



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LAW  
STUDENTS' SOCIETY, JOSEPH AYO  
BABALOLA UNIVERSITY, IKEJI-ARAKEJI  
OSUN STATE.

## **THE PREAMBLE**

We the entire law students of the COLLEGE OF LAW, JOSEPH AYO BABALOLA UNIVERSITY, OSUN STATE, Nigeria in spirit of justice, equity and fair play; having firmly and solemnly resolved to Form and Establish an association under God,dedicated to the promotion of learning, advocacy, practice of law and legal ethics in the society, and having regard for the university. And to provide a constitution with the purpose of contributing our quota to the progress, unity and dignity of our fatherland, the human race as a whole and the aims, objectives and ideas mentioned herein, do hereby make, enact and give to ourselves this constitution, the following constitution.

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## **PART I**

### **CHAPTER I**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. (1) This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have a binding force on all organs and members within the Society, and shall not be subject to modifications, save in accordance with the provisions hereinafter made.  
  
(2) If any law within the Society is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, this constitution shall prevail, and that other law shall to the extent of its inconsistency, be null and void.
  2. The society shall be known and referred to as Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society (hereinafter referred to as "JABU LSS") whose motto shall be "AD LUSTITIAM PER IUS" meaning **TOWARDS JUSTICE BY RIGHT.**
  3. The constitution shall be cited as "The Constitution of Law Students' Society, Joseph Ayo Babalola University (JABULSS CONSTITUTION2019)
  4. There shall be for the Society, Staff Advisers to be appointed by the Dean from amongst the Faculty's Staff and
    - (1) The tenure of the staff advisers shall be for one academic session and shall thereafter be reviewed.
    - (2) The number of such advisers shall be as determined by the Law Students' Representative Council, hereinafter referred to as the House, in the general interest of the Society.

### **CHAPTER II**

## **PART I**

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- 5** (1) To represent the interest of Law Students of JOSEPH AYO BABALOLA UNIVERSITY, OSUN STATE, Internally, Externally, Nationally and Internationally.  
  
(2) To promote and articulate the professional needs, goals, and competence of JABU Law Students.

- (3) To promote inter university debates, moot court trials and other academic activities.
- (4) To strengthen JABU law students in the skills needed to successfully complete academic requirements for the Nigerian law school and the ensuing bar examination.
- (5) To encourage Law Students in specialized disciplines and stimulate an academic interchange of ideals at Seminars, Conferences and Symposia.
- (6) To encourage Law Students in Sporting, Social and Cultural activities and provide adequate platforms on these bases.
- (7) To create a healthy avenue for social and academic interaction among Law Students and Staff of the faculty and the University at large.
- (8) To provide a wholesome link between College of Law of Joseph Ayo Babalola University and other Law Faculties of Universities of the Nation.
- (9) To defend consistently;

(a). The autonomy of Law Students' Society and Academic Freedom of its members.

(b) The interests of members of the society under the privileges existing in the university.

## **PART II**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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  - (1) The Membership of the Society shall consist of all matriculated Students of College of Law, Joseph Ayo Babalola University and are financially registered by the Society.
  - (2) Any student that doesn't fulfill the requirements of the society in terms of payment of annual dues (as set forth in Section 8) shall be denied full recognition and participation as a member of the Society.
  - (3) Any student that belongs to any secret cult shall be denied recognition and membership of the society

## **RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

7. (1) Every active member shall have the right to vote and be voted for, subject to any of the provisions of this constitution.  
  
(2) Every member shall have the right to attend and participate in all programmes organized by the society, including seminars, symposiums, public lectures, moot and mock trial as well as law dinners provided he or she paid for same.  
  
(3) Any aggrieved member of the society shall have liberty of access to the judicial council, hereinafter referred to as the judiciary, and shall have a right to fair hearing in all matters within its jurisdiction.  
  
(4) Every member shall, except as otherwise provided by this constitution, have rights to a cause of action in the judiciary, compelling any member, officer, or organ, to conform with the aims and objectives, set out in SECTION 5 of this constitution.  
  
(5) Every member shall have the right to use the utilities and facilities provided by the society and the college subject to necessary rules and regulations guiding the use of such facilities and equipment.  
  
(6) Every member shall have the right to belong to any legitimate society or association which is duly registered in the college.  
  
(7) Every member shall be entitled to receive full annual packages of the Law Students' Society subject to payment of annual dues.  
  
(8) Every member shall have the right to a copy of this constitution subject to the payment of a fee, as may be prescribed by the Executive Council with the Approval of the Legislative Council.
8. (1) Law dues shall be determined by the Executive Council. Payment shall be accepted within the stipulated time in the academic year. Dues collection procedures shall be left to the discretion of the treasurer. Each dues paying member shall receive a receipt of payment.  
  
(2) Chamber dues shall be paid annually for the financing of the chamber. It shall be determined by the Executive council and ratified by the House subject to the provision of the constitution.

(3) The law dues for all intent and purposes shall be mandatory to be paid within four weeks of resumption of a new academic session. Failure to comply will attract due sanction from appropriate authorities.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **PART I**

#### **COMPOSITION OF THE LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY**

**9.** The Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society (JABULSS) shall consist of;

- a. Executive Council
- b. Law Students' Representative Council
- c. Judicial Council

### **PART II**

#### **THE LAW STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

**10.** There shall be a Law Students' Representative Council (hereinafter referred to as LSRC)

(2) The Legislative Power of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society (JABULSS) is hereby vested in the Representative Council.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the members of the LSRC shall be elected students from the entire constituency and all constituencies shall be duly represented.

(4) The LSRC shall consist of 5 members per constituency, among which shall be the Principal Officers of the House who shall be elected from among themselves;

- a. Speaker
- b. Deputy Speaker; and
- c. Any other Officer as may be determined by the standing rules of the House.

## **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSE**

**11.** (1) The House shall have the power to make laws for the good government, peace, progress, development and order of the Society.

(2)The power of the SRC to make law(s) shall be exercised by bills passed by two-third (2/3) majority of the members.

(a). Where a bill has been passed by the SRC, it shall be presented to the President for assent.

(b). Where a bill is presented to the President for assent, he shall within seven (7) days thereof signify that he assents or that he withholds assent.

(c). Where the President withholds his assent and the bill is again passed by twothird (2/3) majority of members present, the bill shall become law and the assent of the President shall not be required.

(d). The LSRC shall have the power to receive petition from any student or group of student who are aggrieved on any matter in the college and the council shall rule on such matter appropriately.

**12.** Subject to the provisions ofSection 12 of this constitution, a person shall be qualified for election as a member of the SRC if;

a. He/ She is a registered Student of the Faculty of Law, Joseph Ayo Babalola University and a member of JABULSS.

b. His/ Her CGPA is not less than 2.5 as at when contesting.

c. He/ She is a reputable student with an unquestionable character.

## **RIGHT TO ATTENNDANCE OF THE LSRC MEETING**

**13.** Every member shall have a right to attend the proceedings of the House except otherwise provided by this constitution.

**14.** The quorum of the LSRC shall be two-third of the members of the council.

**15.** At any sitting of the Council, the Speaker of the council shall preside and in his absence, the Deputy Speaker shall preside.

**16.** Except as otherwise provided for in this constitution, any question proposed for decision in the Council shall be determined by the required majority of the members present and voting and the person presiding shall cast a vote when necessary to avoid an equality of votes but shall not vote in any other case.

#### **TENURE OF SEAT AS SRC MEMBER**

**17.** - The Students' Representative Council shall function for one parliamentary year and shall stand dissolved thereafter.

**18.** - A member of the SRC shall vacate his seat in the council which he is a member if;

- a. He/ She ceases to be a student of the university.
- b. He/ She becomes a member of another organ of the society.
- c. Without just cause, he is absent from meetings of the council of which he is a member for three consecutive sittings without justifiable excuse or written permission from the Speaker.
- d. He/ She is a member of a secret cult or association as prohibited by the university authorities.
- e. The Speaker/Clerk receives a certificate under the hand of the Chairman of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society Electoral Commission stating the recall of that member from the council by members of the constituency

**19.** - The office of the Speaker or Deputy Speaker shall become vacant if;

- (1) He/ She ceases to be a member of the SRC otherwise by reason(s) of dissolution of the house
- (2) The SRC by an address supported by two-third (2/3) majority of the members of SRC to remove the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of body or act of gross misconduct.
- (3) He/ She is a member of a secret cult or association as prohibited by the university authorities

## **FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL**

**20.** (1) A member of the SRC shall be deemed to forfeit his seat in the council if he absents himself from three consecutive meeting of the council without justifiable excuse or written permission from the Speaker.

(2) Any member who loses his seat by virtue of the provision contained above shall be disqualified from being elected into the house again and holding any other Society office.

(3) A member of the council shall vacate his seat on ceasing to be a member of the SRC or he is suspended or expelled from the University as a result of any misconduct.

(4) A member who has been in consistent breach of the school rules, college code of conduct and other humane conducts.

(5) The Speaker's ruling on whether or not the explanation for absence adduced is good, valid or acceptable shall be subject to his being over ruled by at least two-third (2/3) majority of SRC members by voting.

**21-(1)** Any member of the SRC wishing to resign his membership shall in first instance do so in a letter signed and submitted to Constituency Governor in his constituency. Thereafter, he shall inform his constituency leader.

(2) Any resignation from the house shall be announced on the floor of the council in the council succeeding such letter to the clerk of the house.

(3) Such resignation shall only take effect from the moment it has been read on the floor of the council and accepted accordingly.

(4) In the event of subsection (3) above, the Speaker or Deputy Speaker or presiding officer of the session shall order that the vacancy be filled in accordance with the provision of the council's standing rule as regards such matters as from the date when the vacancy occurs from such constituency.

## **THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

### **A. THE SPEAKER**

**22-(1)** The Speaker shall be a reputable Student of the College of law, Law Student's Society and the University

- (2) He/ She shall be elected by two-third (2/3) majority of the members of the house if the contestants are two or less than two and simple majority if the contestants are more than two.
- (3) He/ She shall have power to summon the meeting of the SRC and shall have power to maintain peace and order in the house.
- (4) He/ She shall impartially direct the proceedings at the sitting of the SRC.
- (5) He/ She shall at the parliamentary sitting, interpret the constitution of the Society in good faith provided such interpretation shall be reversible by two-third (2/3) majority of the members of the SRC and vote without prejudice to the interpretation given by the judicial council.
- (6) He/ She shall execute all other functions conferred on him under the provisions of this constitution.
- (7) The Speaker shall preside at the sittings of the SRC or in his absence, the Deputy Speaker or in default, any other member of the SRC as the Council may elect for the purpose.
- (8) The speaker shall be from the apex class for the time being, 500level precisely and shall be a respectable and diligent student.

## **B. THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

**23-(1)** The Deputy Speaker shall be a reputable Student of the faculty and the University.

- (2) He/ She shall be an elected member of the SRC and shall be elected by simple majority members of the council.
- (3) He/ She shall during the sitting of the SRC take roll of member present and shall within twenty-four (24) hours after SRC has adjourned the sitting forward a list of absent members to the Speaker for necessary action in accordance with the provision of this constitution.
- (4) He/ She shall be the financial officer of the SRC and shall be a permanent signatory to the Society Account.
- (5) He/ She shall see to the general welfare of the Council.

(6) He/ She shall be the electoral officer over election(s) on motions on the floor of the council.

(7) Where the Speaker is absent due to infirmity of body or a resolution of the council, the Deputy Speaker shall preside at the sitting and the main functions of the Deputy Speaker under this constitution for that moment shall be exercised by any other member of the SRC as the council may elect.

(8) The deputy speaker shall be from the class preceding the apex class, that been the 400level or otherwise for the time being and must be a respectable and diligent student.

## **PART III**

### **THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

#### **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSE**

**24(1)** The Executive powers of the Union are herein vested in the Executives Council (EC) subject to the provisions of this constitution; such power(s) may be exercised by them directly or through officer(s) subordinate to them provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the SRC from delegating functions on person(s), committee(s), or commission(s) other than this body.

(2) The Executive power of the Society shall include the execution and maintenance of this constitution and all matters with respect to which the SRC has power to make rules and regulations.

(3) The EC shall be collectively responsible for any act or omission by any officer which is in accordance with the joint decision agreed upon by the EC.

(4) The executive shall decide on the manner in which voting shall be carried out on matter while the president shall have a casting vote in the event of tie.

(5) The quorum of the EC shall be simple majority members of the cabinet.

(6) The EC shall meet as often as possible for effective running of the Society.

(7) Meeting of the EC shall be summoned by the General Secretary on a directive of the President.

(8) Any member of the EC shall have power to sponsor a bill on any issue that concerns his portfolio which is to be discussed by the SRC.

(9) All officials of the Society shall be Students elected by secret ballot, open ballot or otherwise by appointment as the case may be.

## **COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**25(1)** The Executive Council shall compose of the following officers;

a. President

b. Vice President/Academic Affairs officer

c. General Secretary

d. Assistant General Secretary

e. Director of Socials

f. Assistant Director of Socials

g. Director of Sports

h. Assistant Director of Sports

I. The Financial Secretary

j. Office of The Treasurer

k. The Welfare Officer

l. Director of Protocol / Chief Whip

### **A. THE PRESIDENT**

**26.** (1) There shall be for the Society a President.

(2) He/ She shall be the Head, Chairman or Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Council.

(3) He/ She shall supervise and coordinate all aspect of the Society's activities.

(4) He/ She shall be one of the official representatives of the society's interest within the Faculty or University authority and he shall protect the image of the faculty in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

(5) He/ She shall discharge all such duties which are reasonably incidental to his office.

(6) He/ She shall have power to come to the house and address it on any issue he deems important and requires urgent consideration.

(7) He/ She shall be a signatory to the account of the Society.

(8) He/ She shall give out all necessary orders to any persons of the society, such orders must be reasonable so as not to command the impossible.

(9) The president shall have powers to appoint to fill up any vacancy in the Executive council but such appointment is subject to the approval of the SRC, the staff adviser.

(10) In a situation whereby there is a dispute as to the appointment, the president shall direct the electoral chairman to conduct an election to fill up such vacancy.

#### **QUALIFICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

**27.** (1) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of the Society President if;

- a. He/ She is a reputable student with an unquestionable character(s) and sense of responsibility.
- b. He/ She is a registered student of the faculty and a full member of JABULSS.
- c. His/ Her CGPA must be or above 3.5 as at when contesting and have nothing above 1 carry over.
- d. He/ She shall have spent at least one academic session (two semesters) in the faculty and University.

#### **B. THE VICE PRESIDENT\ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER**

**28.** (1) There shall be for the Society Vice President\AAO

(2) The Society's Vice President shall be a full time registered student of the faculty and University and a full member of JABULSS.

- (3) He/ She shall represent the Society at the University Academic Committee.
- (4) He/ She shall act for the president in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
- (5) He/ She shall be responsible for the matters relating to the academic welfare of Society members.
- (6) He/ She shall be the chairman of the academic committee of the Society.
- (7) He/ She shall in the discharge of his duties, act on the advice of the executive council.
- (8) He/ She shall discharge all such duties which are reasonably incidental to his office.
- (9) He/ She must come from the class preceding the apex class in the faculty.
- (10) His/ Her CGPA must be or above 3.00 as at when contesting with not more than 1 carry over.
- (11) He/ She shall have the same powers as the president in a situation where the president is absent for any reasonable reason or otherwise impeached by the SRC:
  - (a) in a situation whereby the president is impeached, he/she shall take charge of the affairs of the society
  - (b) in such a situation, the vice president in line with working with the speaker, shall give a directive to the electoral officer to conduct an election for the position of the president for the time being.
- (12) He/ She shall act for the president in his absence in all official matters.

#### **C. THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

- 29.** (1) There shall be for the Society a General Secretary.
- (2) The General Secretary of the society shall be a full time registered student of the faculty, the university and a full member of JABULSS
  - (3) He/ She shall be responsible for the general secretariat duties of the Society.
  - (4) He/ Sheshall be in charge of all correspondence of the Society.

(5) He/ She shall take minutes of the meeting of the EC and shall circulate same to members within five days of such meeting.

(6) He/ She shall give full cooperation to the President towards the effective discharge of the executive duties of the Society.

(7) He/ She shall on the advice of the EC compile a comprehensive record of the activities of the council for the parliamentary year and shall therefore present the same to the SRC at the last sitting of the house for the year.

(8) He/ She shall be responsible to the President for the day to day activities of the Society and shall advise the president on all matters pertaining to the appointment, discipline and dismissal of any Society employee.

(9) He/ She shall be a student from the apex or highest level.

(10) He/ She must have at least 3.0 CGPA.

(11) He/she Shall take custody of all the society documents and official papers

(12) He/she shall carry out all other directives given to him by the president or other executives.

#### **D. THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY**

**30.** (1) There shall be for the Society an Assistant General Secretary.

(2) The Assistant General Secretary shall be a full time registered student of the Faculty and University and a full member of JABULSS

(3) He/ She shall work in collaboration with the General Secretary of the Society.

(4) He/ She shall perform the duties of the General Secretary of the Society in case of infirmity of body or act of misconduct or absence.

(5) He/ She shall be the custodian of the Secretariat.

(6) He/ She shall recommend to the financial secretary the purchase of necessary item(s) to the Society's secretariat.

(7) He/ She shall perform any other duty assigned to him by the General Secretary or by the resolution of the EC or SRC.

(8) He/ She shall be a student from any either 300level or 400level.

(9) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over.

#### **E. THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIALS**

**31.** (1) There shall be for the Society a Social Director.

(2) He/ She shall be responsible for all social activities of the Society.

(3) He/ She shall be the custodian and promoter of the Society's cultural heritage.

(4) He/ She shall be the chairman of the Society's Social Committee.

(5) He/ She shall present a written report of any Society's Social function held to the EC within two weeks of the event.

(6) He/ She shall be responsible for providing recreational facilities for the use of Society members.

(7) He/ She shall in the discharge of his duties take advice from the EC.

(8) Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, he shall perform any other duties conferred on him by the EC or a resolution of the SRC.

(9) He/ She shall be a student from the highest class

(10) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over

#### **F. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIALS**

**32.** (1) There shall be for the society an assistant director of socials.

(2) He/ She shall act for the social director in a situation where he is absent or impeached, and shall be in acting capacity for the time being pending when an election or appointment to fill up such vacancy.

(3) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over.

(4) He/ She shall be a full time registered student and member of the society.

## **G. THE DIRECTOR OF SPORTS**

- 33.** (1) There shall be for the Society a Sport Director.
- (2) He/ She shall be a full time registered student and member of the society.
- (3) He/ She shall be a keen Sports man who shall explore and adopt suitable means for improving the current standard of students' sporting activities and co-ordinate all sporting activities of the College.
- (4) He/ She shall be responsible for the purchase and ensure proper maintenance of the Society's Sporting equipment and facilities.
- (5) He/ She shall organize Sporting activities such as the Annual Inter College/Department football, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, Table Tennis competition and other sporting activities as he shall deem fit.
- (6) He/ She shall be the chairman of the Sports committee of the Society.
- (7) He/ She shall be the representative of the faculty in any Sport committee either of the University authority or any other body.
- (8) He/ She shall from time to time release information to the students on the sporting activities of the faculty.
- (9) Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, he shall perform any other duties conferred on him by the EC or a resolution of the SRC.
- (10) He/ She shall be a student from 500level or 400level or 300level.
- (11) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over.

## **H. ASSISTANT SPORTS DIRECTOR**

- 34.** (1) He/ She shall be a full time registered student and full member of JABULSS.
- (2) He/ She shall assist or stand in for the sport director in all sporting activities in the faculty
- (3) He shall be a student from the second class and above.
- (4) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over

## **I. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

- 35.** (1) There shall be for the Society a Financial Secretary.
- (2) He/ She shall be a full time registered Student of the Faculty and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (3) He/ She shall be a student from the 400Level and above.
- (4) He/ She shall be responsible for preparing the financial record of the Society.
- (5) He/ She shall be a signatory to the Society's account.
- (6) He/ She shall be guided by the financial instructions as provided in schedule two of this constitution in discharging his duties.
- (7) He/ She shall present to the SRC on monthly basis all receipts and payments voucher of the Society's transactions.
- (8) Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, he shall submit Budget statement and balance sheet to the budget and finance committee of the Society at least seventy-two (72) hours before presenting same to the SRC.
- (9) He/ She shall alongside the treasurer give financial advice to the EC.
- (10) On advice of the EC, he shall prepare a balance sheet of their financial transaction and present same to all members of the SRC at least forty-eight (48) hours before the said SRC sitting.
- (11) Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, he shall perform any other duties conferred on him by the EC or a resolution of the SRC.
- (12) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over
- (13) He/ She shall be the Vice Chairman of the Budget and Financial committee.

## **J. OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**

- 36.** (1) There shall be for the society a treasurer.
- (2)He/ She shall be a signatory to the Society's accounts'

- (3) He/ She shall be the keeper of accounts for the EC.
- (4) He/ She shall give advice(s) to the EC on matters relating to accounts.
- (5) He/ Shall work closely with the financial secretary on the transparency of the accounts of the Society.
- (6) He/ She shall be from the apex class.
- (7) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over.
- (8) He/ She shall be chairman of the Budget and Financial committee.

#### **K. THE PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER**

- 37.** (1) There shall be for the Society a Public Relation Officer.
  - (2) He/ She shall be the image maker of the Society.
  - (3) He/ She shall be the mouthpiece of the EC and the college as a whole.
  - (4) He/ She shall be responsible for the internal and external publicity of the Society's activities.
  - (5) He/ She shall be the Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Society.
  - (7) He/ She shall be responsible for the Public enlightenment of Society members and for this purpose organize lectures, symposia.
  - (8) He/ She shall be responsible for all publications and periodicals of the Society.
  - (9) He/ She shall discharge his duties with the advice of the EC
  - (10) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 2.5 CGPA having not more than 2 carry overs.
  - (11) He/ She shall perform any other duties conferred on him by the EC or a resolution of the SRC.
  - (12) He/ She shall be a full time registered student and member of the society.
  - (13) He/ She shall be a student from 300level and above

## **L. THE WELFARE DIRECTOR**

- 38** (1) There shall be for the society a Welfare Director
- (2) He/ She shall be responsible for the welfare of the members of the Society
- (3) He/ She shall in conjunction with the President, liaise with appropriate authorities such as The Student Affairs, Faculty of Law, Works department etc. to ensure the welfare of the members
- (4) He/ She shall in liaison with the Faculty authority, see to the maintenance of the Society's amenities such as the toilets, furniture and all electrical appliances.
- (5) He/ She shall be the Chairman of the Welfare Committee
- (6) Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, he shall perform any other duties conferred on him by the EC or a resolution of the SRC.
- (7) He/ She shall be a student from 400 Level and above
- (8) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over.
- (9) He/ She shall be a full time registered student and member of the society.

## **M. DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOLS / CHIEF WHIP**

- 39.** (1) There shall be for the society a Director of Protocols or Chief whip.
- (2) He/ She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA having not more than 1 carry over.
- (3) He/ She shall be a full time registered student and member of the society.
- (4) He/ She shall be the custodian of law and order during meetings.
- (5) He/ She shall be the Chairman of disciplinary committee.
- (6) He/ She shall ensure strict compliance with the University rules and regulations for law students in the college and locations in the capacity of been a law student, shall also ensure obedience of all college of law code of conduct and dress codes.
- (7) He/ She shall perform such other duties incidental to the office or maybe assigned to him/ her from time to time by the President or other members of the EC.

## **TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE EC**

**40.** (1) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, every member of the Central Executive Council shall hold his office until;

- a. When his successor in office takes the oath of that office after a general election.
- b. He/ She dies while holding such office or duly impeached by the SRC.
- c. The date when his resignation from such office takes effect.
- d. He/ She otherwise ceases to hold office in accordance with the provision of the constitution.

(2) Each position in the EC can only be held by a person for two tenures

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, any member of the EC can hold any other position in the EC except the President but such would be in acting or interim capacity.

## **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF THE EC**

**41.** (1) A member of the Executive Council may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Whenever a notice of any allegation in writing signed by not less than 1/3 of the members of the LSRC

(a) Is presented to the speaker of the LSRC;

(b) Stating that the holder of such office is guilty of gross misconduct in the performance of the functions of his office, detailed particulars of which shall be specified.

(c) the speaker of the LSRC shall, within three days of the receipt of such notice cause a copy of the notice to be served on the holder of the office and on each member of the LSRC, and shall also cause any statement made in reply to the allegation to the holder of the office to be served on each member of the LSRC

(3) Within seven days of the presentation of the notice to the speaker of the LSRC (whether or not any statement was made by the holder of the office in reply to the allegation contained in the notice), the House shall resolve by motion, without any debate whether or not the allegation shall be investigated.

(4) A motion of the House that the allegation shall be investigated shall not be declared as having been passed unless it is supported by the vote of not less than 2/3 of the member of the House.

(5) Within three days of the passing of the motion under the foregoing provisions of this section, the Chief Judge of the LSS shall at the request of the House appoint a panel of five persons who in his opinion are of unquestionable integrity, not being members of any arm of government, to investigate the allegation as provided in this section.

(6) The Holder of an Office whose conduct is being investigated under this section shall have the right to defend himself.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT**

**42.** (1) The Director of Moot and Mock Trials shall organize and coordinate inter chamber and inter constituency moot court competitions and debates.

(2) He shall oversee moot court trials and debates.

(3) He shall coordinate academic and legal research in the Law Students Society.

(4) He shall encourage advocacy and intellectual research in the Law Students Society.

(5) He must be an active member of a chamber prior to his appointment by the President.

**43.** (1) There shall be for the society the office of the Attorney General

(2) The Attorney General shall

(a) be the Chief Law Officer of the LSS Government and the head of the Ministry of Justice

(b) be from the apex class, being 500 level

(c) give orders as he deems fit as to the affairs and activities of the attorney general office

(d) delegate to other members of his office as he deems fit towards the effective functioning and progress of the office

(e) be the chief prosecutor of all criminal actions in court

(f) shall have nothing less than 3.0 CGPA as at when contesting

(3) The Attorney General shall have the power

(a) to institute criminal charges against anyone on behalf of the society in the court

(b) He shall have the powers to take over and continue any criminal proceedings that may have been instituted by any other AG or members if his council.

(c) He shall have power to discontinue at any stage before judgement is given on any criminal proceedings.

(d) to institute any civil action as the party requires of them

(4) The Attorney General shall have the power to advise the JABULSS government on relevant areas of law.

**44.** There shall be for the society the office of the Solicitor General

(2) The solicitor general shall

(a) take charge of all documentation on behalf of the office

(b) take charge of filling of necessary actions in court

(c) be from the second highest class

(d) be subordinate to the attorney general and must act accordingly

(e) have nothing less than 3.0 CGPA as at when contesting

## **PART IV**

### **THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

**45.** (1) There shall be for the Society a Judicial Council.

(2) The Judicial Powers and Authority of the Society are herein vested in the Judicial Council.

**46.** The Judicial council shall consist of the following:

- (1) The Chief Judge who shall be appointed from the most senior class at the time of his appointment;
- (2) Eight Judges who shall be appointed from the most senior class and the two classes immediately below it
- (3) The appointment of a person to the office of Chief Judge shall be made by the President on the recommendation of the most senior judges to the president subject to confirmation of such appointment by the LSRC
- (4) The appointment of a person to the office of a Judge shall be made by the President on the recommendation of the most senior judges subject to confirmation of such appointment by the LSRC
- (5) Nobody shall be qualified to be appointed to the office of a judge unless;
  - a. He/ She has spent at least one academic session (two semesters) in the university.
  - b. His/ Her CGPA is not less than 3.0 at the time of appointment with not more than One (1) carry over. In the case of a Chief Judge, not less than 3.5
  - c. He/ She is not a person of questionable character.
  - d. He/she has not contested for any elective post in the same regime in which he is to serve as a judge.
  - e. He/she is not a member of any secret or political association.
  - f. He/she is from 300level to 500level.

**47.** (1) The quorum of the Judicial Council shall be 2/3 members of its sitting Judges and decisions shall be by simple majority.

(2) The Judicial Council shall be substantially funded by the Society and other means which the Judiciary deem fit.

**48.** (1) There shall be for the college the Office of the Chief Judge.

(2) He/ She shall be a member of the Judiciary for three consecutive years.

(3) He/ She shall take charge of the planning of all the activities of the judicial council.

(4) He/ She shall be the head of the College of Law's Judicial council as regards training, approval and recommendations of judges, and shall submit such recommendation to the SRC for approval and thereafter to the president for assent.

(5) He/ She shall handle the appointment of judges to a particular case and handle all administrative duties as regards the functioning of the Judiciary.

(6) He/ She shall carry out all other duties that are incidental to the office.

**49.** (1) The Chief Judge shall have power to appoint the following staff:

- a) a Chief registrar
- b) Not more than two assistant registrars
- c) Not more than six clerks (who shall act as bailiffs)

(2) (a) The Chief Registrar shall be the chief administrative officer of the Judicial Council.

(b) He/she shall keep records of all cases before the council.

(c) He/she shall keep minute of all proceedings of the council.

(d) He/she shall be responsible for the general correspondence between the council and the society.

(3) The assistant registrar shall assist the Chief Registrar in the discharge of his functions and act in his absence.

(4) The clerks shall be assigned for each case by the Chief Registrar.

### **JURISDICTION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

**50.** (1) The Judicial council shall have jurisdiction over all disputes between any organ of the Society, between Students or between the Society and student(s).

(2) The council shall determine the constitutionality of any action(s) taken by the Executives or Legislative council of the society.

(3) The council shall decide all cases involving the interpretation of the Constitution referred to it.

(4) The Judicial Council shall have appellate jurisdiction on all election petitions.

(5) The council shall decide appeals from quasi-judicial committee in any Associations/Clubs or society under the Society.

(6) In case of fraud or financial impropriety or other cases bothering on constitutional matter (the House of Lords shall have the power to hear and determine any issue relating thereto shall submit a report of its verdicts to the Dean of College of Law and the Staff Advisers of the society for appropriate actions.

(7) The rulings of the House of Lords shall be delivered, given to the parties and pasted on the college's n notice board.

(8) The council shall where necessary through the Speaker recommend to the appropriate body the discipline of any Society members on the basis of its findings subject to two-third (2/3) majority votes of members.

(9) The council shall regulate its own procedure provided nothing it does conflict with the Constitution and principles of natural justice.

(10) In the event of the EC and LSRC being dissolved;

(a) The Judicial Council shall have power to set up Caretaker Committee from among the congress members, which shall be headed by a chairman.

(b) Such committee shall be responsible for the running of the Society.

(c) The life span of such committee shall not be more than one calendar month before another election is held.

(11) Without prejudice to the power of the SRC, no appeal shall lie to any person from the determination of Judicial Council.

(12) The Judicial Council Shall give verdict of any case(s) referred to it as a result of disqualification from any election within 48hours.

(13) No Judge of the Council shall take any other office(s) or appointment in the Society, College or Department during his tenure of office.

(14) Without prejudice to 8 above, the Chief Judge shall summon and preside over all sittings and meetings of the House of Lords. Provided nothing shall preclude the House of Lords to appoint

from within itself a judge who shall come from the apex class to act for the Chief Judge in the latter's absence

- 51.** (1) The tenure of the Judges shall be permanent and be deemed to be standing at all times  
(2) The tenure of office of individual judge of the Judicial Council shall lapse on the completion of his course of study in the College of Law.

### **INVESTIGATORY AND DISCIPLINARY POWER**

- 52.** (1) The Judicial council shall have the power to discipline any erring member(s) or officer(s) of the society after thorough investigation of allegations preferred against such member(s) or officer(s) of the society provided that
- (i) Such allegation shall be in writing and be forwarded to the Judicial council
  - (ii) The Judicial council shall commence sitting on the matter(s) within 48 hours of the receipt of such written allegation
  - (iii) The reference of such member(s) or officer(s) shall come either from the Executive Council, the LSRC, the Congress, or from any member of the society.
  - (iv) The disciplinary power of the Judicial council shall include declarations, nullifications, fines, reprimand, suspension and dismissal from office among other sanctions.

### **OFFENCES FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS**

- 53.** (1) Any officer who uses his office or position to gratify or confer any corrupt or unfair advantage upon himself, or any officer, or relation, or associate of the officer, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of one thousand naira (₦1000).
- (2) Any officer who, in the course of his official duty, inflates the price of any goods or services above the prevailing market prices, or professional standards, shall be liable, upon being found guilty, to refund the excess, to the society's account.

- (3) Any officer who, in the discharge of his official duties, awards or signs any contract without budget provision and approval, and or above the amount awarded in the budget, does that at his own peril, and shall refund the excess spent to the society's treasury.
- (4) Any officer charged with the receipt, custody, use or management of any part of the society's revenue or property, knowingly furnishes any false statement or return in respect of money, or property received by him, or entrusted to his care or of any balance of the money or property in his possession, or under his care, shall be liable to refund the money, property or its money worth.
- (5) Any officer found guilty under this section, shall stand suspended from office until, by a 2/3 majority of the house, otherwise is decided.

## PART V

### THE CONGRESS

- 54.** (1) The General Assembly of all full time students of the College shall be called the Congress (herein referred to as G.A.)
- (2) The General welfare of the students shall take pre-eminence on the agenda for the Congress
  - (3) Where the EC or SRC is dissolved at a Congress, a caretaker committee shall be appointed therein by the Congress.
  - (4) The decision of the Congress shall be by simple majority of students present in the meeting by vote.

### THE MEETING OF THE CONGRESS

- 55.** (1) The Congress shall be summoned at least once in a session.
- (2) The agenda of the meeting shall be made known to all arms of the government within 48hours before the commencement of the congress and be published on all notice boards.
  - (3) The Congress shall be summoned by the society President and where he fails to do so, the Speaker acting on the resolution of house shall.

- (4) Where the LSS President is available when he calls for Congress, he shall preside over the meeting and the decision of the Congress in such meeting shall be final.
- (5) Where the Senate President is available when he calls for The Congress, he shall preside over the meeting and the decision of the Congress in such meeting shall be final.
- (6) Any decision taken at congress shall be based on simple majority of members present.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **PART I**

#### **STATUTORY BODIES**

**56** (1) There shall be Four Chambers for the society namely;

- a. Akomolede Chambers
- b. Olanjegbesi Chamber
- c. Wale Aderibigbe Chambers.
- d. Jejelola Chambers.

(2) The chambers shall conduct their own affairs subject to the provisions of the Constitution, and the overriding policies of the Society.

(3) The chambers shall be entitled to such yearly allocation as deemed reasonable by the Executive Council and ratified by the house.

(4) Each chamber shall participate in at least one moot court trial in every semester.

(5) Any chamber whose conduct of affairs is incompatible with any of the provision(s) of this constitution and/or the overriding policies of the Society shall be liable to sanction deemed necessary by the Executive Council, subject to the ratification by 2/3 majority of the House.

(6) Without prejudice to any of the provisions of this constitution, no member of the society shall be allowed to appear before the Judiciary, except he is a duly registered member of any of the chambers.

## **PART II**

### **COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

#### **A. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**57.** (1) There shall be for the JABULSS a Budget and Finance Committee.

(2) The members of the Committee shall be appointed from LSRC not later than the second sitting of the parliament.

(3) The Committee shall consist of SIX members, among which shall elect;

(a) The chairman who shall be a person of repute proven to be of sound financial knowledge

(b) The Secretary who shall be a person of repute; and any other four members.

(4) The committee shall at the beginning of the parliamentary year receive or call for and deliberate on the budget of the EC and SOCIETY.

(5) The committee shall if necessary review or draw up financial expenses for the parliamentary year provided that the new financial expenses shall not take effect until it is ratified by the SRC.

#### **B. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**58.** (1) There shall be for the JABULSS an Audit Committee.

(2) The Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) members, all members from the College.

(3) The Chairman and two members of the committee shall be students of good repute.

(4) The Chairman shall be the Auditor General of the society.

(5) The members of the committee are to be nominated by the president subject to the approval of the LSRC

(6) The Auditor General in collaboration with the audit committee shall have the main responsibility of auditing the account of all arms and branches of the society.

(7) The account of the society shall be audited by the Audit Committee and the report shall be submitted to the LSRC.

#### C. WELFARE COMMITTEE

**59.** (1) There shall be for the society a Welfare Committee.

(2) The Committee shall consist of three members which shall cut across all levels, with the Welfare Director as the Chairman.

(3) It shall be the responsibility of the committee to plan for ways and means of procuring a healthy environment on campus.

(4) It shall be responsible for doing such other things that are reasonably incidental to the good of the students of the College.

(5) The Committee shall see to the General Welfare matters of the entire students of the College other than academic, sports, and social matters like cultural display, trade fair, and exhibition.

(6) There shall be for the Committee a Secretary who shall from time to time give the reports of the committee to the LSRC.

#### D. SPORTS COMMITTEE

**60.** (1) There shall be for the society a Sport Committee.

(2) The committee shall consist of the entire games' captains with the society's Sport Director as the Chairman.

(3) The committee shall assist the Sports director in the effective discharge of his duties.

(4) The committee shall arrange for all sorts of sporting activities for the members of the College.

#### E. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**61.** (1) There shall be for the society a Social Committee.

(2) The committee shall consist of ten members with the society's Social Director as the chairman.

(3) The committee shall arrange for all social as well as cultural activities of the College.

(4) The committee shall assist the Social Director in the discharge of his duties.

(5) There shall be for the Committee a Secretary who shall from time to time give the reports of the committee to the LSRC.

#### F. INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

**62.** (1) There shall be for the society an Independent Electoral Commission.

(2) The members of the commission shall be appointed by the President.

(3) The commission shall be independent of any arm of the Society.

(4) The commission shall be responsible for matters relating to the any elections in the Society.

(5) The commission shall be funded by the Society.

(6) The commission shall not be eligible to vote or be voted for in any election organized by the society.

**63.** (1) The commission shall consist of eight (8) members which shall cut across the Society and shall have five (5) officers.

(2) The officers of the commission shall be appointed among the members of the commission save for the office of the Chairman.

(3) The commission shall constitute;

a. The Chairman

b. The Vice Chairman

c. The Secretary

d. The Financial Secretary.

e. The Returning Officer

f. Three (3) electoral officers

**64.** (1) The Commission shall draw her regulations in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

(2) Such regulations shall be published at least three (3) weeks before the date of the election.

(3) The commission shall organize and effectively supervise all Society Elections with utmost good faith and ensure a free, fair and credible Election into various offices of the Society.

(4) There shall be a single Ballot paper carrying the names of the aspirants and post vying for and shall be printed by the Commission.

#### FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS

##### 1. THE CHAIRMAN

**65.** (1) There shall be a Chairman of the Commission to be appointed by the president

(2) He shall be the Chief Electoral Officer of the Society Election.

(3) He shall hold office for one parliamentary year otherwise removed due to his act of misconduct, infirmity of body etc.

(4) He shall organize and supervise all activities of the Commission with utmost good faith.

(5) He shall publish lists of qualified and disqualified candidates at least 48hours before the Election Day.

(6) He shall keep a copy of the list of candidates.

(7) He shall immediately after counting of the votes is over, publicly announce the results of the election and shall within 24hours thereafter cause the election result to be published on all the notice boards.

(8) He shall carryout all other functions that may be allocated to him by a resolution of the members of the Commission.

(9) He must be from the apex class for the time being, must also be a duly registered and respectable student of the college of law.

##### 2. THE VICE CHAIRMAN

**66.** (1) There shall be for a Vice Chairman of the Commission.

(2) He shall assist the Chairman all times in discharging his duties.

(3) He shall act for the Chairman in his absence in office due to infirmity of body misconduct/removal.

(4) He shall see to the security challenges of the Conduct of the Election.

(5) He shall see to the general welfare of the Commission, Aspirants and Electorates.

(6) He shall carryout all other functions that may be allocated to him by the Chairman or a resolution of the members of the Commission.

(7) He shall be from the second highest class for the time being.

### 3. THE SECRETARY

**67.** (1) There shall be for a Secretary of the Commission

(2) He shall call for meeting of the commission in conjunction with the Chairman.

(3) He shall be the custodian of the Commission's properties.

(4) He shall be in charge of all correspondence of the Commission.

(5) He shall take proper minutes of the meeting of the Commission.

(6) He shall carryout all other functions that may be allocated to him by the Chairman or a resolution of the members of the Commission.

### 4. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**68.** (1) There shall be for a Financial Secretary of the Commission.

(2) He shall be in charge of the money generated from the sale of the Nomination forms from the Returning Officer.

(3) He shall be responsible for transferring all money obtained at the election to the society's account at the end of the election

(4) He shall keep the comprehensive list of the names of the candidates that obtained the Nomination form from the Returning Officer and thereafter send a copy to the Chairman.

(5) He shall in conjunction with the Chairman be in charge of the allocated fund for the conduct of the election by the Society.

(6) He shall carryout all other functions that may be allocated to him by the Chairman or a resolution of the members of the Commission.

#### THE RETURNING OFFICER

**69.** (1) There shall be a Returning Officer of the Commission.

(2) He shall be in charge of the sale of the nomination forms and thereafter remit the money generated from such action to the Commission through the Financial Secretary within 24hours.

(3) He shall prepare a comprehensive list of the names of students that obtained the nomination form and thereafter send a copy to the Chairman.

(4) He shall be the image maker of the Commission.

(5) He shall alongside with the Chief Electoral Officer count the votes at the collation center.

(6) He shall carryout all other functions that may be allocated to him by the Chairman or a resolution of the members of the Commission.

(8) The returning officer must be from the apex class and must be a duly registered and responsible student of the college of law

#### BODY OF BENCHERS

**70.** (1) There shall be for the Society the Body of Benchers

(2) The Body of Benchers is vested with disciplinary power to discipline judges

(3) The Body of Benchers shall comprise;

a. The Attorney General

- b. The Head of Chambers
  - c. Director of Moot and Mock Committee, and
  - d. The Chief Judge
  - e. The Staff Adviser of the Judiciary
- (4) The Body of Benchers shall have power to formulate and enforce procedures to discipline judges.
- (5) In a situation whereby a member of the body of benchers is guilty of such act of indiscipline and such a person is to be on the committee to sanction a judge, such a member shall be dismissed from the committee for further disciplinary action, and the staff adviser shall appoint other members as he deems fit to join in the committee to sanction such a judge.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **ELECTORAL PETITION COMMISSION**

**71.** (1) there shall be for the society an Electoral Petition Commission (herein referred to as EPC).

- (2) The commission shall consist of ten (10) members.
  - (3) All members of the commission shall come from the law constituencies.
  - (4) The principal officers of the Commission shall be;
    - a. The chairman
    - b. The Secretary
    - c. The Public Relations Officer
- (2) The members shall have the power to elect among themselves who holds the principal offices in the commission.
- (3) No member of the commission shall hold any other office(s) in the society.
- (4) It shall function for one calendar year and shall stand dissolved when a new EPChas been put in place.

- (5) The decision of the EPC shall be by simple majority.
- (6) Such decision shall be communicated to the judiciary not later than Seven days after petition has been filed.
- (a) Where parties are not satisfied with decision of the EPC, an appeal shall lie before the Judicial Council.
- (b) such appeal must be filed 7 days of notice of decision of the EPC.
- (c) the decision of the Judicial Council on the appeal shall be final and no further appeal shall be allowed.

#### POWERS OF ELECTION PETITION COMMISSION

- 72.** (1) The commission shall receive petition on;
- all cases of election malpractices and irregularity.
  - any question as to whether a person has been validly elected in the society election
  - any question as to whether a person is qualified to be elected in the society election
  - any question as to whether an electoral officer has been arbitrarily dismissed.
- (2) If the commission decides that an electoral officer has been unjustly removed, it shall recommend his reinstatement immediately.
- (3) The commission shall regulate its own procedure provide that nothing conflicts with this Constitution and the principle of natural justice.
- (4) The commission shall publish its findings on the society's notice board(s) within three days of the conclusion of its findings.
- (5) The decision of the committee shall be final unless an appeal against it has been forwarded to the Judicial Council within seven working days of its decision.

(6) Whosoever be the chairman of the commission shall summon and preside over the proceedings of the commission and in his absence, the secretary may.

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **FISCAL POLICIES**

**73.** (1) Every member shall pay an annual due into the treasury of the Society at the commencement of every session, as determined by the LSRC.

(2) The three arms of Government of the LSS shall be financed from the revenue generated by virtue of the dues remitted and other sources of revenue as the Executive shall derive.

(3) The financing of the arms shall in a prescribed form as shall be determined by the joint committee of three arms of Government.

### **SPECIAL LEVIES**

**74.** (1) The Executive council shall have the power to recommend special levy to the House, if and when the need arises.

(2) Any such recommendation shall be subject to the approval of 2/3 majority of the House.

### **BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURE**

**75.** The LSS President shall present on behalf of the Society a budget to the SRC for ratification within four weeks on assumption of office.

(2) The President shall have power to disburse a maximum amount per month under the full budget, such amount to be recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee in the Budget.

(3) All Capital expenditure must be incurred under the supervision and guidance of the Budget and Finance Committee.

(4) The Financial Secretary shall submit to the Budget and Finance committee, a monthly receipt and payment voucher for scrutiny, such a statement shall reach the BFC not later the 7th day of the succeeding month alongside the Bank Statement.

(5) No officer of the society shall be remunerated unless the LSRC approves such remuneration.

(6) The Secretary/Clerk of each Committee/Commission or sub-committee and ad-hoc committee of the society shall submit the financial report if they are allocated funds in the course of the tenure. All such financial reports shall be passed to the Budget and Finance Committee and subsequently to the audit committee.

(7) The Auditor General shall be the financial watchdog of the society, and as such he is empowered to call for an interim audit and shall suspend spending where deemed necessary.

(8) No officer of the society shall be given clearance until their final report have been ratified and approved.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **FINANCIAL INSTRUCTION**

**76.** (1) The society shall have a Bank Account name JOSEPH AYO BABALOLA UNIVERSITY, LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

(2) The Bank Account shall be operated by the President, Financial Secretary, Deputy Speaker.

(3) The Signatories to the Bank Account shall be;

a. President/Chairman in caretaker committee

b. Financial Secretary

c. Treasurer

d. Staff Adviser

(4) Each cheque shall be signed by at least two out of the three signatories, one of whom must be permanent signatory i. e President.

### **GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

**77.** (1) Pursuant to the Aims and Objectives contained in Section 4 of this constitution, the Executive Council shall solicit for gifts, grants, and donations on behalf of the Society, which shall be declared and published when received and must be registered with the Audit Committee within a reasonable time.

(2) "Reasonable time" in relation to this section means a period of seven school days from the day of the regulative redemption of the gifts, grants and donations.

### **JOSEPH AYO BABALOLA LAW STUDENT'S SOCIETY VENTURES**

**78(1)** There shall be for the college the LSS Ventures.

(2) The ventures shall take charge of every investment and revenue-making channel for the society as distinct from the annual dues and special levies as may be prescribed according to this constitution.

(3) The ventures shall be headed by the chairman of the LSS Ventures

(a) The chairman shall be a member of the Society.

(b) The chairman shall be a duly registered and respectable on campus.

(c) The chairman shall be one that is vast in business ideas and must not be an un-discharged bankrupt.

(d) The appointment of the chairman shall be approved by the SRC and he shall submit a monthly report to the SRC describing the activities of the ventures.

(e) He shall oversee the activities of the ventures.

(f) He shall appoint other members of the ventures as he deems fit and assign them to various positions as he wishes.

(g) He may elect to seek advice from the president or the Speaker of the SRC or the Staff Adviser on matters pertaining to the progress of the ventures.

### **INVESTMENT**

**79.** (1) The President shall with the advice of the other members of his cabinet, the advice of the staff adviser and the advice of the Dean of the college of law devise lawful and reasonable means whereby the society can generate revenue for itself

(2) All investments shall be under the supervision of the chairman of LSS ventures which shall be appointed by the President and directly responsible to the entire Executive Council.

## **FINANCIAL CONTROL**

**80.** (1) All monies received by the Society shall be paid into the account every Friday being the last official day of the week.

(2) An authenticated statement of account of the Society's Banker(s) shall be submitted to the House at least 2 times a session.

(3) All expenditures shall be evidenced in writing and lodged with the financial secretary or any member of the Executive Council acting in that behalf.

(4) All disbursement of the Society's funds shall be with the approval of the Executive Council, on the ratification of the House.

(5) There shall be publication of financial expenditures by the Financial Secretary on the Society's board not later than 2 weeks to the commencement of each semester examinations.

## **CHAPTER VIII**

### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

#### **QUORUM**

**81.** (1) A majority of 2/3 of all Members of the Society shall form a quorum for the purpose of the congress meeting.

(2) A majority of 6 members of the Executive Council shall form a quorum for the purpose of an executive meeting.

(3) A majority of 2/3 of members of the House shall form a quorum for its sitting.

## **CHAPTER IX**

### **A. AMENDMENT**

**82.** (1) No part of this Constitution shall be subject to amendment, save in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

(2) This Constitution may be amended only after a period of two academic sessions from the previous amendment.

(3) Subject to sub-section 1 of this section, the Legislative Council as a matter of necessity can make subsidiary legislation which will serve as addendum to the Constitution.

(4) All proposals for amendment in relation to this constitution shall be in writing to the Executive Council

(5) On the receipt of such proposal, the Executive Council shall constitute a Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) which shall be made up of nine (9) members within 7 days of receipt, subject to the approval of the house.

(6) The recommendations of the C.R.C shall thereafter be presented to the Executive Council which shall in turn submit same, along with its own recommendations within 14 days, to the House.

(7) The Constitutional provision(s) in question shall be deemed amended when such recommendations are accepted by 2/3 majority votes of the House and assented to by the President within 7 school days of receipt of the same.

(8) Whenever ambiguities or doubts arises as to the clarity of any of the provisions of this constitution, the Judiciary shall interpret and clarify such provisions.

(9) The decision(s) of the Judiciary shall be final where appeal lies before it.

### **B. INTERPRETATION**

**83.** (1) Abbreviations

(a) JABU meaning JOSEPH AYO BABALOLA UNIVERSITY

(b) LSS meaning LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY

- (c) LSRC meaning LAW STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
- (d) EC meaning EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
- (e) EPC meaning ELECTION PETITION COMMISSION

(2) In this constitution, unless it is otherwise expressly provided or the context otherwise requires-

CONGRESS shall mean the entire body of members of the Society

CONSTITUENCY shall mean a level or class of study

STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL shall mean the Law Students Society Students' Representative Council, the Law making organ of the Society

OFFICERS shall include members of the Students' Representative Council, of the Executive Council and the Judiciary.

MEMBERS (bona fide in respect of the Society) means any member that is duly registered by the Faculty, pays his financial obligations and is entitled to all the rights and privileges incidental to the membership of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society.

SCHOOL DAY means a day which the school is in session with the exceptions of public holidays as prescribed by the federal government or state government and observed by the University authorities

## **CHAPTER X**

### **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**84.** (1) The Executive Council shall honour deserving members of the Society who have made significant contributions towards the achievement of the Aims and Objectives of the Society.

### **SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS/APPOINTEES**

**85.** (1) Every officer or appointee to any office or committee shall not assume office, unless he has subscribed to the oath of office, as prescribed in Appendices (I-V) of this constitution.

(2) Members shall be sworn in as hereunder prescribed:

- a. Members of the Executive council by the Chief Judge of the Judiciary
- b. The Speaker by the Chief Judge
- c. Other House offices by the Speaker
- d. Members of the House by the Speaker.
- e. Chief Judge by the President
- f. Other officers of the Judiciary by the Chief Judge
- g. The Chairman, Secretary and members of any committee of the commission constituting the Executive Council shall be sworn in by the President.
- h. The Chairman and Secretary and members of any committee or commission constituted the House shall be sworn in by the Speaker.

### **C. ETHICS**

**86.** (1) Every member of the Society shall be of good conduct at all times and places and shall do nothing that is likely to bring the Society into dispute, ridicule or contempt.

(2) Any officer of the Society shall not hold any other office in any of the bodies recognized under this constitution during his tenure.

(3) No officer of the Society shall put himself in a position where his personal interest(s) may conflict with his duties and responsibilities.

(4) As seniority at the Bar is religiously guarded, every member of the Society shall show courtesy to members of a senior class and a member of a senior class shall conduct himself creditably in his dealing with any member(s) of the lower class.

(5) Every officer who belongs to a body recognized by this constitution shall be accorded equal respect by all members of this society.

## **D. DRESS CODE**

- 87.** (1) The legal profession is highly reputed for its formal and well-dressed practitioners. To inculcate in members of the society this aspect of professional ethics, every member of the society shall dress formally to lectures and ceremonial occasions, House sittings, Congress and Judicial sittings and every other important occasion[s] which members may have to attend.
- (2) The law student's dress code for male students shall be white shirt, black tie and black trousers or white shirt, navy blue tie, navy blue trouser and a black pair of shoe.
- (3) For female students, it shall be black skirt, white shirt and a black shoe or navy blue skirt, white shirt and black shoe.
- (2) The university identification card shall be put on always within the college building and outside the college building during official hours which lapses till 4pm of everyday with the exception of weekend days
- (3) Where there is non-compliance with the dress code, such a student shall be sanctioned accordingly either by the staff of the college or the university discipline regulatory personnel that apprehends such a student, or by the chief whip of the Law Students society for the time being.
- (4) Any member who is not well dressed according to the College dress-code shall not be recognised at the House sittings or Congress meetings and that of the Judiciary.

## **D. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

- 88.** (1) Every appointment made, prior to the coming into force of this constitution, shall be deemed to have been made under this constitution.
- (2) Every appointment made contrary to the provisions of this constitution shall be unconstitutional and declared null and void.
- (3) This Constitution may be cited as Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society 2019.
- (4) The provisions of this constitution shall come into force on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

Assented to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

By

OYEDELE BABAJIDE BERNARD

President of the Law Students' Society, 2018/2019 Academic Session , Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Osun State.

## APPENDICES

### I. OATH OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as President of the Law Students' Society, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society and the law, and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society ; that I will strive to preserve the AIMS and OBJECTIVES contained in the Constitution of the Law Students' Society ; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions ; that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society ; that in all circumstances, I will perform my functions according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

### II. OATH OF OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

I, .....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as the (Vice-President)/..... of the Law Students' Society, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society and the law, and

always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of Law Students' Society; that I will strive to preserve the AIMS and OBJECTIVES contained in the constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will exercise the authority vested in me so as not to impede or prejudice the authority lawfully vested in the President of the Law Students' Society and so as not to endanger the continuance of Government of the Law Students' Society; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the Law Students' Society; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

### **III. OATH OF THE SPEAKER AND HON. MEMBERS OF THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as the (Speaker)/Deputy Speaker/a member of the Students' Representative Council; I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society and the law, and the rules of the House, and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of Law Students' Society; that I will strive to preserve the AIMS and OBJECTIVES contained in the constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the Law Students' Society; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society. So help me God.

### **IV. OATH OF THE CHIEF JUDGE AND JUDGES OF THE JUDICIARY**

I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as the (Chief Judge)/a Judge of the Law Students' Judiciary Council; I will discharge my duties and perform functions honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society and the law, and I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct

or my official decisions; and that I will preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

#### **V. OATH OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONS**

I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as the (Chairman)/Secretary/a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission; I will discharge my duties and perform functions honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society and the law, and I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will discharge my duties in accordance to the law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will; and that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the Law Students' Society. So help me God