



The Big XII Council on Black Student Government

University of Missouri
University of Oklahoma

Kansas State University
University of Colorado

Iowa State University
Oklahoma State University

University of Nebraska
University of Kansas

The University of Texas at Austin
Baylor University

Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University

This is the official Constitution, By-Laws, and House Rules, Organizational structures, and Delegate information of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government. This document has been updated this Saturday, June 24, 2006.

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*THE CONSTITUTION
of the
BIG XII COUNCIL ON BLACK STUDENT GOVERNMENT*

PREAMBLE

We, the People of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government, pledge allegiance to our shared cultural heritage as the foundation of civilization; to the continuity of our struggle for human dignity, mutual respect, and self-determination to discipline, education and introspection as catalysts for and safeguards to our physical, intellectual and spiritual development; and, to proactive support of the self-evident-right of all people for cultural expression and participation.

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ARTICLE I- NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

SECTION 1

- 1.1 : The name of this organization shall be The Big XII Council on Black Student Government.
- 1.2 : The name of the annual conference shall be The Big XII Council on Black Student Government Conference

SECTION 2

- 2.1 : Member institutions of The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall consist of the Black Student Governments at the following Institutions: The University of Missouri (Columbia); The University of Oklahoma (Norman); The Kansas State University, The University of Colorado (Boulder); The Iowa State University (Ames); The University of Nebraska (Lincoln); The Oklahoma State University (Stillwater); The University of Kansas (Lawrence); The University of Texas at Austin; The University of Baylor (Waco); The Texas Tech University (Lubick) ; The Texas A& M University (College Station).

ARTICLE II- MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS/OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1

- 1.1 : To provide strong, determined and courageous leadership and advocacy to affect our social and academic environments toward consideration of this community's collective concerns and issues where it pertains to the educational, socio-cultural, economic, and spiritual well-being of this community.

SECTION 2

- 2.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall assist in the recruitment efforts of students, faculty, and staff of African descent to the respective member institutions.
- 2.2 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall assist in the retention efforts of students of African descent, Black faculty, and Black staff at the member institutions.
- 2.3 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall provide programs for community outreaches that will strengthen the Black community.
- 2.4 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall use administration panels comprised of African American communication and participation.

- 2.5 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall require Member Institutions to work in conjunction with all Black organizations.
- 2.6 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall have forums, political think tanks, and voter registration drives to constitute political awareness within the region.
- 2.7 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall use all monetary, sponsored, and donated funds to provide for financial empowerment.

ARTICLE III- GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1

- 1.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall be the governing body for the member institutions.

ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP AND THE GENERAL ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1

- 1.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall consist of: the organizational officers; the presidents of the member institution; and a minimum of four (4) delegates from each member institution.

SECTION 2

- 2.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall have two-thirds (2/3) of the active member Institutions for the transaction of business.

SECTION 3

- 3.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall have an Annual Fall Transitional meeting.
- 3.2 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall have an Annual Fall Planning Council meeting.
- 3.3 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall meet during the Annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government.
- 3.4 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall have an Annual Spring Transitional Council meeting.

ARTICLE V- ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICERS

SECTION 1

- 1.1 : The organizational officers of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall consist of: the Chairperson; the Vice-Chairperson; the Executive Secretary; the Treasurer; the Assistant Treasurer; the Parliamentarian; the General Counsel; the Standing Committee Chairpersons; the Member Institution Delegates; the Big XII Conference Coordinator; and the Big XII Council Advisor(s).
- 1.2 : The elected organizational officers shall be: the Chairperson; the Vice-Chairperson; the Executive Secretary; the Treasurer; the Assistant Treasurer; and the Parliamentarian.
- 1.3 : The appointed organizational officers shall be: the Standing Committee Chairperson; and the General Counsel, the Big XII Council Advisor, and Webmaster.
- 1.4 : The Conference Coordinator shall be appointed by the host school for the annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government. as provided by Article I, section 1.2
- 1.5 : The Big XII Council shall have two (2) advisors that shall be considered Co-Advisors;
- 1.6 : The organizational officers that shall serve a one year term shall be: The Chairperson; the Vice-Chairperson; the Executive Secretary; the treasurer; the Parliamentarian; the Standing Committee Chairperson; the Conference Coordinator
- 1.7 The organizational officers that may serve a two year term shall be: The Big XII Council Co-Advisors; the General Counsel and the Member Institution Delegates;
- 1.8 The Assistant Treasurer shall serve one year as the Assistant Treasurer and the second year as the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI- IMPEACHMENT PROCEDURES

SECTION 1

- 1.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall have the power to remove any organizational officer that does not fulfill his/her job duties.
- 1.2 : If the Treasurer is impeached or resigns the Assistant Treasurer assumes the position then the newly appointed Treasurer shall serve out the remainder of the outgoing Treasurer's term plus a year.

SECTION 2

- 2.1 : Organizational officer job duties include:
 - A. To attend all meetings unless the executive board was previously notified.
 - B. To be responsible for his/her actions therein
 1. To uphold the laws of the land, the Constitution of the United States of America, the respective Black Student Organizations
- 2.2 : In the event that the job duties cited by the Big XII Council are not upheld, as described in the Bylaws, Bylaw 5, Sections B1 – B14, then the Chair shall use Executive Privilege to suspend the member of the council accused. It is then the responsibility of the Chair and respective Black Student Organization to gather

evidences pertaining to the case at hand. In the case that the Chair is accused then it will be the responsibility of the council to follow the order of precedence.

A. The order of precedence is as follows:

1. Chairperson
2. Vice-Chairperson
3. Executive Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Parliamentarian
6. Assistant Treasurer
7. General Council
8. Standing Committee

2.3 : In the event that job duties cited by the Big XII Council are not upheld, as described in Bylaw 5, Sections B1 – B11, the active Black Student Organizations of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall be informed about the situation and shall be allotted one vote per school to decide whether the situation is serious enough to begin the investigation proceedings.

2.4 : In the event that the votes tally to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Member Institutions present, the Executive committee shall put together a judicial review by use of Article XII (Ad Hoc committee).

2.5 : Each school shall choose a non-executive board member , of the Counsel, and the Big XII Council Executive Parliamentarian shall approve him/her. In the event that the Parliamentarian is unable too choose the next on command shall be in charge.

A. The order of precedence in an inquiry and/or the proceeding goes as follows:

1. Chairperson
2. Vice-Chairperson
3. Executive Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Assistant Treasurer
5. General Counsel
6. Standing Committee Chairperson

7a. The chairpersons of the Standing Committee shall approve or disapprove the jury.

B. Each council-person/committee shall choose in a quick parliamentary procedure and use the most nonbiased opinion possible.

C. There shall be an odd number of participants on the Judicial Review Board.

1. If there is only an even number of members chosen then the ranking office of the Council shall be the odd person.

SECTION III

3.1 : Proceedings

A. The accused has until the final vote (from the Council) to resign his/her position, relieving themselves of all rights and privileges that are given to them by the Council respectively.

B. The impeachment proceedings shall proceed as follows.

1. The Parliamentarian is in charge at all times and will make all executives decisions throughout the trial.
2. Defense shall have the precedence and speak first with The representation.
 - a. The accused shall be represented by one of his/her three choices. after choosing one of the following sub-points.
 1. Member of their Black Student Government.
 2. The accused is also allowed to defend him/herself throughout the trial.
3. The Prosecution shall be able to speak with respect to the defense.
4. The Defense shall then have a rebuttal and a question and answer period entailing only the accused. The Judicial Review Board shall be able to questions in an orderly manner to clarify their point and close all debates.
5. The Prosecution will then have a rebuttal to clarify their point and close all debates.
6. The Judicial Review Board shall then retire to collectively make its Decision.
 - a. The Parliamentarian will run the review and all discussion will be regulated by him/her.
 - b. All ballots shall be cast through secret and tallied by the Parliamentarian and the next office in succession.

3.2 : Verdict

- A. If verdict is not guilty the accused shall be reinstated.
- B. If the vote is guilty then the Judicial Review Board shall decide a punishment.
 1. The maximum penalty per review council is banishment from all Black student organizations and their functions.
 2. The Judicial Review Board shall set the maximum penalty per school.

ARTICLE VII- ELECTION PROCEDURES

SECTION I

- 1.1 : The elections for organizational officers of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall be held at the annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government.
- 1.2 : The organizational officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the active Member Institutions.
- 1.3 : The Member Institution's Delegates shall be elected or appointed at their Member Institution.
- 1.4 : In the event of a vacancy of an elected organizational officer-ship the chairperson shall have the power of appointment.
- 1.5 : In the event of a vacancy of an appointed organizational officer, the chairperson shall have the power of appointment.
- 1.6 : The newly selected organizational officers shall take office at the end of the 1st session of the Spring Council meeting.

ARTICLE VIII- VOTING PROCEDURES

SECTION I

- 1.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall use *Robert's Rules of Order* in all cases of voting.
- 1.2 : Each Member Institution shall have one vote on any business during any Big XII Council on Black Student Government meeting.
- 1.3 : The voting delegate for each Member Institution shall be vested in the institutions respective President.
- 1.4 : The Member Institution's Delegates shall have one vote for their Member Institution on the Standing Committee or Ad Hoc as provided by Article XI.
- 1.5 : In the event of a tie, The Big XII Council on Black Student Government Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- 1.6 : In the event of a tie in the respective Standing Committee, as provided in Article XI, the Committee Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

SECTION II

- 2.1 : Voting for elected organizational officers of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall be by closed ballots.

SECTION III

- 3.1 : Voting for general business of the Big XII Council on black Student government shall be by roll call vote.

ARTICLE IX-DUES

SECTION I

- 1.1 : The Member Institutions shall pay annual dues to the Big XII Council on Black Student Government.
- 1.2 : The amount of dues shall be decided upon by the Big XII Council on Black Student Government at the Spring Council meeting as provided in Article 3, section 3.3.

SECTION II

- 2.1 : The Member Institutions dues shall be paid directly to the Big XII Council on Black Student Government Treasurer.

SECTION III

- 3.1 : It is the discretion of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government to impose sanctions on any Member Institution that has outstanding debts for dues.

ARTICLE X- FUNDRAISERS

SECTION I

1.1 : The Member Institutions shall sponsor an annual fundraiser specifically for the Big XII Council on Black Student Government.

SECTION II

2.1 : The Big XII Council shall decide the amount of the fundraiser on Black Student Government.

2.2 : The overture/profit from the fundraiser shall become the property of the respective Member Institution.

ARTICLE XI- STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION I

1.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall maintain a Constitutional Committee.

1.2 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall maintain a Finance Committee.

1.3 : The Big XII council on Black Student Government shall maintain a Political Awareness Committee.

1.4 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall maintain a Public Relation's Committee

1.5 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall maintain a Historical Committee.

SECTION II

2.1 : Each Member Institution Delegate shall serve on one of the respective committees.

ARTICLE XII- AD HOC COMMITTEES

SECTION I

1.1 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall maintain the Judiciary Committee as an ad hoc committee.

1.2 : The Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall maintain a Freshman Action Committee as an ad hoc committee.

ARTICLE XIII-BYLAWS AND HOUSE RULES

SECTION I

- 1.1 : By-Laws shall only be passed if they are in harmony with the stated purposes, goals, and Constitution of the Big XII Council on black Student Government
- 1.2 : By-Laws can be passed at any Big XII Council on Black Student Government general body meeting.

SECTION II

- 2.1 : The House Rules of the Big XII Conference on Black student Government shall be the guides for operations and procedures.

ARTICLE XIV-CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS

SECTION I

- 1.1 : The Constitution of the Big XII Council on Black Student Government shall be amended by a quorum consisting of two-thirds of the active Member Institution.