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STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION (TAHLISO)

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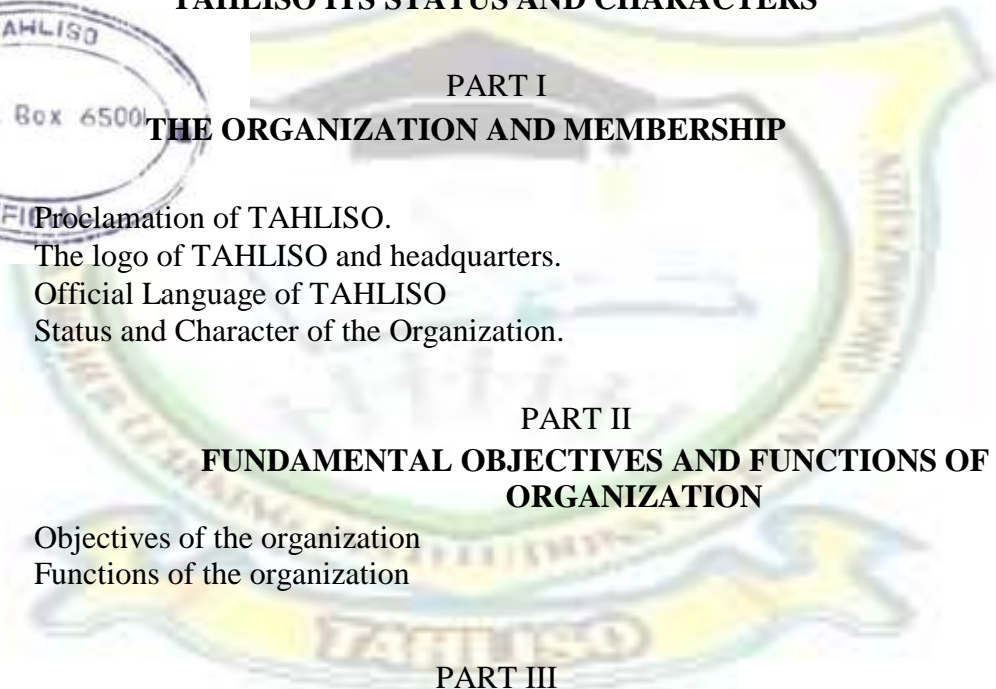
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE TANZANIA HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS  
STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION OF 2004 AS AMENDED IN 2021

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PREAMBLE

FOUNDATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS the students of higher learning institutions in Tanzania understand and believe that, only a diligent, autonomous and independent students' organization run democratically by students themselves will completely be responsible to students themselves and hence serve their interests to its best level.

AND WHEREAS history has shown that an autonomous students' organization will improve a greater extent, and cordial relationship based on mutual understanding between the students of this country and other youths inside and outside Tanzania.

AND WHEREAS history has shown that students' organizations have successfully and collectively performed their responsibilities given to them by the nation as youth citizens and future leaders of Tanzania under numerous independent associations and organizations that reflect the actual situation of Tanzania higher learning institutions and that, some of these students are respected officially in our nation and worldwide.

NOW THEREFORE WE students' representatives on behalf of all students from Tanzania higher learning institutions meet as a Special General Assembly on this 01st and 02nd of September 2004 to officially declare the establishment of Tanzania higher learning institutions student's organization also known by acronym as TAHLISO which shall have all powers as stated in this constitution.

WE students' representatives on behalf of all students from Tanzania higher learning institutions students' organizations do hereby freely and peaceably associate together to create a forum for mutual support and put our collective capability into force, and inter alias so as to ensure that our rights and interest are accessed and secured.

TAHLISO shall join any umbrella organization for students and youth at the regional level or international level and shall make sure that it participates effectively in all moral and material activities as deems fit to the interest of its members.



CHAPTER ONE  
TAHLISO ITS STATUS AND CHARACTERS  
PART I  
THE ORGANIZATION

Proclamation of the TAHLISO

1.-The Name of the organization shall be *Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students' Organization (Jumuiya ya Wanafunzi Taasisi za Elimu ya Juu Tanzania)* also known in its acronym as TAHLISO.

The logo of TAHLISO and headquarters

2.- The Logo of the organization shall consist of four main characters; hat represents graduates, Book represents skills and knowledge, people represents solidarity and unity, yellow color represents shining of students in everyday life and its Headquarters shall be in Dodoma.

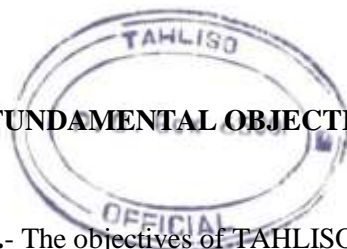
The official Language of TAHLISO

3.-(1) The official language of TAHLISO shall be Kiswahili or English and all records shall be kept both in English or Kiswahili as the circumstances shall render the application of either languages.

Status and character of the organization

4.- TAHLISO shall;

- (a) Be a students' non –profitable, non –religious and non- partisan organization.
- (b) Have autonomy of making decision to fulfill its objectives to the best interests of its members.
- (c) Be capable of suing and be sued in the Court of Law.
- (d) Have a perpetual succession and Official Seal.
- (e) Be capable of holding, purchasing, acquiring, disposing, letting, alienating and renting any movable and immovable property.



PART II  
**FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Objectives of the organization

5.- The objectives of TAHLISO shall be: -

- (1) To mobilize the students as a force for development.
- (2) To still the students as a sense of discipline and promote a mutual relationship between students and their administrator, and to pursue all the aims and independent of political, religious, tribal, sexual and other personal bias(es).



- (4) To promote Unity, integrity, love and respect to all students equally.
- (5) To stimulate and promote all desirable aspects of cultural development of learning and sharing scholastic material.
- (6) To mobilize and Protect students on all issues pertaining to their welfare human rights, Security and other responsibilities to a broader interest of maintaining peace and harmony of the entire Student's member organization and the Nation at large.
- (7) To promote love and respect for learning, pursuit, and/or ensure that every student understands his/her responsibility of educating him/herself to the best of his/her capabilities and to search knowledge for the betterment of human kind and in so doing cherish and promote academic freedom in inalienable right of every youth.
- (8) To perform events changed according to the circumstances essential to the attainment of the mentioned objectives.

The functions  
of the  
organization

**6.-** In achieving its objectives stated in Article (5) herein above, TAHLISO shall discharge or facilitate the discharge of any or all of the following functions in a manner lawful according to this constitution or any other law in force;

- (1) To organize debates, seminars, workshops, conferences, study tours, and symposiums, so as to enhance intellectual and political awareness of the students' community.
- (2) To strengthen the fight against corruption, poverty and disease especially HIV/AIDS, by organizing and promoting youth programs, activities, services and projects as may deem necessary to fulfill the objectives set forth.
- (3) To publish, broadcast and point through mass media, and establish its own journal books newspapers, leaflets, magazine, recordings, or otherwise any other means of presenting information to the public.
- (4) To mobilize findings, counseling and sponsoring students researches in all academic fields in order to promote creativity and originality on matters or interests of the scholarly community and nation.
- (5) To undertake such fund raising activities as the students' organization may deem expedient.
- (6) To accept donations, contributions, and invest any funds on hand, in order to use the income and surplus for the advancement of the purposes in which this organization was formed.
- (7) To receive, discuss, recommend and endorse any membership which may stimulate the interests of TAHLISO.

**PART III**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND CONSEQUENTIAL MATTERS.**

Membership to TAHLISO	<p>7.-(1) The organization shall have members who shall join the organization by the virtue of their registration to the respective higher learning institutions or their respective characters set by this constitution and may recruit new members to the organization as may be deemed fit by the authorities of TAHLISO. The types of membership to the organization shall be as follows;</p>
Founder Membership	<p>(a) Founder membership whereby the membership shall be obtained by all members who had formulated a committee for the first draft of this constitution, and those members who signed the application forms for registration of this organization and continued to be members there on.</p>
Permanent Membership	<p>(b) Permanent membership whereby the membership shall be open to all interested senators who shall be open upon signing the joining application forms and continue to be members there on.</p>
Active Membership	<p>(c) Active membership whereby the membership shall be open to all registered and recognized Universities, University Colleges, University Centers, and Non Degree Institutions of Tanzania as the case may be the subsequently students under students' organizations of such registered and recognized Universities, University Colleges, University Centers, and Non Degree Institutions shall be automatically the members of TAHLISO by virtue of its registration.</p>
Associate Membership	<p>(d) Associate membership whereby the membership shall be open to any person who is not a students' association or organization which upon application for membership to TAHLISO, he/she believes and agree with objectives and functions of the establishment of TAHLISO.</p>
Honorary Membership	<p>(e) Honorary membership shall be awarded to an individual as the case may be an institution upon the recognition of exceptional services to the organization and the membership shall be proposed by the Executive Committee after appreciation of exceptional services pending approval by the General Assembly.</p>
Suspension of Membership	<p>8.- (1) The Executive Committee is hereby vested with powers to suspend the membership of any member of the Organization upon its satisfaction on the following events;</p> <p>(a) If he/she intentionally violates the provisions of this constitution or rules or regulations of the organization, to which the violation may cause serious damage to the integrity or welfare of organization, or</p> <p>(b) If he /she intentionally contravene learners' etiquettes or</p> <p>(c) If he /she is found guilty of acting as traitor to the organization and/or nation</p>

willingly or

(d) If he /she has committed any act, which may cause serious damage to integrity or welfare of the organization or

(e) If he/she is found guilty of a criminal offense, and sentenced to more than six months in jail.

Dismissal of  
Membership

(2) Any member may be dismissed from TAHLISO after the executive committee has organized itself into a tribunal to conduct a case against a suspended member and shall submit its proposed verdict to the senate, and thereafter to the General Assembly **provided** that at all times the suspended member shall be provided with the opportunity to be heard unless he/she misuses the opportunity given.

(3) The senate after receiving the proposed verdict from the Executive Committee shall organize itself in an appropriate manner to deliberate on the verdict and may assent the verdict or alter the same if it is satisfied that the verdict is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution or is illegal for contravening some other rules and regulations or it prejudices the rights of the suspended member.

(4) The decision of the Executive Committee shall be appealable to the general assembly upon either the Executive Committee or the Suspended member being aggrieved with the decision of the senate the decision of which shall be final and conclusive.

(5) Failure to provide the suspended member with the opportunity to be heard by the organs above shall vitiate the proceedings of any organ and such proceedings shall be declared void ab initio.

Withdrawal of  
membership

9.- Any member of TAHLISO or institution lawfully registered and recognized by TAHLISO may withdraw itself from the organization after adhering to the procedure laid down hereunder;

(1) In case such a member or an institution in its capacity as the case may be is dissatisfied by the management or administration of the organization, it should exhaust all the necessary means of resolving disputes laid down in this constitution or any other rules or regulations in force before initiating the process of withdrawing from the organization.

(2) The process of withdrawal of an institution shall be initiated in the respective institutions students' representative council by any qualified person through resolution which shall be supported by 2/3 of the members of that council.

(3) If the resolution succeeds in favor of withdrawal, the speaker of that respective council shall within the period of fourteen days prepare and send the notice to the President of the respective institutions' students' organization to inform him/her of such resolution in writing.

(4) (a) The president shall communicate such notice immediately to the management of such institution through the dean of students and if such notice is not objected then the president shall refer the notice to the president of TAHLISO.

(b) The resolution to be sent to the President of TAHLISO should bear the signatures of the speaker and the president of the respective institutions' students' organization and the dean of students with their official seals less of which such resolution shall be considered void.

(c) The president of TAHLISO upon receipt of that resolution, shall inform the appropriate organs of TAHLISO of such resolution and the withdrawal of such institution shall be deemed to have taken effect upon receipt of such notice by the organs.

(d) The withdrawal from TAHLISO by an institution shall waive the right of students from that institution to contest for any post within TAHLISO.

(e) The withdrawal of any institution from TAHLISO shall not act as a bar for individual members (students) in that respective institution to seek for help, guidance or any other form of assistance from the organization or TAHLISO to reach the students in that institution to inquire upon any matter envisaged to TAHLISO by this Constitution or any other law in force.

#### PART IV

### BASIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

#### *The Right to Freedom of Conscience*

**10.-** (1) To seek and contest for any post in the organization.

The freedom to participate in organizational affairs

(2) To vote and to be voted, and being appointed in any post in a lawful manner towards the active members.

**11.-** To attend in all organizational meetings in which the members may be entitled thereto and convey his/her views in accordance with the laws.

The right to freedom of association

(2) To participate in all events held by TAHLISO or to which the members of TAHLISO are invited without restrictions but with due consideration to the regulation.

**12.-** (1) To hear the views of other members and be heard.

The right to freedom of expression

(2) To demand for any information of the organizational accounts, statements of account and query the auditor's report(s).

#### *The right of appointment of certain members*

**13.-** Associate members are eligible for the appointment into committee after going through the due process but with the exclusion of the executive committee.

The right of associate members

**14.-** The representatives of member students are eligible for the appointment into committee working executive, and all structures of the organization after adhering due process established in this constitution.

The right of representatives of students

#### *The right to appeal*

**15.-** To lodge an appeal and be heard before any organ/committee of the organization in any atmosphere of any dissatisfaction of decision which touch the life and interest of the members.

Appealing before higher

authorities

*Duties to the Organization.*

16.- To promote the ideas, views, mission, vision and other legal aspects of the organization in the appropriate manner.

Duty to promote the organization

**17.-** (1) To participate in all activities and programs of the organization.

(2) To be cheerful, helpful and willing to volunteer and participate in community developmental and activities of TAHLISO and comfort themselves in a manner benefiting the eyes of the public.

Duty to participate in activities

**18.-** To pay all the required fees for the organization including that of annual fee, conference fee and subscription fee as regulated from time to time by the Ex-Com.

Duty to pay fees

**19.-** To provide and associate in any act of giving any relevant source of information necessary to capacitate the organization in carrying out its functions or helping the organization to discharge its functions and objectives successfully.

Duty to disclose necessary information

**20.-** To observe confidentiality in any information pertaining to TAHLISO and all other related information.

Duty to confidentiality

**21.-** To repute and/or honor the views of the other members whilst members are in the discussion of any matter within the meeting.

Duty to acknowledge others

**22.-** To respect all the authorities of the organization or persons envisaged with authority in the organization and not to act in any manner to subordinate the esteem of the offices of TAHLISO.

Duty to respect authorities



**CHAPTER TWO**  
**THE OFFICE BEARERS OF TAHLISO**

**PART I**

**THE PRESIDENT**

The President  
of TAHLISO

**23.-** (1) There shall be the President of TAHLISO elected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the rules or regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to the provision of this Constitution to regulate elections.

(2) The President shall be the head of Executive Committee which shall be the Executive arm of the Organization and he/she shall be the head of TAHLISO.

Authority to  
constitute offices  
and appoint  
officers

**24.-**(1) Pursuant to the other provisions of this Constitution and of any other law, the President of TAHLISO shall have authority to establish and to eliminate any office in the service of Executive Committee or any other office provided for by the constitution.

(2) The President shall have powers to appoint the office secretary of the President's office.

(3) The President shall have the authority to appoint other persons to hold various positions of leadership who are responsible for supervision of the implementation of the objectives and functions of TAHLISO in the Service of the Executive Committee, in this Constitution or in various laws in force, which are required to be filled by an appointment made by the President.

(4) The President shall be responsible to take steps of maintaining discipline of all the appointees effected by him/her.

Discharge of  
duties and  
functions of the  
president

**25.-** (1) The President shall be responsible to prepare agenda for meetings not later than four weeks to the date of convening such meeting.

(2) The President shall be one the signatories of TAHLISO'S bank A/C.

(3) He/she shall perform any other function not assigned to him/her expressly by this constitution or any other law in force for the benefit of TAHLISO save for those functions assigned to other relevant persons.

Time of  
assumption of  
office of the  
president

**26.-** (1) A person elected as the President shall hold the office of the President until;

(a) The day in which his/her successor assumes the office.

(b) His/her death whilst being in the office.

(c) The day in which he/she shall have resigned from the office.

(d) He/she ceases to hold the office of the President in accordance with provisions of this Constitution.

Election of the  
President

**27.-** (1) The President shall be elected by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and in accordance with the law, rules or regulations enacted pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, making provisions concerning the election of the President.

(2) Any candidate contesting for the office of the President shall be declared as a duly elected President only if he/she has obtained more than 50% of the total votes.

(3) Subject to the other provisions of this Constitution, the office of President shall be vacant and the election of the President shall be held or that vacancy shall be filled otherwise in accordance with this Constitution, as the case may be, upon the occurrence of any of the following events

(a) Resignation of the President.

(b) Death of the President.

(c) Impeachment of the President by the General Assembly.

(d) Discontinuation from studies.

(e) Any other ground(s) that may lead to the office of President being vacant apart from the President being on official safari for official or academic purpose or family affairs after having secured permission from the Executive Committee.

Tenure of office  
and Eligibility  
for re-election

28.- (1) Unless he/she sooner resigns or dies or be discontinued from studies the person elected as President subject to provisions of this Constitution, shall hold the office of the President for a tenure of one year from the date in which he/she had sworn in as the President.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this Article, any person who holds office as President shall be eligible for re-election to that office for a second term of one year.

(3) No person shall be elected more than twice to hold the office of President.

(4) Upon the grounds that the President is absent, the duties and functions of the President shall be exercised by one of the following in the order specified and this is to say, Vice President or, if he /she is absent the Executive Secretary General.

Impeachment  
And resignation  
of the  
President

29.- (1) A motion to impeach the President of TAHLISO shall be moved only if it is alleged that the President: -

(a) Has committed an offence which generally violates this Constitution.

(b) Has conducted himself in a manner which lowers the esteem of the President.

(2) The Senate shall not pass a motion to impeach the President save for only if:

(a) A Written notice specifying the wrong committed and signed by not less than two third (2/3) of the Senate Members is served to the secretary of the Senate one (01) month prior to the sitting of which such a motion is intended to be moved.

(b) Upon the receipt of the notice by the secretary of the Senate, the Committee of inquiry shall be established by the secretary of the Senate.

(c) For avoidance of doubt, the names of the Members of the Committee of inquiry shall be approved not less than two third of the Senatorial Members.

(3) The committee shall carry out investigations and shall submit its findings to secretary of the Senate within fourteen days after the date of its establishment.

(4) Whereas the impeachment against the President is successfully, he/she shall cease to hold the office immediately together with the other Members of the Executive Committee.

(5) Resignation from office by the president shall be deemed duly effected upon the sufficient notice of resignation only by the President to the Senate and such a **sufficient**

notice shall constitute a letter stating clearly the reason(s) for resignation.

**PART II**  
**THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Vice president,  
his duties and  
powers

**30.-** (1) There shall be the Vice President who shall be elected in independently accordance with provisions of this Constitution and the rules and regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to the provision of this Constitution to regulate elections.

(2) The Vice President shall be the principal assistant to the President in respect to all matters concerning TAHLISO generally and in particular.

(3) The Vice President shall assist the President in making follow up on day to day activities, plans and programs of TAHLISO.

(4) The Vice President shall perform all duties and function assigned to him/her by the President.

(5) The Vice President shall perform his/her duties under the direction of the President and shall be answerable to the President in respect of any matters or functions assigned to him/her by the President.

Time of  
assumption of  
office of the  
Vice-President

**31.-** (1) The Vice-President shall assume the office of Vice-President on the same day the President assumes office.

(2) A person elected as the Vice President shall hold the office of the Vice President until;

(a) His/her tenure of office expires.

(b) He/she dies whilst being in the Office.

(c) She/he is sworn in as the Chairperson after the office of the President being vacant.

(d) He/she is discontinued from studies.

Election  
of the  
Vice President

**32.-** The Vice President shall be elected by General Assembly independently in accordance with provisions of this Constitution and other rules and regulations to regulate election.

Tenure of  
office and  
eligibility for  
re-election

**33.-**(1) The Vice President shall hold the Office of the Vice President for a period of One (01) year from the date in which he/she is elected as the Vice President.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this Article, any person who holds office as Vice President shall be eligible for re-election to that office for a second term of one year upon meeting the qualifications set by this constitution.

(3) No person shall be elected more than twice to hold the office of Vice President.

**34.-** (1) A motion to impeach the Vice President of TAHLISO shall be moved only if it is alleged that the Vice President: -



Impeachment and resignation of the Vice President

- (a) Has committed an offence which generally violates this Constitution.
  - (b) Has conducted himself in a manner which lowers the esteem of the Vice President.
- (2) The Senate shall not pass a motion to impeach the Vice President save for only if:-
- (a) A Written notice specifying the wrong committed and signed by not less than two third (2/3) of the Senate Members is served to the secretary of the Senate one month prior to the sitting of which such a motion is intended to be moved.
  - (b) Upon the receipt of the notice by the secretary of the Senate, the Committee of inquiry shall be established by the secretary of the Senate.
  - (c) For avoidance of doubt, the names of the Members of the Committee of inquiry shall be approved not less than two third of the Senatorial Members.
- (3) The committee shall carry out investigations and shall submit its findings to secretary of the Senate within fourteen days after the date of its establishment.
- (4) Whereas the impeachment against the Vice President is successfully, he/she shall cease to hold the office immediately.
- (5) Resignation from office by the Vice President shall be deemed duly effected upon the sufficient notice of resignation by him to the Senate and such a sufficient notice shall constitute a letter stating clearly the reason(s) for resignation.

### PART III

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GENERAL

##### *THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GENERAL*

Executive Secretary General of TAHLISO.

**35.-** There shall be an Executive Secretary General who shall be elected independently by the General Assembly in accordance with provisions of this constitution and rules or regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to provisions of this constitution and regulations of elections.

Functions and authority of The Executive Secretary General.

**36.-** (1) The Executive Secretary General shall have the authority to perform the following functions;

- (a) Shall be the chief executor of TAHLISO.
- (b) Shall perform all duties and functions assigned to him/her by the President.
- (c) The Executive Secretary General shall perform his/her duties under the direction of the President and shall be answerable to the President in respect of any matter or functions assigned to him/her by the President.
- (d) Shall have power to call for the General Assembly and Senate meeting.

Election and time for assumption

**37.-**(1) The Executive Secretary General shall be elected by the General Assembly independently in accordance with provisions of this constitution and regulations of Election.

(2) A person shall assume and hold the Office of the Executive Secretary General for a period of one year commencing from the date in which he/she is sworn in as the Executive

of office of the  
Executive  
Secretary  
General

Secretary General.

(3) A person shall hold the Office of Executive Secretary General until;

- (a) His/her tenure of office expires.
- (b) He/she dies whilst being in office.
- (c) He/she is discontinued from studies.

Tenure of office  
and eligibility  
for re- election

**38.-** (1) The Executive Secretary General shall hold the Office of the Executive Secretary General for a period of One (01) year from the date in which he/she is elected as the Executive Secretary General.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this Article, any person who holds office as Executive Secretary General shall be eligible for re-election to that office for a second term of one year upon meeting the qualifications set by this constitution.

(3) No person shall be elected more than twice to hold the office of Executive Secretary General.

Impeachment  
and resignation  
of the Executive  
Secretary  
General

**39.-** (1) A motion to impeach the Executive Secretary General of TAHLISO shall be moved only if it is alleged that the Executive Secretary General: -

- (a) Has committed an offence which generally violates this Constitution.
- (b) Has conducted himself in a manner which lowers the esteem of the Executive Secretary General.

(2) The Senate shall not pass a motion to impeach the Executive Secretary General save for only if: -

(a) A Written notice specifying the wrong committed and signed by not less than two third (2/3) of the Senate Members is served to the secretary of the Senate one month prior to the sitting of which such a motion is intended to be moved.

(b) Upon the receipt of the notice by the secretary of the Senate, the Committee of inquiry shall be established by the secretary of the Senate.

(c) For avoidance of doubt, the names of the Members of the Committee of inquiry shall be approved not less than two third of the Senatorial Members.

(3) The committee shall carry out investigations and shall submit its findings to secretary of the Senate within fourteen days after the date of its establishment.

(4) Whereas the impeachment against the Executive Secretary General is successfully, he/she shall cease to hold the office immediately.

(5) Resignation from office by the Executive Secretary General shall be deemed duly effected upon the sufficient notice of resignation by him to the Senate and such a sufficient notice shall constitute a letter stating clearly the reason(s) for resignation.

#### *DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GENERAL*

The Deputy  
Executive  
Secretary  
General

**40.-** There shall be the Deputy Executive Secretary General who shall be elected independently by the General Assembly in accordance with provisions of this constitution and rules or regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to provisions of this constitution and regulations of elections.

Functions and authority of The Deputy Executive Secretary General.

**41.-** (1) The Deputy Executive Secretary General shall have the authority to perform the following functions;

(a) Shall be the principal assistant to the Executive Secretary General.

(b) Shall assist the Executive Secretary General in making the follow up on the day to day activities, plan and programs of TAHLISO.

(c) Shall perform all duties and functions assigned to him/her by the Executive Secretary General.

(d) Shall perform all duties and functions of the Executive Secretary General when the Executive Secretary General is out of the office.

(e) Shall perform his/her duties under the direction of the President and shall be answerable to the President in respect of any matters or functions assigned to him/her by the President.

Election and time for assumption of office of the Deputy Executive Secretary General

**42.-** (1) The Deputy Executive Secretary General shall be elected by the General Assembly independently in accordance with provisions of this constitution and regulations of Election.

(2) A person shall assume the office of the Deputy Executive Secretary General on the same day as the Executive Secretary General does.

(3) A person shall assume and hold the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary General for a period of one year commencing from the date in which he/she is sworn in as the Deputy Executive Secretary General.

(4) A person shall hold the Office of Executive Secretary General until;

(a) His/her tenure of office expires.

(b) He/she dies whilst being in office.

(c) He/she is discontinued from studies.

Tenure of office and eligibility for re- election

**43.-** (1) The Deputy Executive Secretary General shall hold the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary General for a period of One (01) year from the date in which he/she is elected as the Deputy Executive Secretary General.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this Article, any person who holds office as Deputy Executive Secretary General shall be eligible for re-election to that office for a second term of one year upon meeting the qualifications set by this constitution.

(3) No person shall be elected more than twice to hold the office of Deputy Executive Secretary General.

Impeachment and resignation of the Deputy Executive Secretary General

**44.-** (1) A motion to impeach the Deputy Executive Secretary General of TAHLISO shall be moved only if it is alleged that the Deputy Executive Secretary General: -

(a) Has committed an offence which generally violates this Constitution.

(b) Has conducted himself in a manner which lowers the esteem of the Deputy Executive Secretary General.

(2) The Senate shall not pass a motion to impeach the Deputy Executive Secretary save for only if: -

(a) A Written notice specifying the wrong committed and signed by not less than two

third (2/3) of the Senate Members is served to the secretary of the Senate one month prior to the sitting of which such a motion is intended to be moved.

(b) Upon the receipt of the notice by the secretary of the Senate, the Committee of inquiry shall be established by the secretary of the Senate.

(c) For avoidance of doubt, the names of the Members of the Committee of inquiry shall be approved not less than two third of the Senatorial Members.

(3) The committee shall carry out investigations and shall submit its findings to secretary of the Senate within fourteen days after the date of its establishment.

(4) Whereas the impeachment against the Deputy Executive Secretary General is successfully, he/she shall cease to hold the office immediately.

(5) Resignation from office by the Deputy Executive Secretary General shall be deemed duly effected upon the sufficient notice of resignation by him to the Senate and such a sufficient notice shall constitute a letter stating clearly the reason(s) for resignation.



PART IV  
*THE TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURER*

*THE TREASURER*

The Treasurer

**45.-** There shall be the Treasurer who shall be elected independently by the General Assembly in accordance with provisions of this constitution and rules or regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to provisions of this constitution and regulations of elections.

Functions and authority of The Treasurer

**46.-** (1) The Treasurer shall have the authority to perform the following functions;

(a) He/she shall be responsible for overall management of accounts and financial matters of the organization.

(b) He/she shall coordinate with the appropriate commissioner(s) to raise funds for outstanding projects.

(c) He/she shall issue a monthly report of financial transactions of the Organization and thus shall be responsible for the overall design, implementation and coordination of projects being undertaken by TAHLISO as it may be directed by the senate.

Election and time for assumption of office of the Treasurer

**47.-** (1) The Treasurer shall be elected by the General Assembly independently in accordance with provisions of this constitution and regulations of Election.

(2) A person shall assume the office of the Treasurer on the same day as the President does.

(3) A person shall assume and hold the Office of the Treasurer for a period of one year commencing from the date in which he/she is sworn in as the Treasurer.

(4) A person shall hold the Office of Treasurer until;

(a) His/her tenure of office expires.

- (b) He/she dies whilst being in office.
- (c) He/she is discontinued from studies.

**48.-** (1) The Treasurers shall hold the Office of the Treasurer for a period of One (01) year from the date in which he/she is elected as the Deputy Executive Secretary General.

Tenure of office and eligibility for re- election (2) Subject to the other provisions of this Article, any person who holds office as Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election to that office for a second term of one year upon meeting the qualifications set by this constitution.

(3) No person shall be elected more than twice to hold the office of Treasurer.

**49.-** (1) A motion to impeach the Treasurer of TAHLISO shall be moved only if it is alleged that the Treasurer: -

Impeachment and resignation of the Treasurer (a) Has committed an offence which generally violates this Constitution.

(b) Has conducted himself in a manner which lowers the esteem of the Treasurer.

(2) The Senate shall not pass a motion to impeach the Treasurer save for only if:-

(a) A Written notice specifying the wrong committed and signed by not less than two third (2/3) of the Senate Members is served to the secretary of the Senate one month prior to the sitting of which such a motion is intended to be moved.

(b) Upon the receipt of the notice by the secretary of the Senate, the Committee of inquiry shall be established by the secretary of the Senate.

(c) For avoidance of doubt, the names of the Members of the Committee of inquiry shall be approved not less than two third of the Senatorial Members.

(3) The committee shall carry out investigations and shall submit its findings to secretary of the Senate within fourteen days after the date of its establishment.

(4) Whereas the impeachment against the Treasurer is successfully, he/she shall cease to hold the office immediately.

(5) Resignation from office by the Treasurer shall be deemed duly effected upon the sufficient notice of resignation by him to the Senate and such a sufficient notice shall constitute a letter stating clearly the reason(s) for resignation.

*THE DEPUTY TREASURER*

**50.-** There shall be the Deputy Treasurer who shall be elected independently by the General Assembly in accordance with provisions of this constitution and rules or regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to provisions of this constitution and regulations of elections.

The Deputy Treasurer

**51.-** (1) The Deputy Treasurer shall have the authority to perform the following functions;

(a) He/she shall be the principal assistant to Treasurer.

(b) He/she shall assist the Treasurer in making the follow up on the day to a day activities, plans and programs of TAHLISO.

(c) He/she shall perform all duties and functions assigned to him / her by the Treasurer.

(d) He/she shall perform all duties and functions of the office of Treasurer when the Treasurer is out of the office.

(e) The Deputy Treasurer shall perform his/her duties under the direction of the

Functions and authority of The Deputy Treasurer

President and shall be answerable to the President in respect of any matters or functions assigned to him/her by the President.

**52.-** (1) The Deputy Treasurer shall be elected by the General Assembly independently in accordance with provisions of this constitution and regulations of Election.

(2) A person shall assume the office of the Deputy Treasurer on the same day as the Treasurer does.

(3) A person shall assume and hold the Office of the Deputy Treasurer for a period of one year commencing from the date in which he/she is sworn in as the Deputy Treasurer.

(4) A person shall hold the Office of Deputy Treasurer until;

(a) His/her tenure of office expires.

(b) He/she dies whilst being in office.

(c) He/she is discontinued from studies.

Election and  
time for  
assumption  
of office of the  
deputy  
Treasurer

**53.-** (1) The Deputy Treasurer shall hold the Office of the Deputy Treasurer for a period of One (01) year from the date in which he/she is elected as the Deputy Treasurer.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this Article, any person who holds office as Deputy Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election to that office for a second term of one year upon meeting the qualifications set by this constitution.

(3) No person shall be elected more than twice to hold the office of Deputy Treasurer.

Tenure of office  
and eligibility  
for re- election

**54.-** (1) A motion to impeach the Deputy Treasurer of TAHLISO shall be moved only if it is alleged that the Deputy Treasurer: -

(a) Has committed an offence which generally violates this Constitution.

(b) Has conducted himself in a manner which lowers the esteem of the Treasurer.

(2) The Senate shall not pass a motion to impeach the Treasurer save for only if: -

(a) A Written notice specifying the wrong committed and signed by not less than two third (2/3) of the Senate Members is served to the secretary of the Senate one month prior to the sitting of which such a motion is intended to be moved.

(b) Upon the receipt of the notice by the secretary of the Senate, the Committee of inquiry shall be established by the secretary of the Senate.

(c) For avoidance of doubt, the names of the Members of the Committee of inquiry shall be approved not less than two third of the Senatorial Members.

(3) The committee shall carry out investigations and shall submit its findings to secretary of the Senate within fourteen days after the date of its establishment.

(4) Whereas the impeachment against the Deputy Treasurer is successfully, he/she shall cease to hold the office immediately.

(5) Resignation from office by The Deputy Treasurer shall be deemed duly effected upon the sufficient notice of resignation by him to the Senate and such a sufficient notice shall constitute a letter stating clearly the reason(s) for resignation

Impeachment  
and resignation  
of the Deputy  
Treasurer

PART V

*THE COMMISSIONS AND COMMISSIONERS*

Power to designate Commissions

**55.-** (1) There shall be not less than ten (10) Commissions and not more than fifteen (15) commissions to be established by the President of TAHLISO in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(2) The Commissions shall be established by observance to the rules of equality, transparency and justice.

(3) In establishment of the Commissions, it shall be mandatory for the President to establish a Commission for Intermediate colleges with commissioners from respective colleges and the Commission for people with special needs with Commissioners from people with special needs.

The Appointment of Commissioners And Deputy Commissioners

**56.-** (1) The Commissioners to take charge of different Commissions so established shall be appointed by the President of TAHLISO in consultation with the Vice President.

(2) In addition to the Commissioners referred to in sub-article (1) the President may, after consultation with the Vice President, appoint Deputy Commissioners.

(3) The President shall appoint a reasonable number of Deputy Commissioners who shall assist Commissioners in the discharge of their duties and functions.

Oath of office of Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners

(4) All Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners shall be appointed from among members of TAHLISO.

**57.-A** Commissioner or a Deputy Commissioner shall not assume office until he has first taken oath and subscribed before the President on the execution of the functions of his office as may be prescribed by the President.

Authority and manner of discharge of duties

**58.-** (1) The Commissioners including the Deputy Commissioners shall be the principal personnel for advising the President of TAHLISO in all matters regarding the exercise of his/her power as stipulated in this Constitution.

(2) For avoidance of doubt the Commissioners shall be accountable to the President.

(3) Shall perform all duties and functions assigned to him/her by the President.

(4) The Commissioners shall perform their duties under the direction of President and shall be answerable to the President in respect of any matter or functions assigned to them by the President.

Tenure of office of Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners

**59.-**(1) The tenure of office of a Commissioner, or a Deputy Commissioner shall commence on the date he is appointed to hold that office.

(2) The Office of a Commissioner or a Deputy Commissioner shall become vacant upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) if the incumbent resigns or dies;

(b) where the President revokes the appointment thereby removing the incumbent from office;

(c) Where the President is lawfully impeached.

(d) Where the Office of the President fall vacant for any reasonable cause as stipulated in this constitution.

(3) Resignation from office by the Commissioners shall be deemed duly effected is upon a sufficient notice of resignation by him to his Appointing Authority and such sufficient notice shall constitute a letter stating clearly the reason(s) for resignation.

### **CHAPTER THREE** **THE ORGANS OF TAHLISO**

#### **PART I**

##### *THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

The General  
Assembly

**60.-** There shall be the General Assembly which shall meet twice every fiscal year unless the demand requires otherwise.

Composition  
of the General  
Assembly

**61.-** Unless it is provided otherwise, the General Assembly shall be composed by the following;

- (a) The President from each Member Students' Organization.
- (b) The Vice President
- (b) The Prime Minister
- (c) Speaker of USRC/ISRC/CSRC
- (d) All Members of the Executive Committee.
- (e) Other invited Guests

Authority of the  
General  
Assembly

**62.-** The General Assembly shall be responsible to discharge the following functions:

- (a) Elect and dissolves the Executive Committee.
- (b) Make amendments or authorize the amendment to the Constitution.
- (c) Investigate and recommend to the President appropriately.
- (d) Taking disciplinary and legal measures against any member apart from the President and the Executive Secretary General of TAHLISO on malpractices, corruption and any other misconduct of failure.
- (e) The General Assembly may act as arbitrator in matters related to the settling of the disputes among the members with the view of promoting harmony and tranquility.
- (f) To Oversee its Subordinate Organs.
- (g) To discuss all matters of interests to students unless otherwise stipulated in the Constitution, the decision of the General Assembly shall be carried but considered or acclimated by simple majority of members present during the voting.
- (h) To impeach the President, Vice President, Executive Secretary General, Deputy Executive Secretary General, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer upon the receipt of the vote of No Confidence from the Senate.

Meetings of the  
General  
Assembly

**63.-** (1) Subject to this provision, the Executive Secretary General shall issue a notice for the meeting in the period of not less than three weeks to the date(s) of the meeting, unless the emergence conditions demand otherwise.

(2) In convening the Meeting, the President of TAHLISO shall preside over the Meeting of the General Assembly.

(3) For avoidance of doubt, any member of the general assembly may invite his/her guests to attend the Meeting after sending the prior information to Executive Secretary



General and the invited guests shall have no right to vote during the process of making decisions.

(4) The quorum of meeting shall be not less than two third (2/3) of the Members of the General Assembly.

(5) Minutes in proper form for each meeting of the General Assembly shall be recorded, kept, read, amended, and confirmed by the Organization at its next Meeting and Signed by the President of TAHLISO and the executive Secretary general.

(6) Upon the reasonable grounds that emergencies are found, the present Members at the Meeting shall be faxed or emailed the minutes in a period of not less than ten (10) days from the date of the Meeting, and Members of the Meeting shall confirm the minutes and send them back to the Secretariat for amendments or otherwise, ready to be signed by the President and Secretary for further action.

Remunerations for attending meetings.

**64.-** With exclusion of Office Bearers of TAHLISO, the members of the General Assembly shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from TAHLISO but shall be reimbursed by respect Students' Organization for such attendance of the aforementioned meeting towards any costs incurred by them.

The senate

**65.-** There is hereby established the Senate of TAHLISO which shall discharge the functions envisaged to it by this Constitution and shall meet twice every fiscal year unless circumstances requires otherwise.

The senate secretary

**66.-** There shall be the secretary of the Senate elected by Senators in the General Assembly of TAHLISO who shall hold the post for the tenure of One year and may qualify to be re-elected for another term of one year upon meeting the qualifications set by this constitution provided that no person shall be elected to hold the post more than twice.

Composition of the senate

**67.-** The Senate shall be composed by the following; -  
(a) Members of the Executive Committee of TAHLISO.  
(b) President or Vice President as the case may be a Representative from each Member Students' Organization.  
(c) Speaker of USRC/ISRC/CSRC from each Member Students' organization.  
(d) other invited guests

Authority of the senate

**68.-** The Senate shall have authority to exercise the following functions; -  
(1) To elect the Secretary of the Senate, however the Members of the Executive Committee of TAHLISO shall not be allowed to contest for any Senatorial Post(s).  
(2) To review and approve or disapprove the policies and action-plan of

TAHLISO whenever it considers necessary or desirable to do so.

(3) To summon any Member of the Executive Committee either individually or Collectively for the purpose of enhancing accountability of TAHLISO.

(4) To take the disciplinary measures against any Office Bearer(s) and/or Member(s) including suspension of his/her service provided that two-third votes of present members at the meeting have approved the proposed decision(s).

(5) To endorse the Commissioners appointed by the President.

(6) To evaluate and take appropriate action(s) on the Annual Report(s) and activities of TAHLISO submitted and/or ordered to be submitted by any Office Bearer(s).

(7) To establish regulations and procedures guiding the matters related to funds of TAHLISO including but not limited to preparation of annual estimates of income and expenditure accounting and periodical financial statements.

(8) Subject to article (3) of this constitution, the Senate may invite any person(s) to attend the meeting, but the invited person(s) shall not have power to vote during the decision making processes.

(9) To approve all TAHLISO publication(s).

(10) To advise the President on forming commissions

(10) To make provisions in any appropriate manner for regular auditing of books of accounts of all organs of TAHLISO and ensure a sound, proper and efficient administration of TAHLISO.

(11) To approve budget estimated and presented by the Executive Committee during the budget session.

**69.-** The senate shall have authority to take effect of the following disciplinary Measures;

Disciplinary  
authority of the  
senate

1) The Senate shall have power to take disciplinary measures against any Office Bearer(s) of TAHLISO and shall recommend the necessary penalty as the case may be any sanction or remedies to the General Assembly for further procedures.

2) The Senate shall act as arbitrator in settling the minor disputes among the leaders with a view of promoting harmony and tranquility and appeals from the senate shall lie to the Board of Trustees.

3) The Offending party shall acknowledge the worn doing or misbehavior to the Offence and shall have to apologize to the offended party before the Senate and in Public upon the grounds that the offence was committed in Public.

4) The Senate shall be directly responsible to the General Assembly and where the decisions of the Members of the Senate are balanced, decisions made by the General Assembly shall prevail.

**70.-** (1) In convening the Meeting, the President of TAHLISO shall preside over the Meeting of the Senate

Meetings of  
the Senate

(2) Minutes in proper form of each Meeting of the Senate shall be recorded, kept, read amended and confirmed by the Members of the Organization at its next Meeting.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting shall be signed by the president and the Secretary.

(4) For avoidance of doubt, any Senator may invite his/her delegate to attend the Meeting after sending the prior information to Secretary and the invited guests shall have no right to vote during the process of making decisions.

Remunerations  
for attending

(5) Upon the reasonable grounds that emergencies are found, the present Members at the Senate Meeting shall be faxed or emailed the minutes in a period of not less than ten days from the date of the Meeting, and Members of the Meeting shall confirm the minutes and

meetings send them back to the Secretariat for amendments or otherwise, ready to be signed by the President and Secretary for the further action.

(6) The quorum of meeting shall not be less than two thirds (2/3) of all Senatorial Members.

**71.-** With the exclusion of the Office Bearers of TAHLISO and secretary, the members of the Senate Meeting shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from TAHLISO but shall be reimbursed by the respective Students' Organization for such attendance of the aforementioned meeting towards any costs incurred by them.

Dissolution of the senate **72.-** (1) The President or any Office Bearer(s) shall not have power to dissolve the Senate.

(2) Upon the reasonable grounds that there are misunderstandings between the President and the Senators, the matter in question shall be referred to the General Assembly for further procedures and the decisions made by the General Assembly shall be binding.

The Executive Committee

**73.-** There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be responsible for policy formulation and overall administration and functioning of the Organization and shall meet twice every year, not less than six (06) months and not more than (08) eight months between the first and second meeting.

Composition of the executive committee

**74.-** The Executive Committee shall be composed by the following: -

- (a) President.
- (b) Vice President.
- (c) Executive Secretary General.
- (d) Deputy Executive Secretary General.
- (e) Treasurer.
- (f) Deputy Treasurer.
- (g) Office secretary appointed by the President of TAHLISO
- (h) Commissioners.
- (i) Two members from Tanzania Zanzibar must be Chairperson and Executive Secretary General of Zanzibar Higher Learning Federation (ZAHILFE)
- (j) Any other member as set under the provisions of article 96A

Authority of the executive committee

**75.-** The Executive Committee shall have the following functions; -

- (1) To prepare an annual administrative and project budget, pending the approval of the Senate.
- (2) To prepare an annual plan of action and calendar of activities, pending the approval of the Senate.
- (3) To solicit funds for projects submitted to it by members.
- (4) To approve other representatives of TAHLISO to the different organs

**CHAPTER FOUR**  
**STUDENTS' LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, GENERAL ELECTIONS AND THE**  
**ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**PART I**  
*STUDENTS' LEADERSHIP QUALITIES*

Leadership  
qualities

**76.** Any candidate contesting for any leadership post within the Organization subject to this constitution shall qualify to contest for that respective post of his/her interest after having the following qualifications; -

(a) He/she must be a registered student of any accredited Higher learning institution in Tanzania, provided that such institution is member of TAHLISO and it pays all the required fees for the organization including annual fee.

(b) He/she must have a credible character, respectable, and supporter of the aims and objectives of TAHLISO and observe the doctrine of humanity.

(c) He/she must be a person of sound mind.

(d) He/she must be a person who can inspire harmony, unity, peace and stability and solidarity among students and the nation at large.

(e) He/she has never been convicted in any crime by the court of law.

The general  
elections of  
TAHLISO

**77.-** (1) There shall be the general elections of TAHLISO which shall be conducted after every one year with the duration to be set by this constitution or Election regulations to be enacted in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

The procedure  
for handling  
general  
elections

**78.-** (1) Unless it is provided otherwise, on general elections one institution shall exercise one single vote and The President, The Vice President, The Executive Secretary General, The Deputy Executive Secretary General, The Treasurer, The Deputy Treasurer, (Executive Committee) and The Senate secretary shall vote during the election.

(2) The General Elections shall be conducted via secret ballot voting.

(3) A person shall be declared duly elected for the said position if he/she has more than 50% of the total vote issued by the members.

(4) Every contestant for any post shall collect, legibly fill and return the form to the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee upon a suitable time as provided by the Election Regulations.

(5) Where none of the candidates has attained more than 50% of the total vote for the candidates of any post there shall be re-election for the first and second majority vote which shall be conducted in the same day.

(6) The Chairperson of Electoral Committee or his/her delegate as the case may be shall announce the result forthwith after process of due counting of the votes.

(7) The candidates elected successful in re-election process shall be sworn in not less than 21 days after the announcement of the result.

(8) The General Assembly may enact or authorize the enactment of election regulations which shall provide for all other matters pertaining to the general elections or elections conducted to fill different vacancies which are not provided for expressly in this

constitution or demand the enactment of regulations for smooth process of election.

(9) Any provision of the election regulations inconsistent with this constitution shall be null and void and of no effect and on such prevalence this constitution shall prevail.

**79.-** The election to be conducted by the organization shall only involve the election of the following persons in the respected posts.

The posts to be involved in general elections Disputes related to elections

- (a) The President.
- (b) The Vice President.
- (c) The Executive Secretary General.
- (d) The Deputy Executive Secretary General.
- (e) The Treasurer.
- (f) The Deputy Treasurer

**80.-** Any Candidate shall submit his/her claim(s) for appeal on electoral petition in the circumstances of any dissatisfaction to the Secretary of senate in a reasonable time and of which shall not prejudice the process of election within three hours after after the announcement of the results issued by Electoral Commission due to be presented.

### PART III

#### *THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION*

The electoral commission of TAHLISO

**81.-** It is hereby established the electoral commission of TAHLISO responsible to undertake the whole process of election and all other related matters as set by this constitution or election regulations the members of whom shall be sworn in by the President of TAHLISO.

The Commission to be free and Fair

**82.-** (1) The electoral commission shall be free and fair from all the vices of any person or authority in discharging its functions entrusted to it by this constitution or any other law, rules and regulations in force.

obtaining members of the electoral commission

**84.-** For the purpose of having free and fair election, the electoral committee which shall be composed by five (or seven) members suggested by the members of the General Assembly and it shall work on all matters pertaining election provided that such aforementioned members shall be obtained and by then shall elect its Chairperson

Authority of the electoral commission

**85.-** By this provision Electoral Committee shall discharge the following functions

- (1) To prepare forms for election.
- (2) To supervise the security process of the contestant in relation to their qualifications.
- (3) To prepare and secure the electoral ballots.
- (4). To count all the votes.
- (5) To announce the results of election.
- (6) To perform all other electoral activities related to election procedures in conducting general election as may be stipulated in this constitution or election regulations.

Tenure of office of members of electoral

**86.-** The tenure of office of members of the electoral commission shall begin from the date of their oath of office and shall expire after one year following the call for another general election.

commission

## CHAPTER FIVE

### FINANCE AND PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION OF TAHLISO

The finance and properties of the organization

**87.-** (1) The Name of the Organization, official documents, official stamp, logo, liabilities and assets, debts and all other properties that shall solicit to the association and shall be Properties of TAHLISO.

(2) There shall be annual fees which shall be paid by member institutions to TAHLISO.

(3) The annual fees to be paid by member institutions shall be determined by the number of students belonging to that institution that is, any member institution whose number of students is below two thousand students shall be required to pay three hundred thousand Tanzanian Shillings, whereas member institutions whose number of students exceeds two thousand students shall be required to pay five hundred thousand Tanzanian shillings.

(4) The management and the students' organizations of member institutions shall be required to facilitate an easy and early payment of annual fees to enable TAHLISO to undertake its activities accordingly.

(5) The annual fee shall be paid according to circumstances set by Excom.

Management of the properties and finance of TAHLISO

**88.-** (1) All records of report of the Office bearers shall be kept in TAHLISO official documents.

(2) No member or group of members may use the title of TAHLISO without the consent in writing in the Executive Secretary General and President.

(3) The properties of the organization shall be used for the lawful interest of the Organization only under the control of Executive Secretary General.

(4) The Signatories of TAHLISO shall be the President, Executive Secretary General or Deputy executive secretary general and treasurer, provided that; -

(a) Any issue shall be valid only if there are valid legible signatures.

(b) Names of the at least two signatories thereof.

(c) An official stamp of TAHLISO and /or logo.

(5) All funds of TAHLISO shall be spent on its circumstances and for the members' welfare.

(6) Internal audit shall be made annually for scrutiny expenditure and revenues.

(7) Any senator who shall be in need of financial report shall be write a letter to the Executive Secretary General and in not less than ninety (90) days, the report shall be issued to him/her officially.

(8) All books of account shall be kept in the organizational office or in a proper custody to be agreed by the members and all accounts' balance sheets and audited reports shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approved and finally its submission to the Registrar of Societies.

**89.-** The Organizational financial year shall be a twelve calendar month commencing from December of each year unless otherwise as the situation may deem to fit.

The organizational financial year

**90.-** (1) The President shall appoint any trust worthy person amongst the members of the organization who is qualified in accountancy for the purpose of being responsible to audit all accounts of the organization.

The Auditor general of TAHLISO

(2) The auditor general shall be accountable to the general assembly and shall discharge the functions envisaged to him by this constitution or financial regulation.

(3) The tenure of office of commissioners and other related matters shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the auditor general provided that the removal of the auditor general from office by the President shall require an approval by the general assembly.

Power to enact financial regulations 91.- (1) The General assembly shall enact or authorize the enactment of the financial regulations of TAHLISO to provide for various matters related to the finance and properties of the organization including the Auditor General's other functions not indicated herein.

(2) Any provision of the financial regulations inconsistent with this constitution shall be null and void and of no effect and on such occurrence this constitution shall prevail.

## CHAPTER SIX

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATION TO OTHER ORGANS

#### PART I

##### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Establishment of the Board 92.- There shall be the Board of Trustees of TAHLISO that shall meet twice in every fiscal year.

Composition of the Board 93.- The Board of Trustees shall be composed of five members: -

(a) The Chairperson (non student) recommended by executive committee and endorsed by General assembly

(b) The Secretary as the case shall be chairperson of TAHLISO

(c) Three members who shall be recommended by executive committee and endorsed by General assembly where by one shall be a student.

The functions of the Board 94.- The Board of Trustees shall have the following functions and powers; -

(a) To counsel and protect the origin and purpose of establishment of TAHLISO.

(b) To act as an arbitrator at the second stage in any matter involving TAHLISO as organization

(c) To control the final disposal and properties of TAHLISO in case of dissolution.

#### PART II

##### REPRESENTATION OF TAHLISO TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

95.- (1) There shall the representation of TAHLISO to different Government, Regional and Non-Governmental Organizations.

Representation to other organs 96.- (1) The President may appoint representatives of TAHLISO in different Government and Non-Governmental Organizations.

Authority to appoint representatives. (a) Two members shall represent TAHLISO to the TCU.

(b) Two members shall represent TAHLISO to the HESLB.

(c) Two members shall represent TAHLISO to NACTE coming from a technical institutions.

- (e) Two members shall represent TAHLISO to TUSA and SHIMVUTA
- (e) Other Representatives of TAHLISO to any Government, Regional or Non-Governmental Organs shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
- (2) In any appointment made under the provisions of sub-articles (1) and (2) above the President shall adhere to the rules of equality.

96A.- (1) Any member of TAHLISO may hold any post in East African Students' Union in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations in force.

Representation to EASU

(2) Any member of TAHLISO holding an office or a post in East African Students' Union but not a member of Executive Committee of TAHLISO shall qualify to take part in the Executive Committee by the virtue of his/her post in EASU with capacity to participate in Executive Committee activities.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION AND POWERS TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

97.- The General assembly shall amend this constitution or authorize the amendment of this constitution from time to time for the smooth running of the organization.

Authority to amend this Constitution

98.- (1) Where the circumstances renders necessity of amending this constitution, the President of TAHLISO may if he deems fit and just, appoint the Constitutional commission of five persons from amongst the members of TAHLISO to undertake the process of amendment to this Constitution and recommend to the general assembly for approval and such amendment shall be deemed effected by the general assembly.

The procedure for amendment

(2) Any member of TAHLISO may also propose such rule and / or amendment(s) in writing to the Executive Secretary General and the Executive Secretary General shall prepare a notice to members not less than fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the General Assembly.

(3) The rules(s), and amendments(s) of this constitution shall be done by two thirds (2/3) majority of the General Assembly members presenting and make lawful votes.

(4) If the procedure stipulated in sub-article (1) hereinabove applies, the president shall appoint the members of the Constitutional commission from both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar provided that no part shall have less than two members.

(5) Where the procedures stipulated under sub-articles (1) and (4) above are unsuitable, the general assembly may be moved itself *suo motu* to amend this Constitution.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### DISSOLUTION OF TAHLISO

99.- (1) TAHLISO may be dissolved upon a resolution made by the members of General Assembly in full house presenting and pass a resolution for dissolution of TAHLISO by means of votes provided that the decision for such dissolution shall be on the basis of two third (2/3) majority votes.

The dissolution of TAHLISO

(2) The General Assembly shall direct the Senate to appoint liquidators(s) and shall make provision for the final disposal of the assets and debts of TAHLISO without any prejudice.



**CHAPTER TEN**  
**SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Matters that shall require authorizations of TAHLISO

100.- (1) Any social competition which shall be held for the interests of Higher Learning Institutions Students including Miss Higher Learning Competition either be held by TAHLISO or any other person duly authorized by TAHLISO in a manner and terms so established.

(2) It shall be an offence for any person to initiate a competition in contravention of the requirements of sub article (1) above.

(3) TAHLISO shall reserve the right to take legal measures in accordance with the laws of the Land if it contemplates that the provisions of this article are infringed.

(4) In maintaining and harmonizing peace and rights of all Members of TAHLISO, any Organization that will be initiated for the interest of Students within and outside the country shall first seek permission from TAHLISO and Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the United Republic of Tanzania and this shall be mandatory.

(5) TAHLISO shall take any legal measures to anyone or any Non-Governmental organization that shall initiate any organization for for Student's interest without dully authorization by TAHLISO.

**CHAPTER ELEVEN**  
**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Miscellaneous provisions

**101.- Miscellaneous Provisions.**

(1) If any part of this constitution contradicts with the laws of land, the laws of the land shall prevail.

(2) It is hereby declared that in the interpretation of this constitution and powers conferred upon the organization by any paragraph shall not be restricted by a reference to any other paragraph or to the name of the organization or by the union or more objects or shall any of aforesaid objects or powers be deemed subsidiary or auxiliary merely to the objective mentioned in the first or any other paragraph, save as is expressly provided but so that the organization shall have full power to exercise all or any of the word and in event of ambiguity, this constitution shall be construed in such a widen way of restricting powers of the organization.

(3) There shall be an official seal of the organization which shall be of such shape size and form as the organization may determine without prejudice.

(4) The official seal of the organization shall not be affixed to any instruments of document made issue or executed or on behalf of the organization or the organization expect in the presence of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, or the Executive Secretary General or such other member of the organization or other employee of the organization may appointed to represent the Organization.

(5) All ruling resolutions, declarations, or other documents made, issued or executed by or on behalf of the organization or the organization shall be sealed with the official seal of the organization and shall be signed by: -

(a) The President or in his absence the Vice President.

(b) The Executive Secretary General of the Organization, or

(c) Any other member of the organization, or employee of the organization authorized

in writing on behalf of the organization by the persons mentioned above.

(6) The Member of the Organization shall be entitled to receive such remuneration allowances and other benefits as the Executive Committee may direct.

(7) If the provision in this constitution shall not cover any subject or matter, such matter shall be put before the General Assembly

Interpretation

**102.-** In this constitution, unless the context requires otherwise: -

“A/C” means account of TAHLISO.

“AIDS” means Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

“Auditor General” means a person appointed by the president to take charge of auditing the accounts of TAHLISO.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of TAHLISO.

“Office secretary” means the secretary of the Chairperson Office

“Committee” means the Executive Committee of TAHLISO established in accordance with this Constitution for day to a day management of the organization.

“Constitution” means constitution of *Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students’ Organization*.

“Duties” means any existing or future task which may be assigned to an individual, or group of member within organization.

“Executive Secretary General” means the Executive Secretary General of TAHLISO.

“Deputy Executive Secretary General” means the Deputy Executive Secretary General of TAHLISO.

“Senate Secretary” means the Secretary of senate meeting.

“Ex-Com” means Executive Committee of TAHLISO.

“Fiscal year” means the fiscal year of TAHLISO commenced 14<sup>th</sup>, December .

“HESLB” means Higher Education Student Loans Board.

“Higher Learning Institution” means any academic institution, College or University which offers the education, skill or training at the level of certificate, diploma, advanced diploma and degrees.

“HIV” means Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

“Leader” means an office bearer of any recognized Students’ Organization.

“Member” means any accredited Higher Learning Institution in Tanzania after being approved and pay fees and other dues of TAHLISO.

“NACTE” means National Council for Technical Education.

“Nation” means the United Republic of Tanzania.

“Organization” means *Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students’ Organization* as described under this Constitution also known by acronym as TAHLISO.

“President” means the head of Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students’ Organization elected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

“Qualified Person” means a person duly authorized to initiate a bill in the respective Students’ Representative Council

“Rights” means any existing or future task which may be assigned to an individual, or group of members within organization.

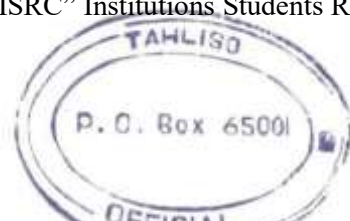
“Sound mind” a person who can appreciate the nature of his/her acts and give a rational decision.

“SRC” means Students Representative Council.

“Student” means any person registered for studies in any accredited higher learning institution in Tanzania.

“USRC” University Students Representative Council

“ISRC” Institutions Students Representative Council



Title,  
commencement  
and application  
of this  
Constitution.

“TCU” means Tanzania Commission for Universities.  
“Treasurer” means the Treasurer of TAHLISO.  
“Tshs” means Tanzanian Shillings.  
“USD” means United States of American Dollar.

**103.-** (1) This Constitution may be cited as The Constitution of Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students’ Organization of 2004 as amended in 2021

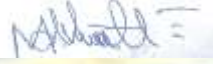
(2) This Constitution shall come into force after being passed by not less than two thirds (2/3) of the eligible members present and voting at the General assembly and after the president of TAHLISO has signed to show assent by the General Assembly.

(3) This Constitution shall apply to TAHLISO.

APPROVED BY;

  
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Frank John Nkinda  
**TAHLISO PRESIDENT**  




  
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Michael Musa Ollomi  
**CHAIRPERSON OF CONSTITUTION AMANDEMENTS**