

THE STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC) CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We **STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC), IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI** earnestly resolved to provide for a constitution after;-

RECOGNIZING: - The need to form an active, impressive and an intellectual base student body into truly autonomous and progressive organization.

APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND: - The problems of our immediate society which can only be harness through our collective responsibilities in it development, maintenance and sustenance.

COMMITTED: - To addressing the enthusiasm of students for rapid dynamic development in education, intellectual, skills, research, economic, politics, technology, social, character, leadership and spiritual spheres.

REALIZING: - The need to support by all possible means for fundamental freedoms of thought, expression, association and to compliment the school management and government efforts for developmental strive.

DETERMINED: - To engage our members in the contributing to the general growth and development of our institution and immediate society and it sustenance through entrepreneurship, creativity, research, technological innovation and leadership.

We hereby of the **STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC), IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI** make, enact, declare and give ourselves this constitution.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Arise O Compatriots
Nigerian call obey
To serve our father land
With Love and strength and faith
The labour of our Heroes Past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with Hearth and Might
One National bound in freedom
Peace and unity*

NATIONAL PLEDGE

*I Pledge to Nigerian my country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigerian with all my strength
To defend her Unity
And uphold her honour and Glory*

So help me God.

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ARTICLE ONE SECTION ONE

1. NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

The name of the association shall be ***“STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB”*** the association hereinafter referred to as the ***“SIC”***.

2. Logo

The logo of the association shall be;

1. The symbol of the Association.
2. Respected and recognized at all times.
3. Inscribed on all properties of the association except otherwise stated in the constitution.

3. Motto

The motto of the association shall be ***“ADOPT, OVERCOME & IMPROVISE”***.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the association shall include but not limited to: -

- A. Bringing all interested students together in a closer union.
- B. To Establish Developers and ICT related cycles.
- C. To actively participate in information dissemination across the campus.
- D. To educate, enlighten and entertain the students through both fictional and nonfictional means.
- E. To serve as medium for breeding creative writers, other intellectual engagement and talents.
- F. To always protect and defend the interest it members at all time.
- G. To build strong force for the propagation of free democratic, just and egalitarian society.
- H. To embark on deliberate capacity building (workshops and seminars) skills acquisition, coding (Web and android development among other Devops) and entrepreneurial education.
- I. To appreciate and Award individuals who have distinguished themselves in their field of endeavors.
- J. To participate actively in the establishment and promotion of good governance and responsible leadership among the student union leaders at various strata.

5. VISION

The vision of the association shall be ***“breeding future leaders”***.

6. MISSION

The mission of the association shall be ***“SIC shall work relentlessly towards the establishment of a society that fosters all round of human development”***. To achieve this SIC will continuously mobilize and engage its members in a strive towards the strengthening them intellectually in terms of education, economic and in political dimensions through a wide coverage programs within the school and the society at

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large in partnership with likeminded organizations. To survive SIC must ensure that its' members are self-employed, united, god fearing, knowledgeable, uphold good morals values and live in accordance with the school rules and regulations and abide by the government rules of law.

SECTION TWO

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. This constitution is supreme and have binding forces of it provision on all it authorities and members under the ***STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC)***.
2. ***STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC)*** shall not be governed by any group of persons except by the provisions of this constitution.
3. If this constitution is in conflict with the school rules and regulations and the government laws and to some certain extent our faith that of the school and government shall prevail.

SECTION THREE

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. **Main membership:** - shall be open for all students of **Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai** irrespective of religious and cultural Background. Only members with main membership status can hold offices or positions in the association.
2. **Associate membership:** - shall be open to any individual who have held previous position in the association or once serve as member of the association.
3. **Affiliate membership:** - shall be open to any likeminded organization subject to approval by both the executive council and the general assembly.
4. **Honorary Membership:** - shall be based on the immense contribution of the individual (s) to both **SIC** and the general humanity.
5. **Life membership:** - shall be open to individual (s) base on their recognized contribution to the development of the association. Life membership status shall be confirmed by 2/3 majority of both the executive council and the general assembly.

B. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be terminated via graduation from the institution, resignation or removal as a result of misconduct which shall be based on the report of the disciplinary directorate and findings.

SECTION FOUR

BASIS OF OPERATION

Membership of SIC shall enjoy equal rights and privileges and shall perform their duties and shall fulfill their obligation under the constitution by:-

1. Observing the resolutions and all decisions regularly adopted by the organs of SIC and participating effectively in the activities of SIC.
2. Paying regularly annual dues fee by the members.

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3. Evenly distribution of SIC activities, such that all members shall have the opportunity to participate actively.
4. Any member or group of members, who fails to perform any of his/her obligation to SIC, shall be suspended for such time as SIC executive council may deem adequate or such punishment as may be deemed fit. Such member shall be free to appeals to SIC General Assembly that can by a two-third (2/3) majority reverse vary or confirm the action of the executive council.

ARTICLE TWO

SECTION ONE

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organization shall have four arms which include the following: -

- A. The Patrons and Advisers.
- B. Executive Council.
- C. Directorates/Committees

SUB-SECTION ONE (A)

PATRONS AND ADVISERS

- a. There shall be patrons and advisers for the association, the patronship shall include grand patrons and patrons.
- b. The Vice Chancellor shall be the association Grand Patron, the registrar as Patron I and the Dean Student Affairs as Adviser.
- c. They shall serve as advisers and mobilize grant aides in other to fund the association's programs and activities.

SUB-SECTION ONE (B)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The executive council shall comprises of the followings

- A. The president.
- B. The vice president administration.
- C. The vice president academics.
- D. The secretary general.
- E. The assistant secretary general.
- F. The financial secretary.
- G. The treasurer.
- H. The publicity secretary.
- I. The assistant publicity secretary.
- J. The organizing secretary.
- K. The assistant organizing secretary.
- L. The editor in chief.
- M. The director of social welfare.
- N. The production manager.
- O. The reporters.

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- P. The director of directorates.
- Q. The secretaries of directorates.
- R. The members of directorates.
- S. The chairmen of committees.
- T. The secretaries of committees.
- U. The committee members.

SUB-SECTION ONE (D)

A. GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: -

- i. The executive council shall perform general function leading to the successful achievement of the association aims and objectives as stated in the constitution.
- ii. Shall communicate issue raised at the meeting to patrons, advisers, and other members through the secretary in conjunction with the office publicity secretary with consent of the president.
- iii. Shall oversee the administrative, planning and implementation of the association programs and activities either self-sponsored or in conjunction with other bodies (through grant aides).
- iv. Each Executive Council member shall associate him/her/herself with the decision reached in any of it meeting and all shall be collectively responsible for the activities of the Association.
- v. Shall appoint where necessary competent member to serve in any capacity vacant, directorates or committees.

B. GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS

THE PRESIDENT:

FUNCTIONS

- Shall be the chief Executive officer of the Association.
- Shall have the final say in all deliberations.
- Shall preside over all the Association meetings including the general assembly.
- Shall be the Association's spokesperson before any authority.
- Shall be signatory to the Association's account.
- Shall have the right to assign duty (ies) to any member(s) of the council as the need arises.

THE VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION:

- Shall assist the President in any of his latter's functions.
- Shall act in the lieu of the President in all his functions whenever he is absent (i.e. deputize him/her).
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.
- If the president is male the vice president must be female and vice-versa.

THE VICE PRESIDENT SPECIAL DUTIES:

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- Shall head the studies, research and publication committee of the Association.
- Shall be the chairman of directorate of research.
- Shall see to academic problems facing members with a view of guiding the Association in finding solutions to them.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL:

- Shall manage the Association's secretariat.
- Shall be signatory to Association Bank Account.
- Shall send out and receive correspondence on behalf of the Association.
- Shall summon all Association executive council meetings and general meetings at the instance of the President.
- Shall prepare the agenda of such meetings and as well be responsible for taking minutes of the meetings.
- Shall ensure that all program coordinators submit a comprehensive report at the end of the programs.
- Shall ensure that officers carry out their duties as assigned to them by the President or the Executive council.
- Shall prepare a comprehensive report of all activities and programs of the Association at the end of every year and be presented during the annual SIC student week closing ceremony.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL:

- Shall assist the Secretary General in all his functions.
- Shall act in the capacity of the Secretary General in his absence.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

- Shall be the head of financial committee.
- Shall keep all financial records of the Association.
- Shall be signatory to Association Bank Account.
- Shall source for avenues to of financing the Association's Programs.
- Shall advice the Association on financial matters.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE TREASURER:

- The association treasurer shall be female.
- Shall be the Secretary of the Association's Financial Committee.

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- Shall be in possession of all Association's cash to be disburse only after due approval by both President and Financial Secretary.
- Shall advice the Association on Financial Matters.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to her by the President or the Executive council.

THE PUBLICITY SECRETARY:

- Shall serve as the main link between the Association and the public with regards to information dissemination.
- Shall ensure adequate publicity of the Association's programs and activities by the means of bills, mass media and other possible means.
- Shall advice the Association on issues regarding public relations.
- Shall be also responsible for the maintenance and upgrade of the Association's website and social media's account (Facebook, twitter e.t.c.) in conjunction with office of the President, Secretary General.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE ASSISTANT PUBLICITY SECRETARY:

- Shall assist the publicity secretary in all His functions.
- Shall act in the capacity of the publicity secretary in his absence.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY:

- Shall head the organizing and event planning the committee, which shall include all program coordinators.
- Shall monitor to ensure the proper implementation of all programs as approved by the Executive council.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE ASSISTANT ORGANIZING SECRETARY:

- Shall assist the organizing secretary in all his duties.
- Shall act in the capacity of the organizing secretary in his absence.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive Association.

THE EDITOR IN CHIEF:

- Shall be the head of the Editorial board of the association.
- Shall be the secretary of studies, research and publication committee of the association.
- Shall be responsible for the scrutinizing and publishing of the news, report, articles, association's newsletter, rejoinders, magazine and other publications as need may arise.

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- Shall prepare article or write rejoinders to articles on behalf of the Association.
- Shall be solely responsible for the maintenance and upgrade of content of the Association's website and social media's account (Facebook, twitter e.t.c.) in conjunction with office of the President, Secretary General and Publicity Secretary.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE:

- The head of director of social welfare shall be female.
- Shall be the head of the Association's welfare committee.
- Shall ensure the physical, social and financial condition under which member live is satisfactory.
- Shall be responsible for the refreshment and entertainment in the all association's meetings and programs.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to her by the President or the Executive council.

THE PRODUCTION MANAGER:

- Shall be responsible for the production of all content.
- Shall ensure prompt all reports and articles written.
- Shall device means to ease means of content production is qualitative.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to her by the President or the Executive council.

THE REPORTERS:

- There shall be reporters for the association.
- Each faculty, hostels and campuses shall have a reporter.
- The reporters shall be the association sole information carriers in conjunction with publicity secretary and the secretariat.
- All report must be properly scrutinized by the constituted editorial board before publication.

DIRECTORATE OF DISCIPLINARY:

- Shall head the constituted Committee:
- Shall serve as the President Marshal in every meeting and gathering.
- Shall act in lieu with the secretariat to formulate the standing order of the committee/directorate.
- Shall submit the report of such discipline to the house for secondment.
- All disciplinary issues shall be treated justly by the committee irrespective of the personality of the membership involved.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE DIRECTOR OF DIRECTORATES:

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- Shall head the constituted directorate:
- Shall preside over all matters in every meeting and gatherings of the directorate.
- Shall act in lieu with the secretariat terms of reference to execute the assigned assignment.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE SECRETARIES OF DIRECTORATES:

- They shall send and receive correspondence beneath the directorate they are appointed to serve.
- They shall summon for meeting at instance of their Director.
- They prepare Agenda and responsible for taken the minute of such meeting.
- They shall act in the capacity of their director in the absence of both the director.
- They shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATES:

- They shall help the director in their functions.
- They shall perform their responsibilities beneath the directorates they were appointed to serve
- They shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

- Shall head the constituted Committee:
- Shall preside over all matters in every meeting and gatherings of the committee.
- Shall act in lieu with the secretariat terms of reference to execute the assigned assignment.
- Shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE SECRETARIES OF COMMITTEES:

- They shall send and receive correspondence beneath the committee they are appointed to serve.
- They shall summon for meeting at instance of their Chairman.
- They prepare Agenda and responsible for taken the minute of such meeting.
- They shall act in the capacity of their chairmen in the absence of both the Chairman.
- They shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- They shall help the committees Chairmen in their functions.

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- They shall perform their responsibilities beneath the committee they were appointed to serve
- They shall perform any other duty (ies) as may be assign to him/her by the President or the Executive council.

SUB-SECTION ONE (E)

THE DIRECTORATE

There shall be new constituted directorates for the association as the need arises, which is to be headed by directors and members with secretary attached to the formed directorate. The directorates are to serve for purpose they are constituted for.

SUB-SECTION ONE (F)

COMMITTEES

There shall be constituted committees for the association, which is to be headed by chairmen and members with secretary attached to each committee. The committees are to serve for purpose they are constituted for.

SECTION TWO

- a. **ELECTION/NOMINATION:** - the officers shall be voted or nominated.
- b. **ELECTION/NOMINATION PANEL:** -
 1. The election/nomination panel shall be constituted towards the expiration of the incumbent executive council with the president and secretary general as automatic members with 9 other members of the association.
 2. The panel shall interview and screen interested members who want to apply for executive position after filling the intent form, result of such interview shall be made public.
 3. Only successful individuals with highest performs at the interview shall be nominated for the position he/she applied which shall be approved by the general assembly.
 4. In case of tie in score by individuals who applied for the same position the panel members shall vote, individual with highest votes of the panel members shall be considered for the position.
 5. The panel shall have the right to determine the means and module operandi for it assignment.
- c. **TENURE IN OFFICE:** - officer shall serve for period one academic session, which shall be liable for re-election. Except the founder who is the president.
- d. **APPOINTMENT:** - officer appointment shall took effect after election and also taking oath of office will took effect the day he received appointment letter jointly signed by the president and the body of trustees chairman.
- e. **REMOVAL/IMPEACHMENT:** - any officer found guilty of misconduct shall be liable for impeachment.
- f. **VOTING RIGHT:**- only members of the election panel shall have voting right

SECTION THREE

MEETINGS

The executive council shall meet as often as possible, both meet at least once in a month. With general meetings held at least twice in an academic session.

ARTICLE THREE

SECTION ONE

FINANCE

- A. The association shall operate a savings account with at least three signatories.
- B. The executive council shall prepare annual budget that should cover the association's annual expenditure.
- C. The officers shall keep in impress amount agreed upon.
- D. The association source of income shall include membership due, donation and grant in aide through fund raising solicitations.

SECTION TWO

PROPERTIES

The association shall have the authority for it properties to bear it owned name, which shall be mange by the secretariat.

SECTION THREE

SECRETARIAT

The secretariat shall include the president, the two vice presidents, and secretary general and assistant secretary general.

The association secretariat shall be the association's head office.

SECTION FOUR

AMENDMENTS

No amendment to this constitution can take effect if executive council, patrons and general assembly did not have consensus in their agreement.

SECTION FIVE

SPECIAL PROVISION

- 1. For the purpose of registration whatever is required is hereby adopted as a part of the constitution.
- 2. All members of the association shall be reporters by right.
- 3. All members shall uphold the professional practice of journalism.

SECTION SIX

COMMENCEMENT

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This constitution shall come into effect on point it registration is completed and supersedes any other law before it. In effect it has binding forces on authorities under it.

SECOND SCHEDULE

OATH OF OFFICE

I.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ***STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC), IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI*** that asof the ***STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC), IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI*** I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the ***STUDENTS INTELLECTUAL CLUB (SIC), IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI*** that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decision, and I will devote myself to the service and wellbeing of the association and the humanity in general.
So help me God