This Constitution is the Approved and Official Constitution for:

Club Name: Caribbean Student Association

From the International Council

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Club Officer
Position: President
Name: Erica Nedd
Signature: _______________________
Date: 5/1/17

Council Coordinator
Name: Danny Vo
Signature: _______________________
Date: 5/4/17

Student Association Vice President
Name: Gina Nasca
Signature: _______________________
Date: 5/2/17
Article I. Name of Club
This Club will be known as: Caribbean Student Association

Article II. Purpose of Club
- To promote and strengthen cultural ties among the State University of New York’s Caribbean Community
- To promote Caribbean art and culture among the student community at the State University of New York and the general Buffalo Community
- To foster a sense of pride and identity among the people of the Caribbean by their discovery of a Caribbean consciousness
- To promote an understanding of the contemporary Caribbean world in the university community, through the airing of the issues and challenges, faced by the Caribbean are in the twentieth century
- To provide adequate and accurate information on the Caribbean area, in the university, which at the present time is singularly devoid of such.

Article III. Qualification of Membership
Section 1: *Any undergraduate student of the University at Buffalo may become a member of the club. This club honors the Student Association full participation policy of undergraduate students*

Section 2:
Voting Member
1. *Only undergraduate University at Buffalo Students may be voting members of the club*
2. In order to become a voting member one must attend:
   a. 5 club meeting(s)
   b. 2 club event(s)
   c. 1 community service event(s)
   per a year

Non-Voting Member
3. Any undergraduate or graduate University at Buffalo student or faculty member may be non-voting member of the club
4. In order to become a non-voting member one must attend:
   a. Any club meeting(s), event(s), and/or community service(s) per year

Article IV. Officers
Section 1: *Only full-time undergraduate University at Buffalo students may be officers of the club. All officers must be in academic good standing according to the University at Buffalo to become and stay officers of this club*

Section 2:
1. President
   a. Be the chief executive of the University at Buffalo’s Caribbean Student Association
b. Call as well as preside over meetings of the Association or shall appoint another member of the executive committee to do so, at the President’s discretion

c. Serve as the liaison between the Caribbean Student Association and the SA administrative offices

d. Call special meetings of the Club

e. Take care that this constitution and the laws of the student body are faithfully executed

f. The President shall have no vote, except in cases of a tie.

2. **Vice President**
   
a. Exercise presidential office upon absence

b. Assume presidential office upon vacancy

c. The Association shall fill the vacancy of the Vice President position through a special election

d. Shall be an ex officio member of all committees

e. Shall be the coordinator of all committees

3. **Treasurer**
   
a. Keep complete and accurate account of the Association’s funds

b. Put in requests for use of Association funds

c. Prepare the annual budget request packet with the President

d. Report to the President on all relevant financial matters

4. **Secretary**
   
a. Records all proceedings of the Association

b. Maintain complete and accurate records of all Club meetings

c. Report to the President

5. **Activities Coordinator**
   
a. Responsible for the implementation of the Association’s programs

b. Shall be present to the Association in record of activities planned by the Association

6. **Publicity Coordinator**
   
a. Publicizes events by creating unity among the other organizations on campus

b. Creates flyers, posters, and display boards for events

### Article V. Government

**Section 1: Meetings**

1. There are two types of meetings:
   
a. General membership meetings

b. Executive board meetings

2. General membership meetings:
   
a. Inform members of upcoming events and changes in the club

b. Must occur at least once a month

3. Executive Board meetings
   
a. Include but not limited to amendment changes, vacant officer positions, impeachment hearings, re-elections, and/or elections
b. Which will then be presented to the entire club
4. Quorum for I meetings must be fifty percent of voting membership
   a. Quorum must be met for all meetings

Section 2: Elections
1. Only voting members of the Club may be allowed to nominate, run for office, and vote in the Club election.
2. Officer elections MUST take place before the last day of classes of the spring semester of that year.
   a. In the event an election has taken place after the last day of classes of the spring semester, the officers who were elected will remain as the officers for the summer, however, a new election must take place by the first of October of the upcoming fall semester.
3. A nomination period at the discretion of the Club.
   a. Candidates may be nominated for multiple positions only if the club approves this prior to the nomination period beginning
4. The election will preside in this order:
   a. Publicity
   b. Activities
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
   e. Vice President
   f. President
5. The candidate will be elected based on most votes received. Therefore there will be no run-off votes.
6. The newly elected E-board will take office after the last day of classes of the spring semester of that year.

Section 3: Impeachment/Removal Process
1. Grounds for removal of an officer are as follows:
   a. Violation of the Undergraduate Student Association(SA) policies
   b. Violation of the rules and regulations set forth in the current University student rules and regulations
   c. Failure to perform the duties of the office as set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Club
   d. Failure to uphold the provisions of this constitution and bylaws
2. The procedure to call for removal are as follows:
   a. The Club must notify their Council Coordinator as well as the Student Association Elections and Credentials Chair
   b. A petition with at least twenty percent of the clubs voting membership signatures must be submitted to an executive board officer
   c. The officer will call a special meeting which will occur one week after the petition has been submitted
   d. At this meeting the charges against the offending officer will be presented, as well the offending officer will present their defense either in person or in writing.
e. At the same meeting, the voting membership with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote shall decide the removal of the offending officer
f. If the offending officer is removed, the guidelines in this constitution under officer vacancy are to be followed
g. All documentation regarding the removal of the offending officer must be submitted to the Student Association administration for further review

Section 4: Resignation/Vacancy of Office

1. In the event an officer wishes to resign:
   a. The resigning officer must inform the current executive board
   b. The resigning officer must inform the Student Association administration so that officer information can be updated

2. In the event an officer position becomes vacant:
   a. If the President position becomes vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by the Vice-President
   b. If a vacancy occurs for the position(s) of Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Activities and/or Publicity, two options can be followed:
      i. A special election will be called. The special election will follow the exact guidelines of Section 2: Elections
         OR
      ii. The President may appoint the new officer with the approval of the voting membership
         1) The nomination process will be as follows:
            a) The President appointment must be a voting member of the Club
            b) The President will call a executive meeting within a week of the announcement of the appointment Quorum must be met
            c) The appointed position must gain at least fifty percent of the voting membership’s approval
            d) Upon approval the appointed position will be effective immediately
            e) Upon disapproval the guidelines for a special election will be followed

Article VI. Amendments

1. Any executive board member may propose an amendment to the Club Constitution
2. An amendment can be voted on after one week it has been presented
3. A two-thirds vote must be gained for the amendment to be passed
4. The amendment will put into effect during the beginning of the next academic semester
5. Amendments to this constitution and by-laws may not violate any Student Association, University at Buffalo, Student Mandatory Activity Fee Guidelines, New York State, or Federal rules, regulations, or laws
6. Once passed, amendments and an updated constitution must be turned into the Student Association Office and the Council Coordinator for review and approval