

**¡CHANGÓ!**  
**AFRO LATINO AND SPANISH CULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**CONSTITUTION 2021-2022**

**ARTICLE I- Club Name**

The name of this organization will be the Changó- The Afro Latino and Spanish Cultural Society. It will be commonly referred to as Changó. Changó will operate in accordance with the rule and regulations of Howard University clubs and organizations. The purpose of Changó is to raise awareness about Afro Latino culture on Howard University's campus through cultural, educational, and service activities.

**ARTICLE II- Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to embrace and raise awareness of Afro-Latino culture within the African diaspora and to share this information with Howard University Students and global communities.

Section 2. We will strive to encourage our members' discovery and understanding of various Afro-Latino cultural contributions through cultural activities, guest speakers, and city excursions.

Section 3. There is a need for an establishment of an organization such as Changó because the Afro Latino population is not represented in any other Howard University organization. In addition, Spanish language and culture are not represented in other Howard University organizations. Changó caters not only to Afro Latino students, but also to students who are interested in Spanish and learning more about Latino culture.

**ARTICLE III- Membership**

Section 1. All regular members must currently be registered students of Howard University.

Section 2. No person shall be denied membership or office because of national origin, race, sex, physical disability, political or religious beliefs, or sexual preference.

Section 3. Any person desiring membership shall register with the secretary at any time prior to or at a general membership meeting.

Section 4. A member must attend 3 meetings a semester in order to be on the active member roster.

Section 5. Any person may withdraw from the organization by notifying the secretary.

## **ARTICLE IV- Officers**

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

President- Responsible for implementing and carrying out all decisions and presides over general meetings. The President will oversee all records and fiscal matter and is empowered to sign check requests in the absence of the Treasurer.

Vice-President- Assists the President in performing her/his duties, and acts as President when the President is not available.

Treasurer- Maintains financial records and performs related duties, such as signing check requests and preparing budgets.

Secretary- Keeps minutes of meetings and carries out necessary correspondence and related duties as assigned, such as keeping a roster of active members.

Section 2. The above four members constitute the Executive Committee of the club. The Executive Committee shall be answerable to the general membership of the club.

The Advisor will be appointed by the Executive Committee subject to approval by a quorum of all the active (voting) members.

The President shall be the chairperson and presiding officer of the Executive Committee. In the event the President cannot continue as a member of the Executive Committee, the Vice-President shall assume the office.

### **Election Procedures**

Section 1. All officers must be elected by majority vote.

Section 2. Nomination shall be accepted from the floor at the meeting prior to the election.

Section 3. Elections shall be by majority vote of the active board members present whose names appear on the membership roster.

Section 4. Contested elections must be referred to the Judicial Board.

Section 5. An Advisor must be present at all elections.

### **Term of Office**

Section 1. All officers of this organization can serve one academic year and may be elected for additional years to the same office.

### **Eligibility**

Section 1. All candidates shall have been a member of the organization for at least one academic term. Undergraduate candidates must have a grade point average of at least **2.7** at the time of their election (unless the HUSA Constitutions indicates specific requirements for student government organizations) and during their time in office. Graduate candidates must have a grade point average that reflects good academic standing at the time of their election and during their time in office.

### **Article V- Impeachment of Members of the Executive Committee**

Section 1. Impeachment proceedings may be brought against a member of the Executive Committee for negligence in carrying out the duties of their office, serious misconduct, and misappropriation of funds.

Section 2. Proceedings for impeachments may be instituted by three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the executive committee or a petition signed by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the active members.

Section 3. A petition for the impeachment must be in writing, stating the reasons for impeachment and must be signed by two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the active members of the club. It must be forwarded to the Student Life and Activities who shall then notify, in writing, the person or persons being brought up against charges.

Section 4. A hearing will be convened by the Office of Student Life & Activities along with the office of student conduct if applicable. Following the hearing, the Office of Student Life & Activities will provide a recommendation via a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of staff members in the Office of Student Life & Activities.

### **Article VI- Meetings**

Section 1. There must be three meetings each semester.

Section 2. Special meetings of the organization may be held at any time upon the call of the Executive Committee or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, by not less than 20 percent of the active members.

Section 3. A quorum will consist of half of all active members plus one.

Section 4. The Executive Committee will meet whenever it is deemed necessary by a majority (3) of its members.

**Article VII- Amendments**

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be introduced from the floor and must be submitted in writing, at a general membership meeting.

Section 2. The entire active voting membership shall be notified in writing of the amendment, at least five (5) school days prior to the meeting which the amendment is to be considered.

Kasayah Alexis  
President (Print Name)



Signature

Clement Akassi  
Advisor (Print Name)



Signature

06/01/2021  
Date