

**Senate President Sir,
Officers of the Students Representative Council,
Senators of the Students Representative Council,
Other Unions of the Students Union,
Supreme Congress.**

After series of consultation, following the perceived needs for a dynamic amendment of the Students Union Government Constitution, in order to reshape its provisions appropriately to conform with the consistent Positive Development of the Union. The Students Representative Council nominated and ratified the following Senators to review the constitution and come out with an amendment for subsequent adoption by the Students Union.

1. Senator Jude Okonkwo, 300 Level Law Constituency – Chairman
2. Senator Inusa A. Grace, Surgery Constituency – Secretary General
3. Senator Ogungbemi Wemimo, 500 Level Law Constituency – Member
4. Senator Umar Sani, History and International Studies Constituency – Member
5. Senator Confidence O. Lawal, Mechanical Engineering Constituency – Member

Aware, that the Constitution Review Committee was mandated to review and begin amendment procedure of the Constitution by the Senate President, on the day the committee was set up.

Further Aware, that the committee took the mandate, publishing online and offline, a Call for Recommendations from the general Students, sent letters to members of the Executive Council and Students Representative Council, seeking for recommendations.

Recall, that the committee further extended the deadline of submission of recommendations. Thereafter, the committee met and brought up areas worthy of amendment and further deliberated on the possible and effective proposals that are substantial to achieving the Union's aims and objectives.

Further Recall, that the on the 1st of August, the committee was asked to make further consultation on the proposed amendments.

Assured, that we members of the Constitution review committee have diligently, faithfully and within the ambit of the constitution, properly carried out the assignment we were tasked with.

Further Assured, that the committee after several debates and after receiving several memoranda from the student's community, came up with the present constitution, which is being read today before all of you for further amendments if need be. The committee undoubtedly faced both financial and material challenges, they however scaled through and we do hope that the Students Community will appreciate the level of work done here.

The constitution review was subsequently signed by all organs as per the provisions of the constitution, which includes the leadership of the Constitution review Committee,

the Students Representative Council, The Executive Council and the Vice Chancellor of the University.

**AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY,
STUDENTS UNION CONSTITUTION.
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PREAMBLE

We the Students of Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, having firmly and solemnly resolved to perpetuate and enhance the advancement of the Student Union of the University, with a view to promoting a Healthy and conducive atmosphere and realizing the unique role we have to play in the intellectual, Cultural and Social-political development of our country and our sincere contribution to the unity, dignity and greatness of our fatherland and human race, do hereby enact and give ourselves the following Constitution.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1

SUPREMACY

- i) The Constitution is Supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all members of the Union.
- ii) If any other Law, directive or action of the Union is inconsistent with the provision of this Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail and such other Law, directive or action shall to the extent of its inconsistency be null and void.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 2

NAME

There shall be a body established in accordance with the provision of this Constitution to be known, called and addressed as the Students Union of Ambrose Alli University Ekpoma (SUAAU) herein after referred to as "**THE UNION**".

ARTICLE 3

SECTION 3

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

The aims and objectives of the Union shall be

- i. To foster an effective student body
- ii. To maintain and protect the Constitution of the Union
- iii. To promote cordial relationship amongst its members and those of other institutions of higher learning.
- iv. To protect the good name of the University.

- v. To establish effective communication with the University authorities, so that the rights, privileges and obligations of the Union members are maintained and protected.
- vi. To undertake all such activities as may be necessary for the attainment of these objectives.
- vii. To project and act in consonance with all development efforts of the University in so far as it is in the interest of the Students.
- viii. These aims shall be pursued independently always, free of any political religious, ethnic, secret or other propaganda groups.

ARTICLE 4

SECTION 4

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership of the **Union** shall be voluntary and shall consist of:

- (i) **ORDINARY MEMBERS:** An Ordinary member shall be any registered student of the University, pursuing a course the duration of which is not less than one academic year **PROVIDED** such a student must have paid his/her **UNION** subscription as provided for in the Constitution.

- (ii) **HONORARY MEMBERS:**

- (a) Shall be conferred upon a person by the Executive Council subject to the approval of the Students Representative Council as deemed fit by reason of the interest of the individual(s) in Student(s) and academic matter(s) especially as relating to Ambrose Alli University. Such conferment shall be valid for a period of three (3) years.
- (b) The person(s) so conferred with Honorary membership of the Union shall be awarded a certificate which shall be duly signed by the President of the UNION, the Senate President of Students Representative Council and the Vice-Chancellor.

- (iv) **LIFE MEMBERS**

- (a) The Executive Council may confer Life Membership on Ex. Union member(s) with the prior approval of the Students Representative Council as a mark of honor for distinguished services to the UNION and their interest and role in public life.
- (b) Any person so conferred with life membership of the UNION shall be awarded a certificate signed by the President of the Union, the Senate President of Students Representative Council and the Vice-Chancellor.

ARTICLE 5

SECTION 5

PRIVILEGES

- (i) **ORDINARY MEMBER** – Shall have the privileges to:

- (a) Obtain on first registration as a member of the Union, a copy of the Union's Constitution.
- (b) Use facilities provided by the UNION
- (c) Wear or display the official colours of the UNION
- (d) Be members of affiliated clubs and societies of the UNION
- (e) Participate in recognized meetings and functions of the UNION

- (f) Vote and be voted for in approved Union elections as provided for in this Constitution.
- (g) Subject to paragraph (f) above, all Diploma Students, Pre-degree Students, Part-time Student and Post-Graduate Students cannot be voted for under this Constitution.

(ii) HONOURARY AND LIFE MEMBERS

Honorary and life members shall have the privileges to:

- (a) Use the facilities provided by the Union
- (b) Be members of recognized clubs and societies of the Union
- (c) Attend all functions of the Union
- (d) Wear or display the official colours of the Union
- (e) Such honorary / life members shall have no voting rights

(iii) PATRONS

- (a) The Union shall appoint Patrons not exceeding five (5) whose membership shall be determined by an act of the Students Representative Council
- (b) Such person(s) to be appointed as Patron(s) must be known to have identified with the words and spirit of the preamble of this Constitution.
- (c) For the purpose of (a) above
 - (1) A member of the Students Representative Council may move a motion for the purpose of making any person a Patron.
 - (2) A person shall be deemed to have been appointed as a patron by a vote of not less than two third (2 / 3) of the members of Students Representative Council present and voting, provided they form a quorum.
 - (d) A person appointed as Patron under the provision of this Constitution shall hold office for a period of three (3) parliamentary years and such appointments may be reviewed at the expiration of his tenure.
 - (e) The appointment of a patron stands terminated;
 - (1) At the end of the tenure.
 - (2) If he dies while holding office.
 - (3) If he is removed from office by a resolution of Students Representative Council supported by at least two-third (2 / 3) majority of members present and voting, provided they form a quorum.

ARTICLE 6

SECTION 6 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

There shall be the following Executive Officers for the Union.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary General
4. Assistant Secretary General
5. Financial Secretary
6. Director of Information
7. Director of Social and Cultural Affairs

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- d) Preside over all meetings of the Executive Council and shall summon

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- ii. Keep attendance book, minutes and records of Executive and Union general meetings
- iii. Carryout all secretarial duties of the Union
- iv. Keep proper records of all matters affecting the Union
- v. Summon all general and Executive meetings of the Union in consultation with the President.
- vi. Conduct, in consultation with the President, all correspondences of the Union.
- vii. Have in custody the Union's Property including the Union's vehicle **PROVIDED** always that the use of the Unions Property including the vehicles shall be subject to the approval of the President.
- viii. Release to any society, club, organization etc. affiliated to the Union, the Union's property including vehicle(s) for a specific period with the approval of the President and evidence of payment of a token amount to be fixed by the Executive Council and ratified by the Students Representative Council.
- (i) Carryout other functions that may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the President.

iv. Assistant Secretary General shall:

- (a) Act for the Secretary General in his/her absence.
- (b) Advise and assist the Secretary General in the discharge of his/her duties.
- (c) In the event of the office of the Secretary General becoming vacant as a result of death, removal, resignation and/or otherwise, the Assistant Secretary general shall act as the Secretary general, pending the final resolution of the issues.
- (d) Shall be the Secretary to the Organizing Committee of the Student Union Week.

v. Financial Secretary shall

- (a) Collect all money due to the Union and issue receipts for such collections.
- (b) Keep a correct account of the Union money
- (c) Prepare a balance sheet and submit his books through the Students Representative Council to the finance Committee for auditing.
- (d) In consultation with the President, Dean of Students and Senate President of the Students Representative Council, sign cheques for withdrawals.
- (e) Shall pay to the Unions account, all money collected within schooling days of collection and submit tellers to finance Committee of Students Representative Council for recording.
- (f) Submit at monthly Executive meetings, all receipts and payments, made to account of the Union for the previous month
- (g) Keep an impress account of not more than Fifteen thousand naira (N15,000.00) only for Union matters subject to the approval of the President.

vi. Director of Information shall

- (a) Be responsible for the publicity of all Union activities
- (b) Have custody of all Union's dailies, periodicals, albums and other related documents.

- (c) Be responsible for sale of Union's Property when so directed by the Executive Council subject to approval of the Students Representative Council
- (d) Receive Official visitors of the Union and maintain a register of such visitors.
- (e) Arrange press conferences as directed by the Executive Council
- (f) Encourage and facilitate Students travel within and outside the country e.g. procurement of international passport, visa, air ticket etc. in consultation with the President after due clearance with the University Authority.
- (g) Coordinate symposia, lectures and talks for the Union
- (h) Coordinate and supervise the use of the Union's notice Board for approved notices
- (i) Coordinate the Union's suggestion boxes
- (j) Be the Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Student Union Publications
- (k) Shall be the Union Orator and Public Relations Officer and perform duties incidental to the position
- (l) Shall create, manage, delegate with approval of the Executive Council and the Students Representative Council to a third-party, Social Media and any other digital platform of the Union.
- (m) Shall encourage and facilitate digital evolution in Students life.
- (n) Carry out any other related functions.

vii. Director of Social and Cultural Affairs shall:

- (a) Recommend for registration with the Student Affairs Office, all clubs and societies affiliated to the Union on presentation of evidence of payment into the Union's bank account.
- (b) Be in charge of all Social and Cultural activities of the Union subject to the provision of the Constitution.
- (c) Direct Social activities of the Union during the orientation Week for fresh Students.
- (d) Keep special inventory of all audio-visual instruments of the Union for the activities of the affiliated club and societies after due application.

viii. Director of Sports shall:

- (a) Be responsible for organizing and coordinating all sport activities of the Union members in the University and other institutions in cooperation with the University Sport officials.
- (b) Liaise with the University Sports coach in preparing for the execution of any sporting activity involving the Students.
- (c) Inform the general body of Students of the progress made in the sporting activities of the Union members.
- (d) Together with the Director of Socials and Cultural Affairs, be members of Sports, Social and Cultural Affairs Committee.

ix. Director of Welfare shall:

- (a) Supervise the Union's Bar/buttery Business venture

- (b) See to the general cleanliness of Halls of Residence, Kitchenets, Cafeteria, classrooms and the General Welfare of Students and report same to the Executive Council.
- (c) In conjunction with the Health Committee of the Union, ensure that Health problems are given prompt attention.
- (d) Liaise with the Health Center of the University in cases of emergency.
- (e) Be a member of the Catering, Health, Bar / buttry and Business Committee of the Union.
- (f) Shall enforce all Transport Policy of Students Representative Council remit any monies due to the Union from the Transport services to the Union through the Financial Secretary.
- (g) Shall work in consonance with other bodies to enforce Traffic rules and enhance Safer roads in the University Community.

x. ATTORNEY GENERAL shall:

- i. Be a chief Law officer of the Union
- ii. Be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Council subject to the ratification of Students Representative Council and shall therefore assume equal status with other members of the Executive Council with full rights and privileges as may accrue to other members of the Executive Council.
- iii. Be at least a 400 level Law student at the time of his appointment and not fall below the eligibility requirements for the offices of the Executive Council as provided for in this Constitution.
- iv. Assist the Union in the performance of its day to day activities and accordingly.
- v. Refer Constitutional matters for interpretation and/or determination to a High Court or Supreme Court of the Union where such becomes necessary on behalf of the Union or if he receives a request by any of the organs of the Union through the appropriate office praying that such Constitutional matters be referred to the Court for determination.
- vi. Report and prosecute any student, group of Students and / or any association affiliated to the Union for any Act(s) considered to be in contravention of the code of conduct as may be prescribed by the Students Representative Council
- vii. Defend and act as counsel of the Union whenever the Union is sued or is suing in any of the Union's Courts provided that he shall have power to delegate the exercise of his duties to any other registered counsel with the Union's Court.
- viii. Shall maintain peace and order during Executive meetings.

SECTION 9 DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive organ of the Union shall be vested on the "Executive Council" and shall be competent to represent the Union in all matters before the University authorities and other bodies subject to the provisions of the Constitution. The Executive Council shall accordingly.

- i. Carryout the day to day running of the Union.

- ii. Superintend and control the Affairs of the Union and cater for the interest of its members
- iii. Subject to the approval of the Students Representative Council seek all concession, grants and authorization from the University or from outside the University and shall enter into contracts and agreements and do any other thing as may be necessary for carrying out the Business of the Union provided that such contracts or agreement(s) with anybody or bodies outside the University shall be subject to the approval of the Students Representative Council
- iv. Take proper care of the Union's property including Union funds
- v. Refer cases of misuse relating to (iv) above to the Students Representative Council for proper actions
- vi. Organizing an annual Students Week to be called "SUAAU" Week and the National Association of Nigeria Student Week to be called NANS Week
- vii. Prepare and present annual reports to the Students Representative Council for approval. Students Representative Council shall within seven (7) days of the receipt of the report return the report to the Executive Council for presentation to the Congress.
- viii. Keep Students Representative Council constantly informed of its action and shall be responsible to Students Representative Council for such actions
- ix. Recommend the appointment of the ATTORNEY GENERAL, Judges of the High Court and Justices of the Supreme Court for approval by Students Representative Council
- x. Appoint/terminate in conjunction with the Students Representative Council, manager(s) for the Union's butteries.
- xi. Appoint contractors, subject to the ratification of Students Representative Council
- xii. Hold discussions with outside bodies on matters arising from the Students Union.

ARTICLE 7

SECTION 10 STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- (i) There shall be for the Union a Legislative Council, to be known and called the STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL or SRC or The Council.
- (ii) The Students Representative Council shall be composed as follows:
 - a. One member shall come from each academic department
 - b. One representative each shall come from the Halls of Residence elected on a basis, which shall be determined from time to time by the Electoral Commission
 - c. Three members shall come from the Institute of Education
 - d. Not more than three (3) co-opted members by the Executive Council to represent interest not adequately represented. At least one shall come from each campus.
- (iii) Election into Students Representative Council shall be held at the same time with elections to the Executive Council.

OFFICERS OF THE STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- (iv) The Students Representative Council shall on the first day of its sitting be presided over by the President of the Union, and shall elect the following officers

- a. Senate President
- b. Deputy Senate President
- c. Clerk
- d. Deputy Clerk
- e. Whips

STANDING ORDERS

(v) Without prejudice to other provisions of this Constitution the various organs of the Union shall have powers to make orders to regulate their Affairs.

SECTION 11 DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

THE SENATE PRESIDENT

- i. There shall be Senate President who shall
 - a. Be elected at the first meeting of the Students Representative Council, to be presided over by the President of the Union, from amongst its members
 - b. Have powers to summon meetings of the Students Representative Council, through the Clerk of the Students Representative Council
 - c. Also summon the meeting of the Students Representative Council through the Clerk on a written request from at least one third (1 / 3) of the members of Students Representative Council
 - d. Direct the proceedings of the Students Representative Council and execute all other functions conferred on him/her under any other provisions of this Constitution
 - e. At the meetings of the Students Representative Council, interpret the Constitution of the Union on referred matters where the Constitution is silent or refer to any of the Union's Court for interpretation, acting through the ATTORNEY GENERAL.
 - f. Refer Constitutional matters or otherwise to any of the Union's Courts for final interpretation where he is mandated by the Council
 - g. Vote only when there is a tie

DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT

- ii. There shall be a Deputy Senate President who shall:
 - (a) Assist the Senate President at all times in the discharge of his/her duties and deputize for him/her in his absence.
 - (b) During every meeting of the Council, take the roll call (attendance) of the members present and within twenty-four (24) hours, forward the list of absentees to the Senate President for necessary action.
 - (c) Not vote, being the electoral officer of the Council
 - (d) Exercise all such powers and carry out such other duties as are hereinafter assigned to him/her in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution
 - (e) Assume the office of the Senate President in the event of vacancy in that office but shall relinquish the post as soon as a new substantive Senate President is elected

CLERK

- iii. The Clerk shall:

- i. Issue notices of sitting at least forty-eight hours before the meeting except for emergency meetings, and display the notice on all departmental and Faculty notice boards, Hall of Residence notice boards and the Union secretariat.
- ii. Record and keep in good order, the minutes of proceeding of the Students Representative Council meetings.
- iii. Collect from the Financial Secretary and judiciously use all monies due to Students Representative Council on the approval of the Senate President
- iv. Prepare in advance a comprehensive agenda of all the major issue to be discussed and appointments to be made at every meeting, to the Students Representative Council and display the agenda as in (i) above
- v. Be responsible for the payment of allowance to members of the Students Representative Council
- vi. Compile the proceedings of the Students Representative Council for a parliamentary year for determination in the Union library.
- vii. Display resolutions, decisions etc, reached in all parliamentary sittings as provided for in paragraph (i) and (ii) and also to send copies of resolutions, decisions etc, to the Executive Council for complementation PROVIDED always, that the above functions must be performed in consultation with the Senate President.

DEPUTY CLERK

- iv. There shall be a Deputy Clerk who shall:
 - (a) Assist the Clerk in the discharge of his/her duties and deputize for him/her in his/her absence
 - (b) Carryout any such other functions that may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Clerk of the Council
 - (c) In the event of the office of the Clerk becoming vacant by reasons of death, usual resignation and or/otherwise of person holding that office, the Deputy Clerk shall act as Clerk pending the final resolution of the issue
 - (d) In the event of (c) above, the Students Representative Council shall within seven (7) days by simple majority vote, elect a substantive Clerk for the Students Representative Council

WHIPS

- v. (a) There shall be three (3) Whips for the Students Representative Council.
- (b) They shall, maintain peace and order during meetings
- (c) The Whip with the highest number of votes shall be the Chief Whip and shall be the custodian of the Mace during meetings.

SECTION 12

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- (a) There shall be a finance Committee, which shall be composed of the Dean of Students, Financial Secretary and five members from and elected by the SRC.

FUNCTIONS

- (a) The budget proposal from the Executive Council shall be referred by the Students Representative Council to the finance Committee who shall deliberate on them and submit their report to the Council at the beginning of each budgetary session. This shall be done within fourteen (14) days.
- (b) The finance Committee shall make all necessary amendment and recommendations on the budget for final approval of Students Representative Council
- (c) Shall receive quarterly statement of account from the Executive Council
- (d) Shall have powers to audit the accounts of subsidiary body(ies) of the Union when they deem it necessary or upon request by the Students Representative Council
- (e) Shall submit reports to the Students Representative Council for further actions
- (f) Ensure judicious spending of the Union's fund with the cooperation of Students Representative Council
- (g) Have powers to cause an audit of the account of the Union's investments or any group connected with the Union
- (h) Have powers to amend grants proposed in respect of any organ of the Union to the Students Representative Council whose duty it is to accept or reject such an amendment. If necessary, review or draw up financial instructions for each parliamentary year provided it is ratified by the Students Representative Council
- (i) Perform such other functions as may be delegated to it by the Students Representative Council
- (j) Ensure the refund of any amount of money through the appropriate University authority, incurred through the extravagance, mismanagement and/or embezzlement of the Unions / funds by any officer(s) or member(s) of the Union.
- (k) Have the responsibility to ensure a judicious spending of the Union funds, by inviting the Executive officers to give an account of specific expenditure when necessary.

SECTION 13

PRESS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

- i(a) There shall be a press Committee for the Union, which shall consist of the Union's Director of Information, three members of Students Representative Council elected by the Council, all online Platforms which are to be submitted by the Director of information to Students Representative Council and ratified by the Students Representative Council. The editors of all non-professional journals shall be Ex-officio members.
- ii(a) Shall be responsible for drawing up and receiving the code of conduct for all student journalists for each session on the assumption of office
 - (b) Shall have powers to censor all publication from all registered publishing bodies
 - (c) Shall make Policy guiding all Students related website/blogs or any digital platform in the University.

SECTION 14

SPORTS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- i(a) This Committee shall comprise Director of Sports, Director of Social and Cultural Affairs, various game captains, President of all registered clubs/societies on campus, Social Secretaries of all Halls of Residence, representative of the University Sports coach, Dean of Students and four members elected by the Students Representative Council
- ii(a) Shall assist and advice the Social, Cultural and sporting activities of the Union and with the approval of the Students Representative Council, purchase the Union's audio/visual equipment when necessary
- (b) Submit a statement of account in respect of disbursement of funds advanced for all planned Social activities of the Union
- (c) Regulate all games and sporting activities of the Union. Co-operate in organizing and coordinating all sporting activities of the Union. Advice all registered clubs and societies affiliated to the Union on their various activities and shall reserve the rights to refer Whosoever violates its rules through the Students Representative Council to Disciplinary Committee. Refer cases of violation of its rules and regulation to the attorney of this Constitution.

SECTION 15

CATERING / BUTTERING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Catering / Buttering Committee for the Union.

COMPOSITION

It shall be composed of:

- i. Director of Welfare
- ii. All Hall Governor and Governess
- iii. Five other members to be elected by the Students Representative Council from amongst its members who shall:

FUNCTIONS

- (a) Deliberate and make recommendations on matters concerning the sale of food, drinks and other consumables on campus in the interest of the Students Representative Council.
- (b) Carryout any other functions as may be prescribed from time to time by the Students Representative Council
- (c) Determine areas of expansion of services and structure.

SECTION 16

ALLOCATION OF UNION BAR/BUTTERY, CAFE, LAND ETC

Allocation of Union Bar/buttery, cafe, land and other property for Business purpose shall be as follows:

- i. By application through the Chairman, Executive Council, i.e. the President through the Director of welfare, who shall advertise for allocation for a period of three Weeks and all interested person shall within the period collect application forms

for an amount, which shall be fixed by the Executive Council subject to the approval of the Students Representative Council. Payment shall be by draft in any of the Union's bank.

- ii. The Executive Council shall liaise with the interview panel to fix a date for this (Seven days) before the day of the interview.
- iii. The final allocation shall be made by the panel upon result of the interview, which must be displayed not later than 48 hours (forty-eight) hours after the interview.

MEMBERS OF THE INTERVIEW PANEL

Members of the interview panel shall be:

- i. The Dean of Students as Chairman
- ii. The Director of Welfare as the Secretary
- iii. The President and Secretary General of the Union
- iv. The Senate President and Clerk from the Students Representative Council
- v. The Chairman and Secretary Bar / Buttery Committee
- vi. The Chairman and Secretary Health Committee
- vii. The Financial Secretary of the Union

SECTION 17 HEALTH COMMITTEE

There shall be a Health Committee for the Union

COMPOSITION

The Committee shall comprise of:

- i. Welfare Director of the Union
- ii. Welfare Director of the various Halls of Residence
- iii. Five other members elected by the Students Representative Council from amongst its members

FUNCTION

The Committee shall

- a) Cater for all Health problems of the Students and ensure that prompt attention is given to Health problems.
- b) Ensure good sanitation on campus

SECTION 18 UNION STAFF COMMITTEE

There shall be a Union Staff Committee for the Union which shall comprise of the

- i. Union President
- ii. Secretary General of the Union
- iii. Financial Secretary of the Union
- iv. Four other members from the Students Representative Council to be elected by the Students Representative Council

FUNCTIONS

The Committee shall

- Be responsible for the appointment of all Union staff, subject to the ratification by Students Representative Council
- Examine confidential reports from the Secretary General of the Union in respect of the Union staff and pass on its recommendations on erring members of the staff to the disciplinary Committee.
- Consider case of promotion and effect necessary amendments in staff personal emolument from time to time and review the conditions of service of Union staff as deemed necessary
- Perform any other functions as may be prescribed by Students Representative Council from time to time.

SECTION 19 TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

There shall be two Transport Committee for the Union namely

- (a) The Transport Management Committee of the Union
- (b) The Transport Policy making Committee of the Students Representative Council

The Transport Management Committee of the Executive Council shall be composed of:

- i. Dean of Students of the Union
- ii. The Secretary General of the Union
- iii. The Financial Secretary of the Union
- iv. Assistant Secretary General of the Union

The Transport Policy-making Committee of the Students Representative Council shall be composed of five members elected by the Students Representative Council from among its members.

FUNCTIONS

The Transport Management Committee shall:

- Ensure the smooth running of the Union's Transport service strictly upon Policies made by the Transport Policy making Committee of Students Representative Council as provided for in his Constitution.
- Be in charge of the Transport services of the Union and shall submit report to Students Representative Council on monthly bases
- Submit all monies due to the Union from the Transport services to the Financial Secretary within 24 hours and the Financial Secretary shall within 24 hours deposit such monies in the Union's account.
- Bring complains and problems arising from the Transport services to the Transport Policy making Committee who shall make recommendations to that effect.
- Liaise with other Transporters on campus in the interest of the Students

The Transport Policy Making Committee Shall:

- Make Policies for the Transport Management Committee to regulate the Transport services

- Bring to the notice of the Students Representative Council, any problems and complains arising from the Transport services
- Seek opinions from other Transporters so as to make good Policies to regulate the Transport services and in respect to any commercial Transport, which may be organized by the Union
- Submit report to the Students Representative Council on monthly basis

SECTION 20 ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

There shall be an Academic Committee for the Union and shall comprise

- i. One representative from each Faculty in the Students Representative Council
- ii. Vice President of the Union or his/her nominee

FUNCTIONS

The Committee shall:

- i. Address academic problems facing Students in each Faculty
- ii. Plan ways and means of procuring a good academic environment for Students
- iii. Advise the Executive Council on academic matters.

SECTION 21 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Membership shall comprise

- i. Clerk of Students Representative Council
- ii. Five members of Students Representative Council elected by the Council

FUNCTIONS

- i. It shall be responsible for investigating breaches of the provisions of this Constitution that may be referred to it or brought against any student or group of Students and officers of the Union as well as cases of misconduct or unConstitutional acts by Union officials, clubs, societies, associations and their agencies, etc and/or organs affiliated to the Union.
- ii. In case of minor breaches or disagreement they shall be responsible for reprimanding. Pursuant to the above provisions, any student of the University or group of Students, clubs, societies, association of body(ies) recognized and registered shall be eligible to bring the report to the Committee.
- iii. They shall refer when satisfied that a prima facie case of misconduct or breach had been established against a Students Union officer(s), to the ATTORNEY GENERAL for necessary legal action.

SECTION 22

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- i. Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions in section 10(ii) of this Constitution, the Students Representative Council shall be the Law-making body of the Union. Students Representative Council shall have powers to scrutinize, modify and approve the annual budget within a period of twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the budget proposal of the Union, and in situations

where the subsection (ii) above is not complied with, the Students Representative Council shall have powers to approve an amount considered to be appropriate for the Executive to work with, as an interim measure, pending the approval of annual budget. The Council shall have powers to appoint, suspend or remove the Union's banker(s) whenever it deems it necessary and shall inform the Dean of Students within two working days of such event.

- ii. Shall have the powers to appoint to serve the Union in advisory capacity in such matters as the Council may deem fit.
- iii. Shall have the powers to set up standing and ad hoc Committee as it deems fit, subject to the provisions of the Constitution. The Council shall have powers to dissolve the Executive Council if a vote of no confidence is passed on the Executive Council on any of the following grounds:
 - The Executive Council has incessantly failed in the execution of their Constitutional duties.
 - There has been gross violation of the provision of this Constitution on the part of the Executive Council.
 - There has been an act of gross misconduct on the part of the Executive Council in such a nature as to amount, in the opinion of the Students Representative Council to bring the Union to disrepute. In Such, a "vote" is to be obtained by a two third (2/3) majority of the Council at a properly constituted meeting of members present and voting. The Council shall have powers to set up an "Acting Executive Council" in the event of the Executive being dissolved as in paragraph (viii) above.

All members of the Acting Executive Council shall come from outside the Students Representative Council, Such Executive Council shall be responsible to the Students Representative Council and shall perform the functions of an Executive Council under the provisions of this Constitution. Its life span shall not exceed a period of 21 days. The Electoral Commission shall within 21 days elect a substantive Executive Council by a two third (2 / 3) of majority of members of the Students Representative Council present and voting, after having satisfied the relevant section(s) of the Constitution.

- Shall have powers to direct the Executive Council to bring before the congress any matter(s) it considers of material importance to the Union or its interest as defined in the Constitution or which appears to affect the interest of the Union and recommendation accordingly. Shall have powers to elect Chairman and secretaries of all standing and ad hoc Committees of the Council.

- Shall have powers to authorize the President of the Union by vote of two-third (2/3) majority of members present and voting at a properly constituted meeting of Students Representative Council, to call for boycott of classes/lectures pack outs, implementation of NANS decisions or any other state of emergency with the Union when the occasion demands. If the President fails, the Council shall authorize the Senate President to carry out the declaration.

- Shall have powers to remove or impeach any of its principal officers by two third (2/3) majority vote of members of Students Representative Council present and voting at a properly constituted meeting of the Council.

- Shall have powers to make Laws in the event of a situation not provided for as far as it is in interest of the Union or the Senate President of the Students Representative Council to summon a congress on fundamental issue.

Any resolution passed by the Council, provided it is not contrary to the provisions of the Constitution shall have binding force on the Executive Council.

SECTION 23

TENURE

Term of office of the Council shall be one (1) parliamentary year or (1) academic session without prejudice to the provision of this Constitution. A member of the Students Representative Council shall be deemed to have forfeited his seat in the Council should he/she be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Students Representative Council, without written satisfactory explanation to the Senate President.

Where any officer of the Union is a final year student, he/she shall in less than 14 days before his last examination, hand over all official matters in his possession to the most senior officer of his arm of government.

RESIGNATION

In the event of resignation, a member shall first do so in his/her constituency. He shall therefore communicate his decision to the Senate President, who shall promptly inform the Council and the chief electoral officer.

VACATION OF SEAT

A member shall vacate his seat on ceasing to be a member of the Union or during his suspension for misconduct from the Hall or University. In the event of a suspension, the Students Representative Council shall decide by a simple majority vote whether he should vacate the seat permanently.

REMOVAL

Without prejudice to the general provision of this Constitution relating to recalls of elected representative, a member shall stand removed from office if a motion for removal is passed by two third (2/3) majority vote of members present and voting at a properly constituted meeting of the Council.

VACANCIES

Vacancies in the Council arising from forfeiture of seat or registration etc, shall normally be filled within fourteen (14) days from the date of their occurrence.

ARTICLE 8

SECTION 24

JUDICIARY

The judicial powers of the Union shall be vested in the Courts to which this section relates, "Courts" established for the Union. This section relates to:

THE COURT

- i. Students Union High Court
- ii. Students Union Supreme Court

INHERENT JURISDICTION

The judicial powers vested in accordance with the foregoing provision of this section shall extend, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution to such inherent powers and sanctions of a Court of Law, as shall reasonably be exercisable by it.

SECTION 25

HIGH COURT

ESTABLISHMENT

- (1) There shall be a High Court for the Union.

COMPOSITION

- (2) The High Court shall consist of -
 - (a) A Chief Judge of the High Court; and
 - (b) Such number of Judges of the High Court, not exceeding five (5) and not below Four (4), as may be prescribed by a Resolution of Students Representative Council
- (3)(a) The Chief Judge shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Council and subject to confirmation of Students Representative Council
- (b) The appointment of a person to the office of a Judge of the High Court Shall be made by the President in consultation with the Executive Council and subject to confirmation of such appointment by the Students Representative Council.
- (4) A person shall not be qualified to hold the office of the Chief Judge except:
 - (i) He/She is a 400 Level Law Student
 - (ii) The Dean of Faculty of Law has attested to his/her good conduct
 - (iii) Must have passed Constitutional Law and Civil Procedure Law
 - (iv) Have a minimum CGPA of 3.00
- 4(b) A person shall not be qualified to hold the office of Judge of the Union unless
 - (i) the Dean of the candidate's Faculty has attested to his good conduct
 - (ii) has minimum CGPA of 3.00; and
 - (iii) must be at least eighteen (18) years of age
 - (iv) at all times there must be at least one non-Law Student as a Judge of the High Court

- (5) If the office of the Chief Judge of the High Court becomes vacant or if the person holding the office is for any reason unable to perform the functions of the office, then until a person has been appointed to and has assumed the functions of that office, or until the person holding the office has resumed those functions, the President shall appoint the most senior Judge of the High Court to perform those functions.

QUORUM

6. For hearing and determination of any matter before the Court, three (3) Judges is a quorum

REGISTRAR, DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND CLERK

7. There shall be a Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Clerk of the High Court who shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Council and subject to the confirmation of the Students Representative Council.

FUNCTIONS

8. Persons Holding the offices in sub-section 7 above, shall
- i. Perform the traditional functions of their office.
 - ii. be at least 300 level Law Students
 - iii. Perform any other function stipulated by the Chief Judge or any Judge of the High Court.

SECTION 26 JURISDICTION OF THE HIGH COURT

- (i) For the avoidance of doubt and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of section 24 of this Constitution, the jurisdiction of the High Court shall extend but shall not be restricted to all matters in respect of:

- a) Constitutionality or legality of the action(s) of the President and other members of the Executive Council
- b) Constitutionality or legality of the action(s) of the Senate President and other members of Students Representative Council
- c) The Constitutionality or legality of the action(s) of any agency, Organs or Committee of the Union Executive Council and/or Students Representative Council
- d) Constitutionality or legality of any action(s) of any club, society, association and their agencies, organs and officials recognized by the Union by virtue of registration, provided "that the fact of non-registration of such bodies or body shall not preclude its being liable for any act(s) it perpetuates in which even its officials if any shall be personally liable, jointly or severally to the full extent of the liability of such body were it registered.
- e) All cases involving the interpretation of the Constitution.
- f) Appeal from all bodies, organs and agencies vested or that might be vested powers to hear cases of first (1st) instances.

g) The Constitutionality or legality of any action(s) behavior or conduct of any student or group of Students of the University.

- (ii) The High Court shall entertain and resolve
- a) All cases of Election Malpractice/irregularities.
 - b) Whether or not a person has been validly elected
 - c)

SECTION 27

SUPREME COURT ESTABLISHMENT

- (1) There shall be a Supreme Court for the Union.

COMPOSITION

- (2) The Supreme Court Shall consist of -
- (a) The Dean of Faculty of Law as Chief Justice of the Union or his designate
 - (b) Such number of Justices of the Supreme Court, not exceeding six (6) and not below Five (5), as may be prescribed by a Resolution of Students Representative Council.
- (3) The appointment of a person to the office of a Justice of the Supreme Court Shall be made by the President in consultation with the Executive Council, subject to the confirmation of such appointment by the Students Representative Council.
- (4) A person shall not be qualified to hold the office of Justice of the Supreme Court unless –
- (i) the Dean of Faculty of Law has attested to his good conduct
 - (ii) has a CGPA not below 3.00; and
 - (iii) is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (iv) is a 400 Level Law student or a Law Student who was a Judge of the High Court

QUORUM

- (5) For hearing and determination of any matter before the Court, five(5) Justices including the Chief Justice is a quorum

Office of the Registrar and Bailiff

- (6) (a) There shall be a Registrar of the Supreme Court who shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Council and subject to the confirmation of Students Representative Council
- (6) (b) There shall be a Bailiff for the Union Courts appointed by the Chief Justice based on the recommendation of the Executive Council

FUNCTIONS

- (7) Persons holding the offices created in sub-section 6 shall -
- (i) Perform the traditional functions of their office
 - (ii) Be at least a 300Level Law Student and in the case of the Bailiff, shall be at least a 100Level Student.

- (iii) Perform any other function stipulated by the Chief Justice or any Justice of the Supreme Court and
- (iv) for the Bailiff: Perform traditional functions of the office and other duties stipulated by any officer of Union's Court.

SECTION 28

JURISDICTIONS

- (i) The Supreme Court shall have area of jurisdiction to
 - a. Hear all appeal from the High Court, the Law Students Association judicial Court and the Student Union Election Petition Committee
 - b. Give final interpretations on all Constitutional questions that it may have reasons to do either by way of reference of a Constitutional matter to it, by any of the Courts in sub section (a) or otherwise as the case may be

RULINGS

- (ii) The decision or rulings of the Supreme Court in all matters concerning the Union shall be final.

SECTION 29 METHODS OF APPOINTMENT OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

- (a) Appointment may be by promotion from the High Court to the Supreme Court.
- (b) There may also be direct appointment from the 500 level Law student based on experience.

SECTION 30 REMOVAL OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS FROM OFFICE

A Judicial officer shall not be removed from office/appointment except by this process that is to say

- (i) By the President of the Union and acting on an advise and supported by a two third (2/3) majority vote of membership of Students Representative Council present and voting at a properly constituted meeting of the Students Representative Council, praying that he be so removed for his inability to discharge the function of his office or appointment (whether arising from infirmity of the mind or body) or for misconduct or contravention of the code(s) of conduct that is stated or might be stated for official(s) of the Union

SECTION 31 RULES OF COURTS

The respective Courts shall without prejudice to the general provision of this Constitution prescribe for themselves rules to regulate the practice and procedure of Law before them.

SECTION 32 LIABILITY

- i. All members of the Union whether acting in a representative or personal capacity shall be deemed to be legal person and so one can sue or be sued

DEFENCE

- ii. Any person(s), parties suing or being sued **BEFORE ANY OF THE ABOVE-mentioned** Courts shall have the rights to be defended by any counsel or chamber of their choice recognized by the Union Courts by way of registration.
- iii. Nothing in subsection (i) above shall preclude any student from appearing for or defending himself in any matter if he deems fit so to do.

ARTICLE 9

SECTION 33 LEGAL ADVISER

- i. There shall be for the Union, a legal adviser to be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Council, subject to the approval of the Students Representative Council

QUALIFICATION

- ii. A legal adviser shall be
 - a. A staff of the University
 - b. A Barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria

FUNCTIONS

- iii. (a) He shall assist the judiciary in the performance of their function where his advice is so required
(b) He shall act as counsel for the Union in External Litigation

TENURE AND REMUNERATION OF OFFICE

- iv. His tenure and remuneration shall be determined by the Executive Council subject to approval of Students Representative Council

ARTICLE 10

SECTION 34 ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- (i) There shall be an Electoral Commission for the Union

COMPOSITION

- (i) The Electoral Commission shall be made up of one student representative from each Faculty sent to the Students Representative Council for ratification, the legal adviser of the Union, the Dean of Students to be appointed by the University authority, **PROVIDED** always that the Commission shall be reconstituted every parliamentary year with Dean of Students as Chairman.

FUNCTIONS

- (ii) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution
 - a. The Electoral Commission shall draw up electoral regulation for the performance of its functions
Such regulations shall be published at least fourteen (14) days before the date(s) of the election

- (iii) The Commission shall
 - a. Be responsible for the organization conduct and supervision of all Union elections and bye elections.
 - b. Shall not be controlled and/or influenced by any person(s) in the discharge of her functions.

DISSOLUTION

- c. The Commission shall be deemed dissolved by the Students Representative Council by a two third (2/3) majority present and voting, if satisfied that there has been improper handling of elections.

DISQUALIFICATION

- (iv) Members of the Commission shall not

- a. Vote or be voted for in the election which they are conducting
- b. Give support to any particular candidate standing for any office in the Union election.
- c. Allow any political aspirant obtain external assistance before and during the election to enhance his chances at such elections

Contravention of Sec. 38 and 39 by any such aspirant shall lead to his automatic disqualification.

DISCIPLINE

The Chairman of the Commission shall have powers to discipline any electoral officer on grounds of misconduct in the discharge of his/her duties, provided that removal or dismissal shall be handled by the Students Representative Council, on the recommendation of the Union's disciplinary Committee, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

SECTION 35

ELECTORAL OFFICERS

There shall be electoral officers of the Union who

- (a) Shall be responsible to the Electoral Commission
- (b) Shall hold office for a parliamentary year subject to other provisions of this Constitution.
- (c) Shall not be eligible to vote or be voted for during their tenure in office in all Union election.
- (d) Shall during their tenure in offices not be removable except on the ground of stated misconduct in the conduct of their official functions, as may be determined by Students Representative Council by a 2/3 majority present and voting.
- (e) Shall in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and any other regulation made by the Commission ensure smooth free and fair election at all times.

SECTION 36

ELECTIONS

- (a) All Union elections shall be conducted after eight (8) Weeks of the commencement of the Second Semester.

- (b) Date(s) for the election shall be scheduled by the Electoral Commission as provided for by this Constitution.
- (c) All elections shall be by secret ballot.

METHODS OF ANNOUNCING RESULTS

- i. The Chief Electoral Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Electoral Commission shall:
 - a) Immediately after counting of the votes publicly announce the results of the election.
 - b) Within (24) twenty-four hours thereafter cause the results to be displayed on all notice boards of the University. The Chief Electoral Officer shall be elected by the Commission from among the electoral officers

ELECTORAL COMPLAINT

- ii. Any electoral complaint or petitions shall within forty-eight (48) hours of the election be brought to the notice of the Commission.
 - (b) The Commission shall within seven (7) days of receipt of such complaint of petition resolve the petition or complaints
 - (c) Appeals from the decision of the high Court on electoral complaint(s) by a party not satisfied with such decisions, shall be sent within twenty-four (24) hours of that decision to the Supreme Court for final resolution
 - (d) The Supreme Court shall within seven (7) days of the receipt of such appeal resolve the matter.

VACANCY

- iii. Where there occurs any vacancy in the elective office of the Union
 - a. The Electoral Commission shall within fourteen (14) days of such occurrence conduct a bye election and fill the vacant seat(s)

APPEALS

- v. (a) Party or parties not satisfied with the high Court's decision(s) shall have the right to appeal to the Supreme Court. The decision of the Supreme Court in this respect shall be final.
 - (b) Decision of an appeal shall within 24 hours of its hearing, be forwarded to the Electoral Commission, so as to be disposed within seven (7) days of the receipt thereof
 - (c) Decision(s) reached in the Supreme Court shall immediately be communicated to the Electoral Commission within 24 hours.

SECTION 38

ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

- (i) (a) No candidate shall offer free food, gifts and / or entertainment for the purposes of enhancing his chance in seeking an elective office during the election campaign.
- (ii) Campaign shall be restricted to oral conviction, use of posters and handbills

- (iii) Only the Electoral Commission shall be responsible for the printing of posters showing pictures of candidates contesting for all Executive Council offices to assist candidates in reaching their electorates.

SECTION 39

ELIGIBILITY

- i. Subject to the provision of this Constitution, only registered matriculated Students of the Union, who have spent at least one academic session in any 1st degree programme in this University (AAU) shall be eligible to contest an election under this Constitution.
- ii. Any student who had been found guilty of misconduct by the Students Disciplinary Committee or any Lawfully constituted tribunal shall be disqualified from running for an office, save after two academic session for the said punishment.
- iii. No person should be allowed to contest for more than one elective post in one academic session.
- iv. No candidates holding an Executive post in any association, club, society or religious bodies affiliated to the Union, shall contest election under this Constitution unless such a candidate shall have resigned such post prior to nomination.
- v. For an aspirant to qualify, he / she must not have a C.G.P.A below 3.00
- vi. For an aspirant to qualify from college of Medicine, he/she must have passed his/her 1st M.B.B.S. exam and proceeded to 400 level.
- vii. Nobody who holds membership in any organization declared to be or regarded, as a secret cult by the school authority shall be eligible to contest any office(s) provided for by this Constitution.

ARTICLE 11

SECTION 40

FINANCE / SOURCES OF INCOME

(i) The Union's sources of income shall be:

- i. Membership dues to be recommended from time to time by the Students Representative Council subject to the Vice-Chancellor's approval.
- ii. Cash donations made to the Union
- iii. Profits accruing from activities organized by the Union as well as utilities provided by the Union.
- iv. Proceeds from undertakings which the Union may deem fit to embark upon from time to time.
- v. All monies coming into the funds of the Union from other Lawful sources.
- vi. Other fees to be paid by the Union members, as may be approved by the Students Representative Council on the recommendation of the Executive Council when necessary.
- vii. Monies from letting or hiring of any Union's property

- viii. Dividends from investments in shares in any company and interest from deposit.

EXPENDITURE OF UNION FUNDS

- (ii) The Executive Council shall have the powers to spend Union's funds judiciously for the Union's purpose and in any of the following manners.
- a) Stationery and equipment for running the Union Secretariat
 - b) Furnishing and maintenance of Union Buildings
 - c) Salaries of approved Union employees
 - d) Approved grants to delegates sent by the Union on official missions
 - e) Approved capital expenditure by the Students Representative Council in respect of utilities provided by the Union
 - f) Such other expenses as may be recommended by an arm of the Union and ratified by the Students Representative Council from time to time.
 - g) The Executive Council shall lay before the Students Representative Council through its Financial Secretary, budget(s) showing estimates of income and expenditure for any period not more than one parliamentary year, and the expenditure estimates shall fall within the Budgetary heads and the limits provided for, in the main or supplementary budget approved by the Students Representative Council.
 - h) The Financial Secretary shall publish a statement of account of the Union in conjunction with the Executive Council, at least once a semester not later than thirty days before the end of the semester.
 - i) Any mismanagement or alleged mismanagement of the Union's funds shall be made-known to the Students Representative Council by the Financial Secretary or any Union member, and the Students Representative Council shall within a period of fourteen (14) school days take appropriate actions.

REVENUE ALLOCATION

- (iii) Revenue accruing to the Union shall be allocated based on the needs of the various arms, by the Students Representative Council.

SIGNATORIES FOR WITHDRAWALS

- (iv) Signatories to all withdrawal from the Union's Bank accounts shall be
- (1) President of the Union
 - (2) Financial Secretary of the Union
 - (3) The Dean of Students
 - (4) The Senate President of the Students Representative Council
- All vouchers and purchase orders shall be signed by the appropriate Union officials and countersigned by the Dean of Students

BUDGET

(v) (a) Not later than one Week after the approval of a budget by the Students Representative Council, copies of the budget shall be conspicuously displayed on all major notice boards for a period of at least two Weeks for the Students information.

(b) After approval of the budget by the Students Representative Council, there shall be no amendment in the allocation of the Union funds “except” on the recommendation of the finance Committee, subject to the final ratification of Students Representative Council.

ARTICLE 12

SECTION 41

IMPEACHMENT

The President and other members of the Executive Council shall without prejudice to any other provision of this Constitution be deemed removed from office under the following conditions.

PROCEDURES

- a) Whenever a notice of impeachment for misconduct, malpractice or maladministration signed by not less than (1/3) one third of the entire members of Students Representative Council is made in writing and presented to the Senate President of the Students Representative Council, details of allegation(s) shall be specified.
 - b) The Senate President shall within seven (7) days of the receipt of such notice cause a copy thereof to be served on the holder(s) of the office and on each member of the Students Representative Council.
 - c) Such notices containing the allegation shall be displayed on the University notice board as provided for by this Constitution.
 - d) Students Representative Council shall within seven (7) days of the publication, cause the allegation to be investigated by a Committee of (7) seven members of the Council nominated by the Senate President and ratified by the Council.
- i. The holder(s) of the office whose conduct is under investigation shall
- a) Have the right to defend his/her self, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
 - b) Stand suspended from the time the notice is read before the Students Representative Council in sitting until the disposal of the issue.
 - c) Where the allegations are proved and supported by a two third (2/3) majority of the membership of the Students Representative Council at a properly constituted meeting of the Council present and voting, the Senate President or the President as the case may be shall within fourteen (14) days cause the removal of the person.
 - d) Any impeached member of the Union may appeal to the High Court subject to appeal to the Supreme Court whose decision(s) shall be final

- ii. In the case of the Senate President or any other principal officer(s) of the Students Representative Council, the same procedure as above shall apply save that where the Senate President is involved the Deputy Senate President shall receive the allegations and proceeding to fulfill the afore stated procedures.

ARTICLE 13

SECTION 42 MEETINGS OF THE UNION

- a. The Students Representative Council shall have the following meetings
 - a. Ordinary meetings
 - b. Extra ordinary meetings
- ii. The President / Vice President shall summon meetings of the Executive Council through the Secretary General/Asst. Secretary General.
- iii. Two third (2 / 3) of the Executive Council shall form a quorum.

SECTION 43 GENERAL MEETINGS

- i. The general meeting of the Union shall be held from time to time to discuss fundamental issues

CONGRESS

- ii. The congress shall be summoned by the President of the Union or the Senate President of the Students Representative Council, acting on a simple majority of Students Representative Council present and voting.

SECTION 44 QUORUM

- i. At any general meeting of the Union, at least one third (1/3) of the members shall form a quorum. If there is no quorum formed, the meeting shall stand adjourned to be reconvened at the discretion of the Executive Council or Students Representative Council as the case may be. Any member wishing to bring a motion before the general meeting shall do so according to laid down procedures.

SECTION 45 UNION MISSION/DELEGATION

- i. All Union delegation and / or mission to ordinary or standing national and/or international meetings, conferences, seminar etc, shall be led by the Union President or his representative.
- ii. Whenever more than one person is needed for any particular conference delegation etc the number in excess shall be appointed by the Students Representative Council on the recommendation of the President in consultation with the Executive Council.
- iii. The leader of the Union delegation shall immediately present a written report on their return to the next meeting of the Students Representative Council.
- iv. Where a Head of State, Governor, Commissioner, Head of Diplomatic mission or other V.I.P's from outside the University are invited, the Dean of Students

shall be given sufficient notice by the Executive Council before the guest is expected to arrive on campus.

- v. The Union shall combat discrimination in its entire ramification and denounce any violation of fundamental human right.

SECTION 46 PRIVILEGES OF UNION OFFICIALS

- (i) There shall be paid to the officials of the Union such allowance as may be prescribed by the Students Representative Council.
- (ii) Union official(s) staying behind in the University during any vacation for special duties shall be entitled to an allowance as may be prescribed by the Students Representative Council.

SECTION 47 HALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a Hall Executive Committee for the Union which shall be composed of:

- a) Hall Governor / Governess
- b) Hall Deputy Governor / Deputy Governess
- c) Hall Secretary General
- d) Hall Financial Secretary
- e) Hall Sport Secretary
- f) Hall Director of Welfare

FUNCTIONS

(ii)(a) The Hall Governor/Governess shall

- (1) Be the head of all the Hall Executive Committee
- (2) Co-ordinate the activities of the other officers of the Hall
- (3) Be the official representative of the Hall, provided that nothing should stop him/her from delegating duties to other Hall officers
- (4) Presides over all meetings of the Hall
- (5) Have powers to refer disputes and matters bordering on discipline of Hall occupants to the Disciplinary Committee of the Union
- (6) Be a member of the Hall's Committee
- (7) Discharge all such duties which are reasonably incidental to his/her office

(b) Hall Deputy Governor/Governess Shall:

- (1) Act as the Governor/Governess in the absence of the hall Governor/Governess
- (2) Advice and assist the Governor/Governess in the discharge of his/her duties.
- (3) In the event of vacancy in the office of the Governor/Governess, the Deputy Governor/Governess shall act as Governor/Governess pending when the position is filled by a bye election.

(ii) Hall Secretary General Shall:

- (1) Conduct and deal with all official correspondent of the Hall and shall take minutes of Hall Executive Committee meeting and Hall meetings.
- (2) Issues notice of both Hall Executive Committee meetings and the General Hall meetings in consultation with the Governor/Governess.
- (3) With the advice and approval of the Hall Executive Committee, compile a comprehensive record of the activities of the Executive Committee for the parliamentary year and thereafter present the report to the Students Representative Council
- 4) Perform whatever other function(s) as may be delegated to him by the Governor/Governess from time to time.

iii. Hall Financial Secretary Shall:

- (1) Be responsible for preparing the financial statement of the Hall Executive committee.
- (2) With the advice and approval of the Executive Committee, prepare a balance sheet of their financial transactions and present the balance of the budget to the Students Representative Council of the student Union.
- (3) Present the budget estimate of the Hall Executive Council to the Students Representative Council for consideration.

Iv. Hall Social Secretary Shall:

- 1) Take charge of all Social activities of the Hall, and discharge any other duties as may be assigned.

v. Hall Sports Secretary shall

- 1) Be responsible for all sporting activities of the Hall
- 2) Be responsible for providing recreational facilities for Hall members
- 3) Discharge any other duty as may be assigned to him from time to time.

vi. Hall Director of Welfare shall

- a) See to the general cleanliness of the Hall
- b) Bring all complaint and problems to the knowledge of the Union's Director of welfare who shall take action immediately.
- c) Have power to liaise with the Medical Centre of the University directly in cases of emergency.

SECTION 48

HALL MEETINGS

- a) The Governor/Governess shall summon all Hall meetings in consultation with the Executive Committee when they find it necessary, through the Hall Secretary General.
- b) The Governor/Governess shall be bound to summon a meeting of the Hall on the written petition of at least one third (1/3) of the members of that Hall.
- d) Hall meetings shall deliberate and take decisions on all members pertaining exclusively to the particular Hall provided such decision(s) shall not be prejudicial

to the interest of the Union. Any such decision(s) shall be subject to being reviewed by the Students Representative Council, if and when necessary.

SECTION 49 HALL COMMITTEE

- i. There shall be a Hall Committee comprising all the Hall Governor/Governess and Hall Secretaries.
- ii. The meetings of the Committee are to be summoned and presided over by the Senate President of the Students Representative Council or in his absence, the President or Vice President of the Union.
- iii. The Committee shall regulate its procedure, so long as it non-prejudicial to the provisions of the Constitution.

FUNCTIONS

The Committee shall

- (a) Deliberate on Hall Affairs
- (b) Make recommendations to the appropriate Union Executive Council official on the Health and general welfare services matters.

SECTION 50 ELECTION INTO HALL EXECUTIVE

- i. Election into Hall Executive Committee shall take place a Week after the election into the Union's Executive Council and the Students Representative Council.

ELIGIBILITY

- ii.
 - a) A member of the Executive Council of the Union or the Students Representative Council is not eligible to contest election into the Hall Executive Committee.
 - b) Only legal occupants of each Hall can contest, vote and be voted for in Hall election
 - c) For an aspirant to qualify and contest election into the Hall Executive Committee, he/she must have a C.G.P.A of not less than 3.00
 - d) For a medical student he/she must have passed his/her MBBS examination and must have proceeded to 400 level.
- iii.
 - a) For the entire Hall Executive Committee election, no candidate shall be returned unopposed at the closing of first nomination round.
 - b) For the purpose of the preceding paragraph nomination shall be extended for a period of seventy-two (72) hours in respect of the post(s) affected.
 - c) Should a candidate still remain unopposed after paragraph (a) and (b) have been satisfied, the Electoral Commission shall declare him/her selected

ARTICLE 15

SECTION 51 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- i. An official of the Executive Council of the Union may after giving one month written notice resign his office in the Executive Council.

- ii. The notice referred to above shall in the case of the President of the Union be given to the Senate President of the Students Representative Council and in the case of any other member of the Executive Council be given to the President.
- iii. A member of the Executive Council shall normally be suspended from office for not more than (21) twenty-one days of resolution passed by a (2/3) two third majority of Students Representative Council present and voting in a properly constituted meeting of the Council.
- iv. The Council shall normally after twenty-one (21) days sit and review earlier decision on such suspended officer(s), this is without prejudice to other provisions of this Constitution.
- v. A Member of the Executive Council who without reasonable cause avoids meetings, should be deemed to have vacated his/her office.
- vi. Before a member of the Executive Council vacates his office, he/she shall return all belongings of the Union in his/her possession and render immediately a correct account thereof to the President of the Union or any other person delegated by the Executive Council for the purpose.
- vii. Any irregularities in subsection (vi) above shall immediately be reported to the Students Representative Council who shall take appropriate actions.
- viii. The expiration of the term of office, resignation or removal of a member of the Executive Council, shall not absolve him from liabilities for irregularities committed by him during his term of office.

SECTION 52

UNION BANKERS

The bankers of the Union and the banker of the Hall Executive Committee and other organs of the Union respectively shall be any commercial bank approved by the Students Representative Council.

SECTION 53 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

- (a) Nomination of contestant / candidates to the Executive Council shall be made by notice in writing and signed by at least five (5) members (not members of the student Union government) and received by the Union's Electoral Commission through the Chairman. This should not be farther than seven (7) days before the date of election.
- (b) Such written notice shall be accompanied by an assurance in writing, from such candidates stating his/her willingness to serve if elected.
- (c) The vying contestant / candidate shall pay a non-refundable candidature fee to be prescribe by the Electoral Commission and approved by the Students Representative Council.
- (d) The Electoral Commission shall have power to draw up other electoral guidelines of the conduct of the student Union election. This is without prejudice to other provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 16

SECTION 54

AFFILIATION

1. All clubs, Societies, Unions, Associations, etc, of Students in the University, shall be affiliated to the union by registration and approved by the Dean of Students.

OBLIGATION OF AFFILIATION

2. All clubs, societies and organizations affiliated to the Union shall
 - (a) Uphold the spirit and letter of this Constitution
 - (b) Open for membership to all interested members of the Union
 - (c) Communicate to the Students Union of any change in the Constitution

WITHDRAWAL OF AFFILIATION

- (i) The Union shall reserve the right to withdraw the affiliation conferred on any club, society or organization which is no more working in conformity with its Constitution, the strength of which affiliation was previously granted.
- (ii) Any Club, society, or organization whose membership is based on political affiliation shall not be affiliated to the Union.

SECTION 55 STAGING OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

- (i) The staging of Social function within the University by clubs, societies or organization shall be done with prior notification of the Students Union Executive, through the Socials Committee of the Students Representative Council.

ARTICLE 17

SECTION 56 AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

This Constitution shall be amended as follows:

- (a) Notice of the motion to be amended with intended amendments stated in precise term, and signed by the mover and seconder, shall be presented to the Students Representative Council through the Clerk.
- (b) The Clerk shall circulate or cause to be circulated this motion amongst members of the Students Representative Council.
- (c) The Clerk shall display as in section (ii) subsection C paragraph (i) the proposed amendments.
- (d) Such proposed amendments shall be considered at the next meetings of the Council.
- (e) An amendment of the Constitution shall be valid only if supported by a two third (2/3) majority vote of membership of Students Representative Council present and voting in a well constituted session of the Students Representative Council.

An amendment to this Constitution shall be by bill(s) originating from

- (i) Any member of the Students Representative Council
 - (ii) Any member of the Executive Council
 - (iii) Any member of the Judiciary
 - (iv) Any duly matriculated student of the University
- (f) The President shall have (7) seven schooling days to sign the amendment

- (1) Where the President does not sign into Law, the Council shall have powers by the two third (2/3) majority of Students Representative Council present and voting in a well constituted meeting pass into Law.

ARTICLE 18

SECTION 57 OATHS OF OFFICE AND ALLEGIANCE

- i. The President and other members of the Executive Council, the Senate President and other members of Students Representative Council shall before assuming office or before taking seats in the Students Representative Council as the case maybe, take and subscribe before the members of the Executive Council or the Students Representative Council oaths of allegiance which shall be administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma.

ALIU & PERFECTION

I do hereby solemnly swear and bind myself to be faithful to the Student Union Government of Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma to discharge my duties in accordance with the Constitution of the Union to strive to preserve and defend the Constitution, aims and objectives set out therein not to allow my personal interest(s) to influence officials conduct or decision, to do right to all members of the Union without fear or favour, ill will or affection, that I will not directly or indirectly divulge any official matters of the Union, that may be entrusted to me, by virtue of my office except as may be necessary for the discharge of my duties as a member of the Union.

I affirm that I am not and will not be a member of any form of society, club, association or socio-Cultural formations that are anti ethical to the goals and aspirations of the University, so help me God.

**STUDENTS UNION GOVERNMENT
STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

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