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BLACK STUDENTS MOVEMENT MEMBERSHIP FORM

We, the oppressed students at Rhodes University, believing that we are members of oppressed communities before we are students, and realising that the education system under which we study trains us to be exploiters and oppressors rather than preparing us to organise for a united non-racial democratic South Africa, hereby resolve to organise all oppressed students on this campus to participate in the broad democratic student movement that exists today, and to forge links with progressive democratic organisations (independent trade unions, community, civic, womens' and youth organisations) and so contribute to the struggle for genuine democracy in South Africa. We therefore resolve to form a democratic students' organisation.

Having noted the above, and further noting that:

1. The name of the organisation shall be the Black Students Movement, hereafter referred to as the B.S.M.

2. Membership is not automatic.

- 3. The aims and objectives of B.S.M. include:
 - (a) to represent the needs and interests of all Black students of Rhodes and to organise them around such needs and interests.
 - (b) to define a more meaningful and relevant role for Black students on this campus, as well as in the wider social and community fields.
 - (c) to encourage the participation of students in the activities of this arganisation and create the channels by which they can fulfil this role.

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