

AFRICAN INTERNATIONALIST STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION

SECTION A

1. PREAMBLE

WHEREAS we as African students, subjected to a colonial education system designed to reproduce in us a colonial worldview, a servile neocolonial puppet class and a capitalist labor force, and having realized that the student struggle is an integral part of our international struggle for the liberation and unification of Africa and African people under the leadership of the African working class;

AND WHEREAS African Internationalism must be understood as a rallying and unifying force guided by dialectical materialism and scientific socialism;

AND WHEREAS African students must be organized, educated and consolidated to effectively assume their role in the liberation struggle, seeing African Internationalism as an integral part of world revolution for the final destruction of capitalism;

2. MOTTO:

Education for liberation and unification.

3. NAME:

The name of this vanguard student organization shall be the African Internationalist Student Organization, hereafter referred to as AISO.

4. EMBLEM:

The emblem should be a clinched fist from which a burning spear is raised. The significance is the strength of the combination of African knowledge and resistance.

5. COLORS:

The colors of the organization shall be RED, BLACK AND GREEN.

- (i) RED shall symbolize the centuries of blood shed by Africans worldwide in our contest with various forms of oppression and

- exploitation, including slavery, colonialism, and neo-colonialism.
- (ii) BLACK shall symbolize the color of our skins, once defined as hateful and evil, but now recognized as symbolic of power, beauty and revolutionary enthusiasm.
 - (iii) GREEN shall symbolize Africa, the national homeland of black people throughout the world who have been separated from each other, from Africa and our resources by centuries of oppression and exploitation.

SECTION B

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- (i) To rally and unite all colonially oppressed and disposed African students under the revolutionary ideology of African Internationalism.
- (ii) To win African students to conscious participation in the struggle to liberate and unite Africa and African people worldwide and to win the best of these students into active AISO membership;
- (iii) To spread the influence of the African People's Socialist Party as the primary representative of applied African Internationalism and the advanced detachment of the African working class;
- (iv) To educate students to embrace the vanguard role of the African workers aligned with the poor peasants in the international struggle for African liberation, unification and socialism;
- (v) To promote the principle of education for liberation;
- (vi) To involve the students in educational and cultural activities;
- (vii) To inculcate the spirit of self-reliance among students and encourage them to participate constructively in community projects;
- (viii) To build and develop a sense of social responsibility and leadership qualities among students;
- (ix) To establish fraternal relations with other progressive student movements and political movements throughout the North America, Africa and the rest of the world;
- (x) To strive to transform the educational system within the North America, Africa and the rest of the world;
- (xi) To be the recognized mouthpiece for African students within the North America and throughout the world;

- (xii) To forge ties with all relevant student movements concerned with the liberation and transformation of the international African community;
- (xiii) To strive for an African Internationalist education that bridges the gap between theory and practice;
- (xiv) To strive for universal free education for all African students as a component of the struggle for reparations.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all African students studying at all institutions of higher education and training and, under special circumstances to be determined by the AISO leadership, to students in middle school and high school, provided they subscribe to the ideology principles and policies of African Internationalism and accept the leadership of The African People's Socialist Party as AISO parent organization.

3. DUES AND REGISTRATION

- (xv) A membership fee as determined by the National Congress shall be paid annually by both new and old members of AISO.
- (xvi) The annual membership fee shall be paid to the Branch Secretary for Finance and Economic Development on or before an annual date to be specified by the AISO National Congress, following which he/she will send membership fees to the National Secretary for Finance and Economic Development within seven days of receipt of dues. The National Secretary for Finance and Economic Development shall be responsible for the distribution of membership fees, as agreed upon by the National Congress, amongst:
 - a) APSP
 - b) NEC
 - c) REC
 - d) SEC
 - e) BEC
- (xvii) All registration forms and membership fees should be sent directly to the National Secretary for Finance and Economic Development;

- (xviii) All AISO branches shall affiliate with the National Executive Council with an amount agreed to be sent to the National Congress monthly;
- (xix) No person shall vote or be voted into office unless membership dues are paid and up to date;
- (xx) No Branch shall be afforded organizational privileges unless it has fully affiliated with the NEC.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL DISCIPLINE:

Every member and organ of AISO shall uphold the primary organizational principal of Democratic Centralism, a system of Party organization which combines the maximum involvement of the membership in determining policy and in the democratic election of leadership, along with the best forms of centralized leadership in the activities of the organization.

- (xxi) All leading committees of AISO are elected by the membership or delegates of the given AISO organization;
- (xxii) Every elected committee must report regularly on its activity to its respective AISO organization and the appropriate higher AISO committees;
- (xxiii) The lower AISO committees and all AISO members have the duty of carrying out the decisions of the higher AISO committees and of the NEC and the National Congress;
- (xxiv) Every member shall be subordinate to AISO as a whole;
- (xxv) The minority shall be subordinate to the majority within AISO;
- (xxvi) The lower structures in the organization are subordinate to the higher ones; and,
- (xxvii) AISO as a whole is subordinate to its parent organization, the African People's Socialist Party.

SECTION C

1. NATIONAL CONGRESS COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

The movement shall consist of the following structures:

NATIONAL CONGRESS shall be composed as follows:

- a) All National Executive Council members (NEC);
- b) Five (5) delegates per branch;
- c) Members of AISO attending as observers;
- d) Invited person(s) and/or organization(s).

DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

It shall

- a) be AISO's supreme policy making organ;
- b) assess programs of AISO;
- c) effect amendments and adopt the constitution;
- d) adopt projects and programs of AISO;
- e) listen to appeals made by members of AISO;
- f) review the state of education and develop programs aimed at transforming the education system and the relationship that African students have to the education system;
- g) strive for African community control of the education being received by African students;
- h) Elect a new NEC every twelve (12) months;
- i) Suspend and/or expel members and/or branches.

2. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

2.1 COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

The NEC shall consist of the following office bearers:

- (i) THE PRESIDENT
- (ii) INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY
- (iii) SECRETARY-GENERAL
- (iv) DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL
- (v) SECRETARY FOR MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY
- (vi) NATIONAL ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMISAR
- (vii) SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- (viii) SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
- (ix) SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS

- (x) SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION
- (xi) SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE AND SAFETY

2.2 DUTIES OF THE NEC

The NEC shall:

- (i) be responsible for the daily administration of AISO;
- (ii) be responsible for the implementation of the programs of AISO;
- (iii) evaluate the progress of AISO;
- (iv) convene a National Congress;
- (v) hold office for a period of 12 months;
- (vi) not hold office in either the Branch, Regional and State Executives;
- (vii) have powers to dismiss any member of the NEC who flouts protocol and/or absconds from his/her duties.

2.3 DUTIES OF NEC OFFICERS

THE PRESIDENT:

Shall:

- (i) be the Chief Executive Officer of AISO;
- (ii) represent the movement nationally and internationally
- (iii) be responsible for the application of principles, policies and goals of AISO;
- (iv) preside over all meetings of the NEC;
- (v) supervise the implementation of decisions and resolutions of the NEC, National Working Council (NWC) and Congress;
- (vi) deliver the Presidential speech in the National Congress on Policy and progress of the movement;
- (vii) release press statements;
- (viii) jointly, with the secretary general, have powers to make whatever decisions in the interest of the movement.
- (ix) release policy and press statement on behalf of the movement after consultation with the National Secretary General and the National Secretary for Media, Communication and Publicity;
- (x) to represent AISO to the central committee of the APSP.

SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Shall:

- (i) represent the organization internationally;

- (ii) establish AISO structures where necessary and possible throughout the African world outside the North America;
- (iii) submit a written report to the NEC on international developments.

SECRETARY GENERAL

Shall:

- (i) be the Chief Administrative Officer of the movement;
- (ii) keep the register of all members of AISO;
- (iii) record minutes of the NEC, the National Working committee and Congress;
- (iv) be the Chief of the Department of the Secretariat of AISO;
- (v) be the Chairperson of and preside over all meetings of the NWC of AISO;
- (vi) in consultation with the President take emergency powers in the best interests of the movement;
- (vii) release policy and press statement on behalf of the movement after consultation with the President and the National Secretary for Media, Communication and Publicity;
- (viii) constitute standing committees and delegate to them specific tasks whenever necessary and draw up standing rules for such committees.

DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Shall:

- (i) assist the secretary general in the administration of the movement;
- (ii) liaise with the Secretary General;
- (iii) represent the office of the secretary general in the administration of the movement in the event of the absence of the secretary general.

SECRETARY FOR MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for publicizing AISO;
- (ii) see to the publication of the AISO journal;
- (iii) release policy and press statements on behalf of the movement after consultation with the President and Secretary for Media, Communication and Publicity;
- (iv) ensure that the true position, policies and principles of AISO are well reflected in the press and/or to the public;
- (v) be Chief Officer of the Publicity and Information Department;
- (vi) establish and run a logistics and resource unit;

- (vii) be the Chief researcher of the movement.

NATIONAL ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMISAR

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for publicizing AISO;
- (ii) be the coordinator of Regional, State and Branch organizers;
- (iii) be responsible for the establishment and/or maintenance of Regions, States, and Branches;
- (iv) visit Branches and States in all Regions;
- (v) submit a written report on the development of structures of the movement to the NEC.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Shall:

- (i) collect, receive and bank all monies of AISO;
- (ii) raise funds for the movement, establish the fundraising committee for the movement and be the chairperson of such a committee;
- (iii) present to the NEC an audited financial statement, expenditure account, and a balance he/she made out for the year;
- (iv) issue receipts for all monies received by AISO;
- (v) be the co-signatory on all checks;
- (vi) liaise with the NEC and other AISO structures to ensure an accountable fiscal coordination of the movement;
- (vii) summon when necessary summits of all AISO Regional, State and Branch secretaries for Finance and Economic Development;
- (viii) avail and distribute resources to the Branches when approved by the NEC;
- (ix) make budget available to the NEC to run its activities after collecting financial reports from NEC committees;
- (x) Distribute percentages of membership fee to the APSP, NEC, REC, SEC, and BEC.

SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Shall:

- (i) examine the welfare of the general membership of AISO;
- (ii) analyze the legal aspect of any detained members of the movement and establish a defense strategy as determined by the NEC;
- (iii) conduct legal clinics for the membership of the movement;
- (iv) register the property of the movement in the name of the

- African Internationalist Student Organization or that of the Trustees on behalf of the movement;
- (v) sue in the name of AISO and defend AISO when sued;
 - (vi) acquire, hold and alienate AISO property;
 - (vii) enter into agreements and do all things necessary to carry out AISO aims and objectives;
 - (viii) tirelessly defend AISO members, property and reputation;
 - (ix) ensure that AISO Constitution is in accordance with its parent organization, The African People's Socialist Party;
 - (x) legally represent and/or prepare a legal team to represent AISO as a whole;
 - (xi) research, inform and equip the NEC with legal terms and information with regard to political campaigns, programs, issues and accounts that AISO initiates or involves itself with;
 - (xii) ensure that all members and body's of AISO are in accordance with the Constitution of AISO;
 - (xiii) investigate violation or suspensions of AISO organizations and members and present it to the NEC for determination.

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS

Shall:

- (i) liaise with the Chief Officer of Publicity and Information Department in establishing educational projects;
- (ii) familiarize the students and the community in general with the concept of African Internationalist Education;
- (iii) objectively study educational policies and experiences of other political parties in other countries;
- (iv) liaise with the Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Affairs;
- (v) arrange and conduct leadership training classes for members;
- (vi) together with the National Organizer, draw up a program for ideological training with special emphasis on African Internationalism, Scientific Socialism, dialectical and historical materialism, etc.;
- (vii) in conjunction with the National Organizer develop and run the National Political Education school and see to it that it is implemented in Branches;
- (viii) provide political education specific to the struggle to end the special oppression and exploitation of African women.

SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Shall:

- (i) promote sports and cultural activities;
- (ii) establish a working relationship with progressive sports and cultural organizations;
- (iii) popularize sports and cultural policies of the movement.

SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE AND SAFETY

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for the security of the President of the NEC when representing the movement nationally and internationally;
- (ii) acquire and coordinate security personnel;
- (iii) develop and implement security plan for the APSP chairman and other movement leadership at AISO congresses, conferences, and college campuses;
- (iv) destroy factional elements without ceremony;
- (v) provide first aid and CPR training that equips membership in the safety and well being of the leadership.
- (vi) chair and provide training for AISO Security committee.

SECTION D

1. THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (REC)

DUTIES OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The REC shall:

- i) be responsible for daily administration of the movement in the Region;
- ii) be responsible for the implementation of the programs of AISO regionally;
- iii) evaluate the progress of AISO in the Region;
- iv) convene the Regional Congress;
- v) hold the office for a period of twelve (12) months;
- vi) not hold office in either State of Branch Executives;
- vii) have power to dismiss any member of the REC who flouts protocol and/or absconds from his/her duties.

1.2 COMPOSITION OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Regional Executive Council (REC) shall consist of the following

officers:

- (i) THE CHAIRPERSON
- (ii) SECRETARY GENERAL
- (iii) THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
- (iv) THE ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMMISAR;
- (v) THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS;
- (vi) THE SECRETARY FOR MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY;
- (vii) THE SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS.
- (viii) THE SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE, AND RECREATION
- (ix) THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE AND SAFETY

1.3 DUTIES OF THE REC OFFICERS:

THE CHAIRPERSON:

Shall:

- i) preside over all meetings of the region;
- ii) represent the movement regionally;
- iii) be responsible for the application of the principles, policies and goals of AISO within the jurisdiction of his/her Region;
- iv) release press statements;
- v) represent the REC in the NWC;
- vi) deliver a speech in the Regional Congress on policy and the progress of the movement;
- vii) have powers to take whatever decision in the interest of the movement in his/her region;
- viii) release policy and press statements of the region after consultation with the regional secretary general and regional secretary for media, communication and publicity.

SECRETARY-GENERAL:

Shall:

- i) be the Chief of the Department of the secretariat of AISO within the Region;
- ii) keep the register of all members in the Region;

- iii) be the co-signatory to all checks issued by the REC;
- iv) record minutes of the REC meetings;
- v) be responsible for correspondence in the Region;
- vi) release policy and press statements of the region after consultation with the regional chairperson and regional secretary for media, communication and publicity.

ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMISAR:

Shall:

- i) be responsible for publicizing AISO in the Region;
- ii) be the coordinator of State and Branch Organizers within the Region;
- iii) be responsible for the establishment and/or the maintenance of States and Branches;
- iv) visit States and Branches within the Region;
- v) submit a written report on the development of structures to the REC.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Shall:

- i) collect, receive and bank all monies of AISO, raise the funds for the movement, establish a fund-raising committee for the movement and be the Chairperson of such a committee within the Region;
- ii) issue receipts for all monies received by the movement in the Region;
- iii.) be the co-signatory to all checks issued by the REC;
- iv) liaise with other AISO structures to ensure an accountable fiscal coordination of the movement;
- v) present to the Regional Congress a financial statement, expenditure, account and balance made out of the year and the Congress by the REC;
- vi) summon, if necessary, a summit of all AISO State and Branch Secretaries for Finance and Economic Development;
- vii) be responsible for the implementation of all AISO projects in the Region;
- viii) act as a liaison between the REC and other secretaries for Finance and Economic Development;
- ix) draw up an annual budget for the REC and make it available

- x) to the REC to run its activities;
avail and distribute resources to the branches when approved by the REC.

SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Shall:

- (i) Liaise with the National Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Affairs;
- (ii) examine the welfare of the general membership of AISO;
- (iii) analyze the legal aspect of any detained members of the movement and establish a defense strategy as determined by the NEC;
- (iv) conduct legal clinics for the membership of the movement;
- (v) register the property of the movement in the name of the African Internationalist Student Organization or that of the Trustees on behalf of the movement;
- (vi) sue in the name of AISO and defend AISO when sued;
- (vii) acquire, hold and alienate AISO property;
- (viii) enter into agreements and do all things necessary to carry out AISO aims and objectives;
- (ix) tirelessly defend AISO members, property and reputation;
- (x) ensure that AISO Constitution is in accordance with its parent organization, The African People's Socialist Party;
- (xi) legally represent and/or prepare a legal team to represent AISO as a whole;
- (xii) research, inform and equip the NEC with legal terms and information with regard to political campaigns, programs, issues and accounts that AISO is initiates or involves itself with;
- (xiii) ensure that all members and body's of AISO are in accordance with the Constitution of AISO;
- (xiv) investigate violation or suspensions of AISO organizations and members and present it to the NEC for determination.

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS

Shall:

- i) liaise with the Chief Officer of Publicity and Information Department in the establishing of educational projects in the Regions;

- ii) familiarize the students and community in general with the concept of African Internationalist Education;
- iii) objectively study educational policies and experiences of other political parties in other countries;
- iv) arrange and conduct leadership training classes for members in the Region;
- v) together with the Regional Organizer, draw up a program for ideological training with special emphasis on African Internationalism, Scientific Socialism and National Liberation Struggles;
- vi) attend matters affecting students in the Region;
- vii) be responsible for the establishment and/or maintenance of a National Political School in Branches within the Region;
- viii) make a comparative analysis of the different Higher education Systems in the North America and Africa, and other socialist and progressive countries;
- ix) analyze gender policy of the movement and provide gender education within the Region.

SECRETARY FOR MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY

Shall:

- i) be responsible for publishing AISO within the region;
- ii) see to the publication of AISO Regional journal;
- iii) release policy and press statements of the region after consultation with the regional chairperson and regional secretary general;
- iv) ensure that the true position, policies and principles of AISO are well reflected to the public;
- v) be the Chief Officer of the Publicity and Information Department Regionally;
- vi) establish and run a logistics and resource

- unit Regionally;
- vii) be the Chief Researcher of the movement in the Region.

SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Shall:

- (i) promote sports and cultural activities;
- (ii) establish a working relationship with progressive sports and cultural organizations;
- (iii) popularize sports and cultural policies of the movement.

SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE AND SAFETY

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for the security of the President of the NEC when representing the movement nationally and internationally;
- (ii) acquire and coordinate security personnel;
- (iii) develop and implement security plan for the APSP chairman and other movement leadership at AISO congresses, conferences, and college campuses;
- (iv) destroy factional elements without ceremony;
- (v) provide first aid and CPR training that equips membership in the safety and well being of the leadership.
- (vi) chair and provide training for AISO Security committee.

I. STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SEC)

I.I COMPOSITION OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The SEC shall consist of at least three (3) Branches but within its jurisdiction in the demarcated regions.

The following shall comprise the SEC officers:

- (i) THE CHAIRPERSON
- (ii) THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
- (iii) THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- (iv) THE ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR

- (v) THE SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
- (vi) THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS
- (vii) THE SECRETARY FOR MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY
- (viii) THE SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE, AND RECREATION
- (ix) THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE AND SAFETY

DUTIES OF THE SEC:

The SEC shall:

- (i) be responsible for the implementation of the programs of the movement within the State;
- (ii) evaluate the progress of AISO in the State;
- (iii) coordinate activities of Branches within the State;
- (iv) meet monthly or when it shall be expedient.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

THE CHAIRPERSON:

Shall:

- (i) provide over all general meetings of the State;
- (ii) be responsible for the application of policies, principles and goals of the organization;
- (iii) be the co-signatory to all checks issued by the SEC;
- (iv) assist in general duties of the SEC;
- (v) release press statements on behalf of the movement when necessary and should always consult with the NEC before issuing a statement;
- (vi) liaise with the National President and shall also preside over the State Congress;
- (vii) release policy and press statements of the state after consultation with the state secretary general and state secretary for media, communication, and publicity.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Shall:

- (i) be the chief administrative officer of AISO within the State;
- (ii) record minutes of the SEC;
- (iii) be the co-signatory to all checks of the SEC;
- (iv) always liaise with the Secretary General (National) and shall always keep contact with Branch Secretaries;
- (v) be responsible for all correspondence;
- (vi) release policy and press statement of the state after consultation with the state chairperson and state secretary for media, communication, and publicity.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Shall:

- (i) collect and bank monies of the movement in the state;
- (ii) raise funds for AISO in the state;
- (iii) present to the SEC at the State Congress a financial statement;
- (iv) issue receipts for all monies received and spent by the SEC;
- (v) be the co-signatory to all checks issued by the SEC;

THE STATE ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMISAR

Shall:

- (i) be the coordinator of all Branch Organizers in the state;
- (ii) be responsible for the establishment of branches in the state; visit all branches within the state;
- (iii) give a written report on the development of structures of the movement to the SEC;
- (iv) liaise with the National Organizer.

SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Shall:

- (i) Liaise with the National Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Affairs;
- (ii) examine the welfare of the general membership of AISO;
- (iii) analyze the legal aspect of any detained members of the movement and establish a defense strategy as determined by the NEC;
- (iv) conduct legal clinics for the membership of the movement;
- (v) register the property of the movement in the name of the African

Internationalist Student Organization or that of the Trustees on behalf of the movement;

- (vi) sue in the name of AISO and defend AISO when sued;
- (vii) acquire, hold and alienate AISO property;
- (viii) enter into agreements and do all things necessary to carry out AISO aims and objectives;
- (ix) tirelessly defend AISO members, property and reputation;
- (x) ensure that AISO Constitution is in accordance with its parent organization, The African People's Socialist Party;
- (xi) legally represent and/or prepare a legal team to represent AISO as a whole;
- (xii) research, inform and equip the NEC with legal terms and information with regard to political campaigns, programs, issues and accounts that AISO is initiates or involves itself with;
- (xiii) ensure that all members and body's of AISO are in accordance with the Constitution of AISO;
- (xiv) investigate violation or suspensions of AISO organizations and members and present it to the NEC for determination.

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS:

Shall:

- (i) liaise with the Chief Officer of Publicity and Information Department in establishing educational projects in the state;
- (ii) familiarize the students and the community in general with the concept of African Internationalist Education;
- (iii) objectively study educational policies and experiences of other progressive and revolutionary political parties and liberation movements of past struggles in other countries as well as those existing today;
- (iv) liaise with the Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Affairs;
- (v) arrange and conduct leadership training classes for members in the state;
- (vi) together with the State Organizer, draw up a program for ideological training with special emphasis on African Internationalism and Scientific Socialism.

- (vii) Attend to matters affecting students in the state;
- (viii) Be responsible for the establishment and/or maintenance of National Political School;
- (ix) Make a comparative analysis of the different Higher education systems within the African world and those of other countries, especially progressive countries such as Cuba and Venezuela;
- (x) Analyze the gender policy of the movement and provide political education relating to the special oppression of women within the context of the colonial domination of African people and the struggle to liberate and unite Africa and African people.

SECRETARY FOR MEDIA COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY:

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for publicizing AISO within the state;
- (ii) see to the publication of an AISO state journal;
- (iii) release policy and press statements on behalf of the state after consultation with the state chairperson and state secretary for media, communication, and publicity;
- (iv) ensure that the true position, policies and principles of AISO are well reflected to the public in the state;
- (v) be the Chief Officer of the Publicity and Information Department within the state;
- (vi) establish and run a resource unit within the state;
- (vii) be the chief researcher of the movement statewide.

SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Shall:

- (i) promote sports and cultural activities;
- (ii) establish a working relationship with progressive sports and cultural organizations;
- (iii) popularize sports and cultural policies of the movement.

SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE AND SAFETY

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for the security of the President of the NEC when representing the movement nationally and internationally;
- (ii) acquire and coordinate security personnel;
- (iii) develop and implement security plan for the APSP chairman

- and other movement leadership at AISO congresses, conferences, and college campuses;
- (iv) destroy factional elements without ceremony;
 - (v) provide first aid and CPR training that equips membership in the safety and well being of the leadership.
 - (vi) chair and provide training for AISO Security committee.

SECTION F

1. BRANCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Branch shall consist of fifty (50) members and has to be affiliated with the NEC.

COMPOSITION OF THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

- (i) THE CHAIRPERSON
- (ii) THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
- (iii) THE ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMISAR
- (iv) THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- (v) THE SECRETARY FOR MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY
- (vi) THE SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
- (vii) THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS
- (viii) THE SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE, AND RECREATION
- (ix) THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE

DUTIES OF THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON:

Shall:

- (i) preside over all meetings of the BEC;
- (ii) preside over all meetings of student's council;
- (iii) be the Chief Executive Officer of the Branch of AISO;
- (iv) preside over the Branch Annual General Meeting;

- (v) supervise the implementation of the decisions and resolutions of the Branch;
- (vi) be the co-signatory to all checks issued by the BEC;
- (vii) release policy and press statements on behalf of the branch after consultation with the branch secretary general and branch secretary for media, communication and publicity.

SECRETARY-GENERAL

Shall:

- (i) record minutes of the BEC meetings;
- (ii) record minutes of the student's council meetings;
- (iii) be responsible for all correspondence;
- (iv) release policy and press statements on behalf of the branch after consultation with the branch chairperson and branch secretary for media, communication and publicity.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Shall:

- (i) collect, receive and bank monies of the Branch;
- (ii) raise funds for the Branch;
- (iii) present to the branch Annual General Meetings a financial statement, expenditure, account and balance sheet made out for the year;
- (iv) issue receipts for all monies received by the BEC;
- (v) be a co-signatory to all checks of the Branch;
- (vi) lead and monitor all Branch projects and send progress reports to the National Office via States and Regions.

BRANCH ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL COMMISAR

Shall:

- (i) be the coordinator of the Branch activities of AISO;
- (ii) submit a written report on the development of the Branch to the Branch Annual General Meeting.

SECRETARY FOR MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for publicizing AISO;
- (ii) see to the publication of the AISO Branch journal;
- (iii) release policy and press statements on behalf of the branch after consultation with the branch chairperson and branch secretary for media, communication and publicity;
- (iv) ensure that the true position, policies and principles of AISO are well reflected to the public;
- (v) be the Chief Officer of the Publicity and Information Department in the Branch;
- (vi) establish and run a resource unit in the branch;
- (vii) be the Chief researcher of the movement in the Branch.

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS:

Shall:

- (i) liaise with the Chief Officer of Publicity and Information Department in establishing educational projects in the state;
- (ii) familiarize the students and the community in general with the concept of African Internationalist Education;
- (iii) objectively study educational policies and experiences of other progressive and revolutionary political parties and liberation movements of past struggles in other countries as well as those existing today;
- (iv) liaise with the Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Affairs;
- (v) arrange and conduct leadership training classes for members in the state;
- (vi) together with the State Organizer, draw up a program for ideological training with special emphasis on African Internationalism and Scientific Socialism.
- (vii) Attend to matters affecting students in the state;
- (viii) Be responsible for the establishment and/or maintenance of National Political School;
- (ix) Make a comparative analysis of the different Higher education systems within the African world and those of other countries, especially progressive countries such as Cuba and Venezuela;
- (x) Analyze the gender policy of the movement and provide political education relating to the special oppression of women within the context of the colonial domination of African people

and the struggle to liberate and unite Africa and African people.

SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Shall:

- (iv) promote sports and cultural activities;
- (v) establish a working relationship with progressive sports and cultural organizations;
- (vi) popularize sports and cultural policies of the movement.

SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Shall:

- (i) Liaise with the National Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Affairs;
- (ii) examine the welfare of the general membership of AISO;
- (iii) analyze the legal aspect of any detained members of the movement and establish a defense strategy as determined by the NEC;
- (iv) conduct legal clinics for the membership of the movement;
- (v) register the property of the movement in the name of the African Internationalist Student Organization or that of the Trustees on behalf of the movement;
- (vi) sue in the name of AISO and defend AISO when sued;
- (vii) acquire, hold and alienate AISO property;
- (viii) enter into agreements and do all things necessary to carry out AISO aims and objectives;
- (ix) tirelessly defend AISO members, property and reputation;
- (x) ensure that AISO Constitution is in accordance with its parent organization, The African People's Socialist Party;
- (xi) legally represent and/or prepare a legal team to represent AISO as a whole;
- (xii) research, inform and equip the NEC with legal terms and information with regard to political campaigns, programs, issues and accounts that AISO is initiates or involves itself with;
- (xiii) ensure that all members and body's of AISO are in accordance with the Constitution of AISO;
- (xiv) investigate violation or suspensions of AISO organizations and members and present it to the NEC for determination.

SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE AND SAFETY

Shall:

- (i) be responsible for the security of the President of the NEC when representing the movement nationally and internationally;
- (ii) acquire and coordinate security personnel;
- (iii) develop and implement security plan for the APSP chairman and other movement leadership at AISO congresses, conferences, and college campuses;
- (iv) destroy factional elements without ceremony;
- (v) provide first aid and CPR training that equips membership in the safety and well being of the leadership.
- (vi) chair and provide training for AISO Security committee.

SECTION G

1. THE NATIONAL WORKING COUNCIL (NWC)

COMPOSITION OF THE NWC

The NWC shall be the main sub-organ of the NEC consisting of the:

- i) PRESIDENT
- ii) SECRETARY GENERAL
- iii) DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL
- iv) ALL AISO REGIONAL CHAIRPERSONS

In an event where RECs do not exist, State Chairpersons of that Region shall be members of the NWC.

DUTIES, RIGHTS AND POWERS OF THE NWC:

The NWC shall:

- i) receive progress reports from Branches, States and RECs;
- ii) assess and consider the policy of the movement;
- iii) carry out the duties and resolutions of the National Congress;
- iv) suspend or expel any member of the NEC pending the decision of the Congress;
- v) evaluate the programs of the movement;
- vi) convene inter-state Congresses as well as a special

- Congress;
- vii) make decisions between Congresses and Conferences.

SECTION H

TERMS OF OFFICE:

1. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The NEC shall be elected every twelve (12) months at a National Congress;

2. REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The REC shall be elected annually at a Regional Congress;

3. STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The SEC shall be elected annually at a State Congress;

4. BRANCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The BEC shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Branch.

SECTION I

a. VOTING:

Voting in any organ of the movement shall be conducted either through a show of hands or by Secret Ballot. The Chairperson of any such election shall enjoy a casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

b. ELECTIONS:

- a) In the National Congress, it shall be conducted by an independent Election Commission appointed by the outgoing NEC a month prior to the Congress.
- b) In the Regional Congress it shall be conducted by an Independent Election Commission by the outgoing REC in consultation with the NEC.
- c) In the State Executive Congress, it shall be conducted by the Independent Election Commission appointed by the outgoing SEC in consultation with the REC.
- d) In the Branch Annual General Meeting, it shall be conducted by members of the State or Regional Executive Council.
- e) Elections above Branch level should be seconded by a

Branch where the candidate is registered, unless stated otherwise in the Constitution.

c. QUORUM:

One-third of the people eligible to attend shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of all structures of the movement.

d. AMENDMENTS:

- a) Any amendment to the Constitution shall be proposed and forwarded to the NEC twenty one days prior to the Congress;
- b) Two-thirds of eligible members at a properly constituted National Congress shall be required to vote for any amendment to this Constitution.

e. FUNDRAISING PROJECTS:

The guiding financial policy is:

- a) Self sufficiency and financial initiative in all levels of the movement is encouraged.
- b) The sharing of available resources to avoid an abuse thereof.
- c) No Region or Branch may fundraise outside its jurisdiction without informing the NEC, which must ratify the decision.

f. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:

- a) In an emergency situation in a Branch meeting, members may appoint acting members to augment the structure or call for an early Annual General meeting.
- b) In an event of vacancy in the NEC, the NEC shall have the power to co-opt a member of any subordinate organization which must be ratified by his/her Branch.

g. DISSOLUTION:

The President together with the Secretary General acting on the instructions of the NWC shall convene an emergency Congress which shall deliberate and vote on the issue by two-thirds

majority of the movement.

All assets of the movement shall become the property of the African People's Socialist Party or any other deserving organization designated by the APSP. In the event AISO has accumulated debts, part of the property will go toward covering the debts.

h. **POLITICAL STATUS:**

AISO is the student wing of the African People's Socialist Party, independent of any other political party, group, or governmental body and shall take as allies' formations that are involved in struggles against imperialism in any of its forms, including colonialism and neo-colonialism and embrace the principles of scientific socialism, the philosophy of African Internationalism or Africanism.

SECTION J

DEFINITIONS:

1. **AFRICAN** shall mean any person who is indigenous to AFRICA, whether born or living in Africa or any other place in the world, as well as any other person who lives in Africa, accepts as his or her own the historical mission to liberate and unite Africa and African people and who is committed to the development of AFRICA and respects the democratic norms and values of the indigenous people of Africa.

SECTION K

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **DISCIPLINE:**

There shall be a disciplinary Tribunal of Justice consisting of three members appointed by the AISO NEC. Its decisions shall be reported to the NEC for ratification or otherwise. Until penalty comes before the Annual National Congress the decision of the National Executive Council shall be effective and binding.

2. SANCTIONS and PENALTIES:

- a) The disciplinary Tribunal of Justice shall enforce all the provisions of this code in their entirety.
- b) Sanctions and Penalties shall include fines, ostracism, isolation, suspension and outright expulsion for a long or short period or permanently.

3. EXPRESSION OF IDEAS:

- a) Statements relating to policy, programs, principles and tactical line of AISO should not be lightly uttered.
- b) All public utterances or statements must reflect the policies, programs and principles of AISO.
- c) Policy and press statements in the media (print or electronic) must be made by the NEC President, chairpersons, Secretary Generals, or Secretaries for Media, Communication and Publicity.

4. RESPONSIBILITY:

- a) Members must develop a high sense of responsibility and discipline with respect to all matters relating to AISO.
- b) They must refrain from all gossip, backbiting, rumor-mongering, distortion of truth or spreading of lies.
- c) Their utterances must reflect the ideas, philosophy, policy, and programs of AISO.
- d) The ideas of Africa for Africans under the leadership of the African working class must be understood and appreciated.

5. SPREADING OF IDEAS:

- a) Members must fearlessly spread the ideas of AISO through the press, radio and platforms.
- b) It is the duty of members to circulate ideas contained in official journals, lectures, written addresses, etc.
- c) It should be the duty of each member to strive to

convert students to the ideas of AISO and into the movement itself.

- d) Members must spread the ideas of our cause to the streets, residential areas, campaigns, restaurants, at functions, on the sports' field, in social clubs, parties, church, etc.

6. ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE:

- a) It shall be the duty of each member of AISO to improve, increase or develop his/her knowledge of laws of social development in general and of the African continent and the conditions of Africans worldwide, in particular.
- b) Members must read books and newspapers, for it is an offence to AISO for its members to be ignorant of current events.
- c) Members must see to it that they hold discussions, lectures should be arranged to educate the rank and file less knowledgeable members.
- d) The more theoretically advanced members should conduct classes for the less advanced.

A library of pamphlets, newspapers, clippings, extracts from books, lectures, etc., should be compiled to improve, develop and build ideas of the members around African Internationalism, the central philosophy of the African People's Socialist Party.

7. PERSONAL HABITS:

- a) Members of AISO should develop healthy and sound personal habits.
- b) Members should maintain an exemplary standard of cleanliness.
- c) Members should deport themselves with honor, dignity and proper decorum in the sight of the movement and African people.
- d) They should be punctual for their appointments, especially for AISO meetings, discussions or other

- duties relating to AISO programs.
- e) They should be tireless in the day to day work of AISO and African people.
 - f) They should develop and demonstrate honesty, frankness and courtesy towards one another.
 - g) They should strive to be principled in their approach to the main problems of life and the world.
 - h) They should develop and show true respect for African women and demonstrate in practice a commitment to the equality of African women in men in AISO and in the world.
 - i) They should develop a true love for African people, African workers, the Motherland and for the toiling masses of the world.

8. RELATIONS WITH OTHER STUDENT MOVEMENTS:

- a) African Internationalists should be armed with the theory to such an extent that they can meet other student movements on the basis of equality and must not promote the ideas of other student movements or parties.
- b) Members of AISO should be eager to study different ideologies, especially relating to Africanism and Scientific Socialism, in order to equip themselves fully.
- c) Members should deport themselves with poise and calmness and dignity in the presence of other student movements, in debating chambers or elsewhere.
- d) They should not display immaturity or pettiness or be apologetic or show any sense of perceived inferiority.
- e) Their poise should be natural, dynamic and human but not ruthless when unnecessary.
- f) Vanquish the other person with arguments, not with physical violence.

9. MEETINGS:

- a) There should be punctual attendance to meetings which should be made known in good time to all

- concerned members.
- b) Meetings should be short, precise and straight to the point.
 - c) The chairperson of the meeting must be respected.
 - d) His/her rulings are binding to all AISO members.
 - e) The chairperson must conduct all meetings with fairness in a proper manner to all members.
 - f) Clear decisions with no equivocation, must be taken and must be practical within the scope of AISO.
 - g) Meetings of AISO must be serious; the chairperson must know his/her job well and must have studied methods of conducting meetings.
 - h) Members must be open, frank, objective and brief in their approach to discussions.

10.DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM:

This means decisions, resolutions and programs democratically arrived at after due deliberation, are of force and effect, and binding to all members and organs of the movement until an equally capacitated forum decides otherwise.

11.FACTIONALISM:

- a) Factionalism is the enemy of democratic centralism and of the principle of unity of action.
- b) To destroy it at its roots, maximum self-criticism should be encouraged within the movement. A movement that adopts democratic centralism in approach to its organizational problems will know how to deal with the virus of factionalism.
- c) Where the normal process of free discussion fails to curb factional tendencies, then firm iron discipline should come into play and factional elements, no matter how important, should be chopped off without ceremony.

12.PUBLICATION:

- a) The movement shall publish its own literature

whenever deemed desirable and directed.

SECTION L

OATH OF Allegiance:

On my life, honor and fortune I solemnly pledge and swear that I shall always live up to the aims and aspirations of the African Internationalist Student Organization and shall never, under any circumstances, divulge any secrets, or plans of the movement, nor betray an Africanist; and if I dare to divulge any secrets or plans of the African Internationalist Student Organization, or betray a member of the cause, or use the influence of AISO for my own personal interests or self-promotion, I do so at my own risk and peril. I will irrevocably obey and act upon the orders, commands, instructions and directions of the National Congress of the AFRICAN INTERNATIONALIST STUDENT ORGANIZATION. I will always serve, suffer, and sacrifice anything for the cause for which AISO stands, and will at all times be ready for any mission that I may be called upon to perform. I will make it my duty to foster the cause for which AISO stands, in any organization that I may become a member of. I accept the leadership of THE APSP AND AISO. THIS CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE FIRST AISO NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD AT ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY ON APRIL 17, 2008.

SIGNED: _____
Member

Secretary-General

President

