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.