

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY (2019 AS AMENDED)

PART ONE

PREAMBLE

1. In giving ourselves this constitution, we the law students of the University of Ibadan do hereby, for the purpose of the enactment and promotion of our well-being, acclaim and uphold all that abides herein as our making this day..... and as subsequently amended.

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

2. This constitution is supreme and its provisions have binding force on all registered undergraduate law students of the University of Ibadan and shall not be subjected to modifications except in accordance with the provisions hereinafter provided.

(1) There is hereby established a body known as The Law Student' Society (LSS), University of Ibadan, whose motto shall be "fiat Justitia ruat coelum" (let justice be done even if the heavens fall).

(2) The administrative structure of the society shall consist of 3 arms that shall be separate, independent and coordinate. These are the Legislative, the Executive and the Judiciary.

(3) There shall be LSS staff advisers chosen from amongst the faculty academic staff:

- (a) The number of such advisers shall be as deemed to be in the overall interest of the society.
 - (b) The executive council shall be responsible for the selection of such staff advisers and shall notify the LSRC from time to time.
- 3. All registered undergraduate law students of the University of Ibadan shall be members of the society.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 4. The aims and the objectives of the LSS shall be:
 - 1) To cater for the welfare of the Law students of the University of Ibadan;
 - 2) To advance and promoted legal studies through seminars, symposium, public lectures, moot and mock trials, quiz and debates, publications and visit to courts;
 - 3) To inculcate discipline and a sense of belonging in law students of the University of Ibadan;
 - 4) To ensure cooperation and exchange of legal ideas between faculties of law in Nigeria and other countries.

CHAPTER II- THE LEGISLATURE

- 5. The legislature powers of the LSS shall be vested in the Law Students' Representative Council and the Congress.

6. THE LAW STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 1) There shall be a Law Students' Representative Council (LSRC).
- 2) The LSRC shall have powers to make laws for the peace order and good government of the LSS or any part thereof with respect to all matters except:
 - a) Those matters specifically assigned to the executive council
 - b) Those matters delegated to the executive council by resolution of the congress
provided that the power to consider and/or pass a budget shall not be delegated.
- 3) a) The Law Students Representative Council shall comprise twenty-six members pending the bye-elections of the 100-level class:
 - i. 5 from the 500-level class
 - ii. 7 from the 400-level class
 - iii. 7 from the 300-level class
 - iv. 7 from the 200-level classb) The Law Students Representative Council shall be duly constituted with thirty-one members, cutting across all levels in the faculty, after the bye-elections for the 100 level:
 - I. 5 from the 500-level class
 - II. 7 from the 400-level class
 - III. 7 from the 300-level class
 - V. 5 from the 100-level class
- 4) The LSRC shall sit at least four times a semester.
- 5) The LSRC shall consider and approve any budget proposals from the executive council.
- 6) The LSRC shall call for, consider and pass resolutions on any progress reports of any committee of the executive council.

- 7) The LSRC shall have the power to summon the whole or any member of the executive council to appear before it in connection with any special matter(s), provided not less than 72 hours' notice shall be given to such group of members.
 - 8) The LSRC shall have power to pass resolutions on any matters affecting the Law Students' Society in so far as such resolutions do not conflict with this constitution.
 - 9) All such resolutions(s) shall be forwarded to the President for implementation and shall within a time frame stipulated by the LSRC, implement such resolution(s).
 - 10) The LSRC shall have the right to institute legal proceedings against the President upon failure to implement resolutions forwarded to him by the LSRC within the stipulated time frame.
 - 11) The LSRC may review any action or program, proposed or undertaken by the executive council, any committee of the society or any member thereof.
 - 12) The LSRC shall approve or disapprove the membership of any statutory committee set up by the executive council.
 - 13) The LSRC shall do all other thing(s) that shall guarantee the meaningful attainment of the aims and objectives set out in the preamble and *Section 4* of this constitution.
 - 14) Such other things may include a request signed by at least fourteen (14) members of the LSRC advising the speaker to mandate the President to convey a special meeting of the congress so as to determine any matter whatsoever. If the president refuses to call a special congress after the stipulated time, the LSRC, through the speaker shall call the congress.
7. The LSRC shall function for one academic session and shall stand dissolved on the day a new representative council is sworn in.

OFFICERS OF THE LSRC

8. There shall be a speaker, deputy speaker, clerk, deputy speaker, and chief whip who shall be elected by the LSRC at its first sitting.

9. THE SPEAKER OF THE LSRC

1. The speaker shall be a final year student at the time of his election.
2. The speaker shall:
 - (a) Summon and preside over all sittings of both the LSRC and special congress;
 - (b) Make and interpret the standing order for the conduct of LSRC sittings, provided that such standing order is approved by a simple majority at a LSRC sitting;
 - (c) Warn, reprimand and or walk out any person who persistent disturbs or behaves indecorously in any sitting of the LSRC;
 - (d) He shall declare vacant the seat of any member who absents himself for three consecutive sittings without the speaker's prior permission subject to the approval of the LSRC;
 - (e) He shall cast a vote only whenever a tie arises.

10. THE DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE LSRC

1. The deputy speaker shall be a member of the penultimate class at the time of his election.
2. The deputy speaker shall:
 - a) Assist the speaker in the performance of his duties;
 - b) Acts as the speaker in his absence;
 - c) Perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the speaker.

11. CLERK OF THE LSRC.

- 1) The clerk may come from any level except the 100-level constituency and 200 level direct entry.
- 2) The clerk shall:
 - a) Keep attendance books, minutes and records of all LSRC sittings as well as meetings of the special congress;
 - b) Prepare in advance the agenda consisting of all the major points to be discussed at the LSRC sitting and the special congress;
 - c) He shall in conjunction with the speaker distribute notice of meetings to all members of the LSRC not later than 72 hours before LSRC sittings;
 - d) Carry out all such duties incidental to his office and as may be assigned to him by the speaker of the LSRC.

12. THE DEPUTY CLERK OF THE LSRC

- 1) The deputy speaker may come from any of the levels except the 100-level constituency and 200 level direct entry.
- 2) The deputy clerk shall:
 - a) Assist the clerk in the performance of his duties;
 - b) Act as the clerk in his absence;
 - c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the clerk, speaker and the LSRC.

13. THE CHIEF WHIP

- 1) The chief whip may come from any of the levels except the 100 level except the 200-level direct entry.
- 2) The chip whip shall:
 - a) Ensure proper conduct of the members of the LRSC in accordance with its standing rules;
 - b) Ensure that only law students attend LRSC sittings;
 - c) He shall, in conjunction with other persons appointed by the speaker at a special congress, maintain decorum at such meetings;
 - d) He shall ensure that only law student attend special congress.

14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1) The election of the principal officers of the LRSC shall be conducted by the LRSC in accordance with its own rules of procedure, devised by the LRSC.
- 2) The election shall be held not later than 5 working days after proclamation of the president for the holding of the LRSC.
- 3) The principal officers shall be elected by the LRSC from amongst its members as at the time of the election.
- 4) No one shall be eligible to be elected into the office of the speaker unless he has spent at least a tenure in the LRSC.
- 5) A candidate who has not spent a session in the LRSC is eligible to contest for a position of the speaker only if there are no candidates in fulfillment of the requirement in (4).

15. THE CONGRESS

- 1) The congress shall have the final say in all matter relating to the society in line with the of this constitution.
- 2) The congress shall consist of all members of the executive council to attend the congress to attend the congress. Notice of Absence shall be communicated in writing to the Speaker by LSRC members and to the President by members of the Executive Council.
- (3) It shall deliberate and pass resolution on any matter(s) which the Executive Council or LSRC would deem fit to refer to it.
- (4) Without prejudice to (1) above, nothing in this section shall be constructed as barring or however precluding the LSRC from performing its statutory duties.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, all Congressional decisions shall be by simple majority vote.
- (6) The Congress shall be summoned by the President at least twice in a semester.

CHAPTER III – THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

16. The Executive powers of the Law Students' Society is hereby vested in the Executive Council, and subject to the provision of this constitution, such powers may be exercised by members of the Executive Council either directly or through officers delegated by them.

OFFICES AND FUNCTIONS

17. The following officers shall be members of the Executive Council of the Law Students' Society, University of Ibadan: The President, vice – President, general-secretary, Assistant general-secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Public Relations Officer, Sports Secretary and Two Representatives from the 100 Level Class.

18. THE PRESIDENT shall:

- (i) Summon executive council meetings as may be deemed necessary from time to time;
- (ii) Preside over all executive council meetings as well as congress meetings and co-ordinate all the society's activities;

- (iii) Ensure that the financial secretary makes available financial statements to the LSRC or Audit committee whenever asked to do so;
- (iv) Be the chief spokesman of the Law Students' Society;
- (v) He shall issue a proclamation for the holding of the first session of the LSRC not later than 5 working days after he is sworn in;
- (vi) He shall submit to the LSRC for approval a detailed proposed budget for the tenure;
- (v) He shall submit said budget not later than 4 weeks after assumption of office;
- (vi) He shall be one of the signatories to all financial transaction of the society;
- (viii) Be responsible for all other duties incidental to his office insofar as they are not inconsistent with the duties of other officers of the society.

19. THE VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- (1) Summon in the absence of the president all executive council meetings and preside over such meetings;
- (2) Act for the president in his absence;
- (3) Entertain all complaints from members of the society addressed to him;
- (4) He shall assume the presidency in an event of the president's incapacitation, suspension or impeachment;
- (5) Execute such other duties as may be delegated to him by the executive council.

20. THE GENERAL SECRETARY shall:

- (1) Be in charge of all correspondence of the society;
- (2) Keep attendance books, minutes and records of executive council meetings;
- (3) He shall, in conjunction with the President, see to the maintenance of the Society's Secretariat;
- (4) He shall on the directive of the President or on the request of other members of the Executive Council convey meetings of the Executive Council;
- (5) Submit to the LSRC before the end of an academic session and with the approval of the executive council a full report of all the activities of the society.

21. THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY shall:

- (1) Assist the general-secretary in the discharge of his official duties and act for him in his absence;
- (2) Assist the social/welfare secretary in the discharge of his official duties and act for him in his absence;
- (3) Carry out all other duties as may be assigned to him by the general-secretary and the executive council.

22. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY shall:

- (1) Keep records of all financial transactions of the society;
- (2) Furnish the executive council regularly with situation reports on the society's finances;
- (3) He shall in collaboration with executive council prepare and submit an annual budget to the LSRC for approval, provided that such budget proposal is sent to the LSRC at least 48 hours before it is tabled for discussion at the LSRC;
- (4) Submit an annual financial report to the LSRC before the end of his tenure;
- (5) Prepare and submit a final statement of accounts to the Audit Committee;
- (6) Submit to the Audit Committee all receipts, evidence of authorization of each expenditure and cash movement register;
- (7) Be a signatory to the society's account;
- (8) Perform any other duty as may be assigned to him by the Executive Council;
- (9) Keep a cash movement register as well as record of evidence of authorization of all financial expenses.

23. THE TREASURER shall:

- (1) Be responsible for the safe keeping of all the society's fund and financial records;
- (2) Be a signatory to the society's account;
- (3) Keep an imprest account not exceeding the sum of Five Thousand Naira (N5,000);
- (4) Disburse money to any member of the Executive, Judiciary or LSRC only on the completion of an IOU form;
- (5) Pursuant to (4) above, the purposes of such disbursement shall be strictly official and shall only be made from the society's imprest account;
- (6) Be responsible for lodging the society's money in the bank within 72 hours of receiving such money;
- (7) Issue cheques for withdrawal of money from bank and ensure that no blank cheque leaf is assigned to any point in time;
- (8) He shall keep a cash movement register as well as record of evidence of authorization of all financial expenses.

24. SOCIAL/WELFARE SECRETARY shall:

- (1) Co-ordinate all social and welfare activities of the society subject to the general direction of the executive council;
- (2) Be the chairman of the Social committee;
- (3) Be committed to the overall welfare of members of the society;
- (4) Liaise with cleaners to ensure adequate cleaning of the faculty lecture theatres, toilets, LSS secretariat, Moot and Mock Court, Common Room, and the faculty premises in general;
- (5) Raise innovative measures geared towards the beautification of the Faculty Premises;
- (6) Ensure maintenance of environmental beauty by removing posters which are placed in places other than the available notice boards in the faculty;
- (7) Promote the culture of maintenance of the Faculty and Society's facilities and liaise with the faculty and/or executive council to ensure speedy repairs of damaged or worn out facilities e.g. toilet facilities, chairs, doors etc.

25. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER shall

- (1) Be responsible, with the approval of the executive council, for the dissemination and publicity of all the society's activities
- (2) Be the chairman of the Public Relations Committee;
- (3) Be a member of the Publication/ Editorial Committee;
- (4) Bring to the knowledge of members of the society all relevant activities of other law student bodies;
- (5) Foster through the release of publications, the noble ideals of the legal profession;
- (6) Have control over the opinion box of the society as well as be the custodian of the society's notice board;
- (7) Receive, synthesize, disseminate and acquaint members of the society with necessary information on issue(s) directly or otherwise affecting them;
- (8) In his capacity as the image maker of the society, make press statements with a view to correcting any erroneous impression held by any person or group of persons against any member of the society or the society itself.

26. THE SPORTS SECRETARY shall:

- (1) Organize and coordinate all sporting activities of the standards of members' sporting activities;
- (2) Be the chairman of the Sports Committee;
- (3) Explore and adopt suitable means for improving the standards of members' sporting activities;
- (4) Execute such other duties as may be assigned to him by the executive council.

27. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 100 LEVEL CLASS

- (1) There shall be two representatives elected by the members of 100 level constituency into the executive council.
- (2) The election of the two representatives shall be coordinated by the electoral committee.
- (3) The representatives shall attend all meetings of the executive council, but shall not be entitled to vote at such meetings.

28. DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS

- (1) The offices of the President and General-Secretary shall be contested for by students in the ante-penultimate year class
- (2) The office of the Vice-President shall be contested by students in the ante-penultimate and sophomore year classes.
- (3) The offices of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, and Sports Secretary shall be contested in the sophomore and ante-penultimate year classes.
- (4) All other offices except those provided for in Sections 28 (1), (2), and (4) above may be contested for by law students at all levels provided they are not in the penultimate and final year classes.

29. INHERENT POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

(1) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the executive council shall in its discretion have powers to appoint, direct, delegate or otherwise cause any of the (executive council) members to act on behalf of any officer or officers of the executive council:

- (a) Whose office may be vacant after due conduct of general and bye-elections;
- (b) Who has been impeached, pending a bye election;
- (c) Who is otherwise not disposed to act in his office.

CHAPTER IV- THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

30. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (1) The judicial powers of the Law Students' Society shall vest in the judicial council.

(2) Any aggrieved member of the Law Student's Society shall have the liberty of access to the judicial council.

(3) Any issue not brought before the judicial council (other than action instituted by the attorney general) within fourteen days of its occurrence shall elapse, provided the University is in session and it is not a breach of the constitution.

(4) The judicial council shall be made up of the chief Justice and eight (8) other justices.

(5) The justices of the judicial council shall be appointed subject to:

- a. The nomination and recommendation of candidates by the members of the executive council to the judicial council.
- b. A screening of the nominated and recommended candidates by the incumbent judicial council members. A committee made up of the three most senior members of the council shall be constituted for the purpose of the selection.
- c. The ratification of the qualified candidates by a 2/3 majority of the Law Students' Representative Council.

Nothing in this constitution shall grant the committee in section 30(5)(b) the power to appoint the chief justice. The power to appoint the Chief Justice shall be vested in the president of the Law Students' Society.

(6)(a) Pursuant to (4) above there shall be three (3) justices from the 300-level class and six (6) justices from the penultimate class.

(b) Without prejudice to (a) above, the three appointed justices from the 300-level class shall continue to be justices of the judicial council when in their penultimate year save in the following circumstances:

- (i) Where any or all decide to discontinue as justices of the judicial council;
- (ii) Where any or all have been found guilty of any disciplinary matter within the University;
- (iii) Such justices in (b) above that might choose to continue in the judicial council shall not be subject to appointment or ratification a second time.

(7) Any appointee to the judicial council shall have an adequate knowledge of substantive as well as procedural law and shall have a CGPA not less than half of the grade point.

(8) No appointee to the judicial council shall hold any elective office in the University at the time of appointment and is barred from holding any such office for the duration of his tenure as justice of the judicial council.

(9) A Registrar, Court Clerk and Bailiff shall be appointed by the Judicial Council from amongst the members of the society and they serve for one academic session but may be re-appointed for a second term, and no more.

(10) An Appointee to the judicial council shall be an active member of any of the Student Law Chambers in the faculty.

31. JURISDICTION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(1) All registered undergraduate students of the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the judicial council

(2) The judicial council shall have original jurisdiction to the exclusion of any other judicial or quasi-judicial body within the law students' society, over cases in which any of the following is involved:

(a) The constitutionality of any legislation taken by the LSRC or Congress;

(b) The constitutionality of any action or decision taken by the president or other officers of the society or any person acting in their behalf;

(c) All cases involving the interpretation of this constitution.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the judicial council shall determine any questions as to the civil right and obligations in all civil matters between members of the society, between the executive and the legislature or between the society and any member(s) of the society.

(4) The Judicial council in its appellate jurisdiction shall decide appeals arising directly from the decision of election petition tribunals.

(5) The Judicial council shall have jurisdiction over the offences contained in section 66(1)-(14) of this constitution and or the code of conduct that may be drawn up by the Ethics and Litigations Department.

(6) Where any member of the society is alleged to have committed the offence spelt and in section 66(7) of this constitution, the judicial council shall have the power to hear and determine any such issue and shall submit a report of its verdict to the dean of the faculty of law, the dean of students and the staff advisers of the society for appropriate sanctions.

(7) The judgments of the judicial council shall be delivered, given to the parties and pasted on the society's notice board.

(8) In performing its duties, the judicial council shall observe and enforce the principles of natural justice, equity and good conscience.

(9) The judicial council shall have power to formulate and enforce Rules of Court that will guide its proceedings, provided that such rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution.

(10) Without prejudice to (9) above, the chief justice shall summon and preside over all administrative meetings of the judicial council provided nothing shall preclude the judicial council from appointing within itself a justice who shall come from the most senior class to act for the chief justice in his absence.

(11) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this constitution, the judicial council shall have jurisdiction to try and determine contempt charges against any member(s) of the society in accordance with this constitution or any written law in Nigeria.

(12) (a) The judgments of the court of appeal of the judicial council shall be final and binding on all members, organs and bodies of the society.

(b) Judgments of the judicial council on any matter before it shall be given within a reasonable time after the conclusion of hearing on the matter, provided that such a reasonable time shall not exceed ten (1) working days after the conclusion of hearing on the matter.

(c) Any judgments given otherwise than in accordance with this section shall be null and void.

(13) The powers of the judicial council shall extend to all inherent powers and sanctions of a court of Law, provided that such powers are not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution.

32. JUSTICES OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(1) THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL shall comprise:

- (a) A chief justice;
- (b) Eight other Justices.

(2) THE CHIEF JUSTICE shall:

- (a) Be the head of the judicial council;
- (b) Be a returning member of the judicial council;
- (c) Empanel a court of first instance in comprising three (3) justices, for the determination of any issue or matter that may be brought before the judicial council;
- (d) Empanel a court of appeal comprising (5) justices, to hear and determine appeals arising from the court of first instance, the election petition tribunal and or any other judicial or quasi-judicial body set up in accordance with the provisions of this constitution or any law or resolution passed by the LSRC;

(e) Perform such other additional responsibilities and exercise such powers as are necessarily incidental to the smooth and efficacious of the affairs of the judicial and general administration of justice.

(3) THE JUSTICES shall:

- (a) Be equal members of the judicial council;
- (b) Assist the chief justice in the administration of justice;
- (c) Discharge such other duties as may be assigned to them by the chief justice.

33. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

(1) THE REGISTRAR shall:

- (a) Be the secretary to the judicial council;
- (b) Coordinate the secretarial functions of the judicial council;
- (c) Perform such other duties as are incidental to his office and as may be assigned to him by the chief justice;

(2) THE CLERK shall:

- (a) Assist the justices empanelled at every sitting to effectively carry out the procedure and process of administering justice;
- (b) Be responsible for maintaining order and decorum in court;
- (c) Perform such other duties as are necessarily incidental to his office and as may be assigned to him by the empaneled justices and the Registrar;

(3) THE BALLIF shall:

- (a) Be responsible for serving all court processes on parties;
- (b) Be answerable to the Registrar;
- (c) Nothing in this sub-section derogates the power of the chief justices to coordinate the activities of the judicial Council and all its official;

34. MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) All the justices of the judicial council shall be eligible to sit at the court of first instance as well as the court of appeal.
- (2) Nothing shall entitle any justice to assume and or claim higher status within the judicial council.
- (3) The chief justice and the registrar shall ensure that all the records of proceeding before the judicial council and its decisions as well as minority opinion are kept in safe custody by depositing such records of proceeding, decisions and opinion in the law library of the University of Ibadan for preservation of posterity.

35. TENURE

The judicial council shall function for one academic session and shall stand dissolved on the day a new judicial council is sworn in.

CHAPTER V – ORGANIZATIONAL BODIES

36. ETHICS AND LITIGATIONS DEPARTMENT

- (1) There shall be an Ethics and Litigation Department.
- (2) The Department shall be made up of the following:
 - (a) An Attorney-General who shall be the Head of the Department;
 - (b) A Solicitor-General who shall be the Secretary to the Department;
 - (c) Seven other members of the society.
- (3) The Attorney-General shall be of the 400-level class at the time of appointment.
- (4) The Solicitor-General shall be of the 300-level class at the time of appointment.
- (5) Members of the Department shall cut across the 100 level to 400 level classes at the time of appointment.
- (6) The Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General shall be appointed by the executive council while the seven other members of the Department Shall, subject to the nomination of the Attorney-General, be appointed by the executive council.
- (7) The tenure of Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General and other members of ethics and litigation department shall lapse at the appointment and swearing in of a new ethics and litigation department.
- (8) Pursuant to (7) above, a new ethics and litigation department shall be constituted not later than (7) working days after the swearing in of the executive council.

(9) Subject to sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) above, eligible members of the immediate past ethics and litigation department may be re-appointed.

(10) Subject to the provisions of this section of the constitution, the attorney-general and solicitor-general may be re-appointed from amongst the immediate past members of the ethics and litigation department.

37. FUNCTIONS OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL shall:

- (1) Be the chief legal adviser to the executive council;
- (2) Represent the executive council in all legal proceedings before the judicial council;
- (3) Prosecute any member(s) of the society who commits any of the offence contained in section 66 of this constitution and or violates the code of conduct as may be drawn up by the ethics and litigations department;
- (4) Discontinue at any stage before judgment is delivered, any such proceeding instituted or undertaking by him, provided that in exercising such power he shall have regard to the interest of the society, justice, and the need to prevent abuse of legal process;
- (5) Assign or delegate to the solicitor-general or any other members of the ethics and litigation department any such function conferred on him under this section.

38. THE LAW PRESS ORGANIZATION (L.P.O)

- (1) There shall be a law press organization (referred to as LPO).

(2) The LPO shall be independent of the three (3) arms of government, namely: The Executive council, the Judicial council, and the LSRC.

(3) Except as otherwise stated in this constitution, members of the LPO shall not be appointed by the executive council into any department or committee of the executive

(4) The LPO shall have as its core duties; dissemination of information, educating, enlightening and entertaining members of the society as deemed appropriate.

(5) The LPO shall have the power to investigate independently any person(s), group(s), organization(s) or authorities of the society and publish same through its media outlets.

(6) Nothing in this section empowers the LPO defame or publish malicious news about person(s), group(s), organization(s) or authorities.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the LPO shall have the power to enact its own rules, regulation and constitution.

39. THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY (L&D)

(1) There shall be a Literary and Debating Society (referred to as the Law L&D).

(2) Nothing in this section precludes members of the Law L&D from being appointed by the Executive Council to any department or committee.

(3) The Law L&D shall have its core duties training its members in the art of public speaking and literary appreciation.

(4) The Law L&D may organize programmes and activities to further its aim and objectives.

(5) Subject to the provision of this constitution, the Law L&D shall have power to enact its own rules, regulations and constitution.

(6) The Law L&D shall organize and execute all programs pertaining to oratory, debating and quiz competitions for the law student society.

40. THE MOOT AND MOCK SOCIETY

(1) There shall be a moot and mock society.

(2) The moot and mock society shall be charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing inter-chambers and inter university moot and mock competitions as well as represent the society at any inter university competitions.

(3) Subject to (2) above, the rules for competitions shall be set out in the moot and mock competitions rules and as may be continually prescribed and revised by the moot & mock society.

(4) The moot and mock society shall award prizes for good performance at any competition organized by it.

(5) The Moot and mock society shall comprise of a Head, Deputy Head and Secretary elected by members of the moot and mock society.

(6) The Society shall comprise of as many numbers of law students as desired by the society.

(7) (a) Pursuant to (6) above, the executive of each student law chamber shall recommend its members into the committee after a thorough screening process.

(b) Only active members of the student law chambers would be eligible to participate in the screening process.

(8) The tenure of the head, deputy head and secretary of the committee shall lapse when a new executive council is sworn in and a new set of officers are appointed.

41. COMMITTEES

(1) There shall be the following committees;

- a. Audit committee
- b. Publications/Editorials Committee
- c. Sports Committee
- d. Social and Welfare Committee
- e. Public Relations Committee

- (2) The executive council may set up committee other than those stipulated in (1) above to facilitate its work.
- (3) Pursuant to (2) above, the terms of reference of the committees shall be as may be determined by the executive council.
- (4) The executive council shall have power to:
 - (a) Dissolve any committee constituted by it;
 - (b) Relieve any of its appointees of his post.

42. AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 1) An audit committee of three persons shall be constituted from the members of the Law Students' Society by the LSRC at the beginning of an academic session.
- 2) The audit committee shall scrutinize, at least twice within an academic session, the society's account as well as have such powers necessarily and reasonably incidental to the performance of its duty.
- 3) The audit committee may call for financial statements of records of the Society in the performance of its duty.
- 4) The report of the audit committee shall within five working days of completion of its assignment be submitted to the Speaker of the LSRC.
- 5) The Speaker shall call a LSRC sitting not later than two weeks on receipt of the said report and the LSRC shall consider and take a decision on the report, and such a decision shall be binding on all members of the Society.
- 6) An audit committee shall stand dissolved at the expiration of an academic session.

43. PUBLICATIONS/EDITORIALS COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be a publication/editorials committee which shall function for a tenure.
- (2) The publication/editorials committee shall be charged with the responsibility of gathering legal materials suitable for publication and publishing the same, in a journal to be called and known as 'THE LORD JUSTICE JOURNAL'.

(3) Membership of the committee shall consist of at least nine (9) members in such a way as to cut across all the classes and shall be appointed by the executive council having regard to excellence and competence.

(4) The Editor-in-Chief shall come from 400 level class while the Deputy Editor-in-Chief and Secretary of the Publication Committee shall come from 400 level or 300 level classes.

(5) The Editor-in-Chief, Deputy Editor-in-chief and Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Council with the approval of the LSRC, having regards to excellence and competence.

44. SPORTS COMMITTEE

(1) There shall be a sports committee which shall function for a tenure

(2) It shall organize all sporting activities of the society including intra-faculty and inter faculty competitions with the approval of the Executive Council.

(3) The Sports Secretary shall be the chairman, and the committee shall comprise of at most 20 interested members to cut across all the levels.

(4) In constituting the sports committee, the Sports Secretary shall ensure that its membership is made up of sport-loving individuals; subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

45. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(1) There shall be a social committee consisting of five (5) members with the Social Secretary as its chairman and four members (excluding the social secretary) coming from the 100 level – 400 level classes.

(2) It shall be approved by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Social Secretary, and shall function for a tenure.

(3) The committee shall organize social activities of the society and may assist the Social Secretary in the discharge of his duties.

46. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be a public relations committee consisting of five members with the PRO as its chairman and four members (excluding the PRO) coming from the 100 level- 400 level classes.
- (2) It shall be approved by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the PRO and shall function for a tenure.
- (3) The Committee shall specially publicize all the activities of the society and may assist the PRO in the discharge of his duties.

47. THE CHAMBER SUPPORT FORCE

- (1) There shall be a chamber support force
- (2) The chamber support force shall comprise:
 - (a) A head from the 400-level class.
 - (b) A deputy head from the 300-level class.
 - (c) A secretary from the 300-level class
 - (d) Head of the moot and mock committee
 - (e) Head of each student law chamber
 - (f) Four other members
- (3) The head, deputy head and secretary of the chamber support force shall be appointed by the executive council while the four other members shall, subject to a nomination from the chamber head of each student law chamber, be appointed by the executive council.
- (4) The chamber support force shall:
 - (a) Provide a uniform syllabus for the student law chambers and revise the same to conform to the dynamics of mainstream legal practice.
 - (b) Ensure adherence to the syllabus for the student law chambers

(c) Meet weekly to review lessons taught in the student law chambers, share materials and pick out the next lesson to be taught from the syllabus

- (d) Provide periodic joint seminars, workshops and capacity building trainings for the student law chambers
 - (e) In conjunction with the executive council provide financial, moral and technical aid as required to any ailing student law chamber
 - (f) Regulate and place a benchmark on the amount of dues and levies that may be imposed by any student law chamber on its members.
 - (g) Ensure weekly meetings of each chamber take place as scheduled
 - (h) Deal with all other matters and issues pertaining to the proper running and functioning of the Students' Law Chambers in the faculty.
- (5) The tenure of the committee shall lapse when a new executive council is sworn in and a new committee constituted.

CHAPTER VI- STUDENTS' LAW CHAMBERS

48. DESIGNATION OF CHAMBERS

- A. (1) There shall be four chambers which will run along the lines of the four Tutorial groups in the Faculty, i.e., groups A, B, C and D.

(2) The four chambers shall be designated as follows:

- (a) H.O. Davies Chambers for members of Tutorial Group A.
- (b) Darnley Alexander Chambers for members of Tutorial Group B.
- (c) Augustine Nnamani Chambers for members of Tutorial Group C.
- (d) Teslim Elias Chambers for members of Tutorial Group D.

B. APPOINTMENT OF CHAMBERS FUNCTIONARIES

- 1) All chamber shall have a Chamber Head, a chamber secretary and a chamber treasurer and such other number of functionaries as members of each chamber may determine.
- 2) The chambers' heads and chambers' secretaries shall be drawn from the final year or penultimate classes while other Chamber offices shall be open to members of other levels.
- 3) The members of each chambers shall reserve the right to appoint their own functionaries by election, and to set up committee to arrange and prepare for their chamber's participation in various competitions, tutorials and public lectures.

- 4) The name of the functionaries so elected shall be communicated to the executive council, the judicial, the moot and mock committee and the law L&D society.
- 5) The duration of the tenure of office of such functionaries shall be for one year.

C. REMOVAL OF CHAMBERS FUNCTIONARIES

- 1) An officer of a Chambers may be removed from office by members for any dereliction of duty, gross misconduct and/or acts unbecoming of his status as a leader of a chambers.
- 2) The mode of removal of such officer shall be as may be prescribed by the rules of the chambers.

D. COMPETITIONS

- 1) There shall be inter-chambers mooting competitions. The rules for the competitions shall be as set out in the MOOTING COMPETITION RULES and as may be continually prescribed and revised by the Moot and Mock Committee.
- 2) There shall be inter-chambers Literary and Debating Competitions. The rules for the competitions shall be as may be prescribed by the Law L&D debate society.
- 3) Every chamber shall periodically organize Moot Trials and L&D activities, drawing participants from amongst its members, with a view to develop advocacy and public speaking skills as well as, presenting a good performance at the annual law week of the Society.
- 4) The executive council shall award prizes for good performance at any inter-chamber's competition.

E. FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- 1) The chambers shall explore means of generating funds for their operations, including periodic imposition of dues and levies on their members which shall be determined by members at the inception of every academic session.
- 2) The executive council shall grant subvention to the chambers to assist them acquire the necessary materials and logistics required to facilitate effective advocacy.
- 3) To ensure the accountability and judicious use of resources, the chambers shall provide in their rules' book a framework within which their financial transactions will be regulated.

F. GENERAL

- 1) Every chamber shall:
 - (a) Have its own rules' book
 - (b) Adhere to and be bound by the mooting competition rules and such other rules as may be prescribed and revised by the moot and mock committee.

- (c) Comply with and be bound by the rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Law L&D.
 - (d) Observe and be bound by the Rules of Court as may be formulated by the judicial council.
- 2) No member of the society shall appear before the judicial council or the Election Petitions Tribunal or any other judicial or quasi-judicial body of the Society as counsel save as a registered and active member of any of the four recognized chambers as provided for in this constitution
 - 3) No member of the society shall represent a client unless he is a registered member of any of the chambers recognized by this constitution.
 - 4) Objection that a member of the society is not “a registered and active member” of or has not been appointed to represent a client by his chambers, as in F(2) and F(3) of this section, shall only be at the instance of the chambers or a member(s) of the chambers to which he nominally belongs provided that such objection is in accordance with the Rules of Court as may be prescribed by the judicial council.
 - 5) A member of a chambers may be disciplined by members of his chambers for any dereliction of duty, misconduct, anti-chamber activities and/or acts unbecoming of his status as a member or counsel of a chambers.
 - 6) What constitutes the offences stipulated in sub-section (5) of this section shall be determined in accordance with the rules’ book of each chambers.
 - 7) The nature and manner of such discipline as provided for in subsection (5) of this section shall be referred to the ethics committee, provided that no member shall be expelled or denied membership of his chambers.

CHAPTER VII- CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS AND ALLIED MATTERS

49. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (1) (a) Every bonafide member of the society shall have the right to vote and be voted for.
- (b) Subject to (a) above, all new students including the 200-level Direct Entry (DE) Students shall not be eligible for any executive position except for the offices of the Public Relations Officer (PRO) and the Assistant General Secretary (AGS).
- (c). There shall be a bye-election for LSRC members from the 100-level class on or before the 5th week of the beginning of the academic session.

- (2) (a) General elections shall be conducted and supervised by an Electoral Commission made up of seven (7) members, including a chairman who shall be a final year student, provided that membership of the electoral commission shall cut across all levels.
- (b) General elections as used above shall be deemed to mean elections into the Executive Council as well as the LSRC.
- (3) The power to appoint an electoral committee shall be vested in the Executive Council provided that such appointment shall be ratified by a simple majority of LSRC.
- (4) There shall be elections into the offices of the Executive Council as well as elections into the Law Students Representative Council, not later than the 10th week of commencement of the second semester of an academic session provided the school is in session. Failure of handover after faculty examinations shall attract a fine of N1000 per day.
- (5) Each contestant shall be required to be sponsored by at least five members of the society who shall cut across all levels.
- (6) Each contestant shall be required to pay a non-refundable fee for electoral form to the Electoral Commission as stipulated by the Commission.

PART II

50. ELECTORAL GUIDELINES

1. General Elections into all elective offices of the Law Students Society shall hold in the second semester of each session.
2. Every bonafide member of the society shall without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution have the right to vote and be voted for.
3. Voting shall only be allowed upon the production of a University of Ibadan Student Identity Card.
4. There shall be no solicitation of votes on the day of the election at the election venue or anywhere else.
5. Intimidation of voters by a candidate or his agents shall be prohibited.
6. No candidate shall engage in any form of campaign before the ban on politics is lifted by the Law Students Representative Council upon the formation of the Electoral Commission.
7. Elections shall be by secret ballot.

8. Whoever is found in breach of any of the above electoral guidelines and regulations shall be disqualified by the Electoral Commission.
9. A candidate whose payment of Chamber or LSS dues is in arrears stands disqualified.
10. (a) Any candidate found guilty of Exam malpractices or any criminal offence by the judgment of the Judicial Council or Students Union Judicial Council or School's Security committee, stands disqualified from contesting an election.

(b) Any candidate with a pending case before the Faculty's Disciplinary Committee or the University's Disciplinary Committee stands disqualified.
11. Where there are two or more candidates at an election the winner shall be determined by a simple majority vote.
12. In event of a tie, the Electoral Commission shall conduct a fresh election within seven (7) working days after the last election.
13. In the event of a single candidate, he shall be deemed elected only when he obtains a majority of 'yes' votes over 'no' votes.
14. In the event of a sole presidential candidate, he shall be deemed elected only when he obtains 85 percent of total votes cast, failing which a fresh election will be conducted in accordance with Section 54.

51. ELIGIBILITY

Except as otherwise stated in this constitution, every member of the society shall be eligible to vote and be voted for.

52. METHOD OF VOTING

1. Voting at any election shall be by secret ballot. Each ballot paper duly authenticated by the Commission shall contain names of the contestants to the same office.
2. A voter shall tick or mark 'X' against the candidate of his choice.
3. 200 level to 500 level students shall present their University's Identity Cards or LSS annual dues receipts which shall be cross checked in the electoral register at the Voting center before they are allowed to vote.
4. 100 level student and Direct Entry 200 level students shall present their University's Receipt or LSS receipts. Their names shall be cross-checked in the electoral register.
5. The Box created in front of the candidate's name in which 'X' is to be marked could be left blank where a voter has no candid vote for.

6. There shall be no campaign in whatever from at the polling station.
7. There shall be a representative for each contestant who shall act as an agent of the contestant at the voting centre(s) and during counting.
8. A leader shall emerge by having simple majority votes in his favour.
9. The voting shall be conducted between 9.00am and 4.00pm.
10. Results shall be declared immediately after the counting via announcement and pasting of same on notice boards in the Faculty.
11. The Electoral Commission may make regulations for the conduct of smooth elections insofar as they are not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this constitution.
12. The Electoral Commission may disqualify a candidate who has violated the rules laid down by the Commission and/or by this Act.

53. ELECTION PETITION

1. All petitions as regards the conduct of any election shall be forwarded directly to the Election Petitions Tribunal by an aggrieved party within three (3) working days after the release of the result of the election in question.
2. Election petitions shall be handled by an Election Petitions Tribunal appointed by the Chief Justice.
3. The Election Petitions Tribunal shall be made up of three (3) serving justices of the Judicial Council, provided that no judge who sat at the Election Petitions Tribunal shall sit on appeal arising from the decision of the Tribunal.
4. Where it is conclusively proved that an electoral fraud has been perpetrated in favour of one or more contestants, the Election Petitions Tribunal shall disqualify or nullify the election of such a candidate or candidates.
5. All election petitions shall be determined within three (3) working days of conclusion of hearing, on the petition in question.
6. (i) Appeals arising from the decision of the Election Petitions Tribunal shall lie straight to the Court of Appeal.

(ii) All such appeals shall be forwarded directly to the Court of Appeal by a party dissatisfied with the determination of the petition by the Election Tribunal within three (3) working days after the determination of the petition in question.
7. All election petition appeals shall be determined within three (3) working days of conclusion of hearing, on the appeal in question.

54. BYE ELECTION

1. Bye-elections shall be conducted within five (7) working days after a general election and or on the resignation or removal of any member of the Executive Council, the LSRC, CSF, or Students' Law Chamber Executive.
2. There shall be a bye-election for Law Students Representative Council members from the 100-level class on or 5th week of the beginning of an academic session, coordinated by the electoral commission.

CHAPTER VIII: FINANCE, PLANNING AND BUDGETARY

POLICIES 55. ANNUAL DUES

1. Each member of the society shall pay an annual due to be decided by the Executive and approved by the LSRC at its first sitting. This due shall be subject to variation by 2/3 majority votes of the LSRC provided that each of such variation is approved by simple majority of LSRC.
2. (a) Nothing in this constitution shall preclude the Executive Council from recommending the payment of any other kind of special levy to members of the LSRC if and when the needs arise.

(b) Any such recommendation shall be subject to the approval of 2/3 majority of the LSRC provided that it is ratified by a sample majority of the LSRC.

56. CONSOLIDATED FUND

1. All annual dues shall proceed to a consolidated fund to be held in trust by the executive council.
2. A percentage grant shall be charged on the consolidated fund as follows:
 - (a) 50% to the Executive Council;
 - (b) 15% to the LSRC;
 - (c) 15% to the Judicial Council;
 - (d) 15% to CSF, half of which shall be evenly distributed to the Chambers;
 - (e) 5% to the Electoral Commission.
3. (a) It shall be an offence for the Executive Council to take from the consolidated fund without first strictly adhering to subsection (2) of this section.

- (b) Failure to comply with subsection(1)(a) shall result to a month suspension of the president and a written letter to the student affairs through the Faculty stating the provisions of the constitution and the offence.

57. BUDGET

1. The Executive Council shall prepare a sessional budget to be submitted to the LSRC through the Financial Secretary.
2. A Plenary session of the LSRC shall sit on the budget at its first business meeting not later than 48hours after the swearing-in.
3. The LSRC shall resolve all contradictions in the budget within the first two weeks of the resumption.
4. It is an offence for the Executive Council to spend money without the budget being approved by the congress.
5. The Executive Council shall, if need be, provide a supplementary budget before the LSRC at any time, passed by a resolution of the LSRC and ratified by a simple majority of the Congress.
6. There shall be no amendment whatsoever to an annual budget except by strict adherence to subsection (5) of this section.
7. All cheques and withdrawal forms shall be prepared by the financial secretary and signed by the President, the Financial Secretary and the treasurer.

58. FINANCIAL CONTROL

1. All monies received for and on behalf of the Society shall be paid into the Society's account by the Treasurer within three (3) working days of receipt of same, provided that the Treasurer shall keep an imprest account of N10,000.
2. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, all expenditures shall be evidenced in writing and lodged with the Financial Secretary or any member of the Executive Council acting in that regard.
3. The Society's statement of account duly authenticated by the Society's banker(s) shall be presented along with the report of the Audit Committee which shall be tabled before the LSRC for consideration.

59. BANKER(S)

The Society's banker(s) shall be any Commercial Bank(s) approved by the LSRC.

60. SIGNATORIES

The president, Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall be joint signatories to the society's account(s).

CHAPTER IX: RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

61. RESIGNATION

1. Any notice of resignation shall be in writing and addressed to the LSRC through the Speaker.
2. An officer of the Society shall be deemed to have resigned his post at the expiration of a seven-day notice given to that effect.
3. In the case of the Speaker, he shall forward his resignation letter to the Executive Council through the President who shall subsequently forward such to the LSRC within three (3) working days.

62. SUSPENSION OF OFFICERS

1. The LSRC shall on the receipt of a written allegation of gross misconduct against any officer(s) of the society, investigate such matter(s) within seven (7) working days.
2. Any officer against whom an allegation is brought shall be entitled to defend himself either in person or by counsel of his own choice from any of the chambers within the Society.
3. The Officer, if found guilty by 2/3 majority of the LSRC, provided that such an offence does not amount to removal of such officer(s) in the opinion of the LSRC, shall be suspended.
4. Any officer suspended from office shall handover all the society's property in his possession to the speaker within 24 hours of such suspension.
5. Such officer suspended can appeal to the Judicial Council within three (3) working days and shall remain suspended, pending the final determination of this matter by the Judicial Council or the suspension is lifted by the LSRC.

63. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

1. The LSRC shall have the power to remove any Executive and/or Judicial officer(s), on receipt of a written allegation of gross misconduct, by an affirmative 2/3 majority vote subsequent to a motion to that effect, after a fair and thorough investigation has been

concluded provided that a simple majority of the congress shall sanction such removal in the case of the President, the Speaker or the Lord Justice.

2. Any officer against whom an allegation is brought shall be entitled to defend himself either in person or by counsel of his own choice from any of the chambers within the Society before the LSRC.
3. Any officer removed from office is entitled to appeal to the Judicial council within 5 working days of such removal.
4. Any officer removed from office in accordance with the provision of this constitution shall not be eligible to hold any office of the Society.
5. Any officer found culpable of embezzlement and/or any form of corruption shall be compelled to make appropriate REFUND to the society. Failure to do so within 10 working days shall result in the matter being handed over to the Faculty of Law Students' Disciplinary Committee, as well as copied to the University of Ibadan Students' Disciplinary Committee.
6. Any officer removed from office shall handover the society's property in his possession to the Speaker within 24 hours of such removal.

64. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

1. The LSRC may at any of its duly constituted meetings by a two-third majority pass a vote of no confidence on the Executive Council or any member of the Executive Council.
2. When a vote of no confidence is passed under subsection (1) of this section, congress shall be convened by the LSRC within two weeks and at least one week notice given to the Executive Council or such officer on which the vote of confidence has been passed, to appear before the congress and show cause why it or he should not be removed from office.
3. The Executive Council or Officer shall cease to hold office if a two third majority of congress at such sitting, vote to remove him from office.
4. Any such vote of no confidence shall not be subject to appeal.

65. POWER OF RECALL AND IMPEACHMENT OF MEMBERS OF LSRC

1. A constituency may upon a petition signed by two-third members of that constituency recall a member of the LSRC representing it if it appears to them that the Honourable member is no longer discharging his duties diligently and dutifully.

2. The class representative(s) of such constituency shall submit a letter to the speaker of the LSRC informing him of such removal alongside the names and signatures of the petitioners.

3. Members of LSRC shall have powers to impeach any of its officers in line with its rules and regulations, provided it is not a variance with this constitution.

CHAPTER X: OFFENCES

66. The following are offences recognized by this constitution as being offences against the Law Student's Society, University of Ibadan:
 1. Improper dressing;
 2. Indecorous conduct;
 3. Dereliction of duty by any officer, appointee to any post or member of the society;
 4. Refusal upon being summoned to appear before the LSRC, congress or audit committee or any other committee duly constituted in accordance with this constitution;
 5. Contempt of the judicial council or the election petitions tribunal or any other body acting in a judicial or quasi-judicial capacity;
 6. Electoral fraud in any election conducted within the society;
 7. Embezzlement of the society's funds;
 8. Falsification of the society's documents;
 9. Theft of the society's documents;
 10. Willful destruction of the society's property;
 11. Fighting;
 12. Membership of nocturnal association or secret societies;
 13. Non-payment of Law Student's Society dues;
 14. Failure of the Executive to submit list of students who have paid annual dues as at when requested by the LSRC.
67. In this Article:
 1. "Improper dressing" includes:
 - (a) Wearing of jeans material;
 - (b) Wearing of trousers by female members;
 - (c) Wearing of shirt by male members without putting on a tie;
 - (d) Flying of shirt;
 - (e) Wearing of sleeveless shirts and gowns;
 - (f) Wearing of leggings and indecent skirts;

- (g) Wearing of colored foot wears;
- (h) Sagging of trousers by male students;
- (i) Folding of long sleeves by Law students.

2. 'Indecorous conduct' includes

- (a) Participation in any "beauty" or "handsome" or drinking competition;
- (b) Nude or semi-nude appearance in a public place;
- (c) Any other conduct which in the opinion of the Attorney General brings or tends to bring or will likely bring the Law Students' Society or the legal profession into ridicule or disrepute.

3. Proper dressing for male students is black suits, black trousers, white and black shirts, black ties and black shoes.

4. Proper dressing for female students is white and black shirts, black suits, black skirts, black ladies dress and black shoes. Jewellery must be moderate.

5. Any member who is not properly dressed in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of this section shall not be recognized in any of the sittings of the Congress, LSRC Judicial Council, CSF, and the Students' Law chambers.

68. 1. A member of the society may also be prosecuted before the Judicial Council for the offences contained in items 1), 2), 3), 4), 5) and 6) under section 66 of this constitution.

2. Where any member is alleged to have committed the offences contained in 7), 8), 9), 10), 11), 12), 13), 14), under section 66 of this constitution, the Attorney General shall have power to take such steps as are deemed necessary to enforce compliance.

69. A member of the society shall be found guilty of improper dressing only if such act was committed within the faculty between the hour of 8.00am and 4.00pm from Mondays to Fridays (except holidays) or during any function organized by the society.

70. 1. Any member found guilty by the Judicial Council of any of the offences contained in items 1), 2), 3), 4), 5) and 6) under section 66 of this constitution shall pay a fine of not less than two thousand naira (N2,000).

2. Any member found guilty by the Judicial Council of any of the offence contained in items 1), 2), 3), 4) 5), and 6), under Section 66 of this constitution who refuses or fails to pay any fine imposed in accordance with subsection 1) of this section, the Attorney general shall with the approval of the Executive Council take such steps as deemed necessary to enforce compliance with such sanctions of the Judicial Council.

CHAPTER XI: MISCELLANEOUS

71. APPOINTMENT OF STAFF ADVISERS

1. There shall be for the Law student's Society staff advisers chosen from amongst the Faculty's academic staff.
2. There shall be for the LSRC, at least one staff adviser chosen from amongst the Faculty's academic staff.
3. The number of such advisers shall be as deemed to be in the overall interest of the society.
4. The Executive Council shall be responsible for the selection of such staff and shall notify the LSRC of changes that may take place from time to time.
5. The tenure of staff advisers shall be for one academic session and may thereafter be renewed.

72. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Every officer of the Society who successfully completes his tenure of office shall be awarded a certificate of service duly signed by the Dean, the President and the Speaker.

73. HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. The Executive Council shall honour deserving members of the Society who have contributed significantly towards promoting the aims and objectives of the society.
2. The Executive Council shall subject to the ratification of the LSRC confer honorary life membership of the society on any alumnus of the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan or an eminent individual who has in any way contributed significantly to the achievement of the aspiration of the society; such honorary life members shall be entitled to certain privileges as the Executive Council may determine.

74. MEETINGS

1. The LSRC shall meet at least 4 times in a semester.
2. Subject to the provision of this constitution, all decisions of the LSRC, shall be by simple majority provided that the presiding officer shall not vote unless there is a vote tie.

3. Simple majority shall be determined by a voice-vote but where there is a contention as to who has the majority vote, it shall be determined by actual counting of votes.
4. In the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, the LSRC shall elect a member to preside at their meeting.
5. Notice of general meeting shall be given to all members of LSRC at least 72 hours before the said meeting.
6. Without prejudice to subsection (5) above, any emergency meeting could be summoned within 24 hours.
7. Subject to the provision of Section 6(14), the President and Vice President shall not preside over such a congress
8. The speaker will on a request signed by at least twenty-one (21) members of the LSRC mandate the President to call a special congress within a stipulated time provided that nothing shall derogate the power of the president in calling a congress. If the President refuses to call the special congress after the stipulated time, the Vice President shall be mandated by the LSRC through the speaker to call the special congress and on his refusal, the speaker shall call the congress.

75. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

1. All members of the society shall attend the congress of the society when summoned.
2. All LSRC members shall attend all parliamentary sittings. Any member who will be unavoidably absent shall communicate his reasons to the Speaker in writing at least 24hours before the commencement of the said sitting.
3. Every member shall attend meetings punctually.
4. Members shall attend all meetings summoned. All members of the Executive Council and all members of the LSRC shall attend the general meeting of the society when summoned.

76. QUORUM

1. The LSRC: twenty-one (21) members shall form a quorum.
2. The congress: 1/10 of all members shall form a quorum without prejudice to Section 15(2).
3. The Executive: 7 members of the council shall form a quorum provided any of the following officers are in attendance (i) President (ii) Vice President (iii) General Secretary

77. THE JUDICIARY

1. Three (3) Justices shall sit on civil matter(s) as having original jurisdiction and five (5) shall sit on appeal with exemption of the Justices of the first instance.
2. Five (5) Justices shall sit in matter(s) relating to the interpretation of the constitution.
3. On cases of suspension and impeachment, minimum of five (5) Justice would sit on the matter(s).

78. STANDING ORDERS (LSRC)

Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the LSRC shall have the power to enact its standing orders.

79. RESPECT FOR COLLEAGUES

1. As seniority at the bar is religiously observed and counts for order of precedence for many purposes, members 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 dealings with a member of junior class.
2. Any member of the society who feels aggrieved by the conduct of another member shall institute an action before the Judicial Council.

80. INTERPRETATIONS

1. Whenever ambiguities and doubts exist as to the clear meaning of any provision of this constitution, the Executive Council or any member(s) of the society shall seek clarification from the Judicial Council.
2. The decision of the Judicial Council in respect of the provision of subsection (1) of this section shall be final.

81. SUSPENSION

Any section(s) of this constitution may be suspended by a two third (2/3) majority at the LSRC sitting duly constituted.

82. SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS/APPOINTEES

Every officer or appointee to any post or every member of any committee shall not assume office unless he has subscribed to the OATH OF ALLEGIANCE and OATH OF OFFICE as prescribed

in Appendix 1 to this constitution. Officers/Appointees shall be sworn in as hereunder prescribed.

1. Officers of the Executive Council by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, university of Ibadan
2. The representatives from the 100-level class by the president.
3. The speaker of the LSRC by the President not later than five working days after the Speaker's election into office.
4. Deputy Speaker, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and the Chief Whip by the Speaker.
5. Chief Justice by the President.
6. Justices of the Judicial Council by the chief justice.
7. Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Court, Deputy Court Clerk, and Bailiffs of the Judiciary by the Chief Justice.
8. Attorney General by the President.
9. Solicitor General and other members of the Ethics and Litigation Department by the Attorney General.
10. Chairman (and Vice Chairman where applicable) and Secretary of any committee or commission or body constituted by the Executive Council by the President.
11. Members of any committee or commission or body constituted by the Executive Council by the Chairman or such bodies.
12. Members of any committee set up by the LSRC or congress by the Speaker.

83. SPECIAL POWER TO SUMMON A CONGRESS

1. Notwithstanding the provision of this constitution, a meeting of the Congress shall be deemed summoned when one hundred members cutting across all levels sign a request to that effect and constitute a congress accordingly.
2. For the purpose of such meetings under subsection (1) of this section, Congress shall elect from amongst its members present a presiding officer where the President, Vice President, Speaker or Deputy Speaker is absent.

84. DEFINITIONS

1. Society shall mean the Law Students' society, University of Ibadan.
2. Congress shall mean the assemblage of all members of the LSS.
3. Foul language shall mean rude, abusive and offensive words.
4. Gross misconduct shall mean a grace violation or breach of the provision of this constitution or a misconduct of such nature as amount in the opinion of the LSRC or the Congress to be gross misconduct.
5. He/His and all masculine words like these include feminine ones like She/her
6. Incapacitation shall mean illness, resignation, suspension, removal, indisposition among other things.
7. Membership includes individual members of the society.

8. Members shall mean every bonafide Law student.
9. Officer shall mean any person holding any office which is a creation of this constitution.
10. One year shall mean one administrative session.
11. Recognition shall mean permission to speak or vote at any LSS gathering.
12. Special Congress means a congress that may be conveyed by the Speaker, the President or the Vice President on the request of the LSRC.
13. “Registered in respect of a member of the Student’s Law chambers” shall mean any member who has paid all prescribed chamber fees.
14. “Active in respect of a member of the Students’ law chambers” shall mean any member who attends meetings regularly.
15. “Approval” shall mean “authorized consent”.

85. DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This constitution shall be distributed to members of the society on the payment of a fee as the Executive Council may prescribe subject to the ratification of the LSRC.

86. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Every appointment made prior to the coming into force of this constitution shall be deemed to have been made under this constitution.

87. CITATION

This constitution shall be cited as the Constitution of the Law Students’ Society, University of Ibadan, 2019 and expressly repeals and amends the Constitution of the Law Students’ Society, University of Ibadan 2011.

88. COMMENCEMENT

The provisions of this constitution shall come into force on the 28th day of February 2019.

APPENDIX

1. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Law Students' Society, University of Ibadan, and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society, University of Ibadan, so help me God.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

I, do solemnly swear that as (state office) I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the Law Students' Society, University of Ibadan; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or decisions; that I will do right to all manner of people without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; that I will not communicate or reveal directly or otherwise to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as (state office) except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as (state office) So, help me God.

Oaths administered by:

Full name:

Sign.:

Date:

Declarant:

Full name:

Sign.:

Date:

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