

# Minutes of the LASU Debate Society Board-Elect Meeting

**Date: Thursday, September 12th, 2024**

**Venue: Law Pavilion**

**Time: 2:00 PM - 6:45 PM**

## **Opening Speech by Aina Ayomide (President Elect)**

The President-Elect, Aina Ayomide, commenced the meeting with a heartfelt welcome speech, emphasizing the importance of unity and collaboration among board members. She highlighted the need to eliminate any lingering animosity, encouraging open communication to ensure the board works as a cohesive unit, regardless of the outcome of the recent elections.

## **Proposal for a Board Picnic**

Temitope Bakare, the Vice President-Elect, suggested organizing a picnic to foster stronger bonds among the board members. This proposal was widely supported, though the exact date for the picnic was not decided.

## **General Views of the Newly Elected Board**

Each member of the board shared their views on the newly formed executive body. There was a consensus on the significance of working together and building a strong team to ensure the success of the LASU Debate Society.

## **Financial Secretary's Plans**

The Financial Secretary-Elect, Orator Miracle Asikaburu outlined her strategic plans, as presented in her manifesto during the elections, with a key focus on ensuring that the society remains financially stable. Her vision is to create **a sustainable LSUDS where funds are available ahead of needs**. Various revenue-generating ideas were discussed, and the board agreed on a path forward.

## **New Membership Dues and Payment Plan**

It was agreed that:

- The membership fee is set at **₦1,500 per semester**.
- Executive members are required to pay **₦2,500 per semester**.
- Both members and executives are allowed to pay in instalments of **₦500 per week**, with the full payment due by the **8th week after the resumption** of each academic semester.

## **Patron for the Society**

The board decided to seek a **patron** who would support the society financially during events and other engagements. Efforts to secure additional sponsorships were also discussed.

## **Feedback System for Members**

**Orator Jessica Adewunmi**, the Director of Welfare and Organizing, introduced a **feedback system** to be implemented after every ceremony, competition, or event. This system will allow members to provide feedback on the executive board, member training sessions, and any event held within the society.

## **Monthly Picnic for Society Members**

A monthly picnic for all society members was proposed as a way to improve camaraderie and engagement. This was positively received by the board.

## **Team System for Member Growth**

The board agreed to introduce a **grouping system** in which members will be paired into teams to encourage mutual support and personal growth. Each group will focus on checking in on each other and ensuring continuous public speaking development within the society.

## **Executive Board as Coaches for Trainees**

Each member of the executive board will serve as a **coach** for the LSUDS trainees. Trainees will be assigned a coach from the executive board to help them grow and develop their public speaking prowess.

## **Monthly Book Review**

The board agreed to read one book each month as a society, followed by a review during the subsequent member meeting.

## **General Secretary's Plans**

The General Secretary presented his plans, which included:

- Issuing **membership tags** for all members of the LASU Debate Society.
- Introducing an **E-correspondence system** that allows members to take official correspondence of absence or late coming to meetings or engagements via Google Forms rather than direct WhatsApp messages.

## **Other Plans and Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the remaining board members would present their plans and goals at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the President-Elect, Orator Aina Ayomide, at **6:45 PM**

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