Constitution of the Black Graduate Student Association  
(A Georgia Tech Student Organization)  

Article I - Name  
The name of this organization shall be the Black Graduate Student Association (A Georgia Tech Student Organization). Hereafter, it will be referred to as the BGSA, in the Constitution.  

Article II - Purpose  
The purpose of the BGSA shall be to promote the cohesiveness and success of Blacks at Georgia Tech. In order to achieve these goals, the BGSA will direct its efforts to:  
1. Raising the cultural awareness among Blacks at Georgia Tech.  
2. Enhancing the technical development of Blacks at Georgia Tech.  
3. Providing academic, cultural, and social support for BGSA members.  

Article III - Members  
Section 1. Any Georgia Tech student shall be eligible for full membership in the BGSA. All other interested parties shall be associate members with no voting privileges. It is understood that members will abide by this constitution.  
Section 2. The number of members shall not be more than two hundred.  
Section 3. Any Georgia Tech student shall be eligible to vote if that student has paid his/her dues for the current year.  
Section 4. Any Georgia Tech student shall be eligible to hold office if that student has paid his/her dues for the current year.  
Section 5. All members are required to attend at least one meeting per quarter (excluding summer quarter).  

Article IV - Officers  
Section 1. The elected officers of the BGSA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute the executive committee.  
Section 2. The duties of the officers are:  
President: The President is responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the organization. The main duties of this officer include calling and chairing meetings, ensuring that effective communication occurs between the committees and General Body, and performing such other duties as are provided in the Constitution.  
Vice-President: Shall preside over all BGSA meetings, shall act as President in the event of his/her absence and shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties.  
Secretary: Shall maintain membership rolls, shall record the meeting minutes of the BGSA meetings and shall send a copy of the minutes to the BGSA advisor.  
Treasurer: Collect dues, manage the treasury and be responsible for other matters which involve financial record keeping.  
Section 3: Officers will be elected by ballot. The President and Treasurer will be elected during the Spring quarter on or before the second meeting. The Vice-President and Secretary will be elected during the Fall quarter on or before the second meeting. Votes will be cast separately for each office. The candidates who receive the most votes are elected.  
Section 4: An officer may be removed from office by a petition which has been approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the BGSA. In the event of removal or vacancy, elections to select the new officers(s) must be held within forty-five days.  

Article V - Dues  
Dues are payable by Wednesday of the third week of classes each quarter. The dollar amount of the dues shall be five dollars ($5) each quarter.  

Article VI - Parliamentary Procedures  
All business meetings shall be governed by the procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order.  

Article VII - Amendments  
Any active member may propose amendments to this Constitution. Written notification of all members must be made at least two weeks in advance in any proposed change in the constitution. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required for amendment to the BGSA Constitution. Amendments are subject to approval by the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Committee.