

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Association of Black Collegians, in order to obtain for ourselves, for the student body of Lafayette College, and for our Black brothers and sisters of this nation and the world a conscious unity to enable us to take a more active part and to have a greater influence in the affairs of the communities in which we reside, do hereby adopt and establish the following Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The organization governed by this constitution shall be known as the Association of Black Collegians.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section I: The primary purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of liberation and unity among all Black people.

Section II: The association shall foster the ideals of high Scholastic achievement, intellectual stimulation, and shall encourage the provision of social surroundings which will supplement the college activities of its members.

Section III: It shall be the policy of this organization to cooperate with the educational and administrative authorities of Lafayette College and with other College and community organizations tending to further the purposes herein set forth.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Membership in this organization shall be open to all persons expressing belief in and support to the principles of the organization, as outlined in the preamble to its constitution, and as defined in the By-Laws to it.

Section II: Each member of the organization shall have the right to participate in all meetings, projects, and other activities of the organization. On all questions requiring a vote, each member shall have one (1) vote in the assembly of members. A quorum for voting shall require one more than half the active members to be present.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section I: The Executive Council of The Association of Black Collegians shall consist of ten (10) members.

Section II: Duties of the Executive Council:

The Executive Council shall have the duty of coordinating all Association activities subject to the approval of the entire membership. Each member of the Executive Council must be on three (3) of the eight (8) Standing Committees.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Section I: The Standing Committees of the Association of Black Collegians shall be as follows:

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| 1. House | 5. Treasury |
| 2. Social | 6. Coalition |
| 3. Information | 7. Community Relations |
| 4. Academic Affairs | 8. Recruitment |

Section II: Duties of the Standing Committees:

1. House: coordinate activities and maintenance of the Black House.
2. Social: to coordinate all social activities on and off campus. (funds and preparation)
3. Information: to assimilate and disseminate information pertinent to ABC activities.
4. Academic Affairs: to aid members of the ABC in their academic endeavors in any way possible. To serve as watchdog of the college curriculum.

5. Treasury: manage financial business of the organization.
6. Coalition: to coordinate the valley-wide activities of the ABC and other BSU.
7. Community Relations: to coordinate, initiate and sustain activities in which the ABC and the surrounding community take part.
8. Recruitment: recruitment of Third World students.

Section III: A temporary committee may be created upon the recommendation of the Executive Council, with the approval of the general membership. A motion for the establishment of a temporary committee may also come from any member from the floor. All temporary committees shall be considered dissolved upon completion of the function for which they were created. A temporary committee may be made a standing committee by constitutional amendment.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all active members. The motion for amendment must come from the floor by a petition bearing the signatures of not less than ten percent of the active membership; the motion for the amendment must be presented at the meeting prior to the meeting where it will be voted on, by the membership.

ARTICLE I: ADOPTING BY-LAWS

In order to adopt a by-law, the motion to do so must come from the floor. The motion, to carry must receive a majority of one (1) more than half the active membership. On all questions not covered in this section of the constitution called the by-laws, the chairmen shall refer to Roberts' Rules of Order, revised.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- Section I: Membership shall be by invitation only. Invitation lists shall be compiled by all members in an open session. Names may be considered on the list when two or more members request an entry.
- Section II: Lists shall be compiled and invitations extended during the first month of each academic year by the Executive Council.
- Section III: Membership requests at any later date must be submitted to the Executive Council.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

- Section I: A member shall be considered inactive when he misses three (3) consecutive regular meetings. An inactive member forfeits his rights to vote and to participate in organizational projects.
- Section II: Inactive members may be readmitted by the process outlined in Article II of these By-Laws.
- Section III: Absences shall be handled by the Executive Council. A member having a valid reason for absence may be excused from attendance upon approval of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- Section I: a) Election of Executive Council shall take place during the second regular meeting in second semester. And freshman representatives to the Council at the third meeting of the first semester. They shall be elected by the freshman members of the ABC.

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b) Outgoing members of the Council ineligible for re-election shall be responsible for conducting elections.

c) Membership of each standing committee shall be determined on a volunteer basis at the next regular meeting following the election of the Executive Council.