

# BLACK STUDIES READING COLLECTIVE FOUNDING INSTRUMENT

## I. PURPOSE

(A) The purpose of The Black Studies Reading Collective is to create a network of autonomous INDIVIDUAL members and autonomous NATION members.

## II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

(A) Members of The Black Studies Reading Collective have three obligations:

- (1) To read and study serious Black educational writings and materials
- (2) To practice Black Nationalism
- (3) To promote Black Nationalism

## III. MEMBERSHIP

(A) THE BLACK STUDIES READING COLLECTIVE shall be composed of two types of members:

- (1) Individual
- (2) National

## IV. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

(A) Any person can be an individual member of The Black Studies Reading Collective. An individual can become a member of The Black Studies Reading Collective by satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) Read and study the required essay on The Republic of New Afrika
- (b) Read and study the required essay on The Washitaw Nation

(B) An individual can maintain his or her membership in The Black Studies Reading Collective by reviewing the essay on the Republic of New Afrika and the Washitaw Nation between January 1 and February 28 of each and every year; by reviewing the Black Nationalism 101, Black Nationalism 201 and International Law 101 course materials between January 1 and February 28 of each and every year; and by reviewing the Founding Instrument of The Black Studies Reading Collective between January 1 and February 28 of each and every year.

(C) No individual member of The Black Studies Reading Collective can conduct business in the name of The Black Studies Reading Collective nor open or maintain a bank account in the name of The Black Studies Reading Collective.

(D) Individual members of The Black Studies Reading Collective who violate the basic principles of The Black Studies Reading Collective shall lose their membership in The Black Studies Reading Collective.

## (V). NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

(A) Nations within The Black Studies Reading Collective are formed when individual members of The Black Studies Reading Collective unite. Each Nation in The Black Studies Reading Collective must have at least two Black members .

(B) The first five members of each Nation in The Black Studies Reading Collective must be Black, and the overall racial composition of each Nation in The Black Studies Reading Collective must not be less than 65 per cent Black.

(C) Once a Nation in The Black Studies Reading Collective has a membership of five individuals, the racial composition of the Nation can not change for at least 365 days thereafter.

(D) No Nation member of The Black Studies Reading Collective can conduct business in the name of The Black Studies Reading Collective nor open or maintain a bank account in the name of The Black Studies Reading Collective.

(E) Nation members of The Black Studies Reading Collective that violate the basic principles of The Black Studies Reading Collective shall lose their membership in The Black Studies Reading Collective.

## (VI) RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP

(A) An Individual member of The Black Studies Reading Collective cannot belong to more than one Nation in The Black Studies Reading Collective at a time. An Individual member of The Black Studies Reading Collective can belong to only one Nation in The Black Studies Reading Collective at a time.

## (VII) REQUIRED ESSAYS: THE BLACK STUDIES READING COLLECTIVE

(A) "The Republic of New Africa: Its Development, Ideology and Objectives"

(B) "The Washitaw"

## (VIII) READING / STUDYING SERIOUS BLACK EDUCATIONAL WRITINGS AND MATERIALS

(A) Each individual member of The Black Studies Reading Collective must read at least two bodies of serious Black Studies educational materials each year, and maintain a record of the materials read.

(B) Each individual member of The Black Studies Reading Collective must organize or participate in at least two Black Studies discussion groups each year. Each discussion group must consist of at least two separate sessions.

## (IX) THE BLACK STUDIES READING COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

(A) To become an autonomous Individual member of The Black Studies Reading Collective, a person must:

(1) Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of the required essays (see (VII) above. Acceptable understanding is the passing of an exam administered by ASET University or a specifically recognized agent of ASET University.

(2) Successfully complete three courses offered by ASET University. These courses are Black Nationalism 101, Black Nationalism 201 and International Law 101. Successful completion is the passing of exams administered by ASET University or a specifically recognized agent of ASET University.

(B) To receive a Black Studies Reading Collective Membership Certificate, a member must complete the requirements just listed, pay a \$25.00 fee and pass the appropriate exam administered by ASET University. A member is not required to obtain a Black Studies Reading Collective Membership Certificate.

\*(C) Exception to (IX)(2): Individuals who have satisfied all other requirements and have previously earned a Black Nationalism Degree from ASET University are qualified to receive a Black Studies Reading Collective Membership Certificate.

## (X) PRACTICING BLACK NATIONALISM

Practicing Black Nationalism involves the incorporation of Black nationalist principles, manners of behavior, decisions and objectives into your personal life.

## (XI) PROMOTING BLACK NATIONALISM

(A) Promoting Black Nationalism involves introducing other individuals and groups to Black nationalist principles and objectives. In addition, members can volunteer to work on two important committees that will promote Black Nationalism: the Committee on the Washitaw Nation and the Committee on the Republic of New Afrika.

(1) Committee on the Washitaw Nation: This committee will be charged with learning about the present operations of the Washitaw Nation in order to help as many Black individuals as possible benefit from the advantages made possible by the Washitaw's United Nations recognition as an indigenous American people.

(2) Committee on the Republic of New Afrika: This committee will be charged with learning about the present operations of the Republic of New Afrika so that Black People can benefit as much as possible from the Black nationalist ideology it has researched and put into practice, and bases its existence on.

(B) Promoting Black Nationalism also involves identifying areas the autonomous individual and community members of the BSRC can work together on.

## (XII) GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE BLACK STUDIES READING COLLECTIVE

(A) Members of The Black Studies Reading Collective must incorporate the following principles into their personal and political lives:

(1) The People Principle:

Progress does not revolve around money, progress revolves around people. Economics does not revolve around money, economics revolves around people. Success does not revolve around money, success revolves around people. Money is merely a substitute for human creativity, energy and determination. It is better to accomplish more and more using people power and rely less and less on money.

(2) The Unity Principle:

We must not let issues We disagree on keep Us from working together around issues We agree on. Ideological differences should not lead to personality clashes or functional breakdowns; nor should ideological differences prevent Us from working together toward greater objectives. Working together around the issues We agree on can heighten the overall level of Our struggle, diminish the relevance of many ideological differences and prompt Us to reassess personal and ideological antagonisms.

(3) The Cause and Effect Principle:

If your attempts to bring about change have not generated the result you desire, it is because you have not yet done what needs to be done in the manner it needs to be done. That is not an indication of failure or an attack on a person's commitment, it is merely proof that the task is yet to be completed.

(4) The Unknown Principle:

No one knows in advance what will or will not work. We can safely speculate, however, that those who work together on an imperfect plan will achieve more than those who, while waiting for the perfect plan, don't work on any plan at all.

## (XIII) AMENDMENTS

(A) This document can only be amended by Mba Mbulu, creator and founder of The Black Studies Reading Collective, or a specifically recognized agent of Mba Mbulu.