

CONSTITUTION

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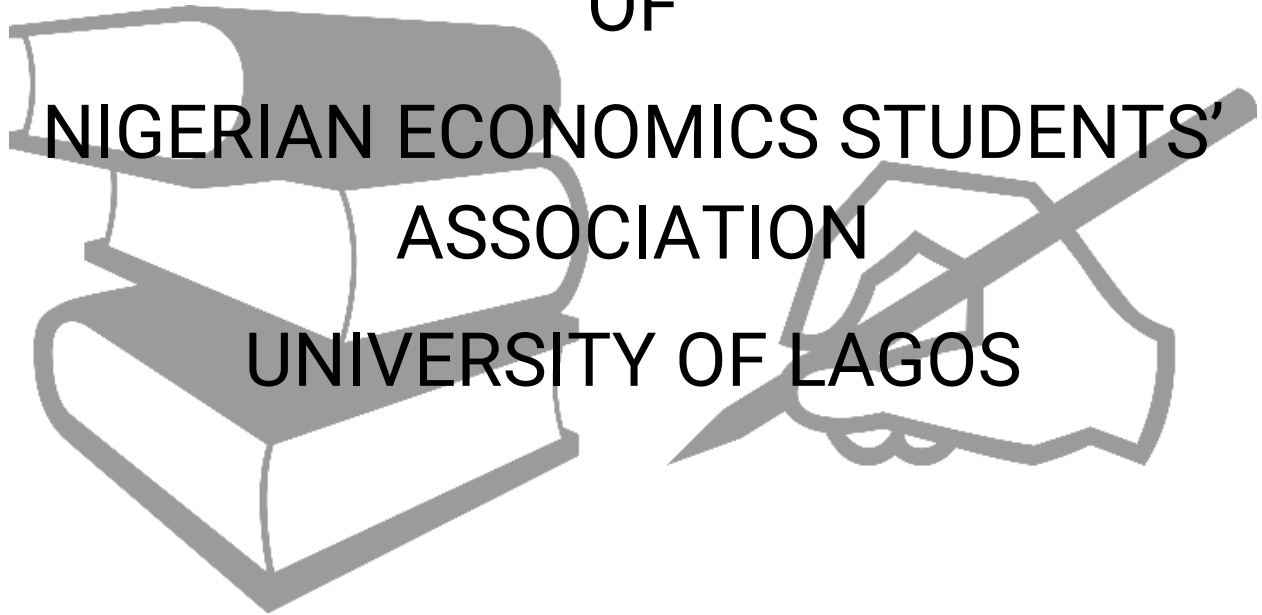


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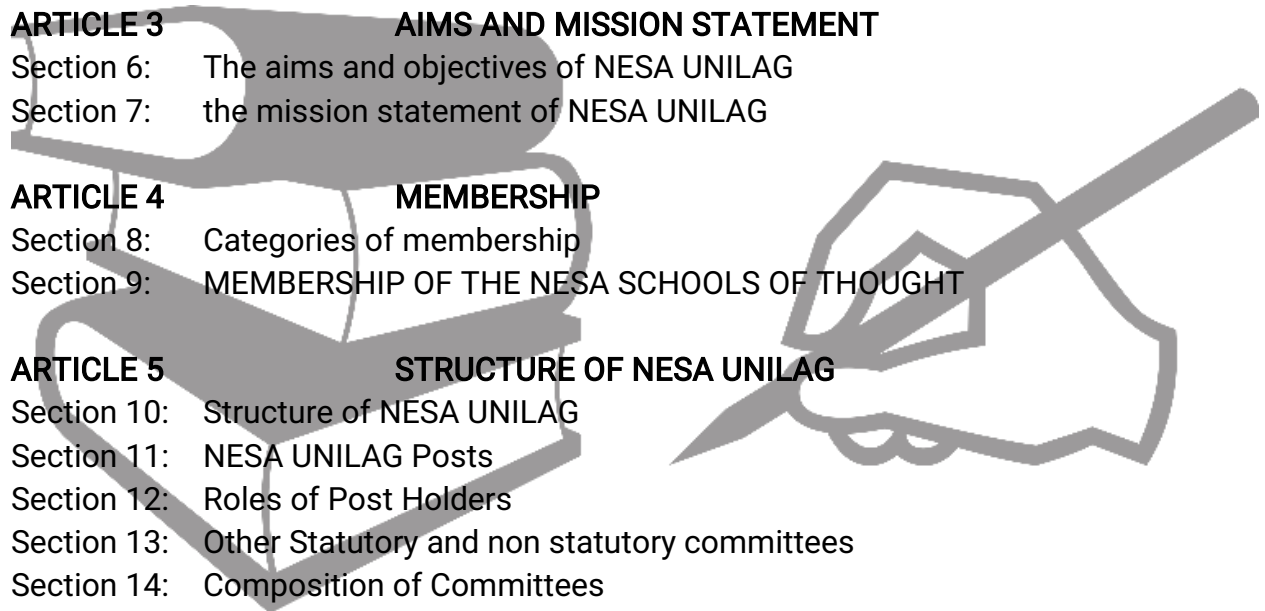
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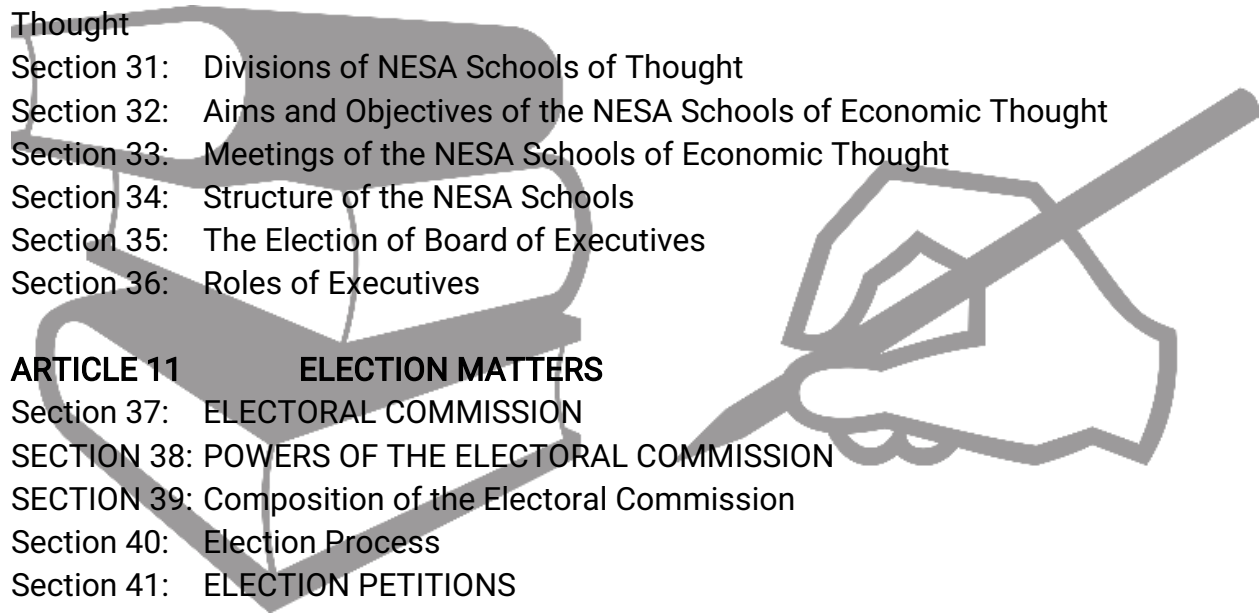
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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Nigerian Economics Students' Association, University of Lagos, solemnly resolve to form a purposeful association towards uplifting and developing leadership skills; promote harmonious relations throughout the entire department; improve student-lecturer relationships; improve school spirit and morale; provide a forum for student expression; provide orderly direction of departmental activities; promote community involvement and promote the general welfare of the department and University of Lagos at Large.

We, however, do give to ourselves this Constitution for the conduct and association of the association on the basis that;

1. **We recognize the sacrosanct need to** consolidate ourselves into truly active, progressive association in order to protect the right of our students and discharge our responsibilities as informed members of the society, subject to the authority of Departmental Authorities;
2. **We recognize the urgent need** to support by all lawful means the fundamental freedom of thought and expression, association and movement;
3. **We undauntedly appreciate** the problems of our society and the role we must play in the maintenance of a democratic, open and progressive educational system whereby every Nigerian citizen shall have equal opportunity to education;
4. **We as Economics Students are strongly committed** to harnessing the enthusiasm of students for dynamic, purposeful, political, socio-economic and technological development;

ARTICLE 1
SUPREMACY

Section 1: Supremacy

1. This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall be binding on all members, organs and bodies exercising power on behalf of NESAs.
2. In case of any inconsistency in the action of any member, organ or body exercising power on behalf of association or the provisions of any bye-law, with the provisions of this Constitution, such inconsistent act or provision(s) shall be null and void to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 2: Name

1. The association shall be known as: Nigerian Economics Students' Association, University of Lagos Chapter herein refer to as "NESAs UNILAG"
2. The members of the association shall officially be known other as NESAs

ARTICLE 2
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3: General

1. The association shall:
 - a. Be the paramount and official umbrella body of the students of Economics Department
 - b. Be a non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-profit association.
 - c. Co-operate with other associations, organizations and groups, provided that those persons representing NESAs UNILAG in such matters shall not make commitments that would adversely affect the interests of NESAs UNILAG.
 - d. Co-operate with the University of Lagos authorities to support and advance the welfare of students and build the further portray the University as the school of first choice and Nation's pride.

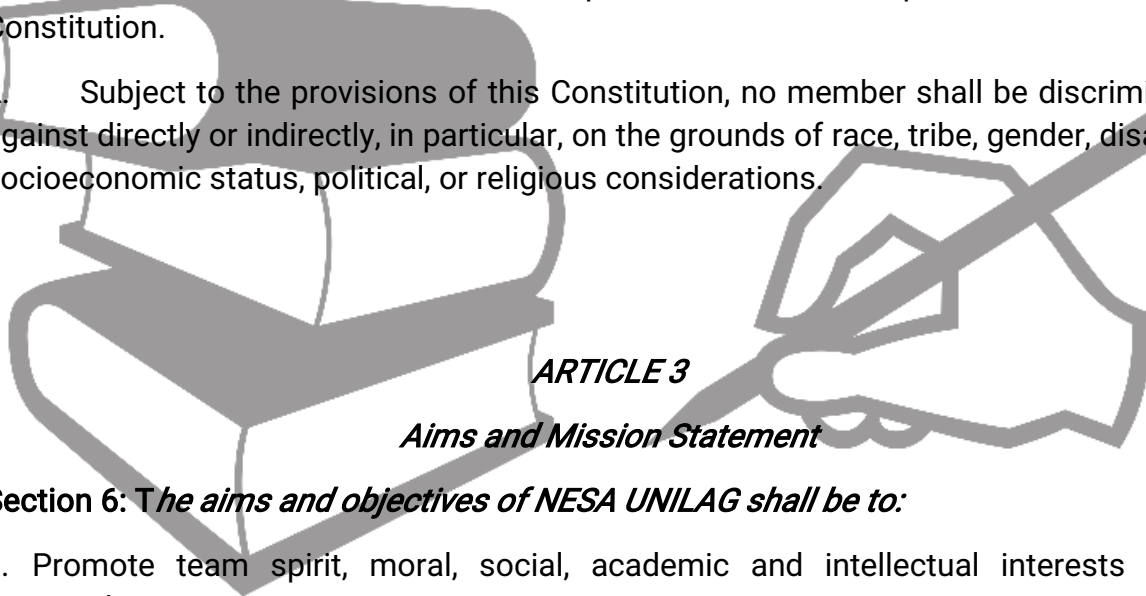
Section 4: Powers

The powers of NESAs UNILAG shall be as follows:

1. to provide a forum for discussion, debate, and development of recommendations about student concerns,
2. to coordinate the student activities of all student organizations of the department of Economics, to oversee and coordinate concessions at events
3. to promote student activities in the Faculty and in the University community.

Section 5: Equality

1. All members are entitled to equal treatment and protection under this Constitution.
2. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, no member shall be discriminated against directly or indirectly, in particular, on the grounds of race, tribe, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, political, or religious considerations.



ARTICLE 3

Aims and Mission Statement

Section 6: The aims and objectives of NESAs UNILAG shall be to:

- a. Promote team spirit, moral, social, academic and intellectual interests of its members.
- b. Cherish, uphold and further the highest traditions of the Department of Economics and the University of Lagos.
- c. Provide its members with a healthy academic environment suitable for the pursuit of well-rounded education in order to develop responsible citizens.
- d. protect the general welfare and interest of the students;
- e. promote and foster friendly relations with other student bodies within and outside Nigeria whose aims are acceptable to NESAs UNILAG.
- f. To promote discussions relevant to teaching, research and extension on all matters of interest to members of the association and the society at large via its NESAs

SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT.

- g. To develop the student community through the provision of entertainment, media, social and other services, and support for a wide variety of student led cultural, recreational and sporting groups.
- h. Provide Forums such as NESA Economic Discourse, NESA Expedition Conference, NESA Career Fair etc. for the purpose of sound economic, scholastic and intellectual deliberations towards uplifting the soundness of minds.

The association aims to do this through an open and democratic structure, effective communication with members, with emphasis on continual improvement to all services. Fulfillment of these objectives will thereby enhance the reputation of the institution with prospective students, potential employers and the local community.

Section 7: the mission statement of NESA UNILAG shall be to:

- a. Providing opportunities for leadership, decision making and skill training;
- b. Raising awareness of young people to the needs of others locally, nationally and globally and encouraging them to engage in activities and projects in which they can make difference;
- c. Being sensitive to the needs and aspirations of young people of varying backgrounds, differing abilities and stages of development and providing support and advice;
- d. Ensuring the safety of young people through the implementation of suitable procedures for the election, training and supervision of leaders;
- e. Equipping leaders through provision of high quality training and resources;
- f. Providing a network of professional staff to support voluntary leaders and
- g. Creating opportunities to develop partnerships with other appropriate associations and agencies.
- h. To empower students with essential tools to thrive in their respective career paths

ARTICLE 4

Membership

Section 8: Categories of Membership

The NESAs UNILAG shall consist of:

a. ***Student Members:*** These shall be composed of all students of the Department of Economics and duly registered as members of the NESAs UNILAG through payment of session dues.

They shall have the privileges to:

- (i) Obtain on first registration, a copy of the NESAs UNILAG's Constitution on payment of prescribed fee.
- (ii) Use the facilities provided by the NESAs UNILAG.
- (iii) Wear or display the official colours or merchandize of the NESAs UNILAG
- (iv) Be members of recognized affiliated clubs and societies of the NESAs UNILAG subject to the membership requirements of clubs and societies or nullification or dissolution by appropriate University authority or otherwise incapacitated on grounds of ill health.
- (v) Vote and be voted for in approved NESAs UNILAG elections (subject to other provision herein stated in this constitution)

b. ***Honorary Members:*** NESAs UNILAG may confer honorary membership on any person(s) by the reason of interest and record of commitment to the NESAs UNILAG affairs. Any person(s) so conferred with such membership shall be awarded a certificate signed by the President and the Staff Adviser with the due confirmation from the Students' Representative Council.

c. ***Alumni Members:*** Alumni membership shall be conferred on such past member(s) of NESAs UNILAG with consideration of interest and role in public life. Any person(s) so conferred with such membership shall be awarded a certificate signed by the President and the Staff Adviser. They shall be coordinated via the Alumni Relations Officer elected.

Section 9: MEMBERSHIP OF THE NESAs SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

a. All Student members of NESAs UNILAG shall belong and identify with one of the NESAs Schools of Thought as will be espoused later in this constitution.

b. This membership shall be in order to foster better research and academic relationships between the students, members of staff and the professional world

c. Under no circumstances shall any member be valid without proper identification with one of the NESAs Schools of Thought.

ARTICLE 5

Structure of NESAs UNILAG

Section 10: Structure of NESAs UNILAG shall be:

- a. Executive otherwise known as Students' Executive Council
- b. Legislative otherwise known as the Students' Representative Council
- c. Judiciary otherwise known as Students' Judicial Council
- d. Congress
- e. NESAs Schools of Thought
- f. Other Statutory and non statutory committees
- g. NESAs UNILAG Posts

Section 11: NESAs UNILAG Posts

NESAs UNILAG post holders shall consist of members chosen without bias by the executive council with the approval of the Students' Representative Council after rigorous examinations in relevant areas, disciplinary checks and shall subject to the provisions of this Constitution:

1. Be responsible for the activities vested on them and shall discharge them without bias but loyalty to the NESAs UNILAG alone.
2. Shall be guided in its activities by the aims and objectives of NESAs UNILAG as set out in this constitution.
3. Defend and uphold the ethics of NESAs UNILAG, the Department of Economics and the entire University community at all times.
4. Shall hold office for a term of one year subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
5. Shall be selected into office based on merit after rigorous examinations in relevant areas, disciplinary checks and constant monitoring.

Posts include:

- a. **Staff Advisers**
- b. **Patron**
- c. **Grand Patrons**

Section 12: Roles of Post Holders

a. STAFF ADVISER

- I. Shall be an academic staff chosen by the Department of Economics and recognized by the entire University community;
- II. Shall only advise NESA UNILAG
- III. Shall be the intermediary between the University, Department of Economics and NESA UNILAG when the need arises.
- IV. Shall be the surety of NESA UNILAG.
- V. Perform such other special duties as directed by the Dean of the Student Affairs with the consent and acceptance of four-fifth of the executive members of NESA UNILAG.
- VI. be one of the signatories to NESA UNILAG's accounts

b. Patrons

This can be chosen from any prominent individual or organizations as NESA UNILAG may deem fit. These persons can be awarded a certificate signed by the President and the Staff Adviser with the due confirmation from the Students' Representative Council.

c. Grand Patron

The Head of Department is the Grand Patron of NESA UNILAG.

Section 13: Other Statutory and non statutory committees

Statutory and non statutory committees can be established as deemed fit by the NESA UNILAG Students' Executive Council with due certification by the Staff Adviser and clearance from the Students' Representative Council. All committees are answerable to the Students' Executive Council and all other organs of NESA UNILAG and must submit reports (financial and post-event summary) to the Staff Adviser through the President.

Section 14: Composition of Committees

This may vary according to the essence or purpose of these committees but they may include lecturers, experts, practitioners, Alumni, in the case of committees such as Legal Advisory Committee and such that requires much experience and expertise.

It also includes students so as to help in further execution of the aims and objectives of NESAW UNILAG and help with coordination, preparation and planning for activities and programs.

ARTICLE 6

THE STUDENTS' EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 15: The Students' Executive Council

The *Students' Executive Council* shall consist of members elected; it shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution:

1. be responsible for the day-to-day administration of NESAW UNILAG and implement all policies and programmes of NESAW UNILAG;
2. The executive shall be guided in its activities by the aims and objectives of the NESAW UNILAG as set out in this constitution.
3. have the right and power to set-up committees which are deemed necessary and vital in achieving the aims and objectives of NESAW UNILAG;
4. Defend and uphold the ethics of the NESAW UNILAG, the University of Lagos and the general academic community at all times.
5. Members of the Executives shall hold office for a term of one year subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
6. Members of the Executives shall be selected into office as set out in this constitution.
7. The quorum of the Executives shall be duly convened upon the presence of the President or Vice-President and three other members including the secretary general.
8. A valid decision shall be deemed to have been reached by a four-fifth majority

vote; save in the case of a quorum as provided in this section, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Section 16: Officers of Executive

The Executive members shall comprise:

- a. The President
- b. Vice President (Academics)
- c. Vice President (Welfare and Event Management)
- d. General Secretary
- e. Assistant General Secretary
- f. Media and Communication Officer
- g. Alumni Relation Officer
- h. Financial Secretary
- i. Treasurer / Business Development Officer
- j. Director of Sports
- k. Assistant Director of Sports
- l. Librarian / Editor, NESAs Economic Outlook & Journal

Section 17: Roles of the Executive

1. ***The President***
 - a. Shall be in the fourth year
 - b. shall preside over all general conventional meetings;
 - c. shall coordinate all activities in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
 - d. shall have the power to refer any act of indiscipline of any member(s) to the disciplinary committee constituted of the Judicial Council but only after such member(s) have been issued two consecutive queries;
 - e. shall present the budget of NESAs UNILAG to the Students' Representative Council
 - f. shall summon a Congress meeting or Town Hall meeting as the case may be at

least twice in a semester or four times in a session

- g. shall nominate members of the Students' Judicial Council subject to the approval of the Students' Representative Council and certification of the Staff Adviser
- h. shall be one of the signatories to all accounts;
- i. shall have the power to give lawful directives to other Executive member(s) in carrying out any program, duty, function and other activities;
- j. Shall summon executive meetings.

2. *The Vice President (Academics)*

- a. Shall be in the third year
- b. act for the President in his absence or perform duties delegated to her by the President;
- c. Advise and assist the President in the performance of his functions with special reference to the academics of members and overall activities of the NESAs UNILAG notwithstanding strictly adhere to the rules and regulations herein this constitution and any law binding on the University Of Lagos Community.
- d. coordinate and organize academic seminars or workshops for the members,
- e. Become Acting President upon removal or incapacitation of the President until a bye-election is conducted.

3. Vice President (Welfare and Event Management)

The Vice President (Welfare and Event Management) shall:

- a. Must have spent a full session as an active member of NESAs UNILAG
- b. co-ordinate all the social activities and events of NESAs UNILAG;
- c. be responsible for all matters relating to general welfare of all members;
- d. shall be responsible for all matters of feeding, wellbeing, accommodation of members in case of camping, conventions or outings
- e. Shall be the Chairperson of the Welfare Committee.
- f. Be responsible for the safety of any NESAs UNILAG member in any social event both within and outside the University campuses.

4. ***The Secretary General***

- a. Shall be in the third or fourth year
- b. shall be responsible for the general secretarial duties of NESA UNILAG;
- c. shall, at the instance of the President, summon all statutory meetings of the NESA UNILAG;
- d. shall, at the request of five (3) other members of Executive summon emergency or other meetings of the NESA UNILAG or Executive members;
- e. shall take and keep minutes of the NESA UNILAG Executive meetings and all other meetings of the NESA UNILAG;
- f. shall, through the President, treat the correspondences of club and subsequently pass the contents to Executive members through memos;
- g. keep records for NESA UNILAG including attendance records from the beginning till the end of the session
- h. Regularly compile and update the list of members.
- i. Perform such other duties as directed by the President

5. ***Assistant General Secretary***

- a. Must have spent a full session as an active member of NESA UNILAG
- b. shall assist the General Secretary in the discharge of his/her duties and act in that capacity in his/her absence or on his/her directives;
- c. Shall become Acting Secretary upon removal or incapacitation of the General Secretary until a bye-election is conducted.

6. ***Media and Communication Officer***

- a. Shall be in the third or fourth year
- b. shall be the mouthpiece of the NESA UNILAG by disseminating information about its activities;
- c. shall be responsible for the proper circulation and display of the publications;
- d. shall prepare press releases on NESA UNILAG activities with approval of the Executive members;

- e. shall provide, maintain and co-ordinate a public opinion collection
- f. Shall be the custodian of all NESA UNILAG's notice boards.
- g. be the custodian of all audio-visual instruments and equipment of NESA UNILAG and with the approval of the NESA UNILAG Executive Council use such instruments and/or equipment for the activities of recognized Associations, Clubs and Societies;
- h. maintain a proper inventory of all the audio-visual instruments and equipment of NESA UNILAG and ensure that they are maintained and kept within NESA UNILAG Secretariat;

7. Alumni Relation Officer

- a. have spent a full session as an active member of NESA UNILAG
- b. Shall coordinate the activities of Alumni members and serve as a link between the association and the body
- c. Shall work towards creating a strong link within the Alumni body
- d. Shall work with the Vice President (Events and Management) towards creating forums for connecting the students with the Alumni body
- e. shall assist the Media and Communications Officer in the discharge of his/her duties and act in that capacity in his/her absence or on his/her directives;

8. *Financial Secretary*

The Financial Secretary shall:

- a. have spent a full session as an active member of NESA UNILAG
- b. be one of the signatories to NESA UNILAG's account(s);
- c. with the assistance of the Treasurer, be responsible for preparing financial records of NESA UNILAG and collate budget input from all relevant areas of NESA UNILAG;
- d. receive and account for all NESA UNILAG's money derived from whatever source and deposit same with the Treasurer within twenty-four (24) hours;

9. *Treasurer / Business Development Officer*

The Treasurer shall

- a. Must have spent a full session as an active member of NESA UNILAG
- b. be one of the signatories to NESA UNILAG's accounts and custodian of NESA UNILAG's cheque books;
- c. assist the Financial Secretary in the preparation of NESA UNILAG's budget;
- d. receive from the Financial Secretary all NESA UNILAG's money and deposit same into NESA UNILAG's account(s) within twenty-four (24) working hours on receipt of such money;
- e. Keep an imprest account as provided for in the financial instruction in this constitution.
- f. Shall act as the Business Development Officer
- g. Shall in furtherance of (f) seek for other means of financing the association other than dues
- h. Shall advise the association on the kind of business to venture into and
- i. Shall help manage the business ventures of the association

10. Director of Sports

The Director of Sports shall:

- a. Must have spent a full session as an active member of NESA UNILAG
- b. be responsible for ensuring a steady stream of sporting activities on campuses;
- c. be the Chairperson of the Sports Committee;
- d. co-ordinate the activities of sports and games of clubs recognized by NESA UNILAG;
- e. be NESA UNILAG's representative on the Faculty's Sports Council;
- f. be the custodian of all sporting facilities and equipment of NESA UNILAG and with the approval of the NESA UNILAG Executive Council use such facilities and/or equipment for the activities of recognized Associations, Clubs and Societies of NESA UNILAG;
- g. maintain a proper inventory of all the sporting facilities and equipment of NESA UNILAG and ensure that they are maintained and kept in good condition.

11. Assistant Director of Sports

- a. Must have spent a full session as an active member of NESAs UNILAG
- b. shall assist the Director of Sports in the discharge of his/her duties and act in that capacity in his/her absence or on his/her directives;
- c. Shall become Acting Director of Sports upon removal or incapacitation of the Director of Sports until a bye-election is conducted.

12. Librarian / Editor NESAs Economic Outlook & Journal

- a. Must have spent a full session as an active member of NESAs UNILAG
- b. shall publish the *NESAs SOCIETY Journal* at least once in an academic session;
- b. Shall be in charge of keeping the academic assets of the school both in electronic and hard copies
- c. Shall acquire and source for related academic assets for the school
- d. Shall perform any other duties as directed by the President

Section 18: Meetings of NESAs UNILAG Executives

- a) The Executives shall meet regularly for the effective and efficient administration of NESAs UNILAG;
- b) Meeting(s) shall be summoned upon a notice by the President through the General Secretary and/or upon the request of three (3) other members of NESAs UNILAG Executive Council for emergency or other meetings;
- c) The quorum for meetings shall be in presence of the General Secretary, The President and any other four members of Students' Executive Council
- d) Resolutions shall be reached or agreed upon by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of total members present at such meeting and such resolutions shall be time-bound and measurable;
- e) The Students' Representative Council can cause the Executive to meet within 48 hours with a notice in writing through the speaker to the President and such shall be communicated to the General Secretary for necessary action when the need arises.

Article 7

THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Section 19: Functions of the STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:

The STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL shall

- a) shall be vested with all legislative powers of NESAS UNILAG;
- b) shall review, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, any action or resolution of Students' Executive Council other than any resolution specifically approved, directed or passed by the Congress;
- c) shall have power to reject, question, modify or adopt any proposal brought forward by the Students' Executive Council when deemed not to be in the best interest of NESAS UNILAG and of value to its members;
- d) shall debate, scrutinize, consider and approve any budget or part(s) as presented to it by NESAS UNILAG Executive Council; save in special circumstances, no money shall be spent by the NESAS UNILAG Executive Council without approval by the Students' Representative Council;
- e) shall, in collaboration with the Executive, recommend the due payable by NESAS UNILAG members to Congress for approval;
- f) shall, after deliberations, arrive at resolutions either by consensus or casting of votes;
- g) shall have power to set up ad hoc committees as it may deem fit and shall have power to dissolve such committees as well as suspend or remove member(s) of such committees;
- h) shall have the power, at any time, to summon:
 - 1) any person(s) who has/have led, or is holding any office of NESAS UNILAG, to submit or give an account of his/their past or present official activities.
 - 2) any member of NESAS UNILAG to attend its meeting(s), submit a report or testify to an issue before it.
 - 3) any Association, Club or Society recognized by NESAS UNILAG, or any of its officer(s) or member(s), to attend any of its meetings or testify to any matter before it.
- i) shall have power to summon an emergency Congress when the President fails to do so and/or the situation demands such;
- j) shall have power to request for NESAS UNILAG's statement of account at any time or when the need arises;
- k) shall have the power of confirmation, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, over any appointment into the committees and other organs of NESAS UNILAG;
- l) shall do all things necessary to uplift the aims and objectives of NESAS UNILAG to the glory of the University and the Society at large.

Section 20: Legislative Power

The legislative powers of NESAS UNILAG shall be vested in the Students' Representative Council (Students' Representative Council)

Section 21: Composition of the Students' Representative Council (STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL)

The Students' Representative Council shall comprise members who shall be:

- a) Class Governor and one of Assistant Class Governors from each level as the case may be.
- b) In a case where in (a) above, a level may have more than one Assistant Class Representative. The Students' Judicial Council will be contacted via letter from the Students' Executive Council for election in such class.
- c) Four non-executive members of NESA UNILAG from each level which will be elected during the general NESA UNILAG as provided later in this constitution.

Section 22: Principal Officers of the Students' Representative Council (STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL)

The principal officers of the STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL shall be the:

- (i) Speaker
- (ii) Deputy Speaker
- (iii) Clerk and
- (iv) Chief Whip

The above principal officers shall be elected as members of the Students' Representative Council

1: The Speaker

The Speaker shall:

- a) preside over all sittings of the Students' Representative Council but shall have no voting right except where there is a tie;
- b) shall be in the fourth year
- c) promote and ensure orderly democratic debate and voting on motions;
- d) manage media access to sittings of the Students' Representative Council;
- e) represent the Students' Representative Council or delegate any officer of the NESA UNILAG Representative Council to represent him within and outside the University;
- f) prepare, in consultation with other principal officers, the proposed expenditure for the session;
- g) ensure that members of the Students' Representative Council are given the opportunity to do what is democratically necessary to ensure the accountability of the NESA UNILAG Executive Council subject to the provisions of this constitution;
- h) be one of the signatories to any publication of the Students' Representative Council.

2. The Deputy Speaker

The Deputy Speaker shall:

- a) assist and perform the duties of the Speaker in his absence or on his directives;
- b) act as the Speaker, at the suspension, resignation or removal of the Speaker but for not more than fourteen (14) days before a new one is elected;
- c) perform other duties as may be assigned to him by the Students' Representative Council.

3. The Clerk

The Clerk shall:

- a) be responsible for the general secretarial duties of the Students' Representative Council;
- b) at the instance of the Speaker or request of one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of members, summon the sitting of the Students' Representative Council;
- c) take proper records of all proceedings at all sittings of the Students' Representative Council and disseminate such to the Congress not later than forty-eight (48) hours after such sitting;
- d) in conjunction with the Chief Whip, prepare and provide the members with minutes of the previous sitting of the Students' Representative Council;
- e) in his absence, a member shall be nominated from the Students' Representative Council for such sitting to perform his function at such sitting;
- f) be one of the signatories to any publication of the Students' Representative Council;
- g) perform other duties as may be assigned to him by the Speaker or the Students' Representative Council.

4. The Chief Whip

The Chief Whip shall:

- a) be the custodian of NESAs UNILAG's symbol of authority (mace) and ensure its safety at all times;
- b) be the disciplinary officer of the Students' Representative Council and serve as the mediator of communication between members during STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL sittings or general meetings;
- c) enforce order and a humane sitting environment;
- d) in conjunction with the Clerk, prepare and provide the members of the Students' Representative Council with minutes of the previous sitting;
- e) under the advice and protection of the Speaker, caution or otherwise discipline any member for act or conduct of indiscipline during Students' Representative Council sittings or joint meeting with NESAs UNILAG Executive Council;
- f) Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Speaker of Students' Representative Council.

ARTICLE 8
STUDENTS' JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Section 23: Composition of the Students' Judicial Council

The Judicial Council is composed of eleven students, selectively chosen and appointed by the members of the Students' Executive Council and the Staff Adviser.

The Students' Judicial Council has vested powers of NESAs UNILAG to hear and recommend sanctions for violations of the Student Code of Conduct herein attached in this constitution. Justices of the Judicial Council are held to the highest of student conduct standards and must adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Candidates should have a minimum 3.0 CGPA and a clear judicial record. Justices must be of outstanding character and possess high ethical standards. Justices must also be available on Friday afternoons during the academic semester for scheduled meetings and hearings. No member of the Student Judicial Council may serve in the legislative or executive Council of NESAs UNILAG.

Section 24: Powers and Functions of the Students' Judicial Council

1. The Students' Judicial Council (SJC) major function is to promote the notion of individual responsibility within NESAs UNILAG.
2. The SJC investigates and acts upon complaints of alleged student misconduct, except for dishonorable acts that involve the general categories of lying, cheating, stealing, or other breaches of trust (which are under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee); or acts that involve discrimination, harassment, retaliation, sexual misconduct (which are under the jurisdiction of the University of Lagos Disciplinary Board); or hazing, retaliation associated with hazing, or other violations of University policy by a fraternity or sorority (which are under the jurisdiction of University of Lagos Security Unit). The Students' Judicial Council's jurisdiction extends to all conduct committed while a member of NESAs UNILAG or representing NESAs UNILAG.
3. The SJC is designed to affirm the student's obligation to individual responsibility and to see that obligation fulfilled.
4. The SJC shall have the power to screen NESAs UNILAG member(s) preparing to contest any external election, on the platform of NESAs UNILAG;
5. The SJC shall have power, subject to the approval of the Congress, to discipline, suspend or remove any NESAs UNILAG Executives or STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL member who has been alleged and found guilty of offence(s) as prescribed by this Constitution.

6. The SJC shall do all things necessary to uplift the aims and objectives of NESAS UNILAG to the glory of the University and the Society at large.
7. The SJC shall be the sole intermediary between the Students' Representative Council and the Students' Executive Council
8. The SJC shall in the case of misunderstanding resolve every cases brought forward to its court between 72 hours of first official notice
9. The SJC shall have the power to review cases of suspension, expulsion or impeachment of any member of the Students' Representative Council or Students' Executive Council.
10. The Students' Judicial Council shall perform other judicial duties as deemed fit in its jurisdiction.
11. Act as a check and balance for the Students' Representative Council or Students' Executive Council in the dispensation of their duties
12. The Students' Judicial Council shall be in charge of Election Petitions.

Section 25: Principal Offices and posts in the Students' Judicial Council

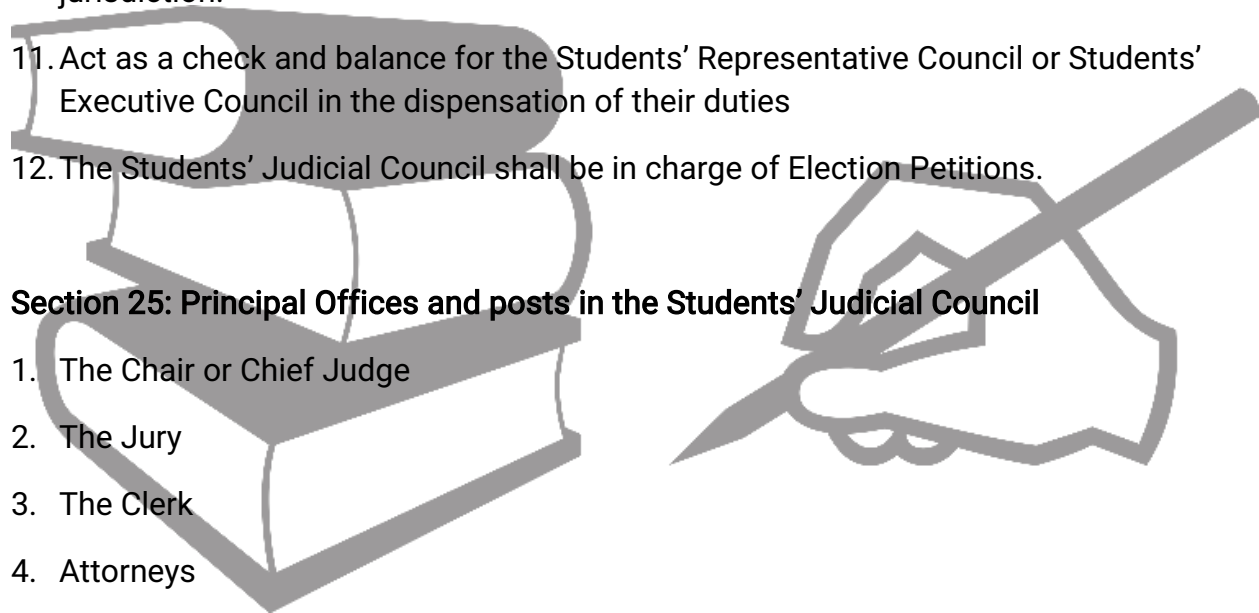
1. The Chair or Chief Judge
2. The Jury
3. The Clerk
4. Attorneys

Section 26: Roles of the Principal Offices

1. The Chair or Chief Judge

The Chief Judge or Chair shall be selected or elected through a popular vote within the Students' Judicial Council and must have an experience or a vast knowledge of the law and its applicability or interpretations.

- a. Must be in the fourth year
- b. Principal head of the Students' Judicial Council
- c. Interpret the law,



- d. assess the evidence presented
- e. Control how hearings and trials unfold in their courtrooms.
- f. Must be impartial decision-makers in the pursuit of justice.
- g. provide an independent and impartial assessment of the facts and how the law applies to those facts
- h. shall work hand-in-hand with the Staff Adviser for advises on cases and proceedings

2. Jury

These is constituted of 5 non-partial randomly selected members of the Students' judicial Council in their third or fourth year whose functions are as follows

- a. They help the Chief Judge in the effective adjudication of cases
- b. They act as independent committee for hearing cases, analyzing them and bringing conclusion to the Chief Judge for considerations towards judgment delivery.
- c. In the case of suspension of the Chief Judge by the Congress, contest elections and be elected by the entire Students' Judicial Council

3. Clerk

The Clerk shall be elected into office by a popular vote by the members of the Students' Judicial Council and the functions as follows;

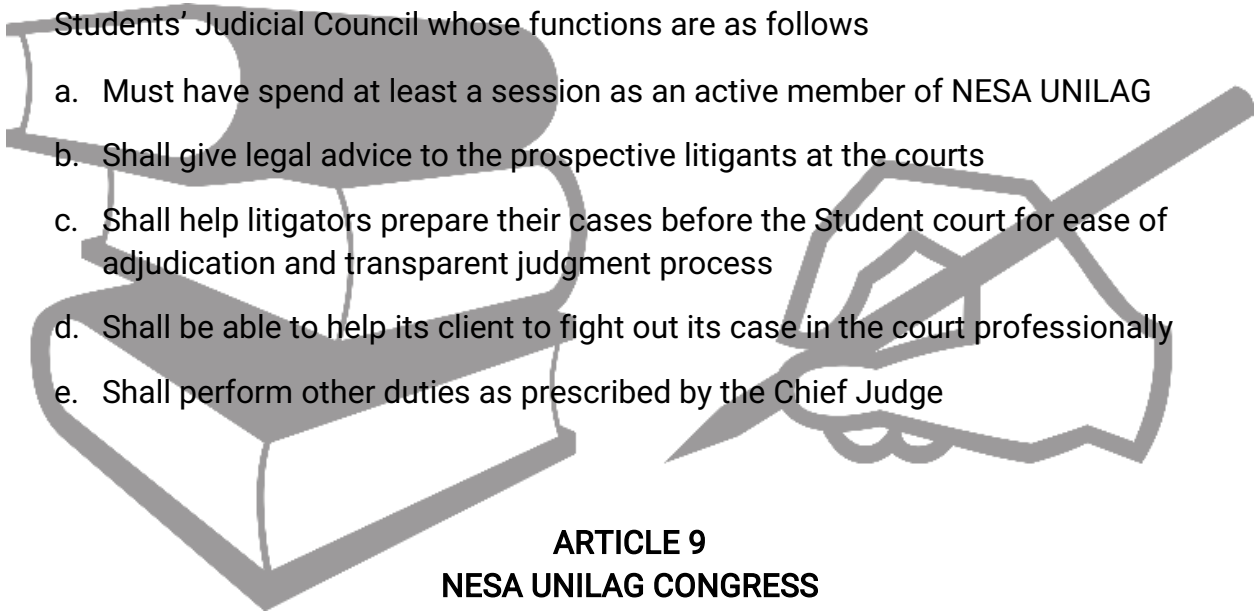
- a. Must have spend at least a session as an active member of NESAs UNILAG
- b. Prepare dockets or calendars of cases to be called
- c. Record case dispositions, court orders, and arrangements made for payment of court fees.
- d. Answer inquiries from the general public regarding judicial procedures, court appearances, trial dates, adjournments, outstanding warrants, summonses, subpoenas, witness fees, and payment of fines.
- e. Prepare and issue orders of the court, including probation orders, release documentation, sentencing information, and summonses.
- f. Prepare documents recording the outcomes of court proceedings.
- g. Instruct parties about timing of court appearances.

- h. Explain procedures or forms to parties in cases or to the general public.
- i. Search files, and contact witnesses, attorneys, in order to obtain information for the court.
- j. Follow procedures to secure courtrooms and exhibits such as money, drugs, and weapons.
- k. Read charges and related information to the court and, if necessary, record defendants' pleas.
- l. Swear in jury members, interpreters, witnesses and defendants.

4. Attorneys

The Attorneys is constituted of 4 non-partial randomly selected members of the Students' Judicial Council whose functions are as follows

- a. Must have spend at least a session as an active member of NESA UNILAG
- b. Shall give legal advice to the prospective litigants at the courts
- c. Shall help litigators prepare their cases before the Student court for ease of adjudication and transparent judgment process
- d. Shall be able to help its client to fight out its case in the court professionally
- e. Shall perform other duties as prescribed by the Chief Judge



ARTICLE 9 NESA UNILAG CONGRESS

Section 27: Composition of the Congress

The Congress shall comprise all the matriculated and registered students of the Department Of Economics, University Of Lagos.

Section 28: Powers of the Congress

1. There shall be a Congress for NESA UNILAG which shall be the Supreme Organ of NESA UNILAG.
2. The Congress men and women who will be eligible to vote shall be inaugurated during referendum, opinion polls general elections and such as may arise.
3. The Congress shall have the final say in all affairs of NESA UNILAG and shall, by a simple majority:
 - a. debate and pass a resolution, if necessary, on any issue which is of importance to the general body of students in the Department which

- endangers the rights and privileges of Faculty of Social Science students in the University of Lagos;
- b. debate and pass a resolution, if necessary, on any matter that is referred to it by the NESAs UNILAG Executive Council or the Students' Representative Council;
 - c. pass a motion of confidence or of no confidence on any officer(s) of NESAs UNILAG and in the latter case such officer(s) shall stand suspended until the outcome of an investigation or the satisfaction of a stipulated condition;
 - d. have the powers, subject to recommendations of the NESAs UNILAG Executive Council and Students' Representative Council, to determine how much is to be collected as due from all members.
 - e. Shall be able to sponsor a law or bill if won by two-third of the Congress and will be forwarded to the Students' Representative Council for further deliberation and processes.

Section 29: Meetings of the Congress

- Ss. 1 The proceedings of the Congress shall be presided upon as herein provided in this Constitution:
- a) the President of NESAs UNILAG shall preside over meetings of the Congress, but would lose the moral responsibility when he/she is accused of misappropriation of funds/embezzlement or when he/she has a case to answer. On such occasion, a chairperson shall be elected among the Congress members for that particular purpose only.
 - b) The Congress shall hold at least twice every semester and/or:
 - i. at the written request of the President of NESAs UNILAG;
 - ii. by a resolution of the Students' Representative Council (through the Speaker);
 - iii. by a request of the SJC through a letter to the Students' Executive Council
 - iv. by a written request and signed by at least one-sixth ($\frac{1}{6}$) of the total membership of the Congress with voting right;
 - c) The quorum at any meeting of the Congress shall be one-third of the total membership of the Congress men and women.

ARTICLE 10

NESA SCHOOLS OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT

Section 30: Composition, Purpose and Membership of the NESAs Schools of Economic Thought

It is a diversity of organized societies of NESAs UNILAG which trained and prepared student members that would undertake the task of solving economic problems via researches both locally and internationally. As well as, plan and host several economic policy debates, seminars of its own.

Purpose: it gives students the edge, as it gives potential and helps to master the craft of Economics. The School however focuses on skills that aid students in: research, economic modeling, international and diplomacy, economic debates etc.

It is established to be training ground for budding economists so as to help them apply their theoretical knowledge, develop their strength and prune their weaknesses so as to produce a '*credible and refined*' economists. All under the guidance, direction and supervision of the Department authorities and knowledgeable lecturers – Thus, shall be composed as follows

- a. All Student members of NESAs UNILAG shall belong and identify with one of the NESAs Schools of Thought as will be espoused later in this constitution.
- b. This membership shall be in order to foster better research and academic relationships between the students, members of staff and the professional world
- c. Under no circumstances shall any member be valid without proper identification with one of the NESAs Schools of Thought.

Section 31: Divisions of NESAs Schools of Thought

The four most popular schools of thought in which the schools will be divided and can be nicknamed as deemed fit by members as approved by the Executive Council through its constituted Literary and Debating Committee and approved by the Students' Representative Council are as follows;

- a. **Classicals**
- b. **Keynesian**
- c. **Monetary**
- d. **Behavioural**

These four greatly influence scholastic researches, thoughts, reasons and if researches from these diverse schools are unified - they can provide better results for economic emancipation and development.

Section 32: Aims and Objectives of the NESA Schools of Economic Thought

- a. To encourage the acquisition of vast economic skills among students through researches and scholarship.
- b. To promote team spirit 'esprit de cop' among students
- c. To promote development of practical economic skills through intensive training programs.
- d. Provision of forums for healthy competitions for students in the Economics profession.
- e. Organizing periodic training and mentorship programs for students.
- f. To be a resort for various economic solutions and innovations.
- g. To help in the economic development of Nigeria and other LDCs



Section 33: Meetings of the NESA Schools of Economic Thought

In order for effective running of the schools of thought, meetings shall be attached to the timetable and supervised by the NESA Students' Executive Council as follows

- a. Regular meetings shall hold once a week
- b. Monthly Inter School Speech, Research and Debate Showcase
- c. Other programs as deemed fit by the NESA Students' Executive council via its constituted Literary and Debating Committee and the Staff Adviser

Section 34: Structure of the NESA Schools

1. Board of Executives

The Schools shall be independent but will be regulated by the NESA Literary and Debating, it is a member of NESA and shall be subject to regulations of the NESA leadership and Department authorities. The Board shall be guided in its activities by the aims and objectives of the School.

- i. Members of the Board of Executives shall hold office for a term of one year
- ii. The quorum of the Board shall be duly convened upon the presence of the President or Vice President and other three members including the Secretary General.
- iii. A valid decision shall be deemed to have been reached by a two-thirds majority vote;

The Board of Executives of each School shall comprise of:

- a. The President
- b. The Vice President
- c. The Secretary – General
- d. The Financial Secretary
- e. Director of Programs
- f. Two Research Directors
- g. The Public Relations Officer
- h. The Librarian

2. Committees

i. **Screening Committees:** shall be in charge of screening potential members into the society and includes the Staff Adviser

ii. **Coaches:** these may be lecturers, experts, practitioners, renowned orators, Alumni, students and people from diverse fields of study for guidance and professional advice. They help sharpen research, oratory, writing and time Management skills. In addition help with coordination, preparation and planning for activities and programs.

iii. **Special Committees:** may be established as need arises

3. Staff Adviser: Each school shall appoint a Staff as it's adviser so as to aid in various capacities such as coordination, supervision, coaching, screening etc.

4. Patron: This can be chosen from any prominent individual as the school may deem fit

5. Grand Patron: The Head of Department is the Grand Patron of every school.

Section 35: The Election of Board of Executives

- a. The general meeting shall nominate a number of persons for each position
- b. To qualify for nomination, a person must be a registered member with proven academic excellence and commitment to the School
- c. Only members who have attended at least 70% of meeting in the current academic session can be nominated
- d. The persons will appear for interview before the NESA Literary and Debating committee and any person deemed fit by the Literary and Debating Committee Chairman
- e. The committee shall then select candidates for each position based on the principles of merit, Dedication and competence.
- f. These shall take place no later than 2 weeks to exams of every session so as the enable the incoming executive members enough room for preparation for the new session.□
- g. A member of the board of Executives shall be Removed from office before the expiration of his tenure in office by a vote of no confidence by two third of the entire school after sufficient proof of misconduct or incompetence in the execution of office

Section 36: Roles of Executives

a. **The President** shall

- i. Be in the fourth year
- ii. Be head of board
- iii. Have the power to delegate functions which are necessary for the furtherance of the aims of the school
- iv. Coordinate the affairs of the school
- v. Adequately inform and update the Staff Adviser, Literary and Debating Committee about the activities of the School.

b. **The Vice President** shall

- i. Be in the third year
- ii. Shall be in charge of Catch them young / recruitment process of the club
- iii. Shall be in charge of scouting for new members
- iv. Assist and advice the President in the discharge of his duties
- v. Perform any other functions as directed by the President
- vi. Be in the planning committee for all programs

c. **The Secretary - General** shall

- i. Be in the third or fourth year
- ii. Keep records for the school including attendance records from beginning to the end of the session
- iii. Convene weekly meetings of the school
- iv. Be in charge of the secretarial duties of the school
- v. Perform other duties as directed by the President

d. **The Financial Secretary** shall

- i. Must have spent at least an academic session in school as an undergraduate
- ii. Be responsible for keeping the financial accounts and records of the society
- iii. be receiving and disbursing funds on behalf of the school subject to the approval of the board
- iv. Perform other duties as directed by the President

e. Director of Programs

- i. Shall be in the fourth or third year
- ii. Be in charge of organizing all programs and activities of the school
- iii. Shall be chairman of all programs committees
- iv. Shall prepare and plan the weekly meetings, radio shows of the school
- v. Shall help the Literary and Debating Committee on planning the monthly Inter-School Speech, Research and Debate Showcase
- vi. Perform other duties as directed by the President

f. Two Research Directors shall

- i. Shall be in their third and fourth year respectively
- ii. Have demonstrated good research abilities
- iii. Lead researches conducted by the school
- iv. Forward topics and materials to members via email or other available means of communication
- v. Shall be in charge of all academic publications such as journals, articles etc for corporate economic organization s within and without the University.

g. The Public Relations Officer

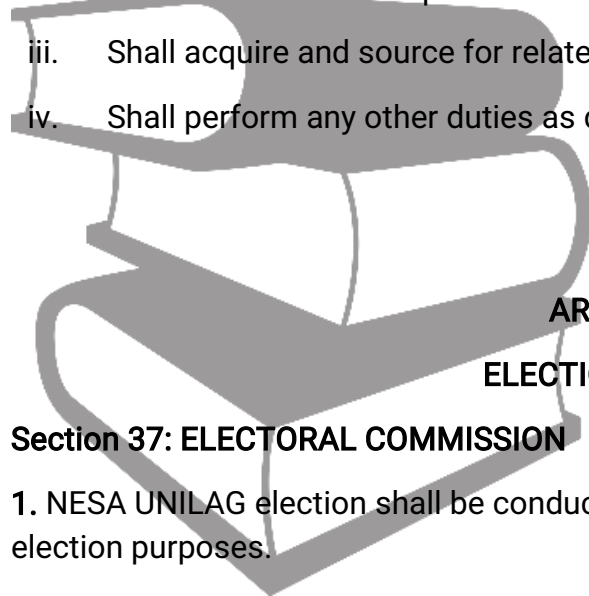
- i. Must have spent at least an academic session in school as an undergraduate
- ii. Shall be responsible for publicizing the activities, achievements, events and programs of the school
- iii. Shall be responsible for managing the school's aspect of the department

website / blog

- iv. Shall responsible for communicating notice of meetings to members via bulk sms, printouts or other means which would satisfy the duty
- v. Shall be incharge of publications of the school for non-corporate means such as social media platforms etc
- vi. Shall perform any other duties as directed by the President

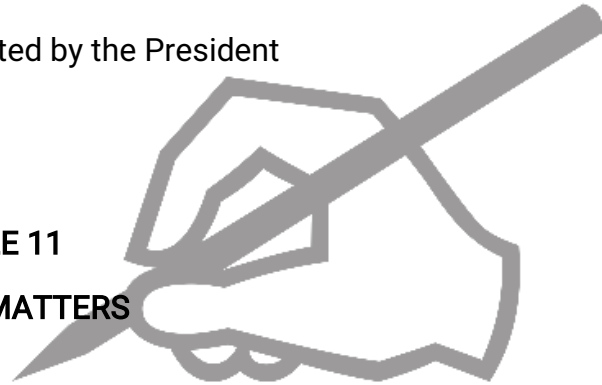
h. The Librarian

- i. Shall be in his third or fourth year
- ii. Shall be in charge of keeping the academic assets of the school both in electronic and hard copies
- iii. Shall acquire and source for related academic assets for the school
- iv. Shall perform any other duties as directed by the President



ARTICLE 11

ELECTION MATTERS



Section 37: ELECTORAL COMMISSION

1. NESU UNILAG election shall be conducted by an electoral commission constituted for election purposes.
2. The Commission shall be composed of Student representatives from each level
3. The Commission shall have a Chairman and a Vice-chairman
4. The Chairman shall be the Deputy Registrar (students) and shall be the Overseer and returning officer for the elections.
5. The Vice chairman shall be appointed by the student members of the commission
6. All members of the commission shall be screened and approved by the Students' Representative Council before they can be said to be members.
7. The Commission shall be responsible to the NESU UNILAG for any abnormality in the electoral process.
8. The Vice Chairman shall present the electoral budget before the Students'

Representative Council

SECTION 38: POWERS OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

1. It shall draw up electoral regulations and guidelines subject to the provisions of this constitution and other relevant rules and regulations of the University. Such rules and regulations shall be published at least 14 days before the date of election.
2. It shall screen all aspirants and have the powers to clear or reject the candidature of any aspirant; this shall be subjected to the decision of the Students' Representative Council
3. Shall listen to complaints arising from electoral petitions before the conduct of any election

SECTION 39: Composition of the Electoral Commission

The Electoral Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. a Supervisor who shall be a Staff Adviser who shall oversee the election process and results.
- b. Student Representatives from each level, with proven records of integrity, honesty and transparency.
- c. an Electoral Chairperson elected from the students' representatives by a simple majority and shall be in the fourth year.

Section 40: Election Process

- 1 All counting shall be made public after which the winner shall be announced by the Chairman of the Electoral Committee.
- 2 Representatives of each candidate shall be present at the counting.
- 3 Election into office shall only last for one academic session.
- 4 Elections shall be held one month before the commencement of second semester examinations in the University.

Section 41: ELECTION PETITIONS

1. The Students' Judicial Council shall be in charge of and also constitute the Election

Petition Tribunals.

2. All electoral petitions shall be heard and determined within 14 days of the election for the position in question.
3. Objections to the conduct of an Election or a Bye-election shall be submitted in writing, together with a statement setting out the nature of the objection, not later than 72 hours after the determination of the election or bye-election.
4. Objections shall be deemed to have been submitted when handed personally to any representative of the Election Petition Tribunal or when placed, timed and dated in the box that shall be made available in the Students' NESAs UNILAG Office for the purpose, or sent via e-mail marked as an official complaint and verified by an electronic read receipt.
5. The Students Judicial Council through its Election Petition Tribunal jurisdiction shall decide on the merits of the objection and shall be empowered to:
 - a. Invalidate all, or any part of, the Election or the Bye-election; and/or
 - b. Disqualify any candidate; and/or
 - c. Order a recount or a bye-election as the case may be; such decisions will only be made if approved by a simple majority of the Election Petition Tribunal, provided that the number voting in favour shall not be less than three (3).
 - d. A decision by the Electoral Committee shall only be amended or overturned by a decision of the Election Petition Tribunal.

Section 42: ELIGIBILITY

1. Candidates for the NESAs UNILAG Executive election shall only be eligible provided all of the following criteria have been met:
 - a. have a minimum 3.00 C.G.P.A by the result of the preceding semester.
 - b. The candidate must have completed one academic session in the University.
 - c. Any candidate found guilty of misconduct in contravention of the University rules shall not be eligible to contest.
 - d. Any person previously convicted for an offence by, or having a criminal case pending in any recognized court of law in Nigeria, shall also not be eligible to contest in the Students' NESAs UNILAG election.

- e. No candidate in NESAs UNILAG election can be a full-time employee of the University.



APPENDIX

SECTION 43: MEMBERS' RIGHTS

Members' rights are inalienable and should be respected by fellow students:

- a. Every member has the right to a copy of the constitution.
- b. Every member has a right to fair and equitable treatment by all.
- c. No student OR member shall be discriminated against directly or indirectly, on the grounds of race, sex, gender, socioeconomic status, nationality, language, ethnic or social origin, political or other belief, religion, disability or year group.
- d. Every member is entitled to equal treatment and protection as provided for in the regulations of the University.
- e. And such other rights that might not be stated in this Constitution but approved by the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, University code of conduct, Department of Economics rules and regulations and the constitutions of the Department of Economics and the entire University community.

Any report of infringement of these rights should be referred to the Students' Judicial Council, who shall then make due investigation into the matter. The victim's name should not be released as a protective measure.

SECTION 44: CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Members shall behave in a responsible manner at all times.
- b) No member shall conduct themselves in a manner that will impair public confidence in the character of NESAs UNILAG.
- c) No member shall consume or be in possession of hard drugs.
- d) No member shall disturb the peace of the University Community.
- e) No member shall intimidate, victimize or bully a fellow student.
- f) No member shall solicit funds in the name of NESAs UNILAG unless duly authorized.
- g) No member shall vandalize public property.
- h) No member shall use foul and abusive language, either orally, in writing or by expression or by engaging in any form of discriminatory or anti-social behaviour.
- i) All executive members and post holders should conduct their activities in

transparency and accountability.

Any report of breach of these code of conduct should be referred to the Students' Judicial Council, who shall then make due investigation into the matter. The victim's name should not be released as a protective measure.

SECTION 45: FORMS OF MISCONDUCT

The following and any activity that goes against the code of conduct as herein this constitution and those not herein but approved by the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, University code of conduct, Department of Economics rules and regulations and the constitutions of the Department of Economics and the entire University community shall amount to misconduct that is likely to lead to disciplinary action, although the list is not exhaustive:

- a. Unacceptable behaviour on or off the University's premises arising from the consumption of alcohol and/or drugs;
- b. Engaging in cybercrime;
- c. Discrimination against any student or person on any grounds or manner;
- d. Misuse or unauthorized use of NESAs UNILAG or University premises and property, including computer misuse;
- e. Any act that would demean the name of NESAs UNILAG or the University at large.

Any report of breach of these code of conduct should be referred to the Students' Judicial Council, who shall then make due investigation into the matter. The victim's name should not be released as a protective measure.

SECTION 46: SANCTIONS

Where an allegation against a member is upheld, the Students' Judicial Council may recommend any of the following sanctions as they may deem appropriate, including:

- a. Suspension of membership for a specified period of time, up to and including the remainder of the academic year or equivalent period;
- b. Qualified membership, defined restrictions to the membership rights of the individual or group;
- c. Withdrawal of membership;

- b. Suspension from NESAS UNILAG;
- c. A fine and/or ban;
- d. In all cases of misconduct and serious misconduct NESAS UNILAG may employ more drastic measures other than those listed above such as involving the sanction procedure of the University of Lagos

Upon the report of a criminal offence the Students' Judicial Council shall refer the matter to the Security Unit of the University.

SECTION 47: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- a. This constitution and its provisions shall be reviewed from time to time as the need arises.
- b. This constitution and any provision thereof shall be amended upon the recommendation of any registered member or a member of the executive through the Students' Representative Council.
- c. Such recommendation, if made by a registered member, shall be made through a member of the Students' Executive Council.
- d. The said recommendation shall be made to the Congress meeting, in the presence of the Students' Representative Council, which shall vote upon it instantly.
- e. Upon a simple majority vote of the meeting that the recommendation be considered, the Students' Executive Council shall immediately or not later than a week appoint a committee of four registered members, including a member of the Student Representative Council and headed by a member of the Student Judicial Council, to further consider the recommendation.
- f. The committee shall submit its report to the Congress through the Students' Executive Council within 3 weeks after appointment.
- g. The report shall be duly debated by the Congress via referendum and the Students' Representative Council and corrections and further amendments to the draft bill proposed, if necessary.
- h. Where a two-third majority of both the Students' Representative Council and Congress present votes in favour of the final amendment, the constitution stands amended.

SECTION 48: INTERPRETATION SECTION

The principal interpretation role shall be subject to the discretion of the Students' Judicial Council but statutory terms can be interpreted as follows given the provisions of this constitution;

- (1) 'Misconduct' in this constitution includes such acts, conducts, inactions and omissions as appears on the face of it to be misuse of office, impunity; and such acts, conducts, inactions and omissions as may amount to misconduct in the eye of a reasonable man.
- (2) 'Gross Incompetence' in this constitution includes failure to perform the functions of an office, gross negligence in the performance of such functions.
- (3) 'Year' in this constitution is a session except the context indicates otherwise.
- (4) 'Outstanding outgoing member' means final year members with proven excellence, continuous dedication and commitment to NESAs UNILAG, and proven excellence in programmes of NESAs UNILAG.



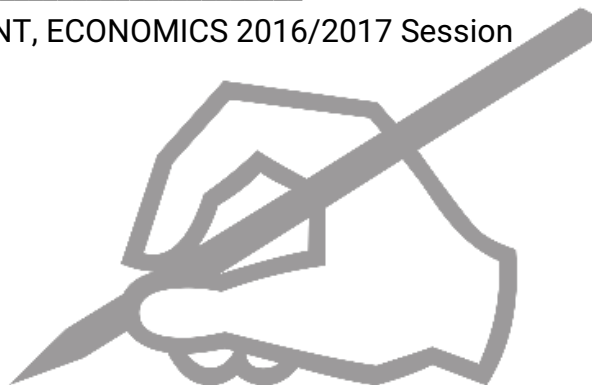
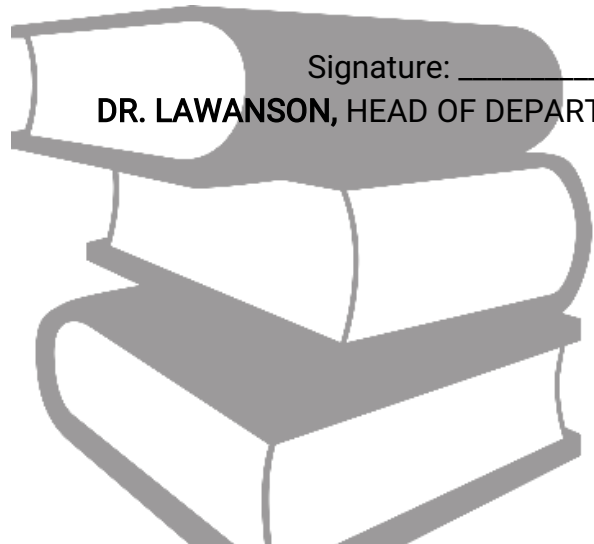
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