- 1) The election to the posts of the Executive shall be done by universal and equal suffrage.
- 2) The election of the other Parliament members shall be done by their constituents in their constituencies as provided for in Schedules One (1) and Two (2) and the candidates shall campaign only within their constituencies.
- 3) The election shall be conducted at such polling stations as may be determined by the Electoral Commission.



Article 25: Election Petition Panel

Election
Petition panel

- 1) There shall be an Independent Election Petition Panel, hereinafter referred to as "The Panel."
- 2) The Panel shall consist of one student representative from every campus of the University of Nairobi appointed by the outgoing SONU officials in that campus, subject to the approval of Parliament.
- 3) The student Representative shall not be a member of Parliament.
- 4) The Chair of the Panel shall be appointed by the outgoing SONU Executive in consultation with the outgoing Parliament, subject to the approval of Senate.
- 5) The Chair of the Panel shall be an advocate of the High Court of Kenya of at least seven years standing.
- 6) The Panel shall be constituted before dissolution of Parliament.

Article 26: Election Petitions

Election
Petitions

- 1) A petition may be lodged with the Panel by a candidate or any member of SONU on any of the following grounds:
 - a) whenever such a candidate or member has reason to believe or has evidence that there has been a contravention of any election procedure or rule during the election period;
 - b) whenever there is an allegation of bribing of voters, intimidation and/or harassment of voters and/or candidates;
 - c) whenever there is an allegation that a candidate has otherwise breached this Constitution.
- 2) A Petitioner may bring a petition regarding nominations, campaigns and/or elections.
- 3) A petition must be lodged not later than three (3) days after the elections.
- 4) The petition must be signed by the petitioner and at least twenty (20) constituency members in petitions regarding constituencies listed in Schedule One (1) and Two (2) or at least one hundred (100) members of SONU for the Executive positions.
- 5) The Chairperson of the Panel shall notify the parties concerned and constituency members of a petition within forty eight (48) hours of such lodging.
- 6) The Panel shall sit at such places as it may determine from time to time.
- 7) The Panel shall determine petitions expeditiously, but not more than 14 days.
- 8) The petitioner or the respondent may be allowed to have legal representation.
- 9) The hearing of the petition shall be *inter partes* (all parties present) save where a party fails to attend without any reasonable excuse, in which case an *ex parte* (only one party present) hearing may be held.
- 10) The decision of the Panel shall be final and binding and shall be submitted to the Electoral Commission for execution.

Article 27: Swearing-in

Swearing in

- 1) The winning candidates shall be issued with a certificate and sworn in by the Chief Legal Officer of the University of Nairobi immediately after the announcement of the results.
- 2) The ceremony shall take place in public at the Chancellor's Court.
- 3) The ceremony shall take place during the daytime and not later than twenty four (24) hours after the announcement of the results.
- 4) Elected officials shall take office upon being sworn in.

Article 28: By-Elections

1) A by-election shall be held whenever an office or seat falls vacant by reason of:-

By- elections

- a) a successful petition
- b) cessation of studentship through expulsion from, or discontinuation, by the University
- c) imprisonment for a term longer than three months
- d) death or physical or mental infirmity
- e) vote of no confidence by Parliament
- f) contravention of the Public Officers Ethics Act 2003, or the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003
- g) resignation, or suspension from the University for a period longer than three months.

2) The by-election shall take place within fourteen (14) days of the office or seat falling vacant and shall follow the same procedure as provided for in Part Four of this Constitution;

PROVIDED that no by-election shall be held at most three months to the next General Election;

PROVIDED further that where the seat of an Executive member falls vacant, the remaining members of Executive shall appoint another Executive member in an acting capacity for the vacant seat, subject to the approval of Parliament;

PROVIDED further that where the seat of a Congress person falls vacant, the remaining members of Parliament from that campus shall appoint another Congress person from their campus in an acting capacity for the vacant seat subject to the approval of Parliament.

PART FIVE FINANCE

Revenue

Article 29: Revenue

SONU shall secure its revenue from lawful sources including:

- a) Membership fees;
- b) Nomination fees;
- c) Allocations from the University;
- d) Donations;
- e) Grants;
- f) Income from business premises duly approved by the University Management Board.
- g) Any other lawful means.

Expenditure

Article 30: Expenditure

1) The expenditures of SONU shall be approved in the first instance by the University Management Board (UMB) on the recommendation of Parliament and expended on a day-to-day basis by the Treasurer with the guidance of the Finance Committee, the Executive and the overall guidance of the University Finance Officer.

2) The SONU income and expenditure report shall be posted by the University Finance Officer on the official University of Nairobi website on a monthly basis.

Article 31: Financial Year

The financial year of SONU shall run from July 1st to June 30th as that of the University.

Article 32: Annual Accounts

- 1) Under the guidance of the University Finance Officer and in compliance with the University Financial Regulations, the Treasurer shall prepare Annual Accounts and present them to Finance Committee which shall discuss and table them at the AGM after they have been audited by the National Audit Office.
- 2) Such accounts shall be signed by the Chairperson and Treasurer and in the absence of the Chairperson by another member of the Finance Committee.

Article 33: Audit and Audit Report

1) Auditing of the SONU accounts shall be done by a credible external auditing firm outsourced by Parliament with the approval of Senate.

2) The auditing firm shall at all times have access to books and records of SONU and shall be entitled to receive all relevant information necessary to complete the audit of SONU accounts.

3) The auditing firm shall table a report at the AGM and shall state in the report whether or not SONU has kept proper books of accounts.

Article 34: Campus Decentralisation Funds (CDF)

1) SONU funds shall be devolved to the various campuses *pro rata* depending on the contribution from that campus.

2) Each campus shall receive sixty percent (60%) of its contribution with the rest going to the central SONU account.

3) Each campus shall have a finance committee consisting of SONU representatives in that campus and headed by the Campus Representative.

4) The Campus finance committee shall prepare a budget every year for approval by the Campus Government.

5) The Campus Government shall then submit the budget to Parliament with recommendations for approval.

6) With the approval of the University's Management Board, every financial year SONU shall prepare an annual budget, for finances to be used for campus based activities in each campus.

7) Members shall be entitled to apply for the said funds for activities approved by the University Management through their respective Campus finance committees and the College Principals.

8) Parliament shall propose rules and regulations, for approval by the University Management Board, to ensure equitable distribution and accounting of the funds by the recipients in compliance with the University Financial Regulations.

PART SIX

BREACH OF THE CONSTITUTION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Article 35: Breach Of The Constitution and SONU Disciplinary Committee

Breach Of
The
Constitution

- 1) There is hereby established the SONU Disciplinary Committee.
- 2) Any person or group of members breaching the SONU Constitution shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings of the SONU Disciplinary Committee.
- 3) Parliament shall make rules to govern the Disciplinary Committee's composition and proceedings.

Article 36: Dispute Resolution

Dispute
Resolution

- 1) All disputes regarding the interpretation and implementation of this Constitution shall first be solved through the following:
 - a) Good offices
 - b) Mediation
 - c) Conciliation
 - d) Negotiation
- 2) Where such methods as described above fail, parties shall proceed to arbitration.
- 3) For purposes of Section 2 above, there shall be an Arbitrator who shall be appointed by the Parliament from among members of the University staff on the recommendation of Parliament, subject to the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

PART SEVEN

VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AND DISSOLUTION

Article 37: Vote Of No Confidence or Impeachment

Vote Of No
Confidence

- 1) A vote of no confidence in any Parliament member or office bearer or the Executive shall originate from a member(s) of SONU as provided hereunder.
- 2)
- 3) A vote of no confidence in the Executive shall require a petition by at least a quarter

- (1/4) of members of SONU and in the case of a Parliament member at least a quarter (1/4) members of their constituency.
- 4) The vote of no confidence against a Congressperson shall be carried if at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Constituency meeting vote for the motion in secret ballot.
 - 5) The vote of no confidence against the whole of the Executive or any member thereof shall be successful only if two thirds of all constituencies and two thirds of all members reach *consensus ad idem* favour of the impeachment.
 - 6) In the event of the vote of no confidence being carried as provided for herein, such member(s) shall instantaneously vacate office(s).
 - 7) In the event of a vote of no confidence against the whole of the Executive as provided for herein a general election in respect thereof shall be held within twenty one (21) days thereafter.

PROVIDED that in the event of a vote of no confidence against the whole Executive, Parliament shall from among its members appoint a caretaker committee to run the affairs of SONU pending elections.

Article 38: Dissolution

Dissolution

1. The Organisation shall not dissolve except by a resolution passed by an AGM by a vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of all SONU members.
2. Where such a motion to dissolve is duly passed, SONU shall cease existence whereafter the Advisor shall settle any debts or lien owing as first and paramount consideration; the assets or profits thereof shall be bequeathed to student organisation, youth movement, union or project which has a similar mandate as the AGM or SGM dissolving SONU shall decide.

Article 39: Amendment of the Constitution

Amendment
of the
Constitution

- 1) Any member of Parliament may propose an amendment of the Constitution by bringing to Parliament for debate a motion to amend the Constitution.
- 2) Parliament shall pass the motion by a two thirds majority of the members.
- 3) Any amendment to this Constitution shall be effected when approved by at least two-thirds of the *bona fide* members of SONU and the Council.

PART EIGHT

AFFILIATION

Article 40: Eligibility for Affiliation

Eligibility for
Affiliation

Any registered student organisation in the University may be affiliated to SONU upon its application for affiliation to the Executive and approval by Parliament **PROVIDED** that:

- a) All its members are members of SONU and **PROVIDED** further that the Executive shall consider each case on its own merits without prejudice to the foregoing section.
- b) Its membership is not limited by racial, tribal, sex, age or other identity.
- c) Its constitution is not repugnant to the aims and aspirations of SONU and the University.

- d) It has not less than (50) fifty members.

Subscriptions
By Affiliates

Article 41: Subscriptions By Affiliates

Such organisations as mentioned in Article 38 above after having so affiliated shall remit to SONU Treasurer an annual subscription of Kenya shillings two thousand (Ksh. 2,000/=) or such figures as may be determined by the Parliament.

Article 42: Rights of Affiliates

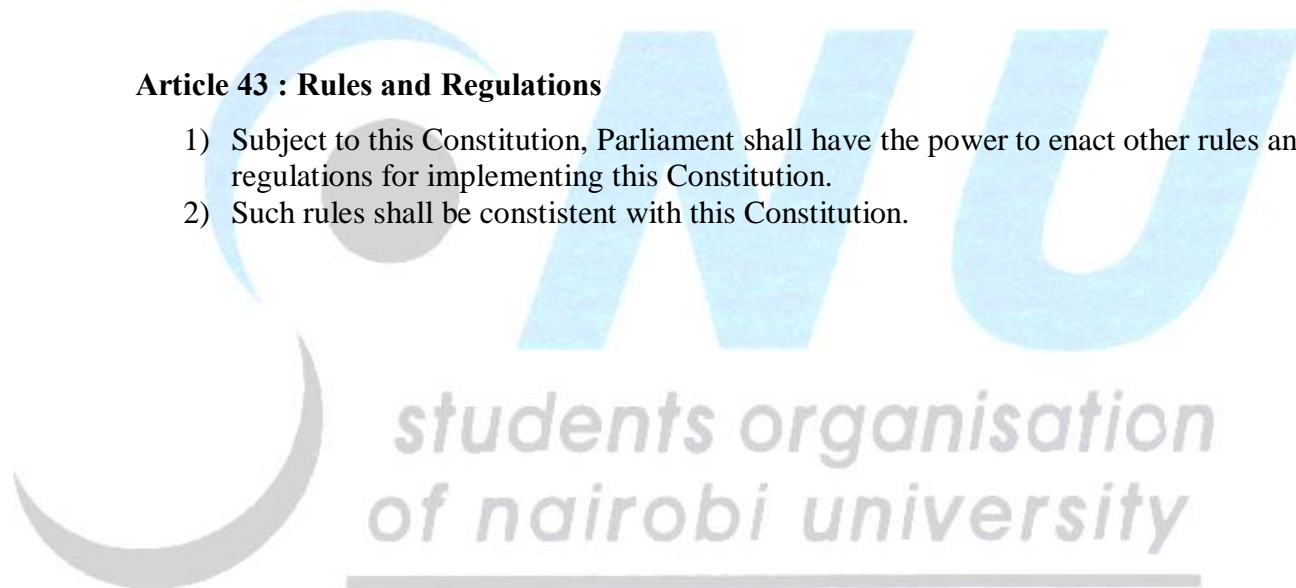
Affiliated organisations may be eligible for financial aid on application to the Treasurer and approval by the Parliament

PART NINE

RULES AND REGULATIONS, TRANSITION AND MISCELLAENEOUS

Article 43 : Rules and Regulations

- 1) Subject to this Constitution, Parliament shall have the power to enact other rules and regulations for implementing this Constitution.
- 2) Such rules shall be consistent with this Constitution.



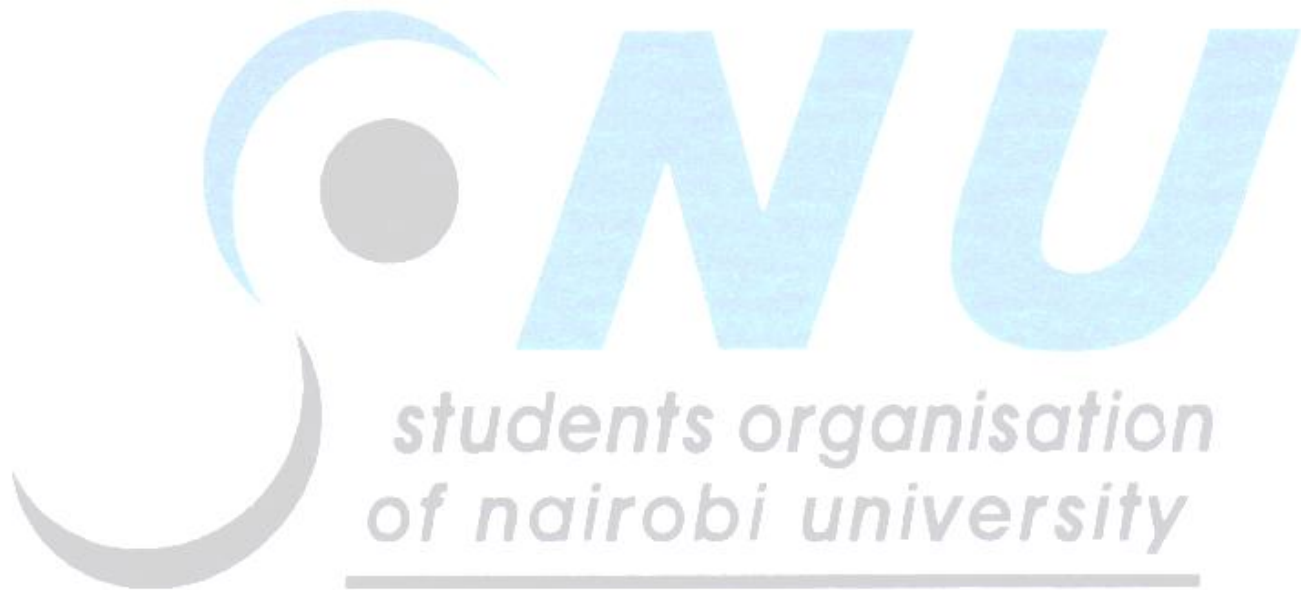
Article 44: Transitional Provisions

- 1) This Constitution shall come into effect once it has been adopted by SONU Constitution Review Commission and approved by Senate and Council.
- 2) Upon enactment of this Constitution, the Constitution of the Students' Organization of the University of Nairobi 2010 and SONU Constitution 2006 shall cease to apply save as where provided for under this Constitution.
- 3) Where under this Constitution Parliament is required to make rules and/or regulations, the existing rules and/or regulations shall apply until such a time as when Parliament makes other rules and/or regulations .
- 4) All acts which have been constitutionally undertaken by the SONU Constitution Review Commission shall be regarded to be valid under this Constitution.
- 5) There shall be 45 commissioners consisting of 36 students and 9 staff members from every one of the campuses.
- 6) The 36 student commissioners shall consist of the following:
 - (a) 18 students from the SONU Caretaker Committee 2010/2011
 - (b) 2 students from everyone of the nine (9) Campuses elected from among the members of SONU Constitution Review Commission 2011
- 7) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 21 of this Constitution, the first Chairman of the Electoral Commission under this Constitution shall be appointed, after due consultation and, taking into account the circumstances, by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs) and approved by Senate, without regard to the appointment of the other members of the Commission.
- 8) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 19 of this Constitution, the first elections under this Constitution shall be held on or before May 20, 2011, unless Senate, after due consultation, determines otherwise.
- 9) The Election Petition Panel under Article 25(2) shall consist of a student representative from every Campus of the University of Nairobi appointed by the SONU Constitution Review Commissioners (2011) from that Campus.

SCHEDULE ONE	
(Under Article 24)	
HALLS REPRESENTATIVES	
CONSTITUENCY	REPRESENTATIVES ALLOCATED
Main Campus	
Box (Womens Hall)	2
Mamlaka A	1
Mamlaka B	1
Houses	2
Pre-Fab 1-5	2
Prefab 6-10	2
Hall 1	1
Hall 2	1
Hall 3	1
Hall 4	1
Hall 5	2
Hall 6	1
Hall 7	1
Hall 8	1
Hall 9	2
Hall 10	2
Hall 11	2
Hall 12	2
Hall 13	2
Stella Awinja	2
State House Road Hostel	1
Parklands Campus	
Parklands Hostel	3
Parklands Diaspora* ¹	1
Upper Kabete;	
Mandela	2
Tana A	2
Tana B	1
Tana C	2
Wakulima	2
Soweto	2
Mugabe	2
Chiromo Campus	
Chiromo Hostel D	2
Chiromo Hostel A,B and C	2
Lower Kabete;	

¹ Parklands students living in other campuses.

Malindi	1
Kapenguria	1
Meru	1
Maseno	1
New York	2
Block A-D	1
Kiangombe and Sagana	1
Non- resident	1
Kajiado and Jogoo	1
Block E-J	1
Kikuyu Campus	12
Medical school ;	
Soweto	4
Main Blocks	4
Non Residents	3
Kenya Science	8
Total	95



SCHEDULE TWO**(Under Article 14)****FACULTIES/SCHOOLS/INSTITUTES REPRESENTATIVES**

	Constituency	No Of Seats
1	School of Biological Sciences	2
2	School of Physical Sciences	2
3	School of Engineering	2
4	School of Computing and Informatics	2
5	School of Mathematics	2
6	School of Built Environment	2
7	School of Arts and Design	2
8	School of Pharmacy	2
9	School of Medicine	2
10	School of Nursing	2
11	School of Dental Sciences	2
12	School of Law	2
13	School of Business	2
14	School of Education	2
15	School of Economics	2
16	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	2
17	Faculty of Agriculture	2
18	Faculty of External Studies	2
19	Faculty of Arts	3
20	Institute of African Studies	2
21	Kenya Science	2
	Total	41