



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

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT ON THE 2026 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society (JABULSS) hereby acknowledges and commends the exemplary work of the Ad-hoc Constitutional Amendment Committee, whose dedication and diligence culminated in the comprehensive review and amendment of the JABULSS Constitution 2019.

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The amendments introduced reflect a forward-thinking approach to student leadership, accountability, and the promotion of excellence within the College of Law.

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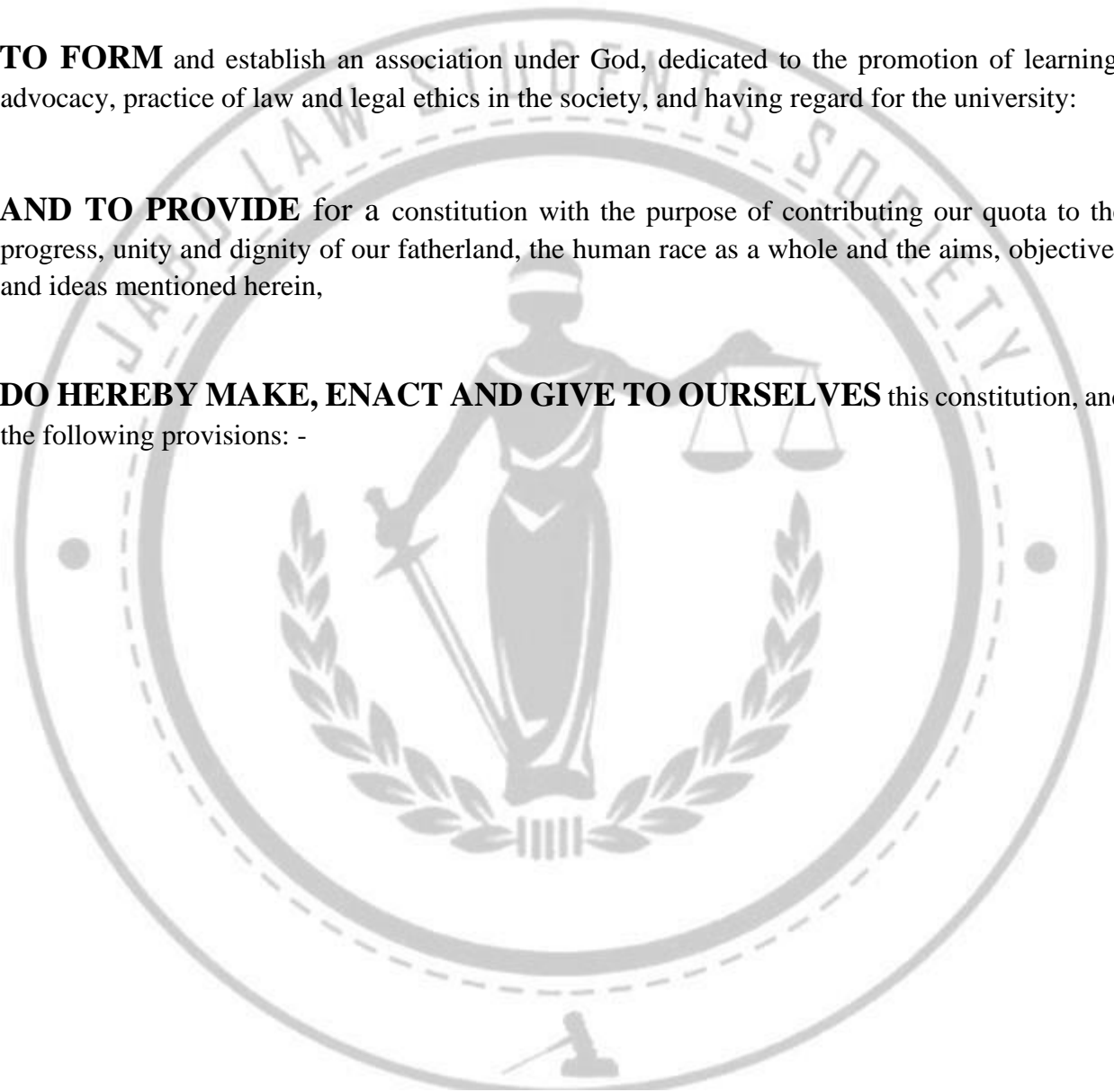
**WE THE ENTIRE LAW STUDENTS** of the College of Law, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Osun state, Nigeria in spirit of justice, equity and fair play:

**Having** firmly and unanimously resolve:

**TO FORM** and establish an association under God, dedicated to the promotion of learning, advocacy, practice of law and legal ethics in the society, and having regard for the university:

**AND TO PROVIDE** for a constitution with the purpose of contributing our quota to the progress, unity and dignity of our fatherland, the human race as a whole and the aims, objectives and ideas mentioned herein,

**DO HEREBY MAKE, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES** this constitution, and the following provisions: -



# **CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISION**

## **SECTION 1: SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- (1) This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all organs, officers, and members within the Society.
- (2) This Constitution shall not be subject to modifications, alterations, or amendments, save in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter XIV of this Constitution.
- (3) If any other law, rule, regulation, bye-law, or decision made within the Society is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail, and that other law, rule, regulation, bye-law, or decision shall, to the extent of its inconsistency, be null and void.
- (4) The validity of any law, action, or decision of any organ or officer of the Society may be challenged in the Judicial Council on the ground of inconsistency with this Constitution.
- (5) There shall be recognized LAWSAN Senators who shall represent the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' at the National Senate.

## **SECTION 2: NAME, MOTTO AND CITATION**

- (1) The Society shall be known and referred to as Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society (hereinafter referred to as "JABULSS" or "the Society").
- (2) The motto of the Society shall be "AD JUSTITIAM PER IUS", meaning "**TOWARDS JUSTICE BY RIGHT**".
- (3) This Constitution shall be cited as "The Constitution of the Law Students' Society, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, 2019" or as "JABULSS Constitution 2019".

## **SECTION 3: STAFF ADVISERS**

- (1) There shall be for the Society, Staff Advisers to be appointed by the Dean from amongst the Faculty's Staff.
- (2) The tenure of the staff advisers shall be for one academic session and shall thereafter be reviewed.
- (3) The number of such advisers shall be as determined by the Law Students' Representative Council, hereinafter referred to as the House, in the general interest of the Society.

# **CHAPTER II: AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND MEMBERSHIP**

## **PART I: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **SECTION 4: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- (1) To represent the interest of Law Students of Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Osun state, Internally, Externally, Nationally and Internationally.
- (2) To promote and articulate the professional needs, goals, and competence of JABU Law Students.
- (3) To promote inter university debates, moot court trials and other academic activities.
- (4) To strengthen JABU law students in the skills needed to successfully complete academic requirements for the Nigerian law school and the ensuing bar examination.
- (5) To encourage Law Students in specialized disciplines and stimulate an academic interchange of ideals at Seminars, Conferences and Symposiums.
- (6) To encourage Law Students in Sporting, Social and Cultural activities and provide adequate platforms on these bases.
- (7) To create a healthy avenue for social and academic interaction among Law Students and Staff of the College and the University at large.
- (8) To provide a wholesome link between College of Law of Joseph Ayo Babalola University and other Law Faculties/Colleges of Universities of the Nation.
- (9) To liaise with various Students Association within and outside the college with the aim of establishing good relationship, learning, and competition.
- (10) To defend consistently;
  - (a) The autonomy of Law Students' Society and Academic Freedom of its members;
  - (b) The interests of members of the society under the privileges existing in the university.

## **PART II: MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 5: COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- (1) The Membership of the Society shall consist of all duly registered, certified by the University to be LL'B Students of College of Law, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, and who are financially registered by the Society.

(2) Any student that doesn't fulfill the requirements of the society in terms of payment of annual dues (as set forth in Section 7) shall be denied full recognition and participation as a member of the Society.

(3) Any student that belongs to any secret cult shall be denied recognition and membership of the society.

## **SECTION 6: RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

(1) Every member who has fulfilled their financial obligation and other membership qualifications provided that such member is not under any limiting circumstance provided in this constitution, shall have the right to vote and be voted for, subject to any of the provisions of this constitution.

(2) Every member shall have the right to attend and participate in all programmes organized by the society, including seminars, symposiums, public lectures, moot and mock trial as well as law dinners provided he or she paid for same.

(3) Any aggrieved member of the society shall have liberty of access to the judicial council, and shall have a right to fair hearing in all matters within its jurisdiction.

(4) Every member shall, except as otherwise provided by this constitution, have rights to a cause of action in the judiciary, compelling any member, officer, or organ, to conform with the aims and objectives, set out in Section 4 of this constitution.

(5) Every member shall have the right to use the utilities and facilities provided by the society and the college subject to necessary rules and regulations guiding the use of such facilities and equipment.

(6) Every member shall have the right to belong to any legitimate committee or chamber which is duly registered in the college.

(7) Every member shall be entitled to receive full annual packages of the Law Students' Society subject to payment of annual dues.

(8) Every member shall have the right to a copy of this constitution subject to the payment of a fee, as may be prescribed by the Executive Council with the approval of the Legislative Council.

## **SECTION 7: OBLIGATIONS AND DUES**

(1) Law dues shall be determined by the Executive Council subject to the approval of the LSRC. Payment shall be accepted within the stipulated time in the academic year. Dues collection

procedures shall be left to the discretion of the treasurer. Each dues paying member shall receive a receipt of payment.

- (2) The law dues for all intent and purposes shall be mandatory to be paid within the first semester of a new academic session. Failure to comply will attract due sanction from appropriate authorities.
- (3) Every member shall be of good conduct at all times and places and shall do nothing that is likely to bring the Society into disrepute, ridicule or contempt.
- (4) Every member shall show courtesy to members of a senior class and a member of a senior class shall conduct himself creditably in his/her dealing with any member(s) of the lower class.
- (5) Every member shall comply with the dress code as prescribed in Section 67 of this constitution.



# **CHAPTER III: THE LAW STUDENTS'** **REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

## **PART I: COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 8: ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Establishment and Composition**

- (1) There shall be a Law Students' Representative Council (hereinafter referred to as "LSRC").
- (2) The Legislative Power of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society (JABULSS) is hereby vested in the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the members of the LSRC shall be elected students from the entire constituency and all constituencies shall be duly represented as Honorable save that they can reach the qualification required, and if a constituency cannot, the constituency shall nominate delegates to represent them in the House.
- (4) The LSRC shall consist of 5 members per constituency, among which shall be the Principal Officers of the House who shall be elected from among themselves:
  - a. Speaker
  - b. Deputy Speaker
  - c. Council Secretary
  - d. Chief Whip; and
  - e. Any other Officer as may be determined by the standing rules of the House or as prescribed by the House or the Speaker before the legislative session.

#### **Qualification for Membership**

- (5) A person shall be qualified for election as a member of the LSRC if:
  - a. He/She is a registered Student of the College of Law, Joseph Ayo Babalola University and a member of JABULSS.
  - b. His/Her CGPA is not less than 3.0 as at when contesting.
  - c. He/She is a reputable student with an unquestionable character.
  - d. He/She is a person proven of dignity, integrity, accountability and good character.

- e. He/She has never been found guilty of any misconduct or is under any investigation by the student disciplinary committee, or any disciplinary committee in the college or school.
- f. He/She has paid his/her annual dues and any other lawful levies as at and when due.
- g. He/She is not a member of a secret cult or association as prohibited by the university authorities.

## **SECTION 9: PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

### **A. THE SPEAKER**

- (1) The Speaker shall be a reputable Student of the College of Law, Law Students' Society and the University.
- (2) He/She shall be elected by two-third (2/3) majority of the members of the house if the contestants are two or less than two and simple majority if the contestants are more than two.
- (3) He/She shall have power to summon the meeting of the LSRC and shall have power to maintain peace and order in the house.
- (4) He/She shall impartially direct the proceedings at the sitting of the LSRC.
- (5) He/She shall at the parliamentary sitting, interpret the rules and procedure of the Council in good faith provided such interpretation shall be reversible by two-third (2/3) majority of the members of the LSRC and vote without prejudice to the interpretation given by the judicial council.
- (6) He/She shall execute all other functions conferred on him under the provisions of this constitution.
- (7) The Speaker shall preside at the sittings of the LSRC or in his/her absence, the Deputy Speaker or in default, any other member of the LSRC as He/She may elect for the purpose.
- (8) The speaker shall be from the apex class for the time being, and shall be a respectable and diligent student.
- (9) The Speaker shall declare vacant the seat of any member who absents himself for three (3) consecutive sittings without the Speaker's prior permission, subject to the approval of the LSRC.
- (10) He/She shall cast a vote whenever tie arises.
- (11) He/She shall be fair-minded in the use of his/her discretionary power.
- (12) He/She shall appoint the Sergeant-at-arms immediately after the inauguration of the new parliament.

- (13) The Speaker may, at any time, resign his/her office by writing under his/her hand addressed to the LSRC, and the resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the letter or from such later date as may be specified in the letter.

### **B. THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

- (1) The Deputy Speaker shall be a reputable Student of the college and the University.
- (2) He/She shall be an elected member of the LSRC and shall be elected by simple majority members of the council.
- (3) He/She shall see to the general welfare of the Council.
- (4) He/She shall be the electoral officer over election(s) on motions on the floor of the council.
- (5) Where the Speaker is absent due to infirmity of body or a resolution of the council, the Deputy Speaker shall preside at the sitting and the main functions of the Deputy Speaker under this constitution for that moment shall be exercised by any other member of the LSRC as the council may elect.
- (6) The deputy speaker shall be from the class preceding the apex class, for the time being and must be a respectable and diligent student.
- (7) Where and/or whenever he has to act for the Speaker at the LSRC, he/she shall appoint any qualified person to perform the duties of the Deputy Speaker.
- (8) The Deputy Speaker may, at any time, resign his/her office by writing under his/her hand addressed to the Speaker, and the resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the letter by the Speaker or from such later date as may be specified in the letter.

### **C. THE COUNCIL SECRETARY & ASSISTANT**

- (1) The Council Secretary and Assistant Council Secretary shall be an elected member of the LSRC.
- (2) The Council Secretary shall be from the apex class or the class preceding apex class, and the Assistant Council Secretary shall be from Constituency 2 or Constituency 3.
- (3) He/She shall record minutes of all LSRC sittings, and the Assistant Council Secretary shall assist.
- (4) He/She shall compile details of all the proceedings of the LSRC and the Congress, and the keeping of the same at the Secretariat for reference.
- (5) He/She shall prepare in advance, the agenda of all the major points to be discussed at the LSRC and the Special Congress.

- (6) He/She shall in conjunction with the Speaker, distribute notice of meetings to all members of the LSRC not later than seventy-two (72) hours before LSRC meetings.
- (7) He/She shall publish the resolution(s) of the LSRC sittings and Congresses, and paste same at the notice boards of the Society within seventy-two (72) hours.
- (8) He/She shall be responsible for the general correspondence of the LSRC.
- (9) He/She shall keep and maintain proper records of all legislative documents, bills, resolutions, and petitions before the House.
- (10) He/She shall issue certificates and documents on behalf of the LSRC as may be directed by the Speaker.
- (11) He/She shall summon meetings of the LSRC as at when due in conjunction with the Speaker.
- (12) He/She shall carry out other duties as may be assigned to him by the Speaker and the House.
- (13) The Assistant Council Secretary shall perform all function in absence of the Council Secretary.
- (14) The Council Secretary may, at any time, resign his/her office by writing under his/her hand addressed to the Speaker, and the resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the letter by the Speaker or from such later date as may be specified in the letter.

#### **D. THE CHIEF WHIP**

- (1) The Chief Whip shall be an elected member of the LSRC and shall be elected by simple majority of the members of the council.
- (2) He/She shall be the Chief disciplinarian officer of the LSRC.
- (3) He/She shall be the Head of the In-House Disciplinary Committee of the LSRC.
- (4) He/She shall ensure proper order and decorum during the sitting of the house.
- (5) He/She shall have power to deal with any members of the LSRC who tends to disturb the proceedings of the house with the approval of the Speaker.
- (6) He/She shall organize and arrange the venue of the meeting before the commencement of the session.
- (7) He/She shall perform any function as the Speaker deems fit to his functions when the House is in session.

- (8) He/She shall maintain law and order within the House and ensure compliance with the standing orders of the LSRC.
- (9) He/She shall monitor the attendance of members at parliamentary sittings and report cases of persistent absenteeism to the Speaker.
- (10) He/She shall assist the Speaker in the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the House.
- (11) He/She shall coordinate the activities of committee members and ensure timely submission of committee reports.
- (12) He/She shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Speaker or the House.
- (13) The Chief Whip may, at any time, resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Speaker, and the resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the letter by the Speaker or from such later date as may be specified in the letter.

#### **E. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

- (1) He/She shall be the Chief Security Officer of the Speaker of the LSRC.
- (2) He/She shall come from the lowest class in the college.
- (3) He/She shall not be a member of the LSRC.
- (4) He/She shall maintain order and security during sittings of the LSRC.
- (5) He/She shall execute the orders of the Speaker in maintaining discipline during sittings.
- (6) He/She shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Speaker.

### **PART II: POWERS AND PROCEDURE**

#### **SECTION 10: FUNCTIONS OF THE LSRC**

##### **Budget and Financial Functions**

- (1) The LSRC shall consider the budget proposal or proposals presented to it by the Executive Council within two (2) months after the swearing-in of the members of the LSRC.
- (2) The Executive Council shall, not later than four (4) weeks after the swearing-in of the Executive Council, cause to be prepared and laid before the LSRC estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the Society for the session.
- (3) The LSRC shall, after considering the estimates, pass a resolution granting the sum or sums necessary to meet the expenditure of the Society for the session, and appropriating the same among the several offices and activities of the Society.

(4) No money shall be withdrawn from any public fund of the Society except upon the authority of an appropriation resolution made by the LSRC in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

### **Investigatory and Impeachment Functions**

(5) The LSRC shall have power to conduct investigations into the conduct of any officer of the Society in the performance of his/her official duties, where it appears to the LSRC that:

- a. The officer has committed a breach of the Code of Conduct provided in this Constitution;
- b. The officer has acted or is acting in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the Society;
- c. The officer has committed an act of gross misconduct in the performance of his/her functions.

(6) Where a notice in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members of the LSRC is given to the Speaker alleging that the holder of any office in the Executive Council is guilty of gross misconduct in the performance of the functions of his/her office, the Speaker shall within seven days of the receipt of the notice cause a copy thereof to be served on the holder of such office and on each member of the LSRC, and shall cause any statement made in reply to the allegation by the holder of the office to be served on each member of the LSRC.

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

(8) A motion of the LSRC that the allegation be investigated shall not be declared as having been passed unless it is supported by the votes of not less than two-third majority of all the members of the LSRC.

(9) Within seven days of the passing of a motion under subsection (8) of this section, the Chief Judge of the Society shall at the request of the LSRC appoint a Panel of not less than five persons who in his/her opinion are of unquestionable integrity, not being members of the Executive Council or LSRC, to investigate the allegation as provided in this section.

(10) The holder of an office whose conduct is being investigated under this section shall have the right to defend himself in person and shall be given fair hearing in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

(11) A Panel appointed under this section shall within three weeks of its appointment report its findings to the LSRC.

(12) Where the Panel reports to the LSRC that the allegation has not been proved, no further proceedings shall be taken in respect of the matter.

(13) Where the report of the Panel is that the allegation against the holder of the office has been proved, then within fourteen days of the receipt of the report the LSRC shall consider the report, and if by a resolution of the LSRC supported by not less than two-third majority of all its members the LSRC adopts the report, the holder of the office shall stand removed from office as from the date of the adoption of the report.

#### **Power to Receive Petitions**

(14) The LSRC shall have power to receive petitions from any student or group of students of the College of Law who are aggrieved on any matter concerning the Society, the College, or the welfare of students, and the LSRC shall investigate and rule on such matters appropriately.

#### **Power to Summon Officers**

(15) The LSRC shall have power to summon the whole or any member or members of the Executive Council or any Committee or Commission of the Society to appear before it in connection with any matter within the legislative competence of the LSRC, provided not less than seventy-two (72) hours' notices shall be given to the officer(s).

#### **Power to Pass Resolutions**

(16) The LSRC shall have power to pass resolution(s) on any matter(s) affecting the Law Students' Society in so far as such resolution(s) do not conflict with this Constitution.

(17) All such resolution(s) shall be forwarded to the President for implementation and he shall within a time frame stipulated by the House implement such resolution(s).

(18) The LSRC shall summon the President if he refuses to implement the resolution(s) at the expiration of the stipulated time to explain the reason(s) for his/her refusal to implement such resolution(s); if such resolution(s) is again passed by two-third (2/3) majority of members of the LSRC, it shall become binding on him for implementation.

#### **Power to Review and Approve**

(19) The LSRC may review any action or program, proposed or undertaken by the Executive Council or any Committee of the Society or any member thereof.

(20) The LSRC shall consider and approve or disapprove all honorary awards or recipients of such awards from the Society.

(21) The LSRC shall approve the membership of any Statutory Committee set up by the Executive Council.

#### **Electoral Functions**

(22) The LSRC shall ratify members of the Electoral Commission for transition programs together with the election of other offices in the college.

## **Informative Function**

(23) The LSRC shall have an informative function to keep all members of the Society duly informed about legislative activities, decisions, and matters of general interest, including but not limited to:

- a. Legislative decisions and resolutions passed by the House
- b. Budget allocations and financial matters approved by the LSRC
- c. Activities, programs and events organized by or on behalf of the Society
- d. Changes to rules, regulations, and policies affecting members
- e. Reports from committees and commissions of the Society
- f. Any other matters of general interest to the membership of the Society

## **General Functions**

(24) The LSRC shall do all other thing(s) that shall guarantee the meaningful attainments of the aims and objectives set out in the preamble and Section 4 of this Constitution.

(25) Such other things may include a request signed by fifteen (15) 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(s) whatsoever. If the President refuses to call a Special Congress after the stipulated time, the Vice President shall be mandated by the LSRC, through the Speaker, to call the Special Congress.

## **Procedural Functions**

(26) Subject to the provision of this Constitution, the LSRC shall have power to determine and regulate its own procedure.

## **SECTION 11: LEGISLATIVE POWERS**

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

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

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

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

- (c) Where the President withholds his/her assent and the bill is again passed by two-third (2/3) majority of members present, the bill shall become law and the assent of the President shall not be required.
- (d) The LSRC shall have the power to receive petition from any student or group of students who are aggrieved on any matter in the college and the council shall rule on such matter appropriately.

## **SECTION 12: LAW-MAKING PROCEDURE**

- (1) Any member of the LSRC may introduce a bill for consideration by the House.
- (2) A bill shall go through the following stages before becoming law:
- a. First Reading: Introduction and title of the bill
  - b. Second Reading: General debate on the principles and merits of the bill
  - c. Committee Stage: Detailed examination, clause-by-clause consideration and amendment of the bill
  - d. Third Reading: Final debate and vote on the bill
  - e. Presidential Assent or Override as provided in Section 11(2) of this Constitution
- (3) All bills affecting the finances of the Society or appropriating money from the Society's funds must originate from the Executive Council or be introduced with the express approval of the Executive Council.
- (4) A bill shall not be passed unless it has been read three times in the House in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (5) There shall be an interval of at least forty-eight (48) hours between the second and third readings of a bill.
- (6) Where a bill has been passed at the third reading, the Council Secretary shall within seven (7) days present the bill to the President for assent.
- (7) Where the President has signified his/her assent to a bill, the Council Secretary shall cause the bill to be published and copies thereof to be posted on the notice boards of the College within forty-eight (48) hours of such assent.

## **SECTION 13: QUORUM, ATTENDANCE AND VOTING**

- (1) Every member shall have a right to attend the proceedings of the House except otherwise provided by the rules and procedure of the House.
- (2) The quorum of the LSRC shall be two-third of the members of the council.

- (3) At any sitting of the Council, the Speaker of the council shall preside and, in his/her absence, the Deputy Speaker shall preside.
- (4) In the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, the LSRC shall elect a member to preside at their meeting.
- (5) Except as otherwise provided for in this constitution, any question proposed for decision in the Council shall be determined by the required majority of the members present and voting and the person presiding shall cast a vote when necessary to avoid an equality of votes but shall not vote in any other case.
- (6) Attendance shall not be construed as appearance alone but shall mean being present and available while the meeting subsists.
- (7) All LSRC members must attend all Parliamentary sittings punctually. Any member who will be unavoidably absent must go through the proper means of communication as provided by the rules of the House.
- (8) Notice of a general meeting shall be given to all members of LSRC at least seventy-two (72) hours before the said meeting.
- (9) Without prejudice to subsection (8) above, any emergency meeting could be summoned within twenty-four (24) hours.
- (10) Subject to the provisions 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.

### **PART III: TENURE AND REMOVAL**

#### **SECTION 14: TENURE, VACATION AND FORFEITURE OF SEAT**

##### **TENURE OF SEAT AS LSRC MEMBER**

- (1) The LSRC shall function for one session and shall dissolve thereafter.
- (2) A member shall vacate their seat if:
  - a. They cease to be a student of the University;
  - b. They become a member of another organ of the Society;
  - c. They are absent from three (3) consecutive sittings without proper mode of permission as stipulated by the rules of the House;
  - d. They are a member of a secret cult or prohibited association;
  - e. The Speaker receives a recall certificate from the Electoral Commission signed by the

Constituency Chairman;

f. They are suspended or expelled from the University for misconduct.

### **FORFEITURE OF SEAT**

- (3) A member who absents themselves from three (3) consecutive meetings without justifiable excuse or written permission shall forfeit their seat.
- (4) Any member who loses their seat under subsection (3) shall be disqualified from:
  - a) Being elected into the House again; and
  - b) Holding any Society office for the remainder of that session.
- (5) The Speaker's ruling on whether an excuse is acceptable may be overruled by two-third (2/3) majority vote of the LSRC.

### **RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE**

- (6) Any member wishing to resign shall:
  - a. Submit a signed letter to the Speaker; and
  - b. Inform their constituency leader.
- (7) Resignation shall be announced on the floor of the House at the next session after receipt.
- (8) Resignation takes effect only after being read and accepted on the floor of the House.
- (9) Upon acceptance of resignation, the Speaker shall order the vacancy to be filled in accordance with the House standing rules.

### **POWER OF RECALL**

- (10) A constituency may recall their member if they have lost confidence in them or the member is not discharging their duties properly.
- (11) Recall requires:
  - a) A general class meeting; and
  - b) Two-third (2/3) majority confirmation of the class.
- (12) The Class Governor shall submit a letter signed by two-third (2/3) of constituency members to the Speaker.
- (13) Upon receipt, the Speaker shall declare the seat vacant and order it to be filled in accordance with electoral provisions.

### **SECTION 15: REMOVAL OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

## **Grounds for Removal**

- (1) The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Council Secretary, or Chief Whip may be removed from office on any of the following grounds:
  - a. Gross misconduct in the performance of official duties;
  - b. Inability to discharge functions arising from infirmity of mind or body;
  - c. Breach of the Code of Conduct provided in this Constitution;
  - d. Persistent absence from sittings without reasonable excuse;
  - e. Loss of confidence by two-third majority of LSRC members.

## **Procedure for Removal**

- (2) A motion for removal shall be initiated by a notice in writing signed by not less than one-third of LSRC members, stating specific allegations and delivered to the Speaker (or Deputy Speaker if the Speaker is subject of removal).
- (3) Within seven (7) days of receipt, the presiding officer shall serve copies on the affected officer and all LSRC members, along with any written response from the affected officer.
- (4) The LSRC shall debate the motion within fourteen (14) days and vote by secret ballot.
- (5) Removal requires support of two-third (2/3) majority of all LSRC members.
- (6) The affected officer shall have the right to:
  - a. Defend themselves in person before the House;
  - b. Call witnesses and present evidence;
  - c. Be given fair hearing in accordance with natural justice principles.
- (7) Upon removal, the affected officer shall vacate their office immediately and the LSRC shall elect a replacement from among its members within seven (7) days.
- (8) An officer removed under this section may appeal to the Judicial Council within ten (10) working days of the removal decision.
- (9) Any principal member removed from His/Her office shall still continue to be a Honorable member unless otherwise recalled.

# **CHAPTER IV: THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

## **PART I: ESTABLISHMENT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **SECTION 16: ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND EXECUTIVE POWERS**

#### **Establishment and Executive Powers**

- (1) There shall be established for the Society an Executive Council (hereinafter referred to as "EC").
- (2) The Executive powers of the Society are hereby vested in the Executive Council subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
- (3) Such powers may be exercised by the Executive Council directly or through officers subordinate to them, provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the Law Students' Representative Council from delegating functions to persons, committees, or commissions other than the Executive Council.
- (4) The Executive power of the Society shall include the execution and maintenance of this Constitution and all matters with respect to which the Law Students' Representative Council has power to make laws and regulations.

#### **Composition of the Executive Council**

- (5) The Executive Council shall comprise the following officers:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President/Academic Affairs Officer
  - c. General Secretary
  - d. Assistant General Secretary
  - e. Director of Socials
  - f. Director of Sports
  - g. Financial Secretary
  - h. Treasurer
  - i. Public Relations Officer

j. Welfare Director

k. Director of Protocols/Chief Whip

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

## **SECTION 17: CONDUCT OF EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

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

(2) The Executive Council shall decide on the manner in which voting shall be carried out on matters, while the President shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

(3) The quorum of the Executive Council shall be simple majority of members of the cabinet.

(4) The Executive Council shall meet as often as possible for the effective running of the Society.

(5) Meetings of the Executive Council shall be summoned by the General Secretary on a directive of the President.

(6) Any member of the Executive Council shall have power to sponsor a bill on any issue that concerns his/her portfolio which is to be discussed by the Law Students' Representative Council.

## **SECTION 18: TENURE AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

### **Tenure of Office**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, every member of the Executive Council shall hold office until:

a. The date when his/her successor in office takes the oath of that office after a general election;

b. He/She dies while holding such office;

c. The date when his/her resignation from such office takes effect;

d. He/She ceases to be a member of the College or School;

e. He/She is duly removed from office by the Law Students' Representative Council in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution; or

f. He/She otherwise ceases to hold office in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

- (2) Each position in the Executive Council can only be held by a person for two tenures if re-elected.
- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution, any member of the Executive Council can hold any other position in the Executive Council except the President, but such would be in acting or interim capacity.

### **Removal from Office**

- (4) A member of the Executive Council may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (5) Whenever a notice of any allegation in writing signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Law Students' Representative Council:
  - a. Is presented to the Speaker of the Law Students' Representative Council;
  - b. Stating that the holder of such office is guilty of gross misconduct in the performance of the functions of his/her office, detailed particulars of which shall be specified; The Speaker of the Law Students' Representative Council shall, within three (3) days of the receipt of such notice, cause a copy of the notice to be served on the holder of the office and on each member of the Law Students' Representative Council, and shall also cause any statement made in reply to the allegation by the holder of the office to be served on each member of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (6) Within seven (7) days of the presentation of the notice to the Speaker of the Law Students' Representative Council (whether or not any statement was made by the holder of the office in reply to the allegation contained in the notice), the House shall resolve by motion, without any debate, whether or not the allegation shall be investigated.
- (7) A motion of the House that the allegation shall be investigated shall not be declared as having been passed unless it is supported by the vote of not less than two-third (2/3) majority of all members of the House.
- (8) Within three (3) days of the passing of the motion under subsection (7) of this section, the Chief Judge of the Society shall, at the request of the House, appoint a panel of five (5) persons who in his/her opinion are of unquestionable integrity, not being members of any organ of the Society, to investigate the allegation as provided in this section.
- (9) The holder of an office whose conduct is being investigated under this section shall have the right to defend himself in person and shall be given fair hearing in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

- (10) A panel appointed under this section shall, within three (3) weeks of its appointment, report its findings to the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (11) Where the panel reports to the Law Students' Representative Council that the allegation has not been proved, no further proceedings shall be taken in respect of the matter.
- (12) Where the report of the panel is that the allegation against the holder of the office has been proved, then within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the report, the Law Students' Representative Council shall consider the report, and if by a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council supported by not less than two-third(2/3) majority of all its members the House adopts the report, the holder of the office shall stand removed from office as from the date of the adoption of the report.
- (13) Any removed officer shall not absolve himself of liability resulting from any act of irregularities committed by him during his/her tenure in office.
- (14) Any removed Executive Council officer shall have ten (10) working days within which he may seek redress at the Judicial Council in accordance with this Constitution.

## **PART II: THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

### **SECTION 19: THE PRESIDENT**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a President.
- (2) He/She shall be the Head, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Council.

#### **Qualifications for Office**

- (3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of the Society President if:
  - a. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and sense of responsibility;
  - b. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS;
  - c. His/Her CGPA must be 3.5 or above as at when contesting;
  - d. He/She shall have spent at least one academic session (two semesters) in the College and University;
  - e. He/She shall be a student from 400 level at the time of election.

## **Powers and Functions**

(4) The President shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Supervise and coordinate all aspects of the Society's activities;
- b. Be one of the official representatives of the Society's interest within the College and University authority and shall protect the image of the College in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- c. Discharge all such duties which are reasonably incidental to his/her office;
- d. Have the power to formally request, in writing, permission to address the House on any issue he deems important and requires urgent consideration, subject to the approval of the House;
- e. Be a signatory to the account of the Society;
- f. Give out all necessary orders to any persons of the Society; such orders must be reasonable so as not to command the impossible;
- g. Have powers to appoint to fill up any vacancy in the Executive Council, but such appointment is subject to the approval of the Law Students' Representative Council.

(5) In a situation whereby there is a dispute as to the appointment, the President shall direct the Electoral Chairman to conduct an election to fill up such vacancy.

## **SECTION 20: THE VICE PRESIDENT/ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Vice President, who shall also be the Academic Affairs Officer (hereinafter referred to as "Vice President/AAO").
- (2) The Society's Vice President shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

## **Qualifications for Office**

(3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Vice President if:

- a. He/She shall be a student from 300 level at the time of election;
- b. His/Her CGPA must be 3.5 or above as at when contesting;
- c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and sense of responsibility;

d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

### **Powers and Functions**

(4) The Vice President shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Represent the Society at the University Academic Committee;
- b. Act for the President in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- c. Be responsible for matters relating to the academic welfare of Society members;
- d. Be the Chairman of the Academic Committee of the Society;
- e. In the discharge of his/her duties, act on the advice of the Executive Council;
- f. Discharge all such duties which are reasonably incidental to his/her office.

### **Acting as President**

- (5) The Vice President shall have the same powers as the President in a situation where the President is absent for any justifiable reason or is removed from office by the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (6) In a situation whereby the President is removed from office, the Vice President shall take charge of the affairs of the Society.
- (7) In such a situation, the Vice President, in line with working with the Speaker, shall give a directive to the Electoral Officer to conduct an election for the position of the President within a reasonable time.
- (8) The Vice President shall act for the President in his/her absence in all official matters.

## **PART III: OTHER OFFICES**

### **SECTION 21: THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a General Secretary.
- (2) The General Secretary of the Society shall be a full-time registered student of the College, the University, and a full member of JABULSS.
- (3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of General Secretary if:
  - a. He/She shall be a student from 400 level at the time of election;
  - b. He/She must have at least 3.0 CGPA;
  - c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and sense of responsibility;
  - d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (4) The General Secretary shall have the following powers and functions:
  - a. Be responsible for the general secretariat duties of the Society;
  - b. Be in charge of all correspondence of the Society;
  - c. Take minutes of the meetings of the Executive Council and shall circulate same to members within five (5) days of such meeting;
  - d. Give full cooperation to the President towards the effective discharge of the executive duties of the Society;
  - e. On the advice of the Executive Council, compile a comprehensive record of the activities of the Council for the parliamentary year and shall present the same to the Law Students' Representative Council at the last sitting of the House for the year;
  - f. Be responsible to the President for the day-to-day activities of the Society and shall advise the President on all matters pertaining to the appointment, discipline, and dismissal of any Society officer;
  - g. Take custody of all the Society documents and official papers;
  - h. Carry out all other directives given to him by the President or other executives

## **SECTION 22: THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY**

- (1) There shall be for the Society an Assistant General Secretary.
- (2) The Assistant General Secretary shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Assistant General Secretary if:
  - a. He/She shall be a student from either 200 level or 300 level at the time of election;
  - b. He/She shall have spent at least one academic session (two semesters) in the College;
  - c. He/She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA;
  - d. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character;
  - e. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (4) The Assistant General Secretary shall have the following powers and functions:
  - a. Work in collaboration with the General Secretary of the Society;
  - b. Perform the duties of the General Secretary of the Society in case of infirmity of body, act of misconduct, or absence;
  - c. Be the custodian of the Secretariat;
  - d. Recommend to the Financial Secretary the purchase of necessary items to the Society's Secretariat;
  - e. Perform any other duty assigned to him by the General Secretary or by the resolution of the Executive Council or Law Students' Representative Council.

## **SECTION 23: DIRECTOR OF SOCIALS**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Director of Socials.
- (2) He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Director of Socials if:

- a. He/She shall be a student from 400 level at the time of election;
- b. He/She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA;
- c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character;
- d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(4) The Director of Socials shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Be responsible for all social activities of the Society;
- b. Be the custodian and promoter of the Society's cultural heritage;
- c. Be the Chairman of the Society's Social Committee;
- d. Present a written report of any Society's social function held to the Executive Council within two (2) weeks of the event;
- e. Be responsible for providing recreational facilities for the use of Society members;
- f. In the discharge of his/her duties, take advice from the Executive Council;
- g. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, perform any other duties conferred on him by the Executive Council or a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council.

#### **SECTION 24: DIRECTOR OF SPORTS**

(1) There shall be for the Society a Director of Sports.

(2) He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Director of Sports if:

- a. He/She shall be a student from 400 level or 300 level at the time of election;
- b. He/She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA;
- c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character;

d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(4) The Director of Sports shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Be a keen sportsman who shall explore and adopt suitable means for improving the current standard of students' sporting activities and coordinate all sporting activities of the College;
- b. Be responsible for the purchase and ensure proper maintenance of the Society's sporting equipment and facilities;
- c. Organize sporting activities such as the Annual Inter-College/Department football, volleyball, basketball, table tennis competition, and other sporting activities as he/she shall deem fit;
- d. Be the Chairman of the Sports Committee of the Society;
- e. Be the representative of the College in any Sports Committee either of the University authority or any other body;
- f. From time to time, release information to the students on the sporting activities of the College;
- g. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, perform any other duties conferred on him by the Executive Council or a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council.

## **SECTION 25: THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

(1) There shall be for the Society a Financial Secretary.

(2) The Financial Secretary shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Financial Secretary if:

- a. He/She shall be a student from 400 level or 300 level at the time of election;
- b. He/She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA;
- c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and proven financial integrity;

d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(4) The Financial Secretary shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Be responsible for preparing the financial records of the Society;
- b. Be a signatory to the Society's account;
- c. Be guided by the financial instructions as provided in the Second Schedule of this Constitution in discharging his/her duties;
- d. Present to the Law Students' Representative Council on a monthly basis all receipts and payment vouchers of the Society's transactions;
- e. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, submit budget statement and balance sheet to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Society at least seventy-two (72) hours before presenting same to the Law Students' Representative Council;
- f. Alongside the Treasurer, give financial advice to the Executive Council;
- g. On advice of the Executive Council, prepare a balance sheet of their financial transactions and present same to all members of the Law Students' Representative Council at least forty-eight (48) hours before the said sitting;
- h. Be the Vice Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee;
- i. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, perform any other duties conferred on him by the Executive Council or a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council.

## **SECTION 26: THE TREASURER**

(1) There shall be for the Society a Treasurer.

(2) The Treasurer shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Treasurer if:

- a. He/She shall be a student from 400 level at the time of election;
- b. He/She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA;

c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and proven financial integrity;

d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(4) The Treasurer shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Be a signatory to the Society's accounts;

b. Be the keeper of accounts for the Executive Council;

c. Give advice to the Executive Council on matters relating to accounts;

d. Work closely with the Financial Secretary on the transparency of the accounts of the Society;

e. Be the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee;

f. Perform any other duties conferred on him by the Executive Council or a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council.

## **SECTION 27: THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

(1) There shall be for the Society a Public Relations Officer.

(2) He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Public Relations Officer if:

a. He/She shall be a student from 200 level and above at the time of election;

b. He/She shall have nothing less than a 2.5 CGPA;

c. He/She is a reputable student with good communication skills;

d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.

(4) The Public Relations Officer shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Be the image maker of the Society;

- b. Be the mouthpiece of the Executive Council and the College as a whole;
- c. Be responsible for the internal and external publicity of the Society's activities;
- d. Be the Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Society;
- e. Be responsible for the public enlightenment of Society members and for this purpose organize lectures and symposia;
- f. Be responsible for all publications and periodicals of the Society;
- g. Discharge his/her duties with the advice of the Executive Council;
- h. Perform any other duties conferred on him by the Executive Council or a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council.

#### **SECTION 28: THE WELFARE DIRECTOR**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Welfare Director.
- (2) He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Welfare Director if:
  - a. He/She shall be a student from 400 level or 300 level at the time of election;
  - b. He/She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA;
  - c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character;
  - d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (4) The Welfare Director shall have the following powers and functions:
  - a. Be responsible for the welfare of the members of the Society;
  - b. In conjunction with the President, liaise with appropriate authorities such as the Student Affairs Office, College of Law, Works Department, etc., to ensure the welfare of the members;
  - c. In liaison with the College authority, see to the maintenance of the Society's amenities such as the toilets, furniture, and all electrical appliances;

- d. Be the Chairman of the Welfare Committee;
- e. Without prejudice to any provision of this Constitution, perform any other duties conferred on him by the Executive Council or a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council.

## **SECTION 29: DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOLS/CHIEF WHIP**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Director of Protocols/Chief Whip.
- (2) He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member
- (3) A student shall be qualified for election to the office of Director of Protocols/Chief Whip if:
  - a. He/She shall have nothing less than a 3.0 CGPA;
  - b. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character;
  - c. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS.
- (4) The Director of Protocols/Chief Whip shall have the following powers and functions:
  - a. Be the custodian of law and order during meetings;
  - b. Be the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee;
  - c. Ensure strict compliance with the University rules and regulations for law students in the College and locations in the capacity of being a law student;
  - d. Ensure obedience of all College of Law code of conduct and dress codes;
  - e. Perform such other duties incidental to the office or as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the President or other members of the Executive Council.

## **PART IV: APPOINTED OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 30: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOLICITOR GENERAL, DIRECTOR OF MOOT AND DEBATE, AND AUDITOR GENERAL**

#### **A. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

- (1) There shall be for the Society the office of the Attorney General.
- (2) The Attorney General shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (3) A student shall be qualified for appointment to the office of Attorney General if:
  - a. He/She is from the apex class, being 500 level;
  - b. He/She shall have nothing less than 3.0 CGPA as at when being considered for appointment;
  - c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and proven legal acumen;
  - d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS;
  - e. He/She must be an active member of a recognized Chamber prior to his/her appointment.
- (4) The Attorney General shall:
  - a. Be the Chief Law Officer of the Society and the head of the Ministry of Justice;
  - b. Give orders as he deems fit as to the affairs and activities of the Attorney General's office;
  - c. Delegate to other members of his/her office as he deems fit towards the effective functioning and progress of the office;
  - d. Be the Chief Prosecutor of all criminal actions in the Judicial Council;
  - e. Advise the Society's government on relevant areas of law.
- (5) The Attorney General shall have the power:
  - a. To institute criminal charges against anyone on behalf of the Society in the Judicial Council;

- b. To take over and continue any criminal proceedings that may have been instituted by any other member of his/her office;
- c. To discontinue at any stage before judgment is given on any criminal proceedings;
- d. To institute any civil action as the Society requires of them.

## **B. THE SOLICITOR GENERAL**

- (6) There shall be for the Society the office of the Solicitor General.
- (7) The Solicitor General shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Attorney General, subject to the confirmation of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (8) A student shall be qualified for appointment to the office of Solicitor General if:
  - a. He/She is from the second highest class;
  - b. He/She shall have nothing less than 3.0 CGPA as at when being considered for appointment;
  - c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character;
  - d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS;
  - e. He/She must be an active member of a recognized Chamber prior to his/her appointment.
- (9) The Solicitor General shall:
  - a. Take charge of all documentation on behalf of the office of the Attorney General;
  - b. Take charge of filing of necessary actions in the Judicial Council;
  - c. Be subordinate to the Attorney General and must act accordingly;
  - d. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Attorney General or the Executive Council.

## **C. DIRECTOR OF MOOT AND DEBATE ASSOCIATION**

- (10) There shall be for the Society the office of the Director of Moot and Debate Association

(11) The Director of Moot and Debate Association shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Law Students' Representative Council.

(12) A student shall be qualified for appointment to the office of Director of Moot and Debate Association if:

- a. He/She is from 400 level or 500 level at the time of appointment;
- b. He/She shall have nothing less than 3.5 CGPA as at when being considered for appointment;
- c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and demonstrated excellence in advocacy and legal research;
- d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS;
- e. He/She must be an active member of a recognized Chamber prior to his/her appointment;
- f. He/She must have participated in at least two (2) moot court competitions or mock trials within the Society.

(13) The Director of Moot and Debate Association shall:

- a. Be the General Head over all Chambers in the Society;
- b. Organize and coordinate inter-chamber and inter-constituency moot court competitions and debates;
- c. Oversee all moot court trials and mock trials conducted within the Society;
- d. Coordinate academic and legal research activities in the Law Students' Society;
- e. Encourage advocacy, legal writing, and intellectual research among members of the Society;
- f. Maintain a register of all Chambers and their activities;
- g. Ensure compliance by all Chambers with the provisions of this Constitution and the regulations governing Chambers;
- h. Convene meetings of all Chamber Heads at least once per semester to discuss matters affecting advocacy training and chamber activities;

- i. Submit quarterly reports on chamber activities and moot court competitions to the Executive Council and the Law Students' Representative Council;
- j. Liaise with the College and external bodies for the purpose of organizing inter-university moot court competitions;
- k. Recommend sanctions against any Chamber that operates contrary to the provisions of this Constitution, subject to the approval of the Executive Council;
- l. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Council.

(14) The Director of Moot and Debate Association shall have the power to:

- a. Issue directives to all Chambers on matters relating to moot court competitions, mock trials, and advocacy training;
- b. Set standards and guidelines for the conduct of moot court competitions and mock trials within the Society;
- c. Approve the calendar of chamber activities and moot court competitions for each academic session;
- d. Select and constitute panels of judges for moot court competitions from among qualified members of the Society;
- e. Suspend any chamber activity that is inconsistent with the objectives of the Society or the provisions of this Constitution, subject to review by the Executive Council within seven (7) days.

#### **D. THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

(15) There shall be for the Society the office of the Auditor General.

(16) The Auditor General shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Law Students' Representative Council.

(17) A student shall be qualified for appointment to the office of Auditor General if:

- a. He/She is from 400 level or 500 level at the time of appointment;
- b. He/She shall have nothing less than 3.0 CGPA as at when being considered for appointment;
- c. He/She is a reputable student with unquestionable character and proven financial integrity;
- d. He/She shall be a full-time registered student of the College and University and a full member of JABULSS;

e. He/She must demonstrate competence in financial record-keeping and accounting principles.

(18) The Auditor General shall:

- a. Be the Chairman of the Audit Committee established under Section 43 of this Constitution;
- b. Be the Chief Financial Watchdog of the Society;
- c. Have the main responsibility of auditing the accounts of all arms and branches of the Society;
- d. Conduct regular audits of the Society's financial records and transactions;
- e. Verify all receipts, payment vouchers, and financial statements presented by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer;
- f. Prepare and submit audit reports to the Law Students' Representative Council at least twice per session;
- g. Ensure compliance with the financial instructions provided in the Second Schedule of this Constitution;
- h. Investigate any allegations of financial impropriety or mismanagement within the Society;
- i. Work in collaboration with the Budget and Finance Committee to ensure financial accountability and transparency.

(19) The Auditor General shall have the power to:

- a. Call for an interim audit of the Society's accounts at any time when deemed necessary;
- b. Suspend spending by any officer or organ of the Society where financial irregularities are suspected, subject to the approval of the Law Students' Representative Council;
- c. Require any officer handling the Society's funds to provide explanations and supporting documents for any expenditure;
- d. Recommend disciplinary action against any officer found guilty of financial misconduct to the appropriate authority;
- e. Access all financial records, bank statements, receipts, and vouchers of the Society at any time.

(20) The Auditor General shall submit a comprehensive audit report to the Law Students' Representative Council before the end of each semester, detailing:

- a. The financial position of the Society;

- b. All income and expenditure during the period under review;
- c. Any irregularities or discrepancies discovered;
- d. Recommendations for improving financial management.

(21) No officer of the Society shall be given clearance at the end of their tenure until their financial records have been audited and approved by the Auditor General and ratified by the Law Students' Representative Council.



# **CHAPTER V: THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

## **PART I: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

### **SECTION 31: ESTABLISHMENT OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Judicial Council.
- (2) The Judicial powers and authority of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society are hereby vested in the Judicial Council.
- (3) The Judicial Council shall be independent in the discharge of its functions and shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority, save as provided by this Constitution.
- (4) The Judicial Council shall have jurisdiction equivalent to that of the Federal High Court of Nigeria in matters arising under this Constitution.

### **SECTION 32: COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES**

- (1) The Judicial Council shall consist of not more than nine (9) Judges and other Judicial Officers.
- (2) The distribution of Judges amongst the levels shall be:
  - a. Three (3) Judges from 500 Level
  - b. Three (3) Judges from 400 Level
  - c. Three (3) Judges from 300 Level
- (3) The appointment of Judges shall be made by the President on the recommendation of the Chief Judge, subject to confirmation by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the Judicial Council, the Chief Judge shall within seven (7) days recommend a qualified student from the appropriate level to the President for appointment, subject to confirmation by the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (5) Members of the Judicial Council shall be nominated by members of their respective classes at a general class meeting conducted not more than four (4) weeks into the semester of a new session, and their nomination shall be ratified by the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (6) Where the nomination from any class exceeds the number provided for in subsection (2) of this section, there shall be an election by a modality to be determined by the Electoral Commission.

## **SECTION 33: THE CHIEF JUDGE AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS**

### **A. THE CHIEF JUDGE**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Chief Judge who shall be the head of the Judicial Council.
- (2) The Chief Judge shall be elected from amongst the Judges of the Judicial Council by the Judges themselves, subject to confirmation by a two-third(2/3) majority of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (3) The Chief Judge must be from 400 Level at the time of appointment.
- (4) The Chief Judge shall:
  - a. Be the administrative head of the Judicial Council;
  - b. Preside over all sittings of the Judicial Council or designate a Judge to preside in her/his absence;
  - c. Assign cases to panels of Judges as appropriate;
  - d. Recommend qualified students for appointment as Judges to the President;
  - e. Supervise the administrative staff of the Judicial Council;
  - f. Submit quarterly reports on the activities of the Judicial Council to the Law Students' Representative Council;
  - g. Handle the appointment of Judges to particular cases and all administrative duties as regards the functioning of the Judiciary;
  - h. Summon and preside over all sittings and meetings of the Judicial Council;
  - i. Carry out all other duties that are incidental to the office.
- (5) In the absence of the Chief Judge, the most senior Judge present shall preside over proceedings and perform the functions of the Chief Judge for that occasion.
- (6) The Chief Judge may resign his/her office by writing under his/her hand addressed to the Body of Benchers, and the resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the letter or from such later date as may be specified in the letter.

### **B. THE CHIEF REGISTRAR**

- (7) The Chief Judge shall have power to appoint a Chief Registrar from amongst 300 level or 400 level students who is not a member of the Judicial Council.
- (8) The Chief Registrar shall:

- a. Be the chief administrative officer of the Judicial Council;
- b. Keep records of all cases before the Council;
- c. Keep minutes of all proceedings of the Council;
- d. Issue processes, summons and notices on behalf of the Council;
- e. Maintain the cause list and fix hearing dates in consultation with the Chief Judge;
- f. Be responsible for the general correspondence of the Council;
- g. Maintain a register of all cases filed, heard, and determined, which shall be open to inspection by any member of the Society during official hours;
- h. Serve judgments and orders on the parties within forty-eight (48) hours of delivery;
- i. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chief Judge.

(9) The Chief Registrar may resign his/her office by writing under his/her hand addressed to the Chief Judge, and the resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the letter or from such later date as may be specified in the letter.

### **C. ASSISTANT REGISTRARS**

(10) The Chief Judge may appoint not more than two (2) Assistant Registrars from 200 level or 300 level students who are not members of the Judicial Council.

(11) The Assistant Registrars shall assist the Chief Registrar in the discharge of his/her functions and act in his/her absence.

### **D. COURT CLERKS**

(12) The Chief Judge may appoint not more than six (6) Court Clerks who shall:

- a. Be assigned to specific cases by the Chief Registrar;
- b. Serve as bailiffs when required;
- c. Assist in the service of processes and execution of orders of the Council;
- d. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chief Registrar.

## **SECTION 34: QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT**

(1) No person shall be qualified for appointment as a Judge of the Judicial Council unless:

- a. He/She has spent at least one academic session (two semesters) in the University;

- b. His/Her CGPA is not less than 3.5 at the time of appointment;
  - c. He/She is a person of proven integrity, accountability and good character;
  - d. He/She has not contested for any elective post in the same regime in which he/she is to serve as a Judge;
  - e. He/She is not a member of any secret cult or prohibited association as prohibited by the University authorities;
  - f. He/She is from 300 Level, or 400 Level at the time of appointment;
  - g. He/She is an active member of a recognized Chamber prior to his/her appointment.
- (2) No person shall be qualified for appointment as Chief Judge unless:
- a. He/She is from 400 Level at the time of appointment;
  - b. His/Her CGPA is not less than 4.0 with no carry-over courses;
  - c. He/She has served as a Judge for at least one session, or possesses demonstrable judicial aptitude and legal acumen as determined by the appointing authorities.
- (3) Any Judge who becomes a member of any secret cult or prohibited association during his/her tenure shall immediately cease to be a Judge and his/her seat shall become vacant.

## **PART II: JURISDICTION AND POWERS**

### **SECTION 35: JURISDICTION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

- (1) The Judicial Council shall have unlimited jurisdiction on all constitutional matters arising under this Constitution.
- (2) The Judicial Council shall have original jurisdiction over:
- a. All disputes between any organ of the Society;
  - b. All disputes between students or groups of students;
  - c. All disputes between the Society and any student(s);
  - d. All matters relating to the interpretation and application of this Constitution;
  - e. All matters of breach of the Code of Conduct provided in this Constitution.
- (3) The Judicial Council shall have appellate jurisdiction over:
- a. All decisions of quasi-judicial committees, associations, clubs, or chambers under the Society;

- b. All election petitions decided by the Electoral Petition Commission.
- (4) The Judicial Council shall determine:
- a. The constitutionality of any action(s) taken by the Executive Council or Law Students' Representative Council of the Society;
  - b. All questions involving the interpretation of this Constitution referred to it;
  - c. All cases of impeachment proceedings initiated under this Constitution;
  - d. All matters of gross misconduct by officers or members of the Society.
- (5) The Judicial Council shall hear and determine all election petitions arising from Society elections.
- (6) In cases of fraud or financial impropriety involving Society funds exceeding Twenty Thousand Naira (₦20,000), or other cases bordering on constitutional matters of grave significance affecting the fundamental structure of the Society, or allegations of bias or breach of natural justice by the Judicial Council itself, the Judicial Council shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Dean of the College of Law and the Staff Advisers of the Society for appropriate actions.
- (7) The rulings of the Judicial Council shall be:
- a. Delivered in writing;
  - b. Signed by the presiding Judge and at least one other Judge who sat on the matter;
  - c. Given to the parties through the Chief Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of delivery;
  - d. Published on the College notice boards within seventy-two (72) hours of delivery.
- (8) The Judicial Council shall, where necessary through the Speaker, recommend to the appropriate body the discipline of any Society members on the basis of its findings subject to two-third (2/3) majority votes of members.
- (9) The Judicial Council shall regulate its own procedure provided nothing it does conflicts with this Constitution and the principles of natural justice, equity and good conscience.
- (10) Without prejudice to the powers of the Law Students' Representative Council, no appeal shall lie to any person from the determination of the Judicial Council, save as provided in subsection (6) above.
- (11) The Judicial Council shall give verdict on any case(s) referred to it as a result of disqualification from any election within forty-eight (48) hours.

- (12) In performing its duties, the Judicial Council shall observe and enforce the observance of the principles of natural justice, equity and good conscience.
- (13) The Judicial Council shall commence proceedings within forty-eight (48) hours upon receipt of any issue(s) referred to it.

### **SECTION 36: INVESTIGATORY AND DISCIPLINARY POWERS**

(1) The Judicial Council shall have the power to discipline any erring member(s) or officer(s) of the Society after thorough investigation of allegations preferred against such member(s) or officer(s) of the Society, provided that:

- a. Such allegation shall be in writing and be forwarded to the Judicial Council through the Chief Registrar;
- b. The Judicial Council shall commence sitting on the matter(s) within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of such written allegation;
- c. The reference of such member(s) or officer(s) shall come either from the Executive Council, the Law Students' Representative Council, the Congress, or from any member of the Society.

(2) The disciplinary powers of the Judicial Council shall include:

- a. Declarations;
- b. Nullifications;
- c. Orders for specific performance;
- d. Injunctions (interim, interlocutory, or perpetual);
- e. Rescission of unconstitutional acts or decisions;
- f. Awards of damages in appropriate cases;
- g. Fines not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Naira (₦15,000) per offense;
- h. Reprimands (oral or written);
- i. Suspension from office or membership privileges for a specified period not exceeding one semester;
- j. Recommendations for dismissal from office to the appropriate authority;
- k. Any other sanctions deemed appropriate and consistent with natural justice.

(3) Every person whose conduct is being investigated by the Judicial Council shall:

- a. Be given adequate notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours of the allegations against him and the date of hearing;
  - b. Have the right to defend himself in person or through a counsel from any recognized Chamber;
  - c. Be given fair hearing in accordance with the principles of natural justice (Audi Alteram Partem);
  - d. Have the right to call witnesses and produce evidence in his/her defense;
  - e. Have the right to cross-examine witnesses testifying against him.
- (4) The Judicial Council may, in the interest of justice, issue interim orders or injunctions pending the final determination of a matter before it.
  - (5) All decisions of the Judicial Council on disciplinary matters shall be delivered in writing and shall contain the reasons for the decision.
  - (6) Any member of the Society who feels aggrieved by the conduct of another member shall have liberty of access to institute an action before the Judicial Council.
  - (7) The Judicial Council may summon any person(s) who has held or is holding any office of the Society to submit and give account of his/her past and/or present official activities, or any member(s) of the Society to attend any of its sittings and/or to submit a report or testify to an issue before it.
  - (8) Failure to respond to summons of the Judicial Council as provided under this section within a reasonable time shall be regarded as contempt of the Council, and the Council shall have powers to take appropriate disciplinary measures against such person(s).

### **SECTION 37: PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- (1) The Judicial Council shall regulate its own procedure, provided that such procedure is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and the principles of natural justice, equity, and good conscience.
- (2) The quorum of the Judicial Council shall be:
  - a. Three (3) Judges for matters of original jurisdiction involving civil disputes between members;
  - b. Five (5) Judges for matters relating to the interpretation of this Constitution; disputes between the Executive Council and the Law Students' Representative Council; cases of impeachment proceedings; suspension, misconduct and removal of officers; and appeals from decisions of quasi-judicial committees;

- c. Seven (7) Judges for matters of grave constitutional significance as determined by the Chief Judge.
- (3) Decisions of the Judicial Council shall be by simple majority of the Judges sitting, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.
  - (4) Where there is a tie in voting, the matter shall be re-argued before a larger panel constituted by the Chief Judge.
  - (5) The Chief Judge shall summon and preside over all sittings and meetings of the Judicial Council. In the absence of the Chief Judge, the most senior Judge present shall preside and shall appoint any qualified Judge to perform the duties of the Chief Judge for that occasion.
  - (6) The Judicial Council shall conduct its proceedings with decorum and shall maintain the dignity of the judicial process at all times.
  - (7) Any party dissatisfied with a procedural ruling of the Judicial Council may, within seven (7) days of such ruling, apply for a review by the full panel of the Council.
  - (8) All judgments and orders of the Judicial Council shall be:
    - a. Delivered in writing;
    - b. Signed by the presiding Judge and at least one other Judge who sat on the matter;
    - c. Served on the parties through the Chief Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of delivery;
    - d. Published on the College notice boards within seventy-two (72) hours of delivery.
  - (9) The Judicial Council shall maintain a register of all cases filed, heard, and determined, which shall be maintained by the Chief Registrar and open to inspection by any member of the Society during official hours.
  - (10) The Judicial Council shall be substantially funded by the Society through allocations approved by the Law Students' Representative Council and other lawful means which the Judiciary deems fit.
  - (11) The Judicial Council may also raise funds through:
    - a. Court filing fees as may be prescribed by the Council with the approval of the Law Students' Representative Council;
    - b. Grants and donations from lawful sources and;
    - c. Any other lawful means.

(12) No Judge of the Judicial Council shall hold any other elective office in the Society during his/her tenure as a Judge.

(13) No Judge or Members of the Judicial Council shall:

- a. Be a member of the Executive Council or the Law Students' Representative Council during his/her tenure;
- b. Be a member of any statutory committee or sub-committee of the Society during his/her tenure, except where such membership is expressly provided for by this Constitution;
- c. Hold any executive position in any Chamber or association within the College during his/her tenure as a Judge.

(14) Notwithstanding subsection (13) above, nothing shall prevent a Judge from:

- a. Participating in academic activities;
- b. Serving as a judge in moot court competitions;
- c. Engaging in lawful extra-curricular activities that do not compromise his/her judicial independence.

(15) No Judge shall be liable to any action or suit in respect of any judicial act or decision done or made by him in good faith in the discharge of his/her judicial functions.

(16) In the event of both the Executive Council and Law Students' Representative Council being dissolved, the Judicial Council shall have power to set up a Caretaker Committee from among the Congress members, which shall be headed by a Chairman.

(17) Such Caretaker Committee shall be responsible for the running of the Society and the lifespan of such committee shall not be more than one calendar month before another election is held.

(18) The tenure of the Judicial Council shall be permanent and shall be deemed to be standing at all times.

(19) The tenure of office of an individual Judge of the Judicial Council shall:

- a. Commence on the date of taking the oath of office;
- b. Lapse upon the completion of his/her course of study in the College of Law;
- c. Terminate upon resignation, removal, or death.

## **PART III: THE BODY OF BENCHERS**

### **SECTION 38: ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND POWERS**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Body of Benchers.
- (2) The Body of Benchers shall be vested with disciplinary power to discipline Judges of the Judicial Council.
- (3) The Body of Benchers shall comprise:
  - a. The President (as Chairman);
  - b. The Speaker of the Law Students' Representative Council;
  - c. The Attorney General;
  - d. One Staff Adviser of the Judiciary appointed by the Dean of the College of Law and;
  - e. At least two Senior Members of the Society.
- (4) The Body of Benchers shall:
  - a. Formulate and enforce procedures for the discipline of Judges;
  - b. Investigate complaints of judicial misconduct;
  - c. Recommend sanctions against erring Judges to the appropriate authority;
  - d. Promote the highest standards of judicial conduct and ethics;
  - e. Advise the Chief Judge on matters affecting the administration of justice in the Society.
- (5) The Body of Benchers shall meet at least once every semester and may be convened by the Chairman or upon the request of at least three (3) members.
- (6) The quorum of the Body of Benchers shall be four (4) members.
- (7) Decisions of the Body of Benchers shall be by simple majority of members present and voting.
- (8) Where a member of the Body of Benchers is the subject of investigation or disciplinary proceedings, such member shall:
  - a. Be suspended from the Body pending the conclusion of such proceedings;
  - b. Not participate in any deliberations or decisions of the Body relating to the matter;
  - c. Be replaced for the purposes of that matter by a person of comparable standing appointed by the Dean of the College of Law.

- (9) The Chief Judge may be removed from office by the President acting on a resolution passed by two-third (2/3) majority of the Law Students' Representative Council on any of the following grounds:
- a. Gross misconduct;
  - b. Inability to discharge the functions of his/her office arising from infirmity of mind or body;
  - c. Proven bias or partiality in the discharge of judicial functions;
  - d. Breach of the Code of Conduct for Judges as provided in this Constitution;
  - e. Conviction of any offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude by a competent authority;
  - f. Membership of any secret cult or prohibited association.
- (10) Any other Judge may be removed from office by the Chief Judge on the recommendation of the Body of Benchers, subject to confirmation by a simple majority of the Law Students' Representative Council, on any of the grounds specified in subsection (9) above.
- (11) Before a Judge is removed from office under this section:
- a. He/She shall be given at least seven (7) days' notice of the allegations against him;
  - b. He/She shall have the right to appear before the Body of Benchers or any investigating committee set up for that purpose to defend himself;
  - c. He/She shall be given fair hearing in accordance with the principles of natural justice;
  - d. The findings and recommendations shall be presented to the Law Students' Representative Council for final decision.
- (12) A Judge who has been removed from office shall not be eligible to hold any judicial or quasi-judicial office in the Society for the remainder of his/her time as a student in the College.

## **CHAPTER VI: THE CONGRESS**

### **SECTION 39: COMPOSITION AND POWERS OF CONGRESS**

#### **Composition**

- (1) There shall be for the Society a Congress.
- (2) The Congress shall consist of all ordinary members of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society who are duly registered and financially up to date with the Society.
- (3) The Congress shall be the General Assembly of all full-time students of the College of Law and shall represent the supreme will of the membership of the Society.
- (4) The absence of any category of members shall not invalidate the decisions of the Congress, provided that a quorum is formed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

#### **Powers and Jurisdiction**

- (5) The Congress shall have the following powers:
  - a. The Congress shall be the final authority on all matters relating to the Society in line with the provisions of this Constitution, save as otherwise provided for in this Constitution;
  - b. The Congress shall, in conjunction with relevant committees, be the forum for resolving issues of importance that the Executive Council, the Law Students' Representative Council, and the Judicial Council are unable to resolve, provided that this power shall become exercisable by an order from the Judicial Council;
  - c. The Congress shall have the power to ratify amendments to this Constitution in accordance with Chapter XIV of this Constitution;
  - d. The Congress shall deliberate and pass resolutions on any matter(s) which the Executive Council, the Law Students' Representative Council, Judicial Council or members of the Society may bring before it;
  - e. The Congress shall have power to dissolve the Executive Council and/or the Law Students' Representative Council where there is evidence of gross misconduct, constitutional breach, or inability to govern effectively;
  - f. The Congress shall perform such other functions ancillary to the peaceful co-existence and subsistence of the Society.
- (6) All Executive Officers, members of the Law Students' Representative Council, and every Heads of committees shall be accountable to the Congress, save as otherwise provided by this Constitution.

- (7) The Chief Judge of the Judicial Council shall present a report on the activities, cases determined, and state of the Judiciary to the Congress at each Congress meeting.
- (8) The general welfare of the students shall take pre-eminence on the agenda for Congress meetings.
- (9) Where the Executive Council or Law Students' Representative Council is dissolved at a Congress, a Caretaker Committee shall be appointed therein by the Congress in accordance with the provisions of Section 37(16) and (17) of this Constitution.
- (10) The quorum of the Congress shall be one-quarter (1/4) of the total membership of the Society at the relevant time.
- (11) Where a quorum is formed in accordance with subsection (10) of this section, any decision taken at the Congress shall be deemed to be that of the Congress and shall be binding on all members of the Society.

## **SECTION 40: CONVENING AND CONDUCT OF CONGRESS MEETINGS**

### **Convening of Congress**

- (1) The Congress shall be summoned by the President at least twice in every academic session, with at least one sitting per semester.
- (2) Where the President fails to summon the Congress as required under subsection (1) of this section, the Speaker, acting on a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council, shall summon the Congress.
- (3) The Congress may be summoned by:
  - a. The President on his/her own initiative;
  - b. The Speaker, acting on a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council supported by a simple majority of its members;
  - c. A petition signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Society submitted to the President through the General Secretary.
- (4) Where a Congress is summoned pursuant to subsection (3)(c) of this section, the President shall convene the Congress within seven (7) school days of receipt of such petition.
- (5) Special or Emergency Congresses may be called and shall be communicated to all members at least forty-eight (48) hours before the stipulated date of the meeting.

## **Notice and Attendance**

- (6) Notice for meetings of the Congress shall be published at least seventy-two (72) hours before the date of the meeting, except in cases of emergency meetings where only twenty-four (24) hours is required.
- (7) The agenda of the meeting shall be made known to all arms of the Society within forty-eight (48) hours before the commencement of the Congress and shall be published on all notice boards of the College.
- (8) Attendance at Congress meetings shall be compulsory for all members of the Executive Council and the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (9) Non-attendance of Congress meetings by any member of the Executive Council or the Law Students' Representative Council without any justifiable reason shall amount to misconduct.

## **Presiding and Voting**

- (10) The President shall preside over all Congress meetings. In his/her absence, the Speaker of the Law Students' Representative Council shall preside; where both are absent, the Deputy Speaker shall preside; and where all are absent, the Congress shall elect a presiding officer from among its members present who is not a member of the Executive Council.
- (11) The presiding officer shall maintain order and decorum, verify quorum, ensure all matters on the agenda are properly addressed, put questions to vote, declare results, and exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- (12) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, all Congressional decisions shall be by simple majority vote of members present and voting, provided that a quorum is formed.
- (13) Voting at Congress may be conducted by voice vote, show of hands, secret ballot where the Congress so decides, or any other method determined by the presiding officer.
- (14) Each member present shall have one vote on any matter before the Congress. The presiding officer shall not vote except in the case of a tie, in which case he shall exercise a casting vote.
- (15) Proxy voting shall not be permitted at Congress meetings.

## **Proceedings and Records**

- (16) The proceedings of the Congress shall be conducted with decorum and in accordance with the principles of natural justice and fair hearing.
- (17) Any member wishing to speak at the Congress shall seek recognition from the presiding officer.

- (18) The presiding officer shall have the power to call any member to order, suspend proceedings temporarily to restore order, direct any member who persistently disrupts proceedings to leave the meeting, and take such other measures as may be necessary to ensure orderly conduct.
- (19) Minutes of every Congress meeting shall be taken by the General Secretary or, in his/her absence, by any officer designated by the presiding officer.
- (20) The minutes of the Congress shall be confirmed at the next Congress meeting, signed by the presiding officer and the person who took the minutes, published on the College notice boards within seventy-two (72) hours of confirmation, and preserved as part of the records of the Society.



# **CHAPTER VII: STATUTORY BODIES AND COMMITTEES**

## **PART I: CHAMBERS**

### **SECTION 41: ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF CHAMBERS**

- (1) There shall be Chambers within the Society, namely:
- a. O.J. Jejelola Chambers
  - b. Kola Sonike Chambers
  - c. Wale Aderibigbe Chambers
  - d. I.T. Akomolede Chambers
- (2) Each Chamber shall be autonomous in its internal affairs, subject to this Constitution and the Society's policies.
- (3) New Chambers may be established by a two-third (2/3) majority resolution of the LSRC, subject to the Dean's approval.
- (4) The Director of Moot and Debate shall be responsible for the registration of all Chambers and the allocation of members to various Chambers at the commencement of each academic session.
- (5) Membership of Chambers shall be open to all members of the Society, and no member shall belong to more than one Chamber simultaneously.
- (6) The principal officers of each Chamber shall be:
- a. Head of Chamber
  - b. Head of Trial
  - c. Head of Research
  - d. Such other officers as may be provided by the Chamber's constitution, subject to approval by the Director of Moot and Debate
- (7) The Head of Chamber shall be from 400 Level or 300 Level at the time of appointment or election, and the tenure of Chamber executives shall be one academic session.

- (8) Each Chamber shall conduct its elections under the supervision of the Director of Moot and Debate or their designated representative.
- (9) Chambers may organize internal moots, mock trials, debates, legal research, seminars, and shall participate in external competitions subject to coordination by the Director of Moot and Debate.
- (10) Chambers shall be entitled to annual allocations from Society funds as approved by the LSRC, provided all registration requirements are met.
- (11) Each Chamber shall submit quarterly reports to the Director of Moot and Debate Association detailing activities, finances, challenges, and future plans.
- (12) Any Chamber whose conduct is incompatible with this Constitution or Society policies shall be liable to sanctions deemed necessary by the Executive Council, subject to ratification by twothird(2/3) majority of the LSRC.
- (13) No member shall appear before the Judicial Council except as a duly registered member of a Chamber.
- (14) The Director of Moot and Debate Association shall convene meetings of all Chamber Heads at least once per semester to discuss advocacy training, Chamber activities, and inter-Chamber relations.

## **PART II: COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 42: ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be an Academic Committee responsible for the academic welfare and intellectual development of members of the Society.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President/Academic Affairs Officer.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of the Vice President/Academic Affairs Officer, one representative from each level, and such other members as may be interested.
- (4) The Committee shall organize tutorials, study groups, seminars, symposia, debates, and other academic activities for the benefit of members.
- (5) The Committee shall liaise with the College to address academic concerns affecting members of the Society.
- (6) The Committee shall submit a report of its activities to the Executive Council and the LSRC at least once per semester.

### **SECTION 43: AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be an Audit Committee responsible for auditing the accounts of all organs and committees of the Society.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Auditor General and shall consist of not more than five (5) members appointed by the President subject to confirmation by the LSRC.
- (3) No member of the Audit Committee shall be a member of the Executive Council or hold any other financial office in the Society.
- (4) The Committee shall conduct regular audits of the Society's financial records and transactions at least twice per session.
- (5) The Committee shall verify all receipts, payment vouchers, and financial statements presented by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
- (6) The Committee shall submit audit reports to the LSRC detailing the financial position of the Society, all income and expenditure, any irregularities discovered, and recommendations for improvement.
- (7) The Committee shall have the power to summon any officer handling Society funds to provide explanations and supporting documents for any expenditure.
- (8) No officer of the Society shall receive clearance at the end of their tenure until their financial records have been audited and approved by the Audit Committee and ratified by the LSRC.

### **SECTION 44: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be a Budget and Finance Committee responsible for the preparation, review, and monitoring of the Society's budget.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer and shall include the Financial Secretary as Vice Chairman.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of not more than six (6) members appointed by the LSRC from among its members.
- (4) The Committee shall receive and deliberate on the budget proposals of the Executive Council and all other committees at the beginning of each session.
- (5) The Committee shall review the Society's financial expenditure and, where necessary, recommend adjustments to the LSRC.

- (6) The Committee shall receive monthly statements of receipts and payment vouchers from the Financial Secretary for scrutiny.
- (7) The Committee shall ensure that all expenditure by the Society is in accordance with the approved budget and the financial provisions of this Constitution.
- (8) The Committee shall submit quarterly reports to the LSRC on the financial status of the Society.

#### **SECTION 45: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be a Disciplinary Committee responsible for maintaining discipline and enforcing compliance with the Code of Conduct provided in this Constitution.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Director of Protocols/Chief Whip.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of the Director of Protocols/Chief Whip, the Compliance Officers (Male and Female), two representatives from each level, and such other members as may be appointed by the Executive Council.
- (4) The Committee shall investigate complaints of misconduct, breach of dress code, and violations of the provisions of this Constitution by any member of the Society.
- (5) The Committee shall have the power to summon any member to appear before it in connection with alleged misconduct.
- (6) The Committee shall impose sanctions including warnings, fines, community service, and suspension from Society activities, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (7) Any member aggrieved by a decision of the Disciplinary Committee may appeal to the Judicial Council within seven (7) days of the decision.
- (8) The Committee shall submit a report of its activities to the Executive Council and the LSRC at the end of each semester.

#### **SECTION 46: SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be a Social Committee responsible for organizing and coordinating all social, cultural, and recreational activities of the Society.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Director of Socials.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of not more than ten (10) members appointed by the Executive Council from among members of the Society.

- (4) The Committee shall organize the Annual Law Dinner, cultural displays, excursions, and other social events for the Society.
- (5) The Committee shall work in conjunction with the Welfare Director to ensure the general wellbeing and social cohesion of members.
- (6) The Committee shall prepare and submit a budget for all proposed social activities to the Budget and Finance Committee for approval.
- (7) The Committee shall submit a written report of each social event to the Executive Council at least two (2) weeks before the event.

#### **SECTION 47: SPORTS COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be a Sports Committee responsible for organizing and coordinating all sporting activities of the Society.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Director of Sports.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of game captains and such other sports-loving members as may be appointed by the Executive Council.
- (4) The Committee shall organize inter-level and inter-College sporting competitions including football, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, and other sporting activities.
- (5) The Committee shall be responsible for the procurement, maintenance, and proper use of sporting equipment and facilities belonging to the Society.
- (6) The Committee shall represent the College in sporting events organized by the University or external bodies, subject to approval by the Executive Council.
- (7) The Committee shall submit a report of its activities to the Executive Council and the LSRC at the end of each semester.

#### **SECTION 48: WELFARE COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be a Welfare Committee responsible for the general welfare of members of the Society.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Welfare Director.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of not more than Eleven (11) members, with two representatives from each level.

- (4) The Committee shall monitor and address issues affecting the physical, emotional, and social well-being of members.
- (5) The Committee shall liaise with the College authorities, Student Affairs Office, and other relevant bodies to ensure a conducive environment for members.
- (6) The Committee shall coordinate with the College authorities to maintain Society amenities including toilets, furniture, and electrical appliances.
- (7) The Committee shall organize welfare programs such as health talks, mental health awareness campaigns, and support systems for members in distress.
- (8) The Committee shall submit a report of its activities to the Executive Council and the LSRC at the end of each semester.

### **PART III: INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

#### **SECTION 49: ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND INDEPENDENCE**

- (1) There shall be for the Society an Independent Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as "IEC" or "the Commission").
- (2) The Commission shall be independent of any organ of the Society and shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority in the exercise of its functions.
- (3) Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the outgoing Commission, subject to the approval of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (4) The Commission shall be funded by the Society through allocations approved by the LSRC.
- (5) No member of the Commission shall be eligible to vote or be voted for in any election organized by the Commission during their tenure.
- (6) The Commission shall function for one academic session commencing from the date of inauguration and shall stand dissolved when a new Commission has been constituted.

#### **SECTION 50: OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION**

##### **Composition and Qualifications**

- (1) The Commission shall consist of eight (8) members drawn from across all levels of the Society.
- (2) The principal officers of the Commission shall be:
  - a. The Chairman (who shall be the Chief Electoral Officer)

- b. The Vice Chairman
- c. The Secretary
- d. The Financial Secretary
- e. The Returning Officer

- (3) Three (3) other members shall serve as Electoral Officers.
- (4) The Chairman shall be from 500 Level or 400 Level at the time of appointment and must have a minimum CGPA of 3.5.
- (5) The Vice Chairman shall be from 400 Level or 300 Level at the time of appointment and must have a minimum CGPA of 3.0.
- (6) The Secretary and Financial Secretary must have a minimum CGPA of 3.0 at the time of appointment.
- (7) All members of the Commission shall be persons of proven integrity, accountability, and good character.
- (8) The principal officers shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the outgoing Commission, subject to approval of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (9) No member of the Commission shall hold any elective or appointive office in the Executive Council, LSRC, or Judicial Council during their tenure.
- (10) Any member of the Commission who indicates interest in contesting for any elective position shall resign from the Commission at least four (4) weeks before the election.

#### **A. THE CHAIRMAN**

- (11) The Chairman shall be the Chief Electoral Officer of the Society.
- (12) The Chairman shall organize and supervise all activities of the Commission with utmost good faith and ensure compliance with electoral regulations.
- (13) The Chairman shall screen all prospective candidates to ensure they meet the qualifications prescribed by this Constitution.
- (14) The Chairman shall publish lists of qualified and disqualified candidates at least forty-eight (48) hours before Election Day on all notice boards and LSS platforms or website.
- (15) The Chairman shall keep a comprehensive register of all candidates.

- (16) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Commission and ensure orderly conduct of Commission business.
- (17) The Chairman shall publicly announce election results immediately after counting of votes at the collation center.
- (18) The Chairman shall cause election results to be published on all notice boards and LSS platforms or website within twenty-four (24) hours of announcement.
- (19) The Chairman shall issue certificates of election to all successful candidates within forty-eight (48) hours of the announcement of results.
- (20) The Chairman shall submit a comprehensive report on the conduct of elections, including challenges encountered and recommendations, to the Executive Council and LSRC within seventy-two (72) hours after elections.
- (21) The Chairman shall sign all official documents and correspondence of the Commission.
- (22) The Chairman shall maintain custody of all electoral materials, documents, and records.
- (23) The Chairman shall carry out all other functions as may be allocated to him by the Commission or as are incidental to his/her office.

#### **B. THE VICE CHAIRMAN**

- (24) The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman at all times in discharging his/her duties.
- (25) The Vice Chairman shall act for the Chairman in his/her absence or due to justifiable reasons including infirmity of body, official duties, or any other valid cause.
- (26) The Vice Chairman shall oversee security arrangements during elections in collaboration with university security personnel and other relevant authorities.
- (27) The Vice Chairman shall monitor the general welfare of Commission members, aspirants, and electorates during the electoral process.
- (28) The Vice Chairman shall supervise the conduct of Electoral Officers and ensure they discharge their duties properly.
- (29) The Vice Chairman shall coordinate logistics for elections including arrangement of polling stations, ballot boxes, and other electoral materials.
- (30) The Vice Chairman shall assist in the counting and collation of votes at the collation center.

(31) The Vice Chairman shall carry out all other functions as may be allocated to him by the Chairman or the Commission.

### **C. THE SECRETARY**

(32) The Secretary shall convene meetings of the Commission in conjunction with the Chairman by issuing notices to all members at least forty-eight (48) hours before such meetings.

(33) The Secretary shall be the custodian of all Commission properties including electoral materials, documents, and equipment.

(34) The Secretary shall handle all correspondence of the Commission including official letters, notices, and circulars.

(35) The Secretary shall take proper minutes of all Commission meetings and maintain accurate records of proceedings.

(36) The Secretary shall maintain a file of all documents relating to elections including nomination forms, screening reports, and election results.

(37) The Secretary shall prepare and circulate the agenda for Commission meetings in consultation with the Chairman.

(38) The Secretary shall issue appointment letters to all members of the Commission.

(39) The Secretary shall co-sign official documents of the Commission with the Chairman.

(40) The Secretary shall carry out all other functions as may be allocated to him by the Chairman or the Commission.

### **D. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

(41) The Financial Secretary shall be in charge of all monies generated from the sale of nomination forms received from the Returning Officer.

(42) The Financial Secretary shall keep accurate records of all income and expenditure of the Commission in a properly maintained cash book.

(43) The Financial Secretary shall issue official receipts for all monies received by the Commission.

(44) The Financial Secretary shall prepare and submit a comprehensive financial report detailing all income from nomination forms and expenditure to the Executive Council and LSRC within forty-eight (48) hours after elections.

- (45) The Financial Secretary shall transfer all remaining funds to the Society's account within seventy-two (72) hours after elections and shall provide evidence of such transfer to the Executive Council and LSRC.
- (46) The Financial Secretary shall keep a comprehensive list of all candidates who obtained nomination forms from the Returning Officer, showing the amount paid, date of payment, and receipt number, and shall send a copy to the Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours of sale.
- (47) The Financial Secretary shall manage, in conjunction with the Chairman, allocated funds for the conduct of elections as approved by the LSRC.
- (48) The Financial Secretary shall prepare financial requisitions for Commission expenditure and present same to the Chairman for approval.
- (49) The Financial Secretary shall maintain proper documentation for all Commission expenditure including receipts and vouchers.
- (50) The Financial Secretary shall not make any payment without the approval of the Chairman.
- (51) The Financial Secretary shall carry out all other functions as may be allocated to him by the Chairman or the Commission.

#### **E. THE RETURNING OFFICER**

- (52) The Returning Officer shall be in charge of the sale and issuance of nomination forms to prospective candidates.
- (53) The Returning Officer shall remit all monies generated from nomination form sales to the Financial Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.
- (54) The Returning Officer shall prepare a comprehensive list of all candidates who obtained nomination forms showing their names, positions contested for, and date of purchase, and shall send a copy to the Chairman and Financial Secretary immediately.
- (55) The Returning Officer shall verify that all nomination forms are properly completed and accompanied by the required documents before accepting them from candidates.
- (56) The Returning Officer shall serve as the image maker and public face of the Commission.
- (57) The Returning Officer shall respond to inquiries from aspirants and members of the Society regarding the electoral process.
- (58) The Returning Officer shall assist the Chairman in counting votes at the collation center.

- (59) The Returning Officer shall supervise the distribution of ballot papers at polling stations on Election Day.
- (60) The Returning Officer shall ensure proper accountability for all electoral materials distributed to polling stations.
- (61) The Returning Officer shall carry out all other functions as may be allocated to him by the Chairman or the Commission.

## **F. ELECTORAL OFFICERS**

- (62) The three (3) Electoral Officers shall assist the principal officers in the discharge of their duties.
- (63) Electoral Officers shall be assigned to specific polling stations to supervise voting and ensure compliance with electoral regulations.
- (64) Electoral Officers shall verify voters' identities and eligibility before allowing them to vote.
- (65) Electoral Officers shall maintain order and decorum at polling stations.
- (66) Electoral Officers shall prevent and report any instances of electoral malpractice to the Chairman.
- (67) Electoral Officers shall assist in the collation and counting of votes.
- (68) Electoral Officers shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Chairman or any principal officer of the Commission.

## **SECTION 51: FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND REGULATIONS**

### **Functions and Powers**

- (1) The Commission shall organize and effectively supervise all Society elections with utmost good faith and ensure free, fair, and credible elections into various offices of the Society.
- (2) The Commission shall conduct elections into the Executive Council and the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (3) The Commission shall conduct the nomination and selection of members of the Judicial Council by their respective classes.
- (4) The Commission shall conduct bye-elections to fill vacant elective positions within two (2) weeks of such vacancy occurring.

- (5) The Commission shall screen all persons intending to contest for elective positions to ensure they meet the qualifications prescribed by this Constitution.
- (6) The Commission shall keep and maintain an electoral register of all members of the Society eligible to vote.
- (7) The Commission shall have the power to disqualify any candidate found to be in breach of electoral regulations for the time being in force.
- (8) The Commission shall investigate complaints of electoral malpractice and take appropriate action in accordance with this Constitution.

### **Electoral Regulations**

- (9) The Commission shall draw its regulations in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (10) Such regulations shall be published at least three (3) weeks before the date of any election.
- (11) There shall be a single ballot paper carrying the names of all aspirants and the positions they are contesting for, which shall be printed by the Commission.
- (12) General elections into all elective offices shall hold in the second semester of each academic session, not less than two (2) weeks before the commencement of second semester examinations.
- (13) Elections shall be by secret ballot.
- (14) Voting shall only be allowed upon production of a valid University Identity Card or any other acceptable means of identification as a law student.
- (15) There shall be no solicitation of votes at the polling station or within fifty (50) meters of the polling station on Election Day.
- (16) Intimidation of voters by any candidate or their agents shall be prohibited and shall constitute grounds for disqualification.
- (17) No candidate shall engage in any form of campaign before the ban on electioneering is lifted by the Commission.
- (18) All candidates must have paid their annual dues and shall not be in arrears at the time of obtaining nomination forms.
- (19) Any candidate found guilty of examination malpractice, misconduct, or any offense by the Judicial Council or University authorities shall be disqualified from contesting.

- (20) The Commission shall determine and announce the fees for nomination forms for all elective positions, which shall be reasonable and subject to approval by the LSRC.
- (21) Prospective candidates shall submit their nomination forms to the Commission at least one (1) week before Election Day.
- (22) Every candidate shall be nominated in writing by at least five (5) members of the Society and supported by at least five (5) other members, with evidence of payment of annual dues.
- (23) No candidate in any election shall nominate or support the nomination of other candidates for the same election.
- (24) The Commission shall have the power to postpone any election where circumstances beyond its control make it impossible or inadvisable to conduct the election as scheduled, provided that such postponement shall not exceed seven (7) days without the approval of the LSRC.

## **PART IV: ELECTORAL PETITION COMMISSION**

### **SECTION 52: ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND POWERS**

- (1) There shall be for the Society an Electoral Petition Commission (hereinafter referred to as "EPC").
- (2) The Commission shall consist of ten (10) members drawn from across all levels of the Society.
- (3) The principal officers of the EPC shall be:
- a. The Chairman
  - b. The Secretary
  - c. The Public Relations Officer
- (4) The members shall elect the principal officers from among themselves at the inaugural meeting of the Commission.
- (5) Members of the EPC shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (6) No member of the EPC shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the Society during their tenure.
- (7) The EPC shall function for one academic session and shall stand dissolved when a new EPC has been constituted.

(8) Decisions of the EPC shall be by simple majority of members present and voting.

### **Powers and Jurisdiction**

(9) The EPC shall receive and determine petitions on:

- a. All cases of election malpractices and irregularities
- b. Any question as to whether a person has been validly elected in Society elections
- c. Any question as to whether a person is qualified to contest or be elected in Society elections
- d. Any question as to whether an electoral officer has been arbitrarily dismissed or treated unjustly

(10) Where the EPC determines that an electoral officer has been unjustly removed, it shall recommend immediate reinstatement.

(11) The EPC shall have the power to:

- a. Nullify elections found to have been conducted in breach of electoral regulations;
- b. Order fresh elections where substantial irregularities have vitiated the electoral process;
- c. Disqualify candidates found guilty of electoral malpractice;
- d. Impose fines and sanctions on persons found guilty of electoral offenses; and
- e. Make declarations on the validity of elections.

### **SECTION 53: PROCEDURE AND APPEALS**

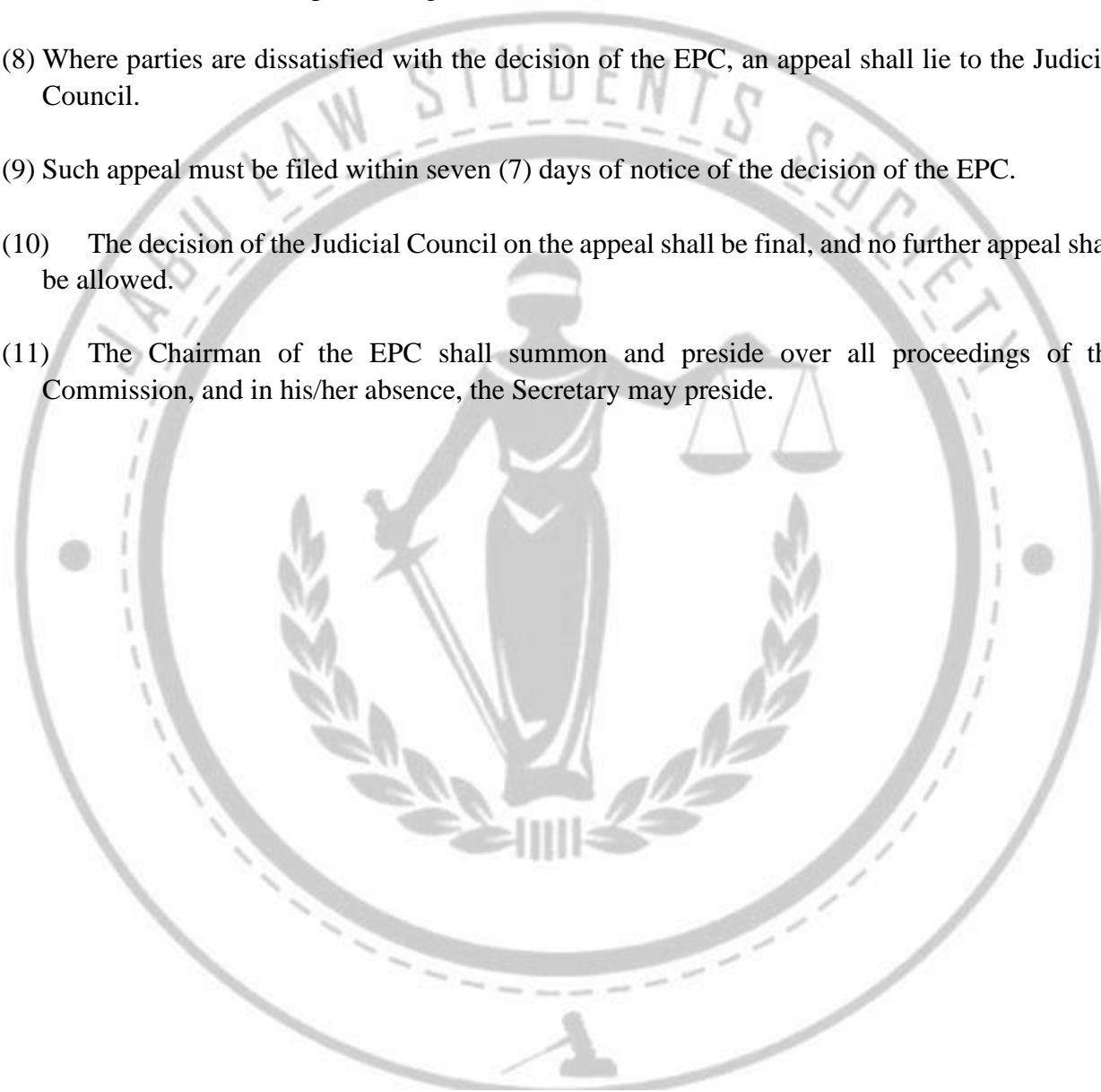
(1) All election petitions shall be filed with the EPC within seven (7) days of the announcement of election results.

(2) The EPC shall commence hearing on any petition within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt.

(3) The EPC shall conclude its proceedings and deliver its decision within fourteen (14) days of receiving a petition.

(4) Such decision shall be communicated to the parties and the Judicial Council within seven (7) days of the decision.

- (5) The EPC shall regulate its own procedure, provided that nothing conflicts with this Constitution and the principles of natural justice.
- (6) Every person whose conduct is being investigated by the EPC shall be given adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with the principles of natural justice.
- (7) The EPC shall publish its findings on the Society's notice boards within seventy-two (72) hours of the conclusion of its proceedings.
- (8) Where parties are dissatisfied with the decision of the EPC, an appeal shall lie to the Judicial Council.
- (9) Such appeal must be filed within seven (7) days of notice of the decision of the EPC.
- (10) The decision of the Judicial Council on the appeal shall be final, and no further appeal shall be allowed.
- (11) The Chairman of the EPC shall summon and preside over all proceedings of the Commission, and in his/her absence, the Secretary may preside.



# **CHAPTER VIII: FINANCE AND FISCAL PROVISIONS**

## **PART I: REVENUE**

### **SECTION 54: ANNUAL DUES AND SPECIAL LEVIES**

- (1) Every member of the Society shall pay an annual due at the commencement of every academic session as determined by the Executive Council and approved by the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (2) The annual dues shall be paid within the first semester of a new academic session.
- (3) The amount of annual dues shall be subject to variation by a two-third(2/3) majority vote of the LSRC, provided that such variation is ratified by a simple majority of the Congress.
- (4) Failure to pay annual dues within the stipulated time shall attract sanctions as prescribed in this Constitution and shall disentitle such member to:
  - a. Vote or be voted for in Society elections
  - b. Hold any office in the Society
  - c. Receive the annual package of the Society
  - d. Appear before the Judicial Council except as a defendant
  - e. Participate in Society-sponsored events and activities
- (5) The Financial Secretary shall maintain a comprehensive register of all members who have paid their annual dues, showing names, receipt numbers, amounts paid, and dates of payment.
- (6) The Financial Secretary shall publish the list of members who have paid their dues on the Society's notice boards at the end of each month.

#### **Special Levies**

- (7) The Executive Council shall have the power to recommend a special levy to the LSRC if and when the need arises for specific projects or emergency situations.
- (8) Any such recommendation shall be subject to the approval of two-third(2/3) majority of the LSRC.
- (9) Special levies approved by the LSRC shall be ratified by a simple majority of the Congress before collection commences.

- (10) The purpose for which any special levy is imposed shall be clearly stated and communicated to all members of the Society.
- (11) Special levies shall be used solely for the purpose for which they were imposed, and any surplus shall be refunded to members or transferred to the Society's general account as determined by the LSRC.

## **SECTION 55: GIFTS, DONATIONS AND INVESTMENTS**

### **Gifts and Donations**

- (1) The Executive Council may solicit and receive gifts, grants, and donations on behalf of the Society for the advancement of its aims and objectives.
- (2) All gifts, grants, and donations received by the Society shall be declared and published on the Society's notice boards within seven (7) school days of receipt.
- (3) All gifts, grants, and donations shall be registered with the Audit Committee within seven (7) school days of receipt.
- (4) No officer of the Society shall receive any gift, grant, or donation on behalf of the Society without the knowledge and approval of the Executive Council.
- (5) The Society shall not accept any gift, grant, or donation that:
  - a Is contrary to the aims and objectives of the Society
  - b Compromises the independence and integrity of the Society
  - c Is from sources engaged in illegal activities
  - d Contains conditions that conflict with this Constitution or University regulations

### **Investments**

- (6) The Executive Council may, with the advice of the Staff Advisers and the approval of the LSRC, invest Society funds in lawful and profitable ventures.
- (7) All investments shall be properly documented and shall be subject to periodic review by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Audit Committee.
- (8) The Executive Council shall submit quarterly investment reports to the LSRC showing the performance of all investments and returns generated.

- (9) No investment shall be made without the prior approval of two-third (2/3) majority of the LSRC.

## **PART II: BUDGET, EXPENDITURE AND CONTROL**

### **SECTION 56: ANNUAL BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE**

#### **Budget Preparation and Approval**

- (1) The Executive Council shall, not later than four (4) weeks after swearing-in, cause to be prepared and laid before the LSRC, estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the Society for the session.
- (2) The budget proposal shall be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee at least seventy-two (72) hours before presentation to the LSRC.
- (3) The LSRC shall, after considering the estimates and the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee, pass a resolution granting the sums necessary to meet the expenditure of the Society for the session.
- (4) The budget shall appropriate funds among the various organs, committees, and activities of the Society.
- (5) The LSRC shall resolve all contradictions in the budget within two (2) weeks of its presentation.

#### **Expenditure**

- (6) No money shall be withdrawn from any public fund of the Society except upon the authority of an appropriation resolution made by the LSRC in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (7) All expenditure shall be in accordance with the approved budget.
- (8) Any expenditure outside the approved budget (extra-budgetary expenditure) shall require the prior approval of the LSRC by a simple majority vote.
- (9) In cases of emergency requiring urgent expenditure, the Executive Council may authorize such expenditure, provided that:
- a. The amount does not exceed Ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000)
  - b. Such expenditure is reported to the LSRC at its next sitting for ratification
  - c. Failure to obtain ratification shall render the officers who authorized such expenditure personally liable for refund

- (10) All expenditure shall be evidenced in writing and properly documented with receipts and vouchers, which shall be lodged with the Financial Secretary.
- (11) The Financial Secretary shall present monthly statements of receipts and payment vouchers to the Budget and Finance Committee for scrutiny, not later than the seventh (7th) day of the succeeding month.

## **SECTION 57: BANK ACCOUNT AND SIGNATORIES**

### **Bank Account**

- (1) The Society shall maintain an account in any reputable commercial bank approved by the LSRC.
- (2) The account shall be operated in the name "Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society" or "JABULSS".
- (3) The Society may maintain more than one account for specific purposes as may be approved by the LSRC.

### **Signatories**

- (4) The signatories to the Society's account shall be:
  - a. The President
  - b. The Financial Secretary
  - c. The Treasurer
  - d. A Staff Adviser
- (5) Every cheque or withdrawal slip shall be signed by at least two (2) of the signatories, one of whom must be the President or, in his/her absence, a Staff Adviser.
- (6) No withdrawal shall be made from the Society's account without proper authorization and supporting documentation.
- (7) In the event of the President's absence or incapacitation, the Vice President may act as signatory with the approval of the Executive Council.

## **SECTION 58: FINANCIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **Financial Control**

- (1) All monies received by or on behalf of the Society shall be paid into the Society's account by the Treasurer within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt.
- (2) The Treasurer shall issue official receipts for all monies received on behalf of the Society.
- (3) The Financial Secretary shall maintain proper books of account including a cash book, ledger, and receipt/payment voucher files.
- (4) All disbursements from the Society's funds shall be with the approval of the Executive Council and, where required by this Constitution, with the ratification of the LSRC.
- (5) No officer shall make any financial commitment on behalf of the Society without the approval of the Executive Council.

### **Accountability**

- (6) The Executive Council shall be financially accountable to the LSRC and the Congress for all expenditure and disbursements.
- (7) The Financial Secretary shall submit to the LSRC at least twice per session: a. A statement of account duly authenticated by the Society's bank b. Records of all income and expenditure c. Evidence of authorization for each expenditure
- (8) The LSRC shall cause copies of the financial statements to be posted on the Society's notice boards and sent to the Dean of the College of Law and the Staff Advisers.
- (9) Any officer found guilty of financial impropriety, misappropriation, or embezzlement shall: a. Be immediately suspended from office b. Be compelled to make full restitution to the Society c. Face disciplinary action before the Judicial Council d. Be referred to the appropriate University authorities for further action

## **SECTION 59: AUDITING AND PUBLICATION OF ACCOUNTS**

### **Auditing**

- (1) The accounts of the Society shall be audited by the Audit Committee at least twice per session.
- (2) The Auditor General shall conduct interim audits as deemed necessary or upon the request of the LSRC.
- (3) The Audit Committee shall have access to all financial records, bank statements, receipts, vouchers, and documents of the Society at any time.
- (4) The Audit Committee shall submit its audit reports to the LSRC, detailing:

- a. The financial position of the Society
  - b. All income and expenditure during the period under review
  - c. Any irregularities or discrepancies discovered
  - d. Recommendations for improving financial management
- (5) The LSRC shall consider and adopt or reject the audit report by a simple majority vote.
  - (6) Where the LSRC adopts an audit report that reveals financial impropriety, it shall take appropriate disciplinary action against the officers responsible.
  - (7) All audit reports, whether adopted or not, shall be forwarded to the Dean of the College of Law and the Staff Advisers for their information and necessary action.

### **Publication of Accounts**

- (8) The Financial Secretary shall publish financial expenditure statements on the Society's notice boards not later than two (2) weeks before the commencement of each semester examination.
- (9) The final audited accounts for each session shall be published on the Society's notice boards within two (2) weeks of adoption by the LSRC.
- (10) All financial publications shall include:
  - a. Opening balance
  - b. Total income (itemized)
  - c. Total expenditure (itemized)
  - d. Closing balance
  - e. Bank statement confirmation

### **Clearance**

- (11) No officer of the Society shall be given clearance at the end of their tenure until:
  - a. Their financial records have been audited and approved by the Audit Committee
  - b. The audit report has been ratified by the LSRC
  - c. They have handed over all Society property in their possession
  - d. They have provided satisfactory explanations for any financial discrepancies

## **PART III: LSS VENTURES**

### **SECTION 60: ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Establishment**

- (1) There shall be for the Society, LSS Ventures, which shall be responsible for revenue generation and investment activities of the Society, distinct from annual dues and special levies.
- (2) LSS Ventures shall explore and manage all lawful business ventures and income-generating activities for the Society.
- (3) The LSS Ventures in all regard shall not deliberately or incompetently risk the capital of the Society.

#### **Management Structure**

- (4) LSS Ventures shall be headed by a Chairman appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (5) The Chairman of LSS Ventures shall:
  - a. Be a member of the Society in good standing
  - b. Be a duly registered student of reputable character
  - c. Possess demonstrable business acumen and entrepreneurial skills
  - d. Not be an undischarged bankrupt
  - e. Have a minimum CGPA of 3.0 f. Not be under investigation for any financial misconduct
- (6) The Chairman shall appoint other members to assist in the management of LSS Ventures as he deems fit, subject to ratification by the LSRC.
- (7) The tenure of the Chairman and members of LSS Ventures shall be one (1) academic session.

#### **Powers and Functions**

- (8) The Chairman of LSS Ventures shall:
  - a. Oversee all activities of LSS Ventures
  - b. Develop business plans and revenue generation strategies for the Society

- c. Identify and propose investment opportunities to the Executive Council
  - d. Coordinate all income-generating activities of the Society
  - e. Ensure compliance with University regulations in all business activities
- (9) LSS Ventures may engage in the following lawful activities:
- a. Sale of Law Week souvenirs, merchandise, and branded materials
  - b. Organization of paid seminars, workshops, training programs, and conferences
  - c. Publication and sale of academic materials, journals, and legal digests
  - d. Provision of legal research and drafting services
  - e. Any other lawful business activity approved by the Executive Council and LSRC

### **Financial Management**

- (10) All monies generated by LSS Ventures shall be paid into the Society's account within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt.
- (11) LSS Ventures shall maintain separate accounting records for all its transactions.
- (12) The Chairman shall submit monthly financial reports to the Executive Council and the LSRC, detailing:
- a. All revenue-generating activities conducted
  - b. Income generated
  - c. Expenditure incurred
  - d. Net profit or loss
  - e. Challenges and recommendations
- (13) LSS Ventures shall prepare and submit an annual budget to the Budget and Finance Committee for approval before the commencement of each session.
- (14) All expenditure by LSS Ventures shall be in accordance with the approved budget and shall be subject to audit by the Audit Committee.

### **Accountability and Supervision**

- (15) The Chairman of LSS Ventures shall be accountable to the Executive Council and the LSRC for all activities and finances of LSS Ventures.
- (16) The Chairman shall seek advice from the President, Speaker of the LSRC, or Staff Advisers on matters pertaining to the management of LSS Ventures and its Finances.
- (17) The Executive Council shall supervise the activities of LSS Ventures to ensure compliance with this Constitution and the policies of the Society.
- (18) The LSRC may, by a two-third (2/3) majority vote, dissolve LSS Ventures or remove its Chairman for gross misconduct, financial impropriety, or failure to perform duties.



## **CHAPTER IX: OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS**

### **SECTION 61: OFFENCES BY PUBLIC OFFICERS**

- (1) Any officer who uses his/her office or position to gratify or confer any corrupt or unfair advantage upon himself, or any officer, or relation, or associate of the officer, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not more than fifteen thousand naira (₦15,000).
- (2) Any officer who, in the course of his/her official duty, inflates the price of any goods or services above the prevailing market prices, or professional standards, shall be liable, upon being found guilty, to refund the excess to the Society's account.
- (3) Any officer who, in the discharge of his/her official duties, awards or signs any contract without budget provision and approval, and or above the amount awarded in the budget, does that at his/her own peril, and shall refund the excess spent to the Society's treasury.
- (4) Any officer charged with the receipt, custody, use or management of any part of the Society's revenue or property, knowingly furnishes any false statement or return in respect of money, or property received by him, or entrusted to his/her care or of any balance of the money or property in his/her possession, or under his/her care, shall be liable to refund the money, property or its money worth.
- (5) Any officer found guilty under this section shall stand suspended from office until, by a two third (2/3) majority of the House, otherwise is decided.

### **SECTION 62: CORRUPTION AND FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETY**

- (1) No officer of the Society shall demand, accept, or agree to accept any gratification for himself/herself or any other person on account of anything done or omitted to be done by him/her in the discharge of his/her official duties.
- (2) Any officer who commits an act of corruption or financial impropriety including but not limited to embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, or fraudulent conversion of the Society's property shall be guilty of an offence under this Constitution.
- (3) Any officer found guilty of corruption or financial impropriety shall:
  - a. Be removed from office immediately;
  - b. Refund all misappropriated funds or the monetary value of any converted property;
  - c. Be barred from holding any office in the Society for the remainder of his/her time in the College;
  - d. Have the matter referred to the appropriate University authorities for further disciplinary action.
- (4) The Judicial Council shall have jurisdiction to try all cases of alleged corruption and financial impropriety referred to it by the Law Students' Representative Council or the Executive Council.

## SECTION 63: PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS

- (1) Any member or officer of the Society who violates any provision of this Constitution or engages in conduct unbecoming of a law student shall be subject to sanctions as prescribed in this Constitution.
- (2) The following penalties and sanctions may be imposed by the appropriate authority:
  - a. Written warning;
  - b. Reprimand;
  - c. Fine not exceeding fifteen thousand naira (₦15,000);
  - d. Suspension from office for a specified period;
  - e. Removal from office;
  - f. Suspension from the Society for a specified period;
  - g. Expulsion from the Society, subject to ratification by the University authorities;
  - h. Restitution or compensation for any loss or damage caused.
- (3) The Disciplinary Committee shall investigate all allegations of misconduct and recommend appropriate sanctions to the Executive Council or the Law Students' Representative Council as the case may be.
- (4) The Judicial Council shall have appellate jurisdiction over all decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.
- (5) Any member or officer sanctioned under this section shall have the right to appeal to the Judicial Council within ten (10) working days of being notified of the sanction.
- (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Executive Council may impose interim suspension on any officer pending investigation of serious allegations of misconduct.

# **CHAPTER X: CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

## **SECTION 64: GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (1) Every member of the Society shall be of good conduct at all times and places and shall do nothing that is likely to bring the Society into disrepute, ridicule or contempt.
- (2) No officer of the Society shall hold any other office in any of the bodies recognized under this Constitution during his tenure.
- (3) No officer of the Society shall put himself in a position where his/her personal interest(s) may conflict with his/her duties and responsibilities.
- (4) As seniority at the Bar is religiously guarded, every member of the Society shall show courtesy to members of a senior class and a member of a senior class shall conduct himself creditably in his/her dealing with any member(s) of the lower class.
- (5) Every officer who belongs to a body recognized by this Constitution shall be accorded equal respect by all members of this Society.
- (6) No member shall simultaneously hold office in more than one organ of the Society. The organs of the Society for the purpose of this provision are the Law Students' Representative Council, the Executive Council, and the Judicial Council.
- (7) No member shall simultaneously serve in more than one statutory committee or commission established under this Constitution, except where expressly provided by this Constitution or authorized by the Law Students' Representative Council.

## **SECTION 65: PROHIBITION OF SECRET CULTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- (1) No member of the Society shall belong to any secret cult or any association prohibited by the University authorities.
- (2) Any member found to be a member of a secret cult or prohibited association shall be immediately expelled from the Society and reported to the appropriate University authorities.
- (3) No officer shall engage in any activity that creates a conflict of interest between his/her official duties and his/her personal interests.
- (4) Any officer who has a personal interest in any matter before the organ in which he/she serves shall declare such interest and recuse himself from participating in deliberations or voting on such matter.

## **SECTION 66: PROFESSIONAL COURTESY AND HIERARCHY**

- (1) Every member shall show courtesy to members of a senior class at all times.
- (2) Every member of a senior class shall conduct himself creditably in his/her dealings with any member(s) of a lower class.
- (3) No member shall engage in any form of harassment, bullying, or intimidation of another member, regardless of class or position.

- (4) Disputes between members of different classes shall be resolved in accordance with the principles of natural justice and the provisions of this Constitution.

### **SECTION 67: DRESS CODE AND IDENTIFICATION**

- (1) The legal profession is highly reputed for its formal and well-dressed practitioners. To inculcate in members of the Society this aspect of professional ethics, every member of the Society will dress formally to lectures and ceremonial occasions, House sittings, Congress and Judicial sittings and every other important occasion(s) which member may have to attend.
- (2) The law student's dress code for male students shall be:
- a. White collared shirt;
  - b. Plain black or Navy-blue tie; and
  - c. Black trousers or navy-blue trousers;
  - d. Black pair of shoes;
  - e. Black belt;
  - f. Plain black socks;
  - g. Black sweater vest or cardigan (optional);
  - h. Neat and professional low-cut hairstyle.
- (3) For female students, the dress code shall be:
- a. White collared shirt;
  - b. Black skirt or navy-blue skirt (plain, not designed, below the knee but not too long);
  - c. Black pair of shoes;
  - d. Black belt;
  - e. Plain black socks (optional);
  - f. Black sweater vest or cardigan (optional);
  - g. Hair neatly packed or styled in a professional manner.
  - h. Hair attachment must be strictly black
- (4) The University identification card shall be worn at all times within the College building and outside the College building during official hours which lapse until 4:00 pm of every day with the exception of weekend days.
- (5) Where there is non-compliance with the dress code, such a student shall be sanctioned accordingly either by the staff of the College or the University discipline regulatory personnel that apprehends such a student, or by the Chief Whip of the Law Students' Society for the time being.
- (6) Any member who is not well dressed according to the College dress code shall not be recognized at the House sittings or Congress meetings and that of the Judicial Council.

### **SECTION 68: SANCTIONS FOR BREACH OF CODE**

- (1) Any member who breaches any provision of this Chapter shall be liable to sanctions as prescribed in Section 63 of this Constitution.

- (2) The Disciplinary Committee shall have primary responsibility for investigating breaches of the Code of Conduct and recommending appropriate sanctions.
- (3) Persistent breach of the dress code may result in suspension from attending lectures, House sittings, or other Society activities until compliance is achieved.



# **CHAPTER XI: HONOURS AND AWARDS**

## **SECTION 69: POWER TO CONFER HONOURS AND AWARDS**

- (1) The Executive Council shall have power to honour deserving members of the Society who have made significant contributions towards the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Society.
- (2) The Executive Council may confer the following categories of honours and awards:
  - a. Academic Excellence Awards for outstanding academic performance;
  - b. Service Awards for exceptional service to the Society;
  - c. Leadership Awards for exemplary leadership qualities;
  - d. Advocacy Awards for excellence in moot court competitions and mock trials;
  - e. Special Recognition Awards for any other meritorious achievement.
- (3) The Executive Council shall establish criteria for the conferment of each category of honour and award, subject to the approval of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (4) Nominations for honours and awards may be made by:
  - a. Any member of the Executive Council;
  - b. Any member of the Law Students' Representative Council;
  - c. The Head of any Chamber;
  - d. Any ten (10) members of the Society acting jointly.
- (5) All nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Council, stating the grounds for the nomination and the category of honour or award being proposed.
- (6) The Executive Council shall establish an Awards Committee to review all nominations and make recommendations to the Executive Council.
- (7) The decision to confer any honour or hoaward shall require the approval of two-third (2/3) majority of the Executive Council and shall be subject to ratification by the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (8) Honours and awards shall be conferred at a ceremony to be organized by the Executive Council at least once in each academic session.
- (9) The Executive Council shall maintain a register of all honours and awards conferred by the Society.

## **CHAPTER XII: OATHS**

### **SECTION 70: REQUIREMENT FOR OATH-TAKING**

- (1) Every officer or appointee to any office or committee shall not assume office unless he has subscribed to the oath of office as prescribed in the First Schedule of this Constitution.
- (2) No person shall perform the functions of any office established under this Constitution unless he has taken and subscribed to the oath or affirmation for that office.
- (3) Where an officer fails to take the prescribed oath within fourteen (14) days of his/her assumption of office, the office shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

### **SECTION 71: ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS**

- (1) Oaths shall be administered as follows:
  - a. The Chief Judge shall be sworn in by the Outgoing Chief Judge;
  - b. Other officers of the Judicial Council shall be sworn in by the Chief Judge;
  - c. The President shall be sworn in by the Chief Judge;
  - d. Members of the Executive Council shall be sworn in by the President;
  - e. The Speaker shall be sworn in by the Chief Judge;
  - f. Members of the Law Students' Representative Council shall be sworn in by the Speaker;
  - g. Other officers of the Law Students' Representative Council shall be sworn in by the Speaker;
  - h. The Chairman, Secretary and members of any committee or commission constituted by the Executive Council shall be sworn in by the President;
  - i. The Chairman, Secretary and members of any committee or commission constituted by the Law Students' Representative Council shall be sworn in by the Speaker.
- (2) All oath-taking ceremonies shall be conducted in the presence of the Staff Adviser(s) of the Society.
- (3) A record of all oaths administered shall be kept by the General Secretary and the Council Secretary in respect of their respective organs.
- (4) Any person taking an oath may, at his/her option, either swear or affirm in the form prescribed in the First Schedule to this Constitution.

### **SECTION 72: FORMS OF OATHS**

- (1) The forms of oaths to be taken by officers of the Society shall be as set out in the First Schedule to this Constitution.
- (2) The oaths shall include:
  - a. Oath of Office of the President;

- b. Oath of Office of the Vice President and Other Officers of the Executive Council;
- c. Oath of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Honourable Members of the Law Students' Representative Council;
- d. Oath of the Chief Judge and Judges of the Judicial Council;
- e. Oath of Members of Commissions and Committees.

(3) Every person taking an oath under this Constitution shall sign the oath form after taking the oath.

(4) The signed oath forms shall be filed and kept as part of the records of the Society.

(5) Where any person refuses to take the prescribed oath or affirmation, he shall be deemed to have declined the office and the office shall be declared vacant.



## **CHAPTER XIII: QUORUM REQUIREMENTS**

### **SECTION 73: QUORUM FOR CONGRESS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND LSRC**

- (1) The quorum of the Congress shall be one-quarter (1/4) of the total membership of the Society at the relevant time.
- (2) The quorum of the Executive Council shall be simple majority of members of the cabinet.
- (3) A majority of two-third (2/3) of members of the Law Students' Representative Council shall form a quorum for its sitting.



## **CHAPTER XIV: AMENDMENT**

### **SECTION 74: POWER AND PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT**

- (1) No part of this Constitution shall be subject to amendment, save in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (2) This Constitution may be amended only after a period of two academic sessions from the previous amendment.
- (3) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the Law Students' Representative Council as a matter of necessity can make subsidiary legislation which will serve as addendum to the Constitution.
- (4) All proposals for amendment in relation to this Constitution shall be in writing to the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (5) When a motion is being made in the House concerning the amendment of the whole Constitution or a particular part of the Constitution and is being supported by two-third( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority of the House, the Speaker shall within twenty-four (24) hours write to the Executive Council to constitute a Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) for the amendment.
- (6) The Executive Council shall constitute a Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) which shall be made up of ten (10) members within seven (7) days of receipt of the letter from the Speaker.
- (7) The Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee shall be a member of the Law Students' Representative Council.
- (8) The recommendations of the Constitutional Review Committee shall thereafter be presented to the Executive Council which shall in turn submit same, along with its own recommendations within fourteen (14) days, to the House.
- (9) The Constitutional provision(s) in question shall be deemed amended when such recommendations are accepted by two-third( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority votes of the House and assented to by the President within seven (7) school days of receipt of the same.
- (10) Whenever ambiguities or doubts arise as to the clarity of any of the provisions of this Constitution, the Judicial Council shall interpret and clarify such provisions.
- (11) The decision(s) of the Judicial Council shall be final where appeal lies before it.

### **SECTION 75: CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- (1) The Constitutional Review Committee established under Section 74 shall consist of ten (10) members comprising:
  - a. A Chairman who shall be a member of the Law Students' Representative Council from the two (2) in the House;
  - b. Two (2) members of the Law Students' Representative Council;
  - c. Two (2) members of the Executive Council;
  - d. One (1) member of the Judicial Council;

e. Five (5) members from the levels of the Society, one from each level.

(2) The Constitutional Review Committee shall:

- a. Review all proposals for amendment submitted to it;
- b. Conduct consultations with relevant stakeholders;
- c. Consider the implications of proposed amendments on the operations of the Society;
- d. Prepare a comprehensive report with recommendations;
- e. Submit its report to the Executive Council within the time specified in Section 74(8).

(3) The Constitutional Review Committee shall regulate its own procedure provided that nothing it does conflicts with the provisions of this Constitution.

### **SECTION 76: LIMITATIONS ON AMENDMENT**

(1) No amendment shall be made to this Constitution which is inconsistent with:

- a. The aims and objectives of the Society as set out in Section 4;
- b. The supremacy of this Constitution as provided in Section 1;
- c. The University regulations and policies.

(2) The following provisions of this Constitution shall not be amended except by a resolution supported by three-quarters (3/4) majority of all members of the Law Students' Representative Council:

- a. Chapter I: Preliminary Matters;
- b. Chapter II: Aims, Objectives and Membership;
- c. This Chapter on Amendment.

(3) No amendment affecting the tenure, powers, or composition of any organ of the Society shall take effect until the expiration of the tenure of the current officers of that organ, unless the amendment is expressly stated to have immediate effect and is supported by three-quarters (3/4) majority of the House.

## **CHAPTER XV: MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **SECTION 77: SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

- (1) The Law Students' Representative Council shall have power to make subsidiary legislation for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Constitution.
- (2) Such subsidiary legislation may include:
  - a. Standing Orders for the regulation of the proceedings of the Law Students' Representative Council;
  - b. Financial Instructions for the management of the finances of the Society;
  - c. Electoral Guidelines for the conduct of elections;
  - d. Regulations for the establishment and operation of Chambers;
  - e. Rules for the conduct of moot court competitions and mock trials;
  - f. Any other rules or regulations necessary for the effective operation of the Society.
- (3) All subsidiary legislation made under this Constitution shall be consistent with the provisions of this Constitution and shall be subject to review by the Judicial Council for constitutionality.
- (4) Subsidiary legislation shall not take effect until it has been approved by two-third(2/3) majority of the Law Students' Representative Council and assented to by the President.
- (5) All subsidiary legislation shall be published on the notice boards of the College within fortyeight (48) hours of being signed into effect.
- (6) The Council Secretary shall maintain a register of all subsidiary legislation made under this Constitution.

### **SECTION 78: TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

- (1) Every appointment made prior to the coming into force of this Constitution shall be deemed to have been made under this Constitution and shall remain valid until the expiration of the term for which such appointment was made or until such appointment is terminated in accordance with this Constitution.
- (2) Every law, regulation, resolution, or decision made under any previous constitution of the Society and in force immediately before the commencement of this Constitution shall, to the extent that it is not inconsistent with this Constitution, continue in force until repealed or amended by the appropriate authority under this Constitution.
- (3) All properties, assets, rights, liabilities, and obligations of the Society existing immediately before the commencement of this Constitution shall continue to belong to the Society and shall be administered in accordance with this Constitution.
- (4) Any proceedings pending before any organ of the Society immediately before the commencement of this Constitution may be continued and completed under this Constitution as if commenced under this Constitution.

(5) Officers holding office immediately before the commencement of this Constitution shall continue to hold office until the completion of their tenure or until they vacate office in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, whichever is earlier.

(6) The first election under this Constitution shall be conducted not less than two (2) weeks before the commencement of second semester examinations of the commencement of this Constitution or at such other time as the Law Students' Representative Council may determine.

## **SECTION 79: SAVINGS PROVISIONS**

(1) The repeal of any previous constitution by this Constitution shall not:

- a. Revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the repeal takes effect;
- b. Affect the previous operation of the repealed constitution or anything duly done or suffered under it;
- c. Affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the repealed constitution;
- d. Affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against the repealed constitution;
- e. Affect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment.

(2) Any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed as if this Constitution had not been enacted.

(3) No act done or omitted to be done under the previous constitution shall be deemed to be an offence under this Constitution by reason only that it would have been an offence if this Constitution had been in force at the time of the act or omission.

(4) All Chambers, Committees, and Commissions existing immediately before the commencement of this Constitution shall continue to exist and operate in accordance with this Constitution until reconstituted or dissolved in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

## **SECTION 80: SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS**

(1) Where any difficulty arises in giving effect to any provision of this Constitution, the Law Students' Representative Council may, by resolution supported by two-third(2/3) majority, make such order or give such direction as may appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

(2) Every order or direction made under subsection (1) shall be laid before the Law Students' Representative Council and shall cease to have effect after a period of three (3) months from the date on which it was made unless extended by a resolution of the Law Students' Representative Council.

(3) The President may, with the approval of the Executive Council, issue circulars and directives for the implementation of any provision of this Constitution, provided that such circulars and directives are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

- (4) Where any matter is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Law Students' Representative Council may make regulations to give effect to the principles and spirit of this Constitution.
- (5) All officers and members of the Society shall take all necessary steps to familiarize themselves with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (6) The Executive Council shall cause copies of this Constitution to be printed and made available to all members of the Society at a reasonable cost.
- (7) A copy of this Constitution shall be deposited with the Dean of the College of Law and with the Student Affairs Office of the University.



# **CHAPTER XVI: INTERPRETATION AND CITATION**

## **SECTION 81: INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS**

(1) In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, the following abbreviations and definitions shall apply:

### **Abbreviations:**

- a. JABU means Joseph Ayo Babalola University;
- b. LSS means Law Students' Society;
- c. LSRC means Law Students' Representative Council;
- d. EC means Executive Council;
- e. JC means Judicial Council;
- f. EPC means Election Petition Commission;
- g. IEC means Independent Electoral Commission;
- h. CRC means Constitutional Review Committee;
- i. JABULSS means Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society.

### **Definitions:**

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

**"CONGRESS"** shall mean the entire body of members of the Society.

**"CONSTITUENCY"** shall mean a level or class of study in the College of Law.

**"LAW STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL"** shall mean the Law Students' Society Students' Representative Council, the law-making organ of the Society.

**"EXECUTIVE COUNCIL"** shall mean the executive arm of the Society vested with the power to execute and implement the laws, policies, and programs of the Society.

**"JUDICIAL COUNCIL"** shall mean the judicial arm of the Society vested with the power to interpret this Constitution, adjudicate disputes, and exercise disciplinary jurisdiction over members of the Society.

**"OFFICERS"** shall include members of the Law Students' Representative Council, members of the Executive Council, and members of the Judicial Council.

**"CHAMBER"** shall mean any advocacy group or legal association recognized and registered under this Constitution for the purpose of advocacy training, moot court competitions, and legal research.

**"MEMBERS"** (bona fide in respect of the Society) means any person that is duly registered by the College, certified by the University to be an LL.B student, pays his financial obligations to

the Society, and is entitled to all the rights and privileges incidental to membership of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society.

**"SCHOOL DAY"** means a day on which the University is in session with the exception of public holidays as prescribed by the Federal Government or State Government and observed by the University authorities.

**"ACADEMIC SESSION"** means the period of twelve (12) calendar months beginning from the date of resumption of students for academic activities as determined by the University authorities.

**"SEMESTER"** means a period of approximately five (5) to six (6) months constituting half of an academic session.

**"FINANCIAL YEAR"** means the period of twelve (12) months beginning from the date of assumption of office by the Executive Council.

**"ORGAN"** means any of the three principal arms of the Society, namely: the Law Students' Representative Council, the Executive Council, and the Judicial Council.

**"SIMPLE MAJORITY"** means more than half of the members present and voting.

**"TWO-THIRDMAJORITY"** means not less than two-third of all members or of members present and voting, as the context may require.

**"NOTICE BOARD"** means the official notice board(s) designated by the Society for the publication of notices, resolutions, and other official communications.

**"WRITING" or "WRITTEN"** includes printing, lithography, typewriting, photography, and any other mode of representing or reproducing words in visible form.

**"HE"** and every other pronoun which may connote the male gender includes a generic representation of both males and females and not gender specific.

(3) Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender, and words in the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.

(4) References to any provision of this Constitution shall be construed as references to that provision as amended or re-enacted from time to time.

(5) Headings and marginal notes in this Constitution shall not be deemed to be part of this Constitution and shall not be considered in interpreting this Constitution.

## **SECTION 82: CITATION**

(1) This Constitution may be cited as "The Constitution of the Law Students' Society, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, 2019" or as "JABULSS Constitution 2019 AS AMENDED IN 2026."

(2) All references to this Constitution in any document, resolution, or communication shall be made using the citation provided in subsection (1) of this section.

### **SECTION 83: COMMENCEMENT**

(1) This Constitution shall come into force on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, upon being duly assented to by the President of the Law Students' Society and approved by the Law Students' Representative Council.

(2) Upon commencement, all previous constitutions of the Society shall stand repealed, subject to the savings and transitional provisions contained in Chapter XV of this Constitution.

(3) Notice of the commencement of this Constitution shall be published on all notice boards of the College and communicated to all relevant authorities of the University.

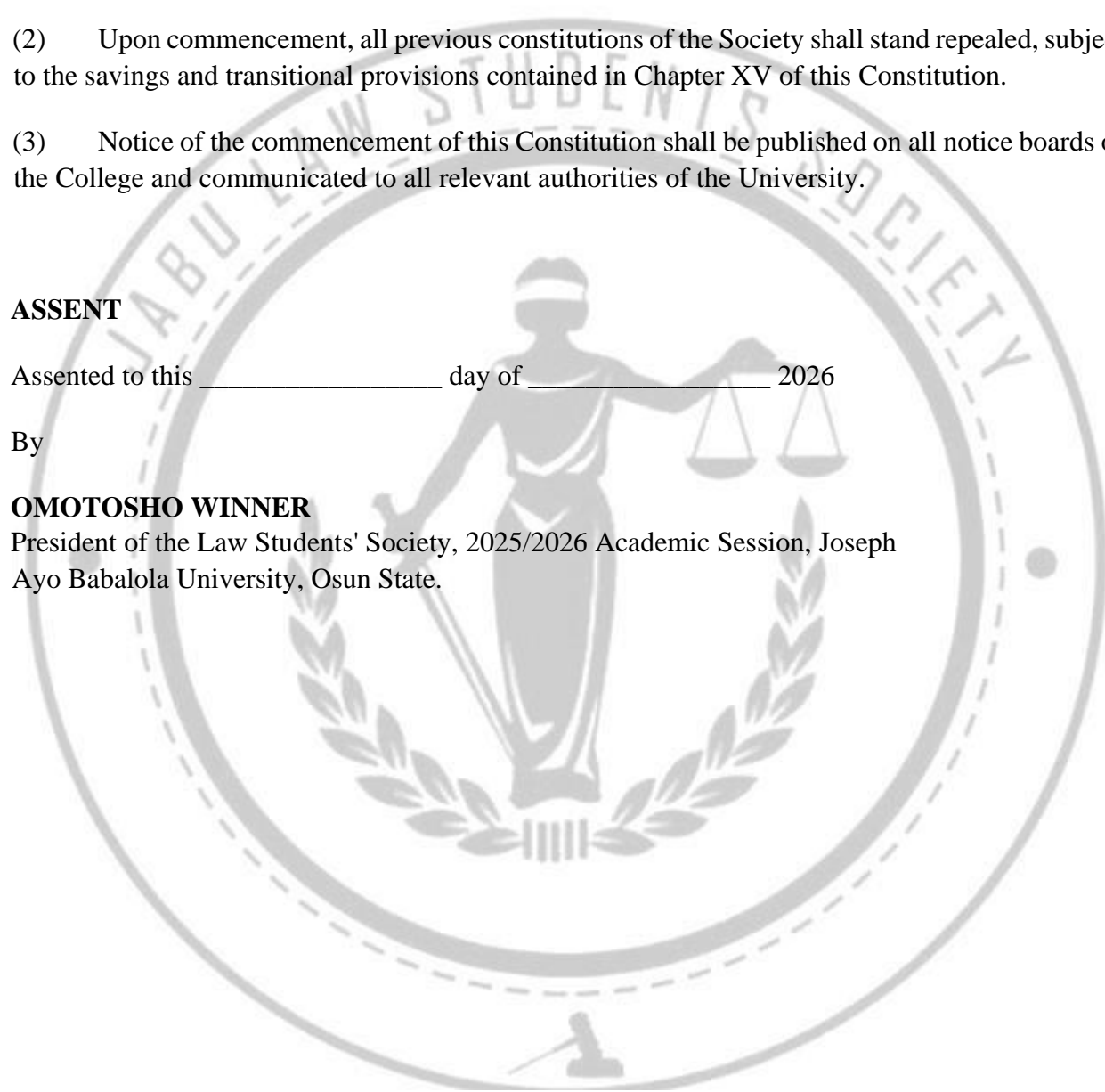
### **ASSENT**

Assented to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

By

### **OMOTOSHO WINNER**

President of the Law Students' Society, 2025/2026 Academic Session, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Osun State.



**SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF JOSEPH  
AYO BABALOLA UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS'  
SOCIETY, 2019**

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

**FORMS OF OATHS**

*(As prescribed by Sections 70, 71, and 72)*

**FORM A: OATH OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

I, ....., having been elected to the office of President of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as President of the Law Students' Society, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society and the law, and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society; that I will strive to preserve the aims and objectives contained in the Constitution of the Law Students' Society.

I further swear/affirm that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will not directly or indirectly receive or permit any member of my family or associate to receive any property, gift, or benefit of any kind from any person or entity that may compromise my office; that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that in all circumstances, I will perform my functions according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

I solemnly pledge that I will abide by the Code of Conduct applicable to my office; that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society; and that I will uphold the dignity and integrity of the legal profession at all times. So help me God.

**Signature of President:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (Chief Judge)

**Witnessed by:**

1. .... (Staff Adviser)
2. .... (Outgoing President)

**FORM B: OATH OF OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

I, ....., having been elected to the office of Vice President/Academic Affairs Officer of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as Vice President of the Law Students' Society, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society and the law, and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society; that I will strive to preserve the aims and objectives contained in the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will support and assist the President in the discharge of his duties.

I further swear/affirm that I will exercise the authority vested in me so as not to impede or prejudice the authority lawfully vested in the President of the Law Students' Society and so as not to endanger the continuance of government of the Law Students' Society; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will abide by the Code of Conduct applicable to my office; and that I will devote myself to the service and wellbeing of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Vice President:** ..... **Date:**

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**Administered by:** ..... (President)

**Witnessed by:** ..... (Staff Adviser)

### **FORM C: OATH OF OFFICE OF OTHER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

I, ....., having been elected/appointed to the office of ..... of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society and the law; that I will always act in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society; that I will strive to preserve the aims and objectives contained in the Constitution of the Law Students' Society.

I further swear/affirm that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will handle all funds and properties of the Society entrusted to my care with honesty and accountability; that I will carry out all lawful directives of the President and the Executive Council; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will abide by the Code of Conduct applicable to my office; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Officer:** .....

**Office Held:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (President)

**Witnessed by:** ..... (Staff Adviser)

**FORM D: OATH OF OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER**

I, ....., having been elected to the office of Speaker of the Law Students' Representative Council of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as Speaker of the Law Students' Representative Council, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society, the law, and the Standing Orders of the House; that I will always act in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society; that I will strive to preserve the aims and objectives contained in the Constitution of the Law Students' Society.

I further swear/affirm that I will preside over the proceedings of the House with impartiality, fairness, and dignity; that I will uphold the independence of the legislative arm of the Society; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will maintain order and decorum in the House at all times; that I will abide by the Code of Conduct applicable to my office; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Speaker:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (Chief Judge)

**Witnessed by:** ..... (Staff Adviser)

**FORM E: OATH OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER AND OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF LSRC**

I, ....., having been elected to the office of ..... of the Law Students' Representative Council of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and

bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society, the law, and the Standing Orders of the House; that I will always act in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society; that I will strive to preserve the aims and objectives contained in the Constitution of the Law Students' Society.

I further swear/affirm that I will uphold the independence and dignity of the legislative arm of the Society; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will abide by the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders of the House; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Officer:** .....

**Office Held:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (Speaker)

**Witnessed by:** .....

**FORM F: OATH OF HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LAW STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

I, ....., having been elected as a member of the Law Students' Representative Council representing ..... constituency, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that I will faithfully represent the interests of my constituency and all members of the Society; that I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society, the law, and the Standing Orders of the House; that I will always act in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society.

I further swear/affirm that I will strive to preserve the aims and objectives contained in the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will attend all sittings of the House punctually and participate actively in its proceedings; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will abide by the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders of the House; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Member:** .....

**Constituency:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (Speaker)

**Witnessed by:** .....

**FORM G: OATH OF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE**

I, ....., having been appointed to the office of Chief Judge of the Judicial Council of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as Chief Judge of the Law Students' Judicial Council, I will discharge my duties and perform my functions honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society and the law.

I further swear/affirm that I will do right to all manner of people without fear or favour, affection or ill will; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will preserve the independence and integrity of the Judicial Council; that I will administer justice according to law, equity, and good conscience; that I will uphold the principles of natural justice in all proceedings before me; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; and that I will devote myself to the service and wellbeing of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Chief Judge:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (Outgoing Chief Judge/Senior Judge)

**Witnessed by:**

1. .... (Staff Adviser)
2. .... (President)

**FORM H: OATH OF OFFICE OF JUDGES OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

I, ....., having been appointed as a Judge of the Judicial Council of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as a Judge of the Law Students' Judicial Council, I will discharge my duties and perform my functions honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society and the law.

I further swear/affirm that I will do right to all manner of people without fear or favour, affection or ill will; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will preserve the independence and integrity of the Judicial Council; that I will administer justice according to law, equity, and good conscience; that I will uphold the principles of natural justice in all proceedings; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Judge:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (Chief Judge)

**Witnessed by:** .....

**FORM I: OATH OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

I, ....., having been appointed to the office of Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that as Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission, I will discharge my duties and perform my functions honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society and the law.

I further swear/affirm that I will conduct all elections in a free, fair, transparent, and credible manner; that I will not allow my personal interest or any external influence to affect my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will treat all candidates and political interests with impartiality and fairness; that I will discharge my duties without fear or favour, affection or ill will; that I will preserve the independence and integrity of the Electoral Commission; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Chairman:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (President)

**Witnessed by:** ..... (Staff Adviser)

**FORM J: OATH OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

I, ....., having been appointed as ..... of the ..... of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that I will discharge my duties and perform my functions honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society and the law.

I further swear/affirm that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will discharge my duties in accordance with the law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will; that I will maintain confidentiality where required; that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Member:** .....

**Office/Commission:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (Appointing Authority)

**Witnessed by:** .....

**FORM K: OATH OF OFFICE OF APPOINTED OFFICERS (ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOLICITOR GENERAL, DIRECTOR OF MOOT AND DEBATE, AUDITOR GENERAL)**

I, ....., having been appointed to the office of ..... of the Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Joseph Ayo Babalola University Law Students' Society; that I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Law Students' Society and the law; that I will always act in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Law Students' Society.

I further swear/affirm that I will carry out all functions and responsibilities of my office with diligence, competence, and professionalism; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will maintain the highest standards of integrity and accountability in the discharge of my duties; that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Law Students' Society; that I will abide by the Code of Conduct applicable to

my office; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of members of the Law Students' Society. So help me God.

**Signature of Officer:** .....

**Office Held:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** ..... (President)

**Witnessed by:** ..... (Staff Adviser)

**FORM L: AFFIRMATION (Alternative to Oath)**

**NOTE:** Any person who objects to taking an oath may make the following affirmation:

I, ....., do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm that I will well and truly serve in the office of ..... and that I will do right to all manner of people according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. I make this solemn affirmation conscientiously believing the same to be true and binding on my conscience.

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Administered by:** .....

**Witnessed by:** .....

