

CONSTITUTION

1. **Name:** TCD Afro-Caribbean Society
2. **Objects:**
 - To provide a forum whereby students of the college can be enlightened about the presence of Afro-Caribbean students at Trinity.
 - To organize activities and events that educate the student body about the rich and diverse Afro-Caribbean culture.
 - To contribute to international student events and provide a means for international students to meet and communicate with each other.
 - To act as point of contact between the college and members on issues affecting the interests of international students.
 - To elect officials responsible for bringing about the above aims.
3. **Membership:** Membership shall be open to all students of the University in return for a subscription fee of €2.00.
4. **The Committee:**

The Committee shall consist of the following officers: the president, the vice president, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and three ordinary committee members.
5. The Committee shall meet at least once a term to discuss planned events for that term and to discuss the general functioning of the society.
6. **The Annual General Meeting and General Meetings:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in Trinity Term. A notice of the meeting shall be publicised to members giving the date and time of the meeting and the fact that elections to the Committee will take place thereat.

Only full members of the Society shall be entitled to vote. The meeting will be chaired by an ordinary Committee member.
7. At the meeting the officers shall read their reports of the Society's activities for the year, and the election of a new Committee shall take place.
8. A general meeting of the Society may be called by the Committee. Three days notice as provided for in the case of an Annual General Meeting shall be given.
9. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called following the procedure set out above for General Meetings.
10. Candidates for election must be full or ordinary members of the Society, and each candidate must be nominated and seconded by a full/ordinary member of the Society.
11. No one shall be admitted to membership less than 24 hours before an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

- 12. The Officers:**
The Chairperson shall oversee the general running of the Society and shall be answerable to the Committee.
- 13.** The Secretary shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the Society and shall keep a record of it, and for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Committee and to provide the Secretary of the C.S.C. with a record of the Society's activities during his/her term of office not later than the date set by the C.S.C. for submission of this report, and shall be answerable to the Committee.
- 14.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the finances of the Society, for the collection of subscriptions and the maintenance of accounts and shall have the duty of conducting routine communications with the C.S.C. on financial matters including the provision of estimates for expenditure.
- 15.** The Treasurer and the Chairperson shall be jointly responsible for the financial affairs of the Society. Although the affairs of the Society shall be in general conducted according to the vote of all of the members of the Committee, if the Committee over-rules the advice of the Chairperson and the Treasurer on a major financial matter or the Committee proceeds in the absence of the Chairperson and the Treasurer on such a matter, then the Chairperson and the Treasurer shall either accept responsibility for the decision, or communicate directly and immediately with the Treasurer of the C.S.C. in which case the Committee shall hold responsibility for the consequences of the decision in question. If only one of the said officers dis-associate himself/herself from the decision, then the other officer shall assume complete responsibility; neither will the officer disassociating himself/herself be forced to accept responsibility by the vote of the Committee or of the Society, though they may be called upon to resign by the due process of the Society in which case such former officer shall bring the case to the notice of the C.S.C.
- 16.** The Treasurer or the Chairperson or any persons may be requested to appear before the C.S.C., or officer or sub-committee of the C.S.C. to provide information concerning the finances of the Society. If a prima facie case exists that Society funds have been misused or mis-appropriated, the C.S.C. may ask the Senior Dean to declare the person or persons concerned indebted to the College, in which case they may not be permitted to register for the following academic year or to have their degree conferred.
- 17.** The Treasurer shall close his/her accounts on March 31st of each year and thereafter as soon as may be possible shall arrange for the accounts to be audited as provided by the C.S.C. and these accounts shall be presented to the Committee of the Society and the C.S.C. for approval.
- 18.** All cheques and withdrawal forms from the Society's bank account shall be signed by two of the designated officers: who shall be the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

19. The ordinary members of the Committee shall be delegated any other duties by the Auditor/Chairperson as are seen fit.

20. Amendments:

This constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority (two-thirds) of those present at an Extraordinary General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting.

Notices of such amendments must be given to the Committee before the time set for such a General Meeting and to the Chairperson of that meeting before he/she takes the chair.

23. This constitution is binding as and from the date of being approved by both the Society and the C.S.C.

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