

# Constitution

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## PREAMBLE

Imbued with an intense ardor to serve the people and armed with a profound and thoroughgoing understanding of our place in the Filipino masses' historical struggle to overthrow imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism, we, the **LEAGUE OF FILIPINO STUDENTS**, aver our firm adherence and commitment to the line and program of national democracy and its socialist perspective, declare our resolve to steadfastly advance the national democratic interests of the youth and students, integrate with the worker and peasant movement and affirm the need to establish a determined national democratic mass organization of students. Bearing high our commitment to the indubitable avowals, we hereby promulgate and bind ourselves to this Constitution.

## Article I

### Name, Seal, Flag, and Headquarters

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the League of Filipino Students or LFS.

**Section 2.** Its seal shall be an arrangement of the letters L-F-S and the outlines faces shall symbolized the national character of the organization, representing Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

**Section 3.** Its flag shall be red in color with the golden seal at the middle. Red shall signify militancy and courage, while gold shall signify the noble principles of the LFS as a national democratic organization.

**Section 4.** The National Headquarters shall be located in Metro Manila, unless the National Congress or the National Executive Committee (NEC), during its term, transfers the headquarters to another locality for necessity and convenience.

**Section 4.** Dues already paid shall be reimbursed.

## ARTICLE XXII

### By-Laws

**Section 1.** There shall be set of by-laws which shall embody LFS organizational rules and procedures.

**Section 2.** The by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the National Congress.

## ARTICLE XXIII

### Amendments

**Section 1.** This Constitution may be amended or revised by a vote of twothirds (2/3) of National Congress.

**Section 2.** All proposals for amendments or revisions must be submitted in written form, together with explanation for such, to the National Secretariat at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the National Congress.

**Section 8.** Pursuant to the preceding section, where a division of the National Congress in necessary for the rectification of an amendment to or revisions of this Constitution, approval of programs, adoption of resolutions and policies and in other similar acts of the body, each chapter shall carry one (1) vote.

## ARTICLE XX Impeachment

**Section 1.** On petition of at least fifteen (15) chapters, any national officer of the organization may be made to undergo impeachment proceeding of any of the following grounds:

- a. Willful and culpable violation of this Constitution and the by-laws of the organization;
- b. Gross neglect of duty;
- c. Disloyalty to the organization;
- d. Gross misconduct

**Section 2.** There shall be an Impeachment Tribunal. The creation of which shall be ensured by the National Council composed of one (1) representative from every regional unit to be elected by their respective councils, which shall try and decide all cases involving the removal of, or suspension of any officer. In the event of failure of all regional units to elect representatives, a number of six (6) representatives shall be sufficient to constitute the Tribunal. Any decision of impeachment must carry the unanimous decision of the body.

**Section 3.** The decision of the Tribunal may only be appealed to the National Congress, which may be two-thirds (2/3) vote, reverse the Tribunal's decision.

## ARTICLE XXI Dues

**Section 1.** There shall be a membership fee of Php 15.00 for every semester for every member, and an institutional fee of Php 50, 30, 25, 20 and 15 monthly for every regional, provincial, city, area formation and chapter respectively.

**Section 2.** Members shall pay their dues to the school chapter to which they belong, which shall retain fifty percent (50%) for the use of the chapter, and remit twenty five percent (25%) each to the Regional Finance Committee and the National Finance Committee.

**Section 3.** Provincial, city and area formations shall pay their dues to their respective finance committees, which shall retain sixty percent (60%) for the use of their Regional Council and remit forty percent (40%) to the National Finance Committee.

## ARTICLE II Declaration of Principles

**Section 1.** The LFS believes that the Philippine society is semi-colonial and semi-feudal and that the Filipino people is exploited and oppressed by three fundamental ills—imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism.

**Section 2.** The LFS adheres to the general line, program of the national democratic struggle and its socialist perspective that aims to;

- a. Dismantle the ruling system and struggle against all reactionary, proimperialist and fascist forces;
- b. End imperialist domination and establish our national sovereignty and freedom;
- c. Resolve the backward peasant economy by implementing genuine agrarian reform with focus on distribution of land to the tillers and national industrialization;
- d. Forward a nationalist, scientific and mass-oriented culture.

The basic completion of this program shall serve to lay the foundation for the socialist revolution and construction.

**Section 3.** The LFS believes that the historical role of the youth and student movement is to arouse, mobilize and organize the broadest number of students and people for their national and democratic interests and link its movement with the movement of workers and peasants.

**Section 4.** The LFS believes that the workers and peasants, being the majority of the deprived and oppressed in Philippine society and the decisive forces, must form an indispensable alliance with other positive forces to further the national democratic struggle.

**Section 5.** The LFS recognizes that, historically and currently, armed struggle has proven to be an important form in the people's struggle for national democracy and sovereignty.

## ARTICLE III Declaration of Objective

**Section 1.** The LFS, recognizing that the interest of the youth and students are linked up with the interest of the Filipino people, shall strive to serve the studentry and the people and advance the national democratic aspirations.

**Section 2.** In particular, the LFS shall:

- a. Stand for the interest of the basic masses. Serve and merge with the labor movement. Directly support the agrarian struggle in the countryside;

- b. Deepen the understanding and knowledge about the Philippine society and the national democratic struggle. Continuously and systematically study the PADEPA courses and curriculum;
- c. Propagate the national democratic line, program and calls. Defend socialism against modern revisionism. Expose and struggle against reformism;
- d. Mobilize the student youth and unite with the basic masses in the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal and democratic struggle. Expose and oppose the puppet regimes of comprador and landlords;
- e. Advance and link up the struggle for the democratic interest of the student-youth to the national democratic struggle of the Filipino people. Fight for a nationalist, scientific and mass-oriented education for the youth masses;
- f. Forward the nationalist, scientific and mass-oriented culture;
- g. Actively join the struggle for the emancipation of women, gays and lesbians;
- h. Support the struggles of the national minorities for selfdetermination;
- i. Further strengthen the organization on a national level. Programmatically do expansion work in nearby town, cities, provinces and regions according to priority and capacity;
- j. Organize Filipino youth overseas. Develop support for the Philippine national democratic movement and support the just struggles of the people against imperialism. Assist in the formation of an international anti-imperialist youth front.

## Article IV

### Membership and Qualification

**Section 1.** Any bonafide student of any high school, college, or university, vocational or technical institute, who subscribe to the objectives, principles and programs of action of the LFS, and is willing to be a member, submit to organizational discipline, shall be eligible for membership therein.

**Section 2.** In the spirit of progressive internationalism, any foreign student who meets the qualification provided for in the proceeding section shall be eligible for membership in the organization.

**Section 3.**

- A. Willingness to join the organization shall be expressed to the duly organized LFS chapter in the school, college or university, vocational and technical institute or high school where the interested individual is enrolled.
- B. In the case where there is no existing LFS chapter in the school, college or university, vocational and technical institute or high school where the interested individual is enrolled in, willingness to join the LFS will be expressed to any existing chapter.

- h. Effectively particularize and implement the General Program of Action in its locality, and
- i. Consciously abide by this Constitution and the By-laws of the organization.

**Section 3.** The chapter shall elect from among its members a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary General, Finance Officer, Basic Masses Integration Officer and Education Officer who shall serve as its officers.

**Section 4.** The chapter officers shall be elected by the General Assembly and will hold a term of one (1) year unless otherwise re-elected, impeached or recalled.

**Section 5.** The committees shall be formed within the chapter. Each committee shall be composed of at least 3 members pursuing the task of the committee in line with the task of the chapter.

## ARTICLE XIX

### Election and Organizational Decisions

**Section 1.** When the National Congress is in session each chapter represented shall carry one (1) vote.

**Section 2.** All elections shall be held by secret ballot unless the National Congress decides otherwise.

**Section 3.** If there is only one (1) nominee for an elective position, he/she must get at least a confidence vote of 50%+1 of all votes.

**Section 4.** All candidates for National Executive Committee should have at least six (6) months membership in the organization.

**Section 5.** There shall be an electoral board, composed of a chairman and two members who shall be appointed by the outgoing National Executive Committee during the National Congress.

**Section 6.** The Electoral Board shall:

- a. Oversee the conduct of the election proceedings;
- b. Receive all certifications of candidacy and nominations, certify the qualification of all candidates, issue an official list of qualified candidates, resolve election complaints and protest and;
- c. Officially proclaim the winners of the election.

**Section 7.** Any vacancy or vacancies existing after the regular elections shall be filled in by a special election to be called by the NEC and elected by the National Council. Thereafter, the officers elected shall hold office for the unexpired period.

composed of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary General, Finance Officer, Education Officer, and Basic Masses Integration Officer which shall be determined by their respective assemblies.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee in all levels shall have authority and jurisdiction over the following:

- a. The convening of adaption of the agenda and other internal preparations for their respective assemblies,
- b. The creation of standing committees,
- c. The enforcement of policies, rules and regulation and adaption of resolutions, provided they do not in any way contravene the principles and objective outlined in this Constitution and the bylaws of the organization.

**Section 4.** The Executive Committee in all levels shall meet as their respective members deem necessary.

## ARTICLE XVIII

### The Chapter

**Section 1.** The Chapter shall be the basic unit of the organization. At least ten (10) bonafide students of any high school, vocational, or technical institution, college or university, may form, an official chapter.

**Section 2.** The Chapter shall:

- a. Arouse, mobilize and organize the greatest number of students in particular localities towards the further advancement of the sectoral and basic masses aspirations.
- b. Propagate untiringly and in all forms, the objectives, principles, and the national democratic line and analysis of the organization regarding local, sectoral and national issues which confront the youth sector and the people.
- c. Raise the political consciousness of the members and deepen the understanding of the people of the national democratic line through intensive education work.
- d. Relentlessly recruit more students into the ranks of the organization, assist actively in the establishment of the chapters in other school, and organize and further broaden mass support for the organization.
- e. Support and actively participate in the struggle of the basic masses and other sectors.
- f. Gather as much financial, material, technical support as possible and develop all forms of finance work towards fulfilling the demands of the locality and the entire organization.
- g. Remit all regular dues and other fees to the higher organ in accordance with Article XXI of this Constitution.

**Section 4.** Young teachers who are willing to further the objectives and programs of the organization may also join the LFS.

## ARTICLE V

### The LFS Oath

**Section 1.** The oath of the LFS shall be an expression of a personal affirmation of commitment to the organization's cause and principles.

**Section 2.** Those who will be taking the oath must:

- a. Take the LFS General Orientation and Tasks Seminar;
- b. Know the LFS Constitution and the chapter's by-laws;
- c. Be organized in a chapter and participate actively in its activities.

**Section 3.** The oath shall be:

*Ako si \_\_\_\_\_ ay nagpapahayag ng aking kahandaan sa masigasig na pagmumulat, pag-oorganisa at pagpapakilos ng kabataan at estudyante para sa kanilang demokratikong kahilingan at sasanib sa Pambansa Demokratikong Pakikibaka ng masang anakpawis.*

*Babagtas ako sa militanteng landas ng Pambansa Demokratikong Pakikibaka na may sosyalistang perspektiba upang wakasan ang sistemang mala-kolonyal at mala-pyudal na pinaghaharian ng imperyalismo, pyudalismo at burukrata kapitalismo. Itataguyod ko nang lubos ang lahat ng aping mamamayan sa daigdig laban sa imperyalismo.*

*Papandayin ko ang aking sarili bilang aktibista para sa masa. Masikhay akong mag-aaral ng lipunang Pilipino. Maninindigan ako laban sa rebisyonismo at oportunismo. Sumusumpa ako na itataguyod ang simpleng pamumuhay at puspusang pakikibaka. Magiging mapagkumbaba, matututo at sasanib sa masang anakpawis.*

*Sa alaala ng lahat ng kabataang martir at bayani, itataguyod ko ang sumpang ito sa lahat ng panahon at pagkakataon, buhay ko man ay ialay alang-alang sa mamamayan.*

## ARTICLE VI

### Rights and Privileges

**Section 1.** Every member of the LFS shall have the following rights and privileges:

- a. To participate freely and fully in all meeting of the chapter to which he/she belongs, and to be represented by a delegate freely chosen by his/her chapter in wider assemblies of the LFS;

- b. To be informed fully of the reason for policies, programs, projects and actions adapted nationally, regionally or locally of the chapter and all other leading bodies of the organization;
- c. To propose changes on the stated agenda of meetings and assembly;
- d. To elect and be elected into office;
- e. To vote in approval and adoption of resolutions, programs, policies of the chapter where the individual is a member;
- f. To have any dissenting vote and their reason thereof recorded;
- g. To present suggestions, comments, and criticisms to any unit, committee or organ of the LFS;
- h. To appeal any decision or policy to the higher organ of the organization; and
- i. To resign his/her membership.

**Section 2.** All members of the LFS shall enjoy all such other rights and privileges as the National Congress may grant from time to time, provided, however such rights and privileges shall not in any way violate the above-mentioned.

## ARTICLE VII Duties and Responsibilities

**Section 1.** Every member of the LFS shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To uphold and abide by this Constitution and by-laws of the organization;
- b. To abide by the policies, decisions and regulations adopted by the organization;
- c. To be a member of a chapter and actively participate in any meetings of the chapter;
- d. To take active part in the implementation of all programs, projects and actions adapted by the LFS and its chapters;
- e. To deepen and enhance the understanding of the national democratic principles of the organization in activities for self-development;
- f. To regularly conduct assessments, criticisms and self-criticisms and;
- g. To pay organizational dues regularly.

**Section 2.** All members of LFS shall fulfill other duties and tasks delegated to them by leading organs of the organization.

**Section 3.** Any member may be subjected to disciplinary action by the next higher organ, upon recommendation of the unit he/she belongs, only for just cause and after due process and notice.

## ARTICLE XV

### Regional, Provincial, City, and School-wide Assemblies

**Section 1.** The assemblies in the region, province, city and school shall be the highest policy making body of such territorial divisions.

**Section 2.** Regional, provincial, and city assemblies shall be convened at least once a year to draw particular program of action adopted from the national program and policies, and to act upon such other organizational matters as may be forwarded to it.

**Section 3.** School-wide assemblies shall be convened at least twice a semester to draw a particular program of action adopted from the national program and policies and to act upon such other organizational matters as may be forwarded to it.

**Section 4.** Assemblies may be convened in a special session anytime upon the recommendation of the territorial councils or executive committee.

## ARTICLE XVI

### Regional, Provincial, City and School-wide Councils

**Section 1.** The council in the regional, provincial, city and school level shall be the second highest policymaking body of such territorial divisions. They shall be the supreme governing body organs of such territorial divisions when their respective assemblies are not in session.

**Section 2.** The councils at all levels shall be composed of all their respective executive committee members and the chairpersons of all other intermediate organs under the territory concerned.

**Section 3.** All councils shall meet at least once every academic semester or at least once every six (6) months or as their respective executive committees may deem necessary.

**Section 4.** The provision of the other sections of this article notwithstanding, the council in any level, upon the petition by a majority of its members, may request the NEC to solve a controversy in any of the areas in this article. Any resolutions issued by the NEC in accordance herewith shall be deemed final and immediately executory.

## ARTICLE XVII

### Regional, Provincial and City Executive Committees

**Section 1.** The Regional, Provincial and City Executive Committees shall be

for the use of the membership and other students, upon request;

- d. To provide the Commitment and the National Propaganda Committee with necessary facts and information as may be requested by them;
- e. To provide assistance to other youth and students organization, and other sectors on matters concerning education and training programs;
- f. To call education conferences at all levels.

**Section 4.** The National Propaganda Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To serve as the news and information center of the organization;
- b. To prepare and disseminate official press statements and positions of the organization;
- c. To undertake preparation for press conferences sponsored by the organization;
- d. To serve as liaison officer between the national headquarters and the campus and working press;
- e. To undertake the production and distribution of the Commitment;
- f. To prepare and disseminate national propaganda programs for the organization; and
- g. To draft the propaganda plans for the organization.

**Section 5.** The International Affairs Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To act as the main body of the LFS to build, maintain and develop relations with organizations abroad through regular correspondence and exchange;
- b. To propagate the national democratic struggle of the Filipino people to the international community;
- c. To report regularly to the National Executive Committee regarding the progress of international relations of the organization;
- d. To ensure the propagation of the organization's lines and views to the international community;
- e. To be responsible in the raising of the progressive internationalist consciousness among members.

**Section 6.** The National Basic Masses Integration Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To facilitate mass exposures and integration programs of the membership to the ranks of the workers and peasants;
- b. To coordinate plans and campaigns with labor center (KMU), peasant center (KMP) and urban poor center (Kadamay) their corresponding chapters in provinces;
- c. To launch discussions and campaigns regarding specific workers and peasants issues and activities.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Organizational Structure and Principles

**Section 1.** The LFS shall be guided by the principle of democratic centralism—centralism based on democracy and democracy guided by centralism.

**Section 2.** The practice of democratic centralism in the organization is based on the following:

- a. All leading organs of the LFS in all levels shall be elected and shall be held accountable to the National Congress or assembly which elected them.
- b. All decisions shall be arrived at after collective discussions after the decision shall be implemented without hesitation.
- c. Decisions shall be guided by the following:
  - c.1. The individual is under the organization.
  - c.2. The minority is under the majority.
  - c.3. The lower organ is under the higher organ.
  - c.4. The whole membership is under the National Congress, the National Council and National Executive Committee.
- d. Leading bodies shall study reports, news, information and communications from lower bodies and individual members. The higher organ shall consider concrete conditions and experiences as basis for prompt guidance and assistance in resolving the problems and controversies affecting lower organs.
- e. Lower organs shall submit regular reports to leading organs and shall refer issues which require decisions of the next higher organ and seek guidance from the latter.
- f. In case that a member shall consciously violates the principle of the LFS,
  - f.1. Due process will be strictly observed
  - f.2. The member can be warned, relieved from certain tasks, demoted, suspended, or expelled from the organization depending on the gravity of the violation committed.
  - f.3. Actions beyond warning should have the concurrence of the higher organ.
- g. All organs, units and individuals of the LFS shall strictly implement the principle of collective leadership and decision making.

**Section 3.** The organizational structure and corresponding organs of the LFS are:

- a. In the national level, the leading organ is the National Congress, and in between Congresses, the National Council, and in between National Council meetings, the National Executive Committee;
- b. In the regional level, the leading organ is the Regional Assembly, and in between assemblies, the Regional Council and, in between the Regional Council meetings, the Regional Executive Committee;
- c. In the provincial level, the leading organ is the Provincial Assembly and

in between assemblies, the Provincial Council, and in between Provincial Council meetings, Provincial Executive Committee.

- d. In the City level, the leading organ is the City Assembly, and in between city assemblies, the City Council, and in between City Council meetings, the City Executive Committee;
- e. In the School-wide level, the leading organ is the School-wide Assembly, and in between assemblies, the School-wide Council, and in between council meetings, the School-wide Executive Committee;
- f. In the Chapter level, the leading organ is the General Assembly, and in between the general assemblies, the Chapter Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IX National Congress

**Section 1.** National Congress shall be the highest policy making body of the organization and shall be composed of all members of the LFS.

**Section 2.** The National Congress shall be convened once every two years, to elect the national officers, adopt national policies, approve a budget, a program of action and projects that should be implemented, and to act upon such other organizational matters as may be forwarded to it. In cases of extreme difficulties, the National Council can decide to postpone the Congress and convene it within six months.

**Section 3.** The National Congress may be convened in a special session anytime upon the decision of the National Council.

**Section 4.** The rules of the National Congress shall be defined by the National Council preceding it.

## ARTICLE X National Council

**Section 1.** The National Council shall be the second highest policy making body of the LFS. It shall be the highest governing organ of the organization when the National Congress is not in session.

**Section 2.** The National Council shall be composed of representatives from either the regional, provincial, city formation whichever is already established and one (1) high school representative.

**Section 3.** Members of the National Council, except the high school representative, shall be selected by chapter/s from his/her region, province, or city with the approval of the National Congress.

General, the Deputy Secretary General, and the coordinators/staff appointed by the National Secretary General.

**Section 3.** The National Secretariat shall supervise and administer the formation of regional secretariats according to capacity and priority of the NEC.

**Section 4.** The coordinators/staff shall assist the National Secretary General in all his/her functions, particularly in the day to day administration of the organization.

**Section 5.** The National Secretariat shall maintain and preserve journals of the proceedings of the NEC and National Council and the sessions of the National Congress in the National Headquarters of the organization.

**Section 6.** The National Secretariat shall plan and supervise all consolidation and expansion activities of the organization.

**Section 7.** The National Secretariat shall organize leadership training seminars or conferences for its members and chapters.

## ARTICLE XIV National Standing Committees

**Section 1.** The LFS shall have the following standing committees in the national level:

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Education and Research Committee
- c. Propaganda Committee
- d. International Affairs Committee
- e. Basic Masses Integration Committee

**Section 2.** The National Finance Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To serve as the central machinery for the national collection of fees and other dues from membership;
- b. To plan and undertake fund-raising activities;
- c. To preserve all financial records of the organization;
- d. To organize finance education and training seminars.

**Section 3.** The National Education and Research Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To organize education and training seminars and/or conference for the membership, including the preparation of study guide, education courses, text and curricula;
- b. To sponsor symposia, fora and other venues for the discussion of vital issues of sectoral and national concerns;
- c. To gather systematically all relevant data and maintain a data resource center

**Section 6.** The National Basic Masses Integration Officer shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

- a. To head the National Basic Masses Integration Committee;
- b. To supervise the mass exposure and integration programs of the membership to workers union and peasants' and urban poor communities;
- c. To coordinate plans and campaigns with the labor center (KMU), peasant center (KMP) and urban poor center (Kadamay);
- d. To perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated by him/her by the National Congress and the National Council.

**Section 7.** The National Finance Officer shall have the following powers, duties, and functions:

- a. To act as the custodian of all effects, properties and funds of the organization and shall be accountable for them;
- b. To collect all fees and to deposit the same in the bank, and to the credit of the organization;
- c. To authorize the disbursement of funds and logistics in accordance with the appropriations of the National Council and the National Executive Committee;
- d. To be the Chairperson of the National Finance Committee;
- e. To submit a financial report/statement to the National Congress during its session and to the National Council during its regular meetings;
- f. To perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated
- g. to him/her by the National Congress and the National Council.

**Section 8.** The International Liaison Officer shall have the following powers, duties and functions;

- a. To act as Chief International Liaison Officer of the organization;
- b. To be the Chairperson of the International Affairs Committee;
- c. To supervise and coordinate all international related activities of the organization; and
- d. To perform such other duties and functions as maybe delegated to him/her by the National Congress and the National Council.

## ARTICLE XIII

### National Secretariat

**Section 1.** The National Secretariat shall assist the National Secretary General in execution of the latter's functions, in accordance with Article XII, Section 3 of this Constitution.

**Section 2.** The National Secretariat shall be composed of the National Secretary

**Section 4.** The high school representative to the National Council will be selected by the high school chapters with the approval of the National Congress.

**Section 5.** New members can sit upon the recommendation of the respective provincial, regional or city committees and confirmation of the National Council in session.

**Section 6.** The National Council shall meet at least two times a year, at a place decided by the National Executive Committee, to formulate programs, assess the activities and performance of the organization and adjust policies and measure as may be deemed necessary.

**Section 7.** The National Executive Committee may in urgent cases call for an emergency meeting of the National Council, provided however, that the members shall be given a written notice at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 8.** A simple majority of the members (50% +1) of the National Council shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

## ARTICLE XI

### National Executive Committee

**Section 1.** The National Executive Committee shall be the regular national leading organ of the LFS. It shall ensure the implementation of the programs of action and policies adopted by the National Council and submit resolutions, plans and policies in accordance with and in pursuit of the same.

**Section 2.** The National Executive Committee shall be composed of the following officers: National Chairperson, National Vice-Chairperson, National Secretary-General, National Deputy Secretary-General, National Finance Officer, National Education Officer, National Basic Masses Integration Officer and International Liaison Officer. The first three shall be elected at large by the Congress while the rest shall be appointed by the former with the concurrence of the National Council.

**Section 3.** The National Executive Committee shall have the following powers, duties and functions;

- a. To formulate the by-laws that shall govern the administration of the organization;
- b. To draw up a 2-year, political and organization program for approval by the National Congress, and other technical programs for approval of the National Council;
- c. To facilitate the creation of intermediary and basic organs in the regional level and in the absence of an immediate higher formation, the provincial, city, school-wide chapter or chapter level;
- d. To act in behalf of the National Congress and the National Council, however, a

vote of a simple majority by the National Congress and the National Council, whichever is in session, may nullify such action;

- e. To supervise and coordinate the programs of all intermediate organs;
- f. To call for a special national elections when necessary;
- g. To ensure the regular publication of Commitment (the official publication) which will be released quarterly;
- h. To ensure the regular publication of Praxis (the official theoretical journal);
- i. To represent the national organization in all sectoral, multisectoral and international activities wherein the officer's representation is needed;
- j. To define and take responsibility in all areas of the organization's international work;
- k. To create special national committees, and to appoint the officers and their members as it may deem necessary to fulfill the goals of the organization;
- l. To prepare and submit the annual budget for the approval of the National Council.

**Section 4.** The National Executive Committee shall be the Editorial Board of the Commitment.

**Section 5.** The National Executive Committee shall hold meetings once a month, or as often as it be deemed necessary by its members.

## ARTICLE XII

### Powers, Duties and Functions of the National Officers

**Section 1.** The National Chairperson shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

- a. To preside over the meeting of the National Executive Committee, and the National Council and the session of the National Congress;
- b. To represent the organization in all official external activities;
- c. To vote in case of a tie in procedural matters;
- d. To call on any national committee to meet, and in the absence of the committee chairman, to preside over the same;
- e. To oversee the enforcement of this Constitution, by-laws of the organization, other rules, regulations and policies which may be promulgated from time-to-time; and
- f. To perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated by the National Congress and National Council.

**Section 2.** The National Vice-Chairperson shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

- a. To assume the office of the National Chairperson in case of the latter's death, incapacity, removal, resignation or absence;
- b. To act as the over-all supervisor and coordinator of all the national standing

committees;

- c. To oversee and head the National Propaganda Committee;
- d. To perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated to him/her by the National Congress and the National Council.

**Section 3.** The National Secretary General shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

- a. To oversee the activities of all regional and other intermediate organs, maintain regular correspondence with them and to report all developments to the National Executive Committee;
- b. To make annual reports of the activities, plans and accomplishments of the organization as certified by the National Chairperson, and to the National Congress;
- c. To maintain and preserve the minutes of all the National Congress, committee meetings, the reports of all the National Chairperson, the records of all members and other papers relating to the various activities of the organization;
- d. To be the Chairperson of the National Secretariat;
- e. To perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated to him/her by the National Congress and the National Council.

**Section 4.** The National Deputy Secretary General shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

- a. To assume the office of the National Secretary General in case of the latter's death, incapacity, removal, resignation, or absence;
- b. To assist the National Secretary General in all of his/her functions;
- c. To perform each other duties and functions as may be delegated to him/her by the National Congress and the National Council.

**Section 5.** The National Education Officer shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

- a. To head the National Education and Research Committee;
- b. To ensure education and training seminars and/or conferences for the membership, including the preparation of study guide, education courses, texts and curricula;
- c. To organize and keep records of the education and research work of the organization;
- d. To ensure the regular publication and distribution of Praxis;
- e. To call and facilitate the education conferences;
- f. To oversee and maintain the data resource center
- g. To perform other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the National Congress and the National Council.