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**Administrative Grant of Power to the Student Government Association**

The Authorities of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, having confidence in the ability, character and judgment of the students and believing that participation by them in the affairs of the University Community will be mutually helpful and valuable, have given authority to them to organize the Student Government Association and to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws. Through the structures provided by the University and subject to policies established by the responsible boards and officials of the University, students assist the faculty and administrative officers in the development of programs and policies in matters affecting academic question, student discipline and the general welfare of the A&T Community.

**The Purpose of the Student Government Association**

The aims of higher education are to aid an individual in realizing his/her potential, and in becoming an effective member of society. The means to this end are independence of thought, active of awareness and participation in various academic pursuits. The individual is the center of learning. Therefore, these aims have meaning only insofar as, they relate to the individual. Whatever is done in the educational community must be evaluated in terms of the effect on the student and his/her learning process. The Student Government Association, as the representative of the student community, must be committed to these goals of higher education in order to justify its existence.

**To assume the attainment of this purpose, the Student Government Association must assume the following responsibilities:**

1. **Create an atmosphere of freedom** - allowing the student to move beyond the limits of traditional interests; allowing the student to be a creative and contributing individual.
2. **Aid in a meaningful interpretation** of the concept of the "University Community". Effective communication between members of the University Community is vital to the understanding of this concept.
3. **Provide opportunities for each student** to participate in activities that develop and realize

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