

NUST Catholics on Campus Constitution

The **purpose and aim** of the *NUST Catholics on Campus* is to represent the Catholic Students at the *National University of Science and Technology* (abbr. NUST) in Bulawayo and to coordinate all the activities organized by Catholics at NUST in Bulawayo.

The ***NUST Catholics on Campus*** consists of all the NUST students and employees in Bulawayo who are baptised (or willing to be baptised) in the Catholic Church and confess the Christian faith as it is expressed in the Apostles Creed.

Every *NUST Catholics on Campus* **member has a right to:**

- get information on current programme of the *NUST Catholics on Campus*;
- suggest a new idea to the *NUST Catholics on Campus* Committee;
- make a complaint to the *NUST Catholics on Campus* Committee.

The ***NUST Catholics on Campus Committee*** is the official body of representatives and leaders of the *NUST Catholics on Campus*.

At the beginning of every academic year of NUST, the Committee is formed of:

- the individuals willing to take responsibility for organizing regular Catholic activities on campus
- and the representatives of all the Catholic groups that are willing to take responsibility for organizing regular activities on campus.

Every Catholic group of students with such willingness has a right for one representative in the Committee. The group decides on their representative according to its own rules and customs.

No group can claim an overall power in the *NUST Catholics on Campus*.

The individuals and the group representatives meet as soon as possible at the beginning of the NUST academic year and vote for their chairperson by a simple plurality voting system.

The **Committee Chairperson** is responsible for:

- calling the Committee meeting regularly once a month and whenever it is needed;
- preparing an agenda of the Committee meetings in advance;
- chairing the Committee meetings;
- appointing a secretary from the members of the Committee who writes down minutes of the particular meeting;
- appointing Committee members to any other position or task required at the moment;
- informing the Catholic Chaplaincy for the Tertiary Education Institutions in Bulawayo on the meetings and decisions of the Committee.

The **Committee is accountable** to the *Catholic Chaplaincy for the Tertiary Education Institutions in Bulawayo* and to the official NUST Chaplaincy. Both of them have an absolute amendatory veto power on the decisions made by the Committee.

In case of any **financial needs** of the *NUST Catholics on Campus*, the Committee approaches the *Catholic Chaplaincy for the Tertiary Education Institutions in Bulawayo* or relevant NUST offices.

A Committee member **failure to attend** two consecutive Committee meetings, without giving a proper apology and explanation in advance, results in automatic cessation of membership in the Committee.

A Committee member **failure to organize** an activity or handle a task assigned to him/her by the Chairperson or the Committee, results in cessation of membership in the Committee if the Committee decides so by simple plurality voting.

Any **changes to this Constitution** must be agreed by at least two-thirds of the *NUST Catholics on Campus* Committee members and by all members of the *Catholic Chaplaincy for the Tertiary Education Institutions in Bulawayo*.