

**PREAMBLE:**

The mission of the Black Graduate Students Association of Wake Forest University is to:

1. serve as an academic and social network for African-American graduate students in the School of Arts and Sciences; *and*
2. encourage the recruitment and retention of African-American graduate students at Wake Forest University; *and*
3. sponsor programs promoting and encouraging education in general and graduate education in particular.

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The official name of this organization will be The Black Graduate Students Association of Wake Forest University (BGSA).

**ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to any currently enrolled students of the Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in accordance with the University's non-discrimination policy as stated in the Wake Forest student handbook.

**ARTICLE III – OFFICERS**

The officers of the BGSA will include a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and historian. Officers will be elected by the membership in the spring semester of each academic year by a majority vote. Officers will be elected for a term of office of no more than one year.

**ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The executive committee of the BGSA shall include the president and vice-president of the organization.

**ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

Regular monthly meetings shall be agreed upon by the membership at the start of each semester.

**ARTICLE VI – FINANCES**

Any funds generated or collected by the BGSA will be handled in a responsible manner by the treasurer.

**ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT**

Amendments to this constitution can be made by a majority vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII – ADVISOR**

An advisor selected from the faculty of the University shall be agreed upon by the membership.

**ARTICLE IX – RATIFICATION**

This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Student Government Appropriation and Charter Committee, Student Government Legislature, Student Life Committee, and the Faculty.