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Preamble

WE THE UNDERGRADUATE AND SUB-DEGREE REGULAR STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA HAVING firmly and solemnly resolved:

TO EVOLVE an effective and responsible student governing body;

DO HEREBY make, enact and give to ourselves the following constitution

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This constitution shall be known as and called the 2016 constitution of the students' Union, University of Nigeria, (hereinafter referred to as "The Constitution").
2. The organization established by this constitution shall be known and addressed as the "students' Union Government" of the University of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "the Union").

Citation

Establishment

<p>3. (1) This constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all functionaries, bodies and members of the Union.</p> <p>(2) No person or group of persons shall take over the administration of the Union except in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.</p> <p>(3) If any other law, decision and/or action of a functionary /functionaries body/bodies or members of the Union is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, this constitution shall prevail and such other law(s), decision(s) and /or action(s) shall, to the extent of its/their inconsistency, be void.</p>	<p>Supremacy of the constitution</p>
<p>4. The fundamental aims and objectives of the Union shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To respect and obey the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the rules and regulations of the University of Nigeria. 2. To evolve an effective, virile and responsible student's Union. 3. To establish effective communication between the students' Union and the University Administration so that the rights, liberties, privileges and obligations of members of the Union are maintained and protected. 4. To extol and employ dialogue as a means of solving problems within the Union and between the Union and 	<p>Fundamental aims and objectives</p>

<p>the University Administration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. To create a veritable forum for the intellectual, physical and moral development, social and cultural upliftment of members. 6. To maintain and advance cordial and fruitful relationship amongst all its members, irrespective of country, state of origin, sex, religion and/or political belief. 7. To maintain and protect the constitution of the Union. 8. To ensure the non-existence of secret cults and other illegal organizations on the campus. 9. To condemn and oppose any type of discrimination, injustice, oppression and victimization of human beings through constitutional means. 10. To apply itself to the solution of problems of the poor, the handicapped and destitute in the community. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Ordinary membership of the Union shall be open to every undergraduate and sub-degree regular student of the University, upon the payment of school fees. 	Membership
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. (1) Honorary membership of the Union shall be conferred on individuals within and outside the University. (2) The recipient of the honorary membership shall be nominated by the Senate President in consultation with the Dean of Student Affairs and confirmed by a simple majority of the members of Senate present and voting in a meeting. 	Honorary Membership
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (3) A maximum of five (5) honorary memberships shall be conferred in the life span of any Union Government. 	Grand Patron/Patrons

<p>4. (1) There shall be a Grand Patron and Patrons as the Union deems fit.</p> <p>(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Grand Patron of any Union.</p> <p>(3) There shall be two (2) Patrons in the life span of any Union Government.</p> <p>(4) The Patrons shall be appointed on the advice of the Dean of Student Affairs and approved by a simple majority of members of the Senate present and voting.</p> <p>(5) The appointment of Patrons shall be communicated to the Grand Patron.</p>	
<p>8. (1) Life membership shall be open to all ex-officers of the Union.</p> <p>(2) Any past alumnus/ alumnae shall be conferred a life membership if nominated by the Alumni Relations Officer and confirmed a simple majority of members of Senate present and voting.</p> <p>(3) Any person conferred with such life membership shall be required to assist the Union financially.</p>	Life membership
<p>9. Subject to the other provisions of this constitution, every member shall:</p> <p>(1) Be entitled to use and enjoyment of every facility and equipment of the Union without discrimination.</p> <p>(3) Be entitled to participate in all meeting and functions organized or recognized by the Union.</p> <p>(4) Upon death, every deceased member shall be entitled to:</p>	Rights

<p>a. Publication of his/her obituary within the University;</p> <p>b. A delegation of at least twenty</p> <p>c. Where section 9 (4)b above is impossible, such delegation shall pay a condolence visit to the family later;</p> <p>d. The Union shall attend such burial/condolence with the sum of money to be determined from time to time by the Students Affair Department, such sum not being less than twenty thousand naira (N20,000.00) given to the next of kin of the deceased.</p>	
<p>10. It shall be the duty and responsibility of every member and officer of the Union to:</p> <p>(1) Respect, protect, observe, apply and conform to the provision of this constitution.</p> <p>(2) Activity participates in occasions and functions organized and /or recognized by the Union.</p> <p>(3) Pay his/her dues and levies to the Union promptly.</p> <p>(4) Protect and respect the good image of the Union and the University within and outside the school.</p> <p>(5) Perform any other duty that may be assigned to him/her from time to time according to the provisions of this Constitution for the welfare and progress of the Union.</p>	Duties
<p>10A If any dispute arises among the members of the SUG, not being a non-arbitrable dispute like constitutional interpretation, election and impeachment matters or any</p>	Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) Clause

other such non-arbitrable matter, the parties are encouraged to first resort to any form of ADR mechanism of their choice to settle their dispute before proceeding to the SUG High Court.

CHAPTER 2

THE STUDENTS' UNION GOVERNMENT

PART I ESTABLISHMENT

11. There shall be a Students' Union Government which shall consist of the following:

(1) The Legislature which shall consist of:

- a. The Senate;
- b. The Branch Union House of Representative,

(2). The Executive which shall consist of the Branch Union Executive Council.

(3). The judiciary which shall consist of:

- a. the judicial council;
- b. the court of Appeal

(4) Legal Adviser

(5) Hall Government

(6) Students' Congress

(7) Joint Consultative Council.

Establishment

Composition

<p>have spent in the University.</p> <p>14A. No person shall be qualified for election into the Senate if:</p> <p>(1) He /she is in the final level of the duration of his/her programme in the University.</p> <p>(2) He/she has stayed more than the duration of his current programme. Programme. Provided that a student who withdraw formerly or who transferred from one course to another will not be deemed to have overstayed his/her duration.</p> <p>(3) He/she has been adjudged to be a lunatic or otherwise to be a person of unsound mind.</p> <p>(4) He/she has been indicated of any offence both within and outside the University or is under punishment or rustication by the school authority.</p> <p>(5) He/she has been involved in an act of dishonesty, embezzlement, misappropriation or mismanagement of funds or any other like act.</p> <p>(6) He/she is a member of a secret society.</p>	Disqualification
<p>15 The Senate shall:</p> <p>(1) Be the highest law making body of the Union.</p> <p>(2) Have powers to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Union consistent with the act, statutes and regulations of the University or other laws of the land.</p> <p>(3) Subject to the provisions of this constitution have power to regulate its own procedure.</p>	Power

<p>(4) Have powers to not later than 14 days ratify and adopt the budge submitted by the House of Representative of both campuses.</p> <p>(5) Have any other power as may be ascribed to it by this constitution.</p>	
<p>16. The tenure of any Senate shall be one academic session.</p>	<p>Tenure</p>
<p>17. (1) The Officers of the Senate shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Senate President b. The Deputy Senate President c. The Clerk of the Clerk of the Senate d. The Deputy Clerk of the Senate e. The Sergeant at Arms. <p>(2) The Senate President and Deputy Senate President shall be elected during the inaugural sitting of the Senate.</p> <p>(3) The Clerk of the Senate, his Deputy and the Sergeant at Arms shall be appointed by the Senate President on the approval of two-thirds majority of members of the Senate present and voting.</p>	<p>Officers of the senate</p>
<p>17A. The offices of the senate president and the Deputy Senate President shall rotate between Nsukka and Enugu Campuses.</p>	<p>Rotation office</p>
<p>18. (1) The Senate President shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have power to summon meeting of the Senate through the Clerk of the Senate; b. Summon an emergency meeting of the Senate through the Clerk of the Senate on a written request of at 	<p>Function of the offices</p>

least one-third of the members of the Senate.

c. Preside over all sitting of the Senate;

d. Exercise casting vote when there is a tie.

(2) The Deputy Senate President shall assist the president and act for him in his absence.

(3) In the absence of both the Senate present shall elect one of its members to preside at the meeting.

18A. The Clerk of the Senate shall:

(1) Convene meetings of Senate on the directive of the Senate President and ensure that notices of such meetings containing the agendum/agenda of such meetings reach members of the Senate at least 48 hours before the meeting; provided that at least 5 Senators from each campus endorse it.

(2) Record and keep in good order, minutes of the proceedings of Senate sittings.

(3) Perform all other functions as may be assigned to him from time to time by the senate.

(4) In the absence of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, the Senate shall appoint a member to take the minutes of the meeting.

18B. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate shall:

(1) Maintain law and order in the Senate.

(2) Usher the Senate President in and out during Senate meetings.

(3) Assist the Clerk in the arrangement of Senate meeting

<p>and in the delivery of Senate notice of meeting.</p> <p>(4) Carry the mace of the Senate and keep custody of the mace</p> <p>(5) Perform all other functions as may be assigned to him from time to time.</p>	
<p>18C. The President or Deputy President of Senate shall vacate his/her office:</p> <p>(1) If he/she ceases to be member of the Senate, or by reason of a dissolution of the Senate; or</p> <p>(2) If he/she is removed from office, by the vote of not less than two-thirds majority of all the members of the Senate.</p> <p>(3) If he/she is found guilty of misconduct.</p> <p>(4) In this section “misconduct” means grave violation or breach of the provisions of this Constitution or a misconduct of such nature as amounts in the opinion of the Senate to misconduct.</p>	<p>Vacating office of senate president and deputy</p>
<p>19. (1) The inaugural meeting of Senate shall be summoned not later than 2 weeks after the election of officers of the Senate.</p> <p>(2) The Senate shall meet at least 3 times in a semester.</p> <p>(3) The procedure for summoning emergency meetings of Senate by the Senate President shall be as prescribed in Section 18(1)(b) of Constitution.</p>	<p>Meetings of senate</p>
<p>20. Any absentee from Senate meeting for two consecutive occasions without notice or cogent reasons to the Senate shall in the first instance be warned and reported to</p>	<p>Absence from meetings of senate</p>

<p>his/her district and in the event of absence from the meeting for the third consecutive period shall have his/her seat declared vacant.</p>	
<p>21. One –half of the members of Senate, provided that each campus, has a minimum of five (5) members present, shall constitute a quorum at the meeting of the Senate.</p>	Quorum
<p>22. (1) Voting in the Senate shall be by show of hands unless otherwise decided by the Senate. (2) Except otherwise stated in this constitution, every question or proposal shall be decided by two-thirds of members sitting and voting.</p>	Voting
<p>23. Standing orders shall be drawn up and established by Senate to guide its proceedings.</p>	Stand Orders
<p>24. Enactments of the Senate shall be known as Acts</p>	
<p>25 The members of the Senate shall be known and addressed as Distinguished Senators of the Senate.</p>	Enactments Distinguished
<p>26 Every member of the Senate shall take an oath of office and allegiance.</p>	senates Oath of allegiance
<p>B – THE BRANCH UNION HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</p>	
<p>27. There shall be established Branch Union Houses of Representative for both Nsukka and Enugu campus.</p>	Establishment
<p>28. (1) The Branch Union Houses of Representatives shall be composed of elected representative of the various Constituencies as may be determined from time to time. (2) Each Constituency shall consist of about one hundred (100) students or a minimum of fifty (50) students.</p>	Composition

<p>29. A member of the House of Representatives shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Have spent at least one academic session in the University. (2) Be an active member of the Union. (3) Have a favourable security report. (4) Be sponsored by at least eight (8) members of the constituency. (5) possess a CGPA of at least 3.50 (6) Have paid his/her school fees during the time he/she must have spent in the University. 	Qualification
<p>29A. No person shall be qualified for election to the House of Representative if;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) He /she is in the final level of the duration of his/her programme in the University. (2) He/she has stayed more than the duration of his current programme. Provided that a student who withdraw formerly or who transferred from one course to another will not be deemed to have overstayed his/her duration. (3) He/she has been adjudged to be a lunatic or otherwise to be a person of unsound mind. (4) He/she has been indicated of any offence both within and outside the University or is under any punishment or banishment by the school authority. (5) He/she has been involved in act of dishonesty, embezzlement, misappropriation or mismanagement of funds or any other like act. (6) He/she is a member of a secret society. 	Disqualification

<p>30. The House Representatives:</p> <p>(1) Shall have powers to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Union consistent with the acts, status and regulations of the University or other laws of the land.</p> <p>(2) Shall have powers to scrutinize, modify and approve the annual budget of the Executive Council.</p> <p>(3) The House of Representatives shall have a maximum of twenty –one (21) days from the date the budget is submitted by the Executive Council within which to approve or reject it.</p> <p>(4) In a situation where (3) above is not met, the House of Representatives shall have power to approve an amount considered appropriate for the Executive Council to work with pending the approval of the annual budget.</p> <p>(5) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the House of Representatives shall have powers;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. to regulate to procedure;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. to set up standing committees/Ad-hoe committees.</p> <p>(6) Where the House approves a budget, it shall send it to the Senate for ratification and adoption.</p> <p>(7) Shall have any other power ascribed to it by this constitution.</p>	<p>Powers</p>
<p>31. The tenure of any House of Representatives shall be one academic session.</p>	<p>Tenure</p>
<p>32. (1) The officers of the House of Representatives shall</p>	<p>Officers of the House of representatives</p>

<p>consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the speaker; b. the Deputy speaker; c. the Clerk of the House of Representatives; d. the Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives; e. the Sergeant at Arms; f. the chief whip; g. the House whips <p>(2) The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall be elected during the inaugural meeting of the House of Representatives.</p> <p>(3) The Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Deputy Clerk, Chief Whip, House Whips and Sergeant at Arms shall be appointed by the Speaker on the approval of two-thirds majority of members of House of Representatives present and voting.</p> <p>33. The Speaker shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Have power to summon meetings of the House of Representatives through the Clerk of the House. (2) Summon meetings of the House through the Clerk on a written request of the President of the Branch Union. (3) Preside over all meetings of the House (4) Exercise casting vote only when there is a tie. <p>33A. The Deputy Speaker shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Assist the Speaker and act for him in his absence; (2) In the absence of both the Speaker Deputy the members present shall elect one of its members to preside at the meeting. 	<p><i>Functions</i></p>
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33B. The Clerk of the House shall:

- (1) Convene meetings of the House on the directives of the Speaker and ensure that notices of such meetings containing the agendum/agenda reach members of the House at least forty – eight (48) hours before the meeting.
- (2) Record and keep in good order, minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the House.

33C. The Deputy Clerk of the House shall:

- (1) Assist the Clerk of the House and act for the House absence.
- (2) Keep record of attendance of members of the House at meeting
- (3) Perform all other such functions as may be assigned to him from time to time by the House.

33D. The Sergeant at Arms of the House shall:

- (1) Maintain law and order in the House
- (2) Usher the Speaker in and out during meetings
- (3) Assist the Clerk in the arrangement of meeting and in the delivery of notice of meetings.
- (4) Carry and keep proper custody of the mace.
- (5) Perform all other functions as may be assigned to him from time to time.

33E. The Chief Whip shall:

- (1) Co-ordinate extra parliamentary activities of the honourable members of the house.
- (2) Ensure that members of the house report deliberations of the House to their constituencies after each session of

<p>the House.</p> <p>(3) Ensure that a correct list of absent members of the House reaches the Speaker after each session.</p> <p>(4) Solicit and champion the opinions of honourable members whenever propriety or exigency so demands.</p> <p>(5) Advise the House as to the course to be followed whenever any difficult issue arises.</p> <p>(6) Deliver classified notices from the office of the Speaker to honourable members.</p> <p>33F. House Whips:</p> <p>(1) There shall be as many House whips to be assigned to the various constituencies as the House may decide.</p> <p>(2) The House whips shall assist the Chief whip in his duties and shall be answerable to him in the first instance.</p> <p>(3) Notice of absence from session of the House may be sent to the Speaker through the House Whip assigned to the absentee's constituency.</p> <p>34. (1) The inaugural meeting of the House of Representatives shall be summoned not later than two (2) weeks after the election of officers of the House of Representatives.</p> <p>(2) The House of Representatives shall meet at least three (3) times but not more than six (6) times in a semester.</p> <p>(3) a. An emergency meeting of the House shall be summoned by the Speaker through the Clerk of the House on a written request of at least one-third of the members of the House or the president of the Branch Union;</p>	<p><i>Meeting</i></p>
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<p>b. An emergency meeting of the House of Representatives shall be convene within forty- eight (48) hours of receiving the request.</p>	
<p>34A. Any absence from House of Representatives meeting for two consecutive occasions without notice or cogent reasons to the House shall in the first instance be warned and reported to his/her constituency and in the event of absence from the meeting for the third consecutive period shall have his /her seat declared vacant.</p>	<p><i>Absence, from meetings of the House of Representatives</i></p>
<p>35. One half of the members of the House shall constitute a quorum at the meeting of the House.</p>	<p><i>Quorum</i></p>
<p>36. (1) Voting in the House of Representatives shall be by show of hands unless otherwise decided by the House. (2) Except as otherwise stated in this Constitution, every question or proposal shall be decided by simple majority of the vote of the members of the House present at the meeting.</p>	<p><i>Voting</i></p>
<p>37. Standing orders shall be drawn up and established by the House to guide proceedings.</p>	<p><i>Standing order</i></p>
<p>38. Enactments of the House of Representatives shall be known as laws.</p>	<p><i>Enactments</i></p>
<p>39. The members of the House of Representatives shall be known and addressed as Honourable members of the House.</p>	<p><i>Honourable Members of House</i></p>
<p>40. Every member of the House of Representatives shall take an oath of office and allegiance.</p>	<p><i>Oath of allegiance</i></p>

PART III: THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	
<p>41. There shall be an Executive Council for each branch of the Union.</p>	<i>Establishment</i>
<p>42. The Executive Council for each branch Union shall be composed of eleven elected members.</p>	<i>Composition</i>
<p>43. (1) Candidates for the office of the President shall be students who have spent at least two full academic years in the University.</p> <p>(2) Candidates for offices other than the President shall be students who have spent at least one full academic year in the University.</p> <p>(3) Candidates for any office in the Executive Council shall have a Cumulative Grade point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.50 as at the time of election.</p>	<i>Qualification</i>
<p>44. The Executive Council:</p> <p>(1) Shall be the working committee of the Union.</p> <p>(2) Shall carry out the day to day running of the Branch Union.</p> <p>(3) Shall be accountable to the Branch House of Representatives and the entire members of the Branch.</p> <p>(4) Shall exercise any other power that may be assigned to it from time to time by the house of Representatives.</p>	<i>Duties and powers</i>
<p>45. The Executive Council shall meet as often as necessary for the effective and efficient running of the affairs of the Union but not less than twice a semester.</p>	<i>Meeting</i>
<p>46. (1) The Secretary General shall convene an emergency</p>	

<p>meeting of the Executive Council on a request signed by at least one-third of the members of the Council.</p>	
<p>(2) The quorum for such an emergency meeting shall be the same as that of an ordinary Executive Council meeting.</p>	<p><i>Quorum for emergency meetings</i></p>
<p>47. Two-thirds of the members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum at an Executive Council meeting.</p>	<p><i>Quorum</i></p>
<p>48. (1) The Executive council shall determine the manner in which it shall vote on any matter before it. (2) Except as other wise stated in this constitution every question or proposal shall be decided by simple majority of the vote of the members of the Executive council present at the meeting.</p>	<p><i>Voting</i></p>
<p>49. The tenure of any Executive Council shall be one academic session.</p>	<p><i>Tenure</i></p>
<p>50. The officers of the Executive Council shall consist of: (1) The president (2) The Vice President (3) The Secretary General (4) The Assistant Secretary General (5) The Director of Socials (6) The Welfare Officer (7) The Financial Secretary</p>	<p><i>Officers of EXCO</i></p>

<p>(8) The Treasurer</p> <p>(9) The Information Officer</p> <p>(10) The Director of Games</p> <p>(11) The Director of Transport</p> <p>51. The President shall:</p> <p>(1) Be the first member and head of the Branch Union.</p> <p>(2) Be the head of the Executive Council of the Branch Union.</p> <p>(3) Acting through or with the Secretary General summon meeting of the Executive council of the branch Union.</p> <p>(4) Preside at all meeting of the Executive council, joint consultative council and students' congress of the Branch Union.</p> <p>(5) Be a co-signatory to the Union's Account.</p> <p>(6) Keep an imprest account as may be approved by the House of Representatives from time to time.</p> <p>(7) Exercise all such powers and carry out all such other duties as may be allocated to him in this constitution.</p> <p>(8) Collate and present an annual report on behalf of the Executive Council to the Branch House of Representative.</p> <p>51A. The Vice President shall:</p> <p>(1) Assist the President in his duties and act for him in</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p>
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his absence.

- (2) Co-ordinate the activities of the Branch cultural week committee.
- (3) Publish the names of donors on the Students Notice Board within two weeks of the receipt of the donations /pledges.
- (4) See to the hosting/needs of all official visitors of the Branch Union.

51B. The Secretary – General shall:

- (1) Be responsible for the general administrative duties in the Union’s secretariat including correspondences and supervision of all staff of the Union of the President.
- (2) Convene all meetings of the Executive council, joint consultative council and students’ congress at the request of the president.
- (3) Keep attendance books, minutes and records of the meetings of the Executive council, joint consultative council and students congress.
- (4) Keep an imprest account as may be approved by the House of Representatives from time to time.

51C. The Assistant Secretary –General shall:

- (1) Assist the Secretary- General in his official duties and act for him in his absence.
- (2) Act as a secretary to the Branch cultural week committee.

(3) Organize debate and other intellectual activities among Union members.

51D. The Financial Secretary shall:

- (1) Collect all monies accruing to the Union and issue receipts for such
- (2) Keep all financial records of the Union which will show all income and expenditure of the Union at any given time.
- (3) Submit to the Treasurer not later than seventy – two hours all monies collected, and collect receipts for such.
- (4) Ensure that no member of the Executive council exceeds the approved budget/supplementary budget for his office.
- (5) Prepare a balance sheet and submit his/her books for auditing at the end of each semester to approved auditors.
- (6) Be responsible for the payment of the salaries of the staff of the Union and all other expenses of the Union.
- (7) Be a co-signatory of the Branch Unions account.

51E. The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Bank all monies belonging to the Union's within 48 hours of receiving them.
- (2) Ensure that the Union monies collected from all sources are paid to him/her through the financial secretary within 72 hours of collection.
- (3) Keep statutory books of accounts which will show a clear picture of the financial position of the Union at all times.
- (4) Be a co-signatory to the Branch Union's account.

- (5) Keep an imprest account as may be approved by the House of Representatives from time to time.

51F. The information officer shall:

- (1) Be responsible for giving due publicity to the activities of the Union with a view to projecting its group image.
- (2) In consultation with the president prepare and issue press releases on the union's activities.
- (3) Co-ordinate and supervise the use of the Union's notice boards for approved notices.
- (4) Be responsible for the purchase and display of newspapers, magazines and other publications in the students' lounges.
- (5) In consultation with the Executive council print Almanacs, Emblems and other publicity materials as may be determined by the senate/House of Representatives.
- (6)
 - i. account for all monies realized from the sale of union publications within two weeks of collection;
 - ii. inform Branch members on current affairs that affect the Branch and its members;
 - iii. be the chairman of the Editorial Board of the Union.

51G. The Director of Games shall:

- (1) Coordinate games and sporting activities of the Branch Union
- (2) Supervise in conjunction with the Sports Council and or the Department of Health and Physical Education all

sporting events of his Branch.

- (3) Be the captain of the contingent of the Union in external competitions. The senate shall appoint one of the two Directors of Games to be the captain of the contingent.
- (4) From time to time present to the House of Representatives programmes and/or reports of sporting activities for the session.

51H. The Director of Transport shall:

- (1) Be responsible for the up-keep of the Union vehicles in conjunction with the Director of works services of the University.
- (2) In consultation with the president hire out vehicles of the Union when the need arises.
- (3) Submit a monthly account to the House of Representatives in respect of commercial transport services.

51I. The Director of socials shall:

- (1) Be the chairman of the social committee.
- (2) Co-ordinate all social activities of the Union.
- (3) Account for all monies realized from all social activities within two days (48 hours) of collection.
- (4) Co-ordinate all programmes of entertainment such as film shows, fun fairs, drama etc for the Union.

51J. The welfare Officer shall:

<p>(1) See to the overall welfare of the members with special reference to their feeding.</p> <p>(2) Be the Chairman of the students' Union welfare and catering committee.</p> <p>(3) Ensure that the aggregate rate of feeding is adhered to at all times.</p> <p>(4) Supervise and ensure the efficient and smooth running of feeding centres within the campus.</p> <p>(5) Ensure that there is cordial relationship between the owners of the feeding centres and the students.</p> <p>52. Every member of the Branch Union Executive shall take an oath of office and allegiance.</p>	
<p>PART IV</p>	
<p>THE JUDICIARY</p>	
<p>53. There shall be judicial council for the students' Union of the University of Nigeria.</p>	<p><i>Oath of Allegiance</i></p>
<p>54. (1) The judicial Council shall comprise the following five (5) members:</p> <p>a. The chief judge;</p> <p>b. Two members appointed by the President of the Branch Union, Nsukka Campus and ratified by two-thirds majority of the Branch House of Representatives;</p> <p>c. Two members appointed by the President of the Branch Union, Enugu Campus and ratified by two-thirds majority of the Branch House of Representatives.</p> <p>(3) Subject to the provisions of this section, such</p>	<p><i>Establishment</i></p> <p><i>Composition</i></p>

<p>appointment shall be made not later than 21 days after the inauguration of the Union Officials.</p> <p>(4) The members of the judicial council shall be known as and Called judges.</p> <p>55. (1) The Chief Judge of the judicial Council shall be a penultimate year law student who shall elected from and by the members of the law students association.</p> <p>(2) All other judges shall have completed at least two (2) academic sessions.</p> <p>(3) All persons mentioned in subsections (1) & (2) of this section shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. be persons of good character and integrity; b. be politically neutral or shall not have been active in partisan politics of any form on campus; c. have a clean security record both within and outside the University; d. not have been indicated of any offence; e. not be a member of secret society. <p>56. The University of Nigeria students' Union High Court shall consist of the members of the Judicial council.</p> <p>57. (1) The quorum of the High Court shall be at least three (3) members including the chief judge and at least a member from each of the Campuses.</p> <p>(2) The holding of the Court in any matter shall be simple majority decision of the judges who sit on a particular case.</p>	<p><i>Qualification</i></p> <p><i>High court</i></p> <p><i>Quorum</i></p>
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<p>57A. Any judicial officer who being informed about a sitting 48 hours prior to it and fails to attend on two consecutive occasions without any cogent and verifiable reason shall, in the first instance be warned in writing by the chief judge and in the second instance be removed in line with the constitution and a new appointment made by the president of his/her campus within 14 days.</p>	<p><i>Failure to attend court sittings</i></p>
<p>58. The Chief judge shall have powers to make rules of court that will regulate the activities of counsel appearing before the high court.</p>	<p><i>Powers of the chief judge</i></p>
<p>59. (1) The High court shall have original jurisdiction over all civil matters from or against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Union b. organs of the Union c. committees of the Union d. members of the Union. <p>(2) The High court shall have original jurisdiction over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. all matters relating to the constitutionally of the composition and activity of the Union, the organs and committees; b. all matters relating to interpretation of this constitution and all other laws validity made relating to the Union. 	<p><i>Jurisdiction</i></p>
<p>60. (1) There shall be the University of Nigeria students' Union</p>	<p><i>Court of Appeal</i></p>

<p>court of Appeal.</p> <p>(2) The Union court of Appeal shall comprise nine (9) members which are as follows:</p> <p>a. the legal Advisers to each Branch of the students' Union one of whom shall be the president;</p> <p>b. the Dean, student Affairs or his/her representatives;</p> <p>c. six student members, three from each campus of the university to be appointed by the Branch Union President of each campus and ratified by simple majority of the members of the senate present and voting.</p>	<i>Compositions</i>
<p>61. The quorum of the court of Appeal shall be five members who shall include the President, the Dean of student affairs or his/her representative and three student members who must be from each of the campuses.</p>	<i>Quorum</i>
<p>62. The court of Appeal shall hear cases of appeal from the judicial council, the Senate and House of Reps Committees on discipline.</p>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
<p>63. The tenure of the High court and court of Appeal shall be one academic session.</p>	<i>Tenure</i>
<p>64. Parties to a suit shall be at liberty to engage counsel from any of the registered student chambers in the University.</p>	<i>Representation By council</i>
<p>65. (1) The ruling of both the High Court and the court of Appeal shall be binding on the litigants.</p> <p>(2) The ruling of the court of Appeal shall be communicated to the parties involved and copies sent to:</p> <p>a. the senate;</p>	<i>Enforcement</i>

<p>b. both Houses of Representatives; c. the Dean, Student Affairs; d. the Security Department e. the Notice Boards.</p>	
<p>65A. Notwithstanding anything stated in the constitution, where the President fails to appoint the judges of the High Court and the Court of Appeal within the time provided by this constitution, the Senate shall after giving the president a reasonable reminder within 21 days appoint such judges upon recommendation by the SUG chief judge on the vote of two-thirds majority of its members present and voting.</p>	<p><i>Veto by senator</i></p>
<p>66. The President, the Officers of the judicial Council and court of Appeal, the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall enjoy immunity over acts done in their official capacity.</p>	<p><i>Immunity</i></p>
<p>67. The staff of the judiciary shall consist of the Registrar, the Clerk and the Bailiff.</p>	<p><i>Staff of the Judiciary</i></p>
<p>68. The appointments of persons to the post of Registrar of Clerk shall be made from among the law students Association by the chief judge subject to ratification by the Senate provided that such persons shall have spent one full academic year.</p>	<p><i>Appointment</i></p>
<p>69. The Registrar, the Clerk and the Bailiff shall perform respectively the normal duties of a Registrar and the normal duties of a Clerk and that of the Bailiff in any court in Nigeria.</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p>

<p>70. Every member of the judiciary shall taken an oath of office and allegiance.</p>	<i>Oath of office</i>
<p>PART V</p> <p>THE LEGAL ADVISER</p>	
<p>71. (1) There shall be a Legal Adviser to each Branch of the Students' Union.</p>	
<p>(2) The Legal Adviser shall be appointed by the Branch Union President and ratified by two-thirds majority of members of House of Representatives present and voting.</p>	<i>Establishment</i>
<p>(3) The Legal Adviser shall be:</p> <p>a. a member of staff of the University</p> <p>b. a Barrister and Solicitor of the supreme Court of Nigeria.</p>	
<p>(4) The Legal Adviser shall be entitled to some remuneration to be decided by the Executive Council of the Branch Union and approved by the House of Representatives and ratified by the Senate.</p>	<i>Qualification</i>
<p>72. The Legal Adviser shall hold office for a term of two academic sessions but may be re-appointed for another term.</p>	<i>Remuneration</i>
<p>73. (1) The Legal Adviser shall:</p> <p>a. adviser the Branch Union Executive Council and House of Representatives on the legal implications of decisions or actions or proposed to be taken;</p>	<i>Tenure</i>

<p>b. This clause should be looked into in view of the standing practice of mandating the director legal services of the University to swear in the newly elected executive council, branch members of the House of reps @ Nsukka Campus and the members of Senate in an official ceremony involving the Vice- Chancellor/Chief Executive of the University.</p> <p>c. Provide such advice as may be necessary on legal matters pertaining to the affairs of the Branch Union.</p> <p>(2) One of the Legal Advisers shall be the president of the Union Court Appeal.</p> <p>(3) The Senate shall have access to the Legal advisers for advice on legal matters.</p> <p>(4) The Legal Adviser may be removed from office at the instance of his Branch Union president and approved by two-thirds majority vote of all members of the House of Representatives.</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PART IV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE STUDENTS CONGRESS</p> <p>74. There shall be a Students' congress of the Union</p> <p>75. Membership of the Students' Congress shall be open to all members of the Branch Union.</p> <p>76. (1) The Students congress shall meet at least once in a semester.</p> <p>(2) The President of the Branch Union shall be the chairman of</p>	<p><i>Removal from office</i></p> <p><i>Establishment</i></p>

<p>the students congress.</p> <p>(4) The President of the Branch Union shall through the secretary General of the Branch Union summon on and preside over all meetings of the congress and in his absence, the Vice President of the Executive Council shall preside over the meetings.</p> <p>77. The meeting of the Students' congress shall be a forum for the president of the Branch Union to brief members of the Union on the programmes and questions and comments shall be entertained during the meeting.</p>	<p><i>Composition</i></p> <p><i>Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Duties</i></p>
<p>PART VII</p> <p>THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL</p>	
<p>78. There shall be a body known as and hereinafter called the joint consultative council (JCC).</p> <p>79. The body shall comprise</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Members of the Executive council (2) The president and Secretary of each Faculty Association. <p>80. (1) The joint consultative council shall meet as the need arises but at least once in a semester.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (2) The President of the Branch Union Government shall be the chairman of join consultative council (3) The president of the Branch Union shall through the 	<p><i>Establishment</i></p>

<p>Secretary General of the Branch Union summon and preside over all the meetings of the joint consultative council and in his absence preside over the meeting.</p>	<i>Meeting</i>
<p>81. The joint consultative council shall be a forum for members of the Branch Union Executive council and the Executive members of the Faculty Associations to meet and discuss the following:</p> <p>(1) Issues of implementation of Branch Union decisions at the various Faculty levels;</p> <p>(2) Issues relating to the effective implementation of the rules and regulations of University at the Faculty levels.</p>	<i>Functions</i>
<p>82. The Quorum for a meeting of the joint consultative council shall be one-third of all members of (JCC).</p>	
<p>83. Decisions of the joint consultative council shall be by simple majority of members present and voting.</p>	
<p>84. The tenure of joint consultative council shall be one academic session.</p>	<i>Quorum</i>
<p>PART VIII</p> <p>HALL GOVERNMENT</p>	<i>Decision</i>
<p>85. There shall be established a Hall Government for consist of all students legitimately residing in the hall.</p>	<i>Tenure</i>
<p>86. Membership of the Hall Government shall consist of all students legitimately residing in the hall.</p>	
<p>87. Each Hall Government shall consist of:</p> <p>(1) the Hall Governor;</p> <p>(2) the Deputy Hall governor;</p>	<i>Establishment</i>

<p>(3) the Secretary;</p> <p>(4) the Games Captain;</p> <p>(5) the Financial Secretary.</p> <p>88. The Hall Governor shall:</p> <p>a. be the head of Hall Government;</p> <p>b. acting through the Hall Secretary summon meetings of the Hall Government;</p> <p>c. president at all meetings of the Hall Government;</p> <p>d. supervise and co-ordinate all aspects of Hall Government activities.</p> <p>(2) The Deputy Hall Governor shall assist the Governor in his/her duties and act for him/her in his/her absence.</p> <p>(3) The Hall Secretary shall:</p> <p>a. convene all hall meetings at the request of the Hall Chairman;</p> <p>b. keep attendance registers and take minutes of hall meetings.</p> <p>(4) The Welfare Officer shall:</p> <p>a. see to the overall welfare of the members of the hall;</p> <p>b. ensure that there is a cordial relationship existing between the staff and members of the hall;</p> <p>c. carry out periodic inspection and ensure good sanitary condition of toilet facilities in the hall and the environment.</p> <p>(5) the caption of Games shall:</p> <p>a. co-ordinate games and sporting activities of the hall;</p>	<p><i>Membership</i></p> <p><i>Composition</i></p> <p><i>Functional of hall officers</i></p>
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<p>b. be co-ordinate games and sporting materials and equipment.</p> <p>(6) The Financial Secretary shall keep all financial records of the Hall Government which will show all income and expenditure of the Hall Government at any time.</p> <p>89. The tenure of the Hall Government shall be one academic session.</p> <p>90. Each Hall Government shall cater for hall needs and welfare and shall ensure the active involvement of students in the hall in activities of the Branch Union.</p> <p>91. The Hall Government shall meet at least once a semester.</p> <p>92. The Quorum of the Hall Government shall be one half of the members of the Hall Government</p> <p>93. Any decision in the hall shall be determined by simple majority of the members present and voting.</p> <p>94. The Hall Warden who is appointed by the Vice Chancellor shall supervisor the administration of the Hall.</p>	<p><i>Tenure</i></p> <p><i>Functions of hall Government</i></p> <p><i>Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Quorum</i></p> <p><i>Voting</i></p>
<p>CHAPTER THREE</p> <p>ELECTIONS</p>	
<p>95. Subject to the provisions of this constitution there shall be an annual general election of the Union.</p> <p>96. (1) The election of the Hall Government shall be held in the first four weeks of the new academic year”.</p> <p>(2) Shall be held in the first four (4) weeks of the new</p>	<p><i>Hall warden</i></p>

<p>academic year.</p> <p>(3) Shall be held in the first six (6) weeks of the new academic year</p> <p>(4) Shall be held in the first six (6) weeks of the new academic year.</p> <p>(5) Shall be held in the first six (6) weeks of new academic year.</p> <p>97. There shall be established the University of Nigeria Electoral commission (UNECO) which shall be responsible for the conduct of Union election.</p> <p>98. There shall be an independent Electoral commission for each campus of the University to be known as UNECO Nsukka campus and UNECO, Enugu Campus.</p> <p>99. The UNECO Nsukka Campus shall consist of:</p> <p>(1) The Dean of Student Affairs who shall be Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Two members of staff based at Nsukka Campus to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(3) There student representative to be appointed by the Vice-chancellor;</p> <p>(4) The Chief Security Officer or his representative;</p> <p>(5) A legal Officer from the Legal Unit;</p> <p>(6) The Dean of Student Affairs Department as Secretary to the UNECO.</p> <p>100. The UNECO for Enugu Campus shall consist of:</p> <p>(1) The Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Enugu Campus as</p> <p>Chairman;</p>	<p><i>Election</i></p> <p><i>Time of election</i></p> <p><i>Establishment of electoral</i></p> <p><i>Independent UNECO, one for each Campus</i></p> <p><i>Composition of UNECO, Enugu campus</i></p>
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<p>(2) Two members of staff based at Enugu Campus to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(3) Three student representative to be appointed by vice – Chancellor;</p> <p>(4) The Deputy Chief Security Officer or his representative</p> <p>(5) A lecturer from the Faculty of Law:</p> <p>(6) The Associate Dean of Student Affairs shall appoint an officer from the Student Affairs Department as Secretary to the commission.</p>	<p><i>Composition of UNECO, Enugu campus</i></p>
<p>101. The Electoral Commission shall have power to:</p> <p>(1) Delineate Senatorial district/House of Representatives Constituencies;</p> <p>(2) Organise, conduct and supervise all Union elections;</p> <p>(3) Arrange for the registration of persons qualified to vote and for the maintenance and revision of the register of voters;</p> <p>(4) Approve and publish the voters list for each constituency and district;</p> <p>(5) Make and enforce other electoral regulations which shall ensure free, fair and democratic elections;</p> <p>(6) Carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon it by the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>102. (1) The Electoral commission shall draw up guidelines; rules and regulations for the elections which shall be</p>	<p><i>Powers of the electoral commission</i></p>

<p>published at least two weeks before the commencement of the Union elections.</p> <p>(2) All candidates for election into the Hall Government shall be nominated by at least five (5) members of the hall.</p> <p>(3) All candidates for election into the Branch Executive shall be nominated by at least ten voters two of whom shall come from the candidate's Faculty.</p> <p>(4) (a) all candidate for election into the Senate or House of Representatives shall be nominated by at least eight voters from the candidate's Faculty/District/Constituency evenly distributed on the constituent departments.</p> <p>(b) any candidate for the Senate or House of Representative shall come from the Faculty/Department that constitutes his/her District or Constituency</p> <p>(5) The period of campaigning for any election shall not exceed one week.</p> <p>(6) There shall be a manifesto night when all the candidates for the various offices of the Executive Council shall present their manifestoes.</p> <p>(7) Expenditure by the candidates shall be kept at the minimum and should involve only the production of handbills, posters and manifestoes; the use of other campaigning materials shall be cleared with the UNECO.</p> <p>(8) There shall be no political party system. All elections shall be strictly on independent candidature.</p>	<p><i>Electoral Regulations</i></p>
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<p>(9) A list of all cleared candidates shall be made public on or before the day of the lifting of ban on political campaigning.</p> <p>(10) The ban on political campaigning shall be lifted seven days before polling day.</p> <p>(11) All political campaigning shall stop immediately after the manifesto night.</p> <p>103. (1) voting shall be by secret ballot.</p> <p>(2) Counting of votes shall commence immediately after the polling and the result shall be announced by the chairman of UNECO immediately after the counting of votes.</p> <p>(3) a candidate for an election to any office shall be deemed to have been duly elected to such an office.</p> <p>a. where, being the only candidate, validity nominated for the union election after the nomination has closed returned unopposed;</p> <p>b. Where there are two Candidate for the election, he/she scores at least a simple majority of total votes cast at the election. In the case of a tie, there shall be a bye election for that particular office not later than seven days after the first election.</p> <p>c. Where there are more than two candidates for the election he/she</p> <p>i. Scores the highest number of votes cast at the election;</p> <p>ii. has not less than one-quarter of the votes cast at the election</p>	<p><i>Voting and counting of votes</i></p>
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<p>d. In default of a candidate being duly elected in accordance with (c) above, there shall be a second election at which the only candidate shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a candidate who secured the highest number of votes cast the election and; ii. one among the remaining candidates who secured the next highest number of votes cast of the election. iii. the candidate that secures a simple majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be deemed to have been duly elected. <p>104. Subject to the provisions of this constitution a person shall be qualified to stand election for office in the Union Government. If he is an ordinary member of the Union.</p> <p>105. No person shall be qualified for election or holding Union office if he/she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Is a first year or final year student or on industrial attachment\field trip. <p>How in the case of Hall Government election where a Hall is inhabited wholly by first or final year students then they will qualify for election;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2) Is on academic or disciplinary probation; (3) Is a member of the UNECO, judicial Council or Court of Appeal of the Union. (4) Is a member of the Students' Union Caretaker Government; (5) Has a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of less than 3.50; 	<p><i>Qualification</i></p> <p><i>Disqualification</i></p>
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<p>(6) Is a member of any registered political party in the country;</p> <p>(7) Has overstayed his/her stipulated number of years for graduation;</p> <p>(8) Is in the judgment of the Electoral Commission, a member of any organization unacceptable to the University;</p> <p>(9) Has been found guilty of dishonesty, abuse of office or other serious misconduct by the university administration;</p> <p>(10) Is in the judgment of the Electoral commission a person unfit to hold any office in the Students Union Government.</p> <p>106. There shall be established for each Campus of the University an Electoral Tribunal.</p> <p>107. The Electoral Tribunal shall consist of:</p> <p>(1) Chairman who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(2) Four members of staff who shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(3) Two student members who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>108. (1) The Electoral Tribunal shall have powers to hear and determine all petitions relating to the conduct of elections of the Union.</p> <p>(2) Such petitions shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Electoral Tribunal not later than four days after the</p>	<p><i>Electoral Tribunal</i></p> <p><i>Composition</i></p>
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<p>election;</p> <p>(3) all matters relating to election petitions shall be heard and disposed of not later than fourteen days of receipt of such petitions;</p> <p>(4) the decisions of the Electoral Tribunal shall be final;</p> <p>(5) any candidate whose election is being contested shall not be sworn in until the petition is disposed of by the Tribunal.</p> <p>109. (1) Inauguration into elective post shall take place not later than one week after the conclusion of such an election;</p> <p>(2) The inauguration shall be organized by the Dean and associate Dean of Student Affairs of Nsukka and Enugu campus respectively.</p>	<p><i>Powers</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER IV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL</p> <p>110. Subject to the provisions of this constitution any elected officer shall hold office until:</p> <p>(1) his/her successor in that office has been duly sworn in;</p> <p>(2) the date when his/her resignation from office takes effect;</p> <p>(3) he/she ceases to hold office in accordance with the provision of this constitution.</p> <p>111. Any officer of the Union can resign his/her offices as</p>	<p><i>Inauguration</i></p> <p><i>Duration of office</i></p>

<p>indicated below:</p> <p>(1) a. In the case of the President or any elected officer of the Branch Union Executive council his/her notice of resignation in writing, shall be addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives through the Clerk of the House. The Speaker shall summon a meeting of the House for that purpose;</p> <p>b. the notice of resignation is accepted by a simple majority of members of the House.</p> <p>(2) a. In the case of the Senate President or Senate Deputy President, Speaker/Deputy Speaker, his/her notice in writing of resignation shall be addressed to the Senate/House as the case may be;</p> <p>b. a meeting of the Senate/House shall be summoned by the officer who will preside at the meeting.</p> <p>c. the officer shall cease to hold his/her office if the notice of resignation is accepted by a simple majority of members of the House.</p> <p>(3) In the case of member of the Senate/House of Representatives his/her notice of resignation in writing shall be addressed to the Senate President /Speaker of House of Representatives through the Clerk of the House as the case may be.</p> <p>(4) In the case of Clerk or other staff of the Senate /House, the notice of resignation shall be addressed to the Senate President/Speaker as the case may be.</p> <p>(5) In the case of member of a Standing Committee of the</p>	<p><i>Resignation</i></p>
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Senate /House, the notice of resignation shall be addressed to the Senate President/Speaker of the House.

(6) In the case of Chairman or other members of an ad-Hoc committee of either the House or Branch Union Executive, the notice of resignation shall be addressed to the authority or person by whom he was appointed.

(7) The registration of any officer referred to in (3)-(6) above shall take effect when the notice in writing signifying the resignation is received and duly acknowledge by the person to whom it is addressed.

(8) On the resignation of any member of the Senate/House, the President of Senate/Speaker of House shall forthwith give notice of the resignation to the members of the Senate/House of Representatives.

(9) Any officer who resigns his/her office/ membership shall hand over all property of the Union in his/her possession within 48 hours to the appropriate officer who shall hand over same to Senate President/Speaker of the House of Representatives or Branch Union President as the case may be.

112. (1) An officer of the Union may be removed from office in accordance with the provision of this section.

(2) whenever a notice of any allegation against such an officer in writing signed by not least than one-third of the members of the House of Representatives;

a. Is presented to the Speaker of the House Representatives;

Removal from

<p>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.</p> <p>(3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall within seven (7) days of the receipt of the notice cause a copy thereof to be served on the holder of the office and on each member of the House, 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 House.</p> <p>(4) Within fourteen (14) days of the presentation of the notice to the Clerk of the House of Representatives (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.</p> <p>(5) A motion of the House of Representatives 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-thirds majority of all members of the House of Representatives present and voting.</p> <p>(6) Within seven (7) days of the passing of a motion under the foregoing provisions, the Chief judge of the Union shall at the request of the Speaker of the House, appoint persons who in his opinion are of unquestionable integrity, not being members of the Executive Council or Legislative House to investigate the allegation as provided</p>	<p><i>Office</i></p>
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in this section.

(7) The holder of an office whose conduct is being investigated under this section shall be suspended from office and shall have the right to defend himself in person or be represented before the panel by a counsel from any of the Students' Chambers.

113. (1) A panel appointed under this section shall:

a. have such powers and exercise its functions in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by the House of Representatives;

b. within twenty – one (21) days of its appointment, report its findings to the House of Representatives.

(2) Where the Panel reports to the House of Representatives that the allegation has not been proved, no further proceeding shall be taken in respect of the matter.

(3) Where the Panel reports to the House of Representatives that the allegation against the holder of the office has been proved then, within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the report, and if by a resolution of the House of Representatives supported by not less than two-thirds majority of all its members, the report of the Panel is adopted, then the holder of the office shall stand removed from office as from the date of the adoption of the report.

(4) No proceedings or determination of the Panel or of the House of Representatives or any matter relating thereto

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shall be entertained or questioned in any court violation or breach of the provisions of this constitution or a misconduct of such nature as amounts in the opinion of the House of Representatives to gross misconduct.

114. In the event of death, resignation or removal from office of any officer or if he/she leaves his/her district/constituency, a bye-election shall be held not later than two weeks after the office has become vacant.

CHAPTER V

PART I

COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE HOUSES

(A. COMMITTEE FOR PRIVILEGE AND PETITION)

115. (1) The committee for privileges and petitions shall:

Comprise five (5) distinguished/honourable members of the Senate /House of Representatives appointed by the Senate President /Speaker of the House and ratified by simple majority votes of members present and voting.

(2) The Committee shall:

a. determine privileges of the Senate/House of its members

b. draft and recommend codes of conduct, rules of procedure or standing orders to the House;

c. Investigate public/private petitions sent to the

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Senate/House and recommend action to the Senate/
House.

d. have powers to send for petitions, papers and records.

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE

116. (1) The audit committee shall:

Comprise five (5) distinguished /honourable members of the Senate/House of Representatives appointed by the Senate President\Speaker of the House and ratified by a simple majority vote of members present and voting.

(2) The Audit Committee shall:

a. examine all accounts sent to Senate/House by any officer, person, club or student organization aided by the Union and report its finding to the Senate\House;

b. serve as a Senate/House Audit Committee at pleasure of the Senate/House;

c. Have power to send for persons, papers and records.

C. BUSINESS COMMITTEE

117. (1) The Business Committee shall comprise:

a. the Senate President/Speaker of the House of Representatives as applicable;

b. the Clerk of the Senate/House of Representatives.

D. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL TASKS

118. (1) The Committee on Special Task shall comprise five (5) distinguished /honourable members of the Senate/House of Representatives appointed by the Senate president/Speaker of the House and ratified by

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B. welfare and catering committee

122 (1) The welfare and catering committee shall comprise:

- a. The welfare officer who shall be the chairman of the committee;
- b. Hall welfare officers;
- c. Two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- d. Two (2) member of the House of Representative to be appoint by the Speaker of the House.
- e. A representative of the Dean of Student Affairs.

(2) The committee shall:

- a. assist the Welfare officer in attending to the welfare and catering needs of Union members;
- b. monitor rates of feeding provided by independent caterers for students;
- c. negotiate rates of feeding in consultation in and around eating places;
- d. ensure adequate sanitary conditions in and around eating places;
- e. hold quarterly meetings with the Dean of Student Affairs and proprietors of eating houses to deal with issues affecting students feeding;
- f. make necessary representations to the Branch Union Executive in matters relating to welfare;
 - submit welfare report to the House of Representatives every semester.

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and function*

C. GAMES COMMITTEE

123. (1) The Games Committee shall comprise:

- a. the Branch Director of Games as its Chairman;
- b. off Hall Captains of Games
- c. a representative of the Head of Department of Health and physical Education.

(2) The Committee shall:

- a. arrange inter-branch Union competitions, internal games and sports activities;
- b. consult the Department of Health and physical Education on issues regarding the purchase and repair of games equipment.

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and function*

D. SOCIALS COMMITTEE

124. (1) The Social Committee shall comprise 13 members as follows:

- a. the Director of socials as Chairman;
- b. ten (10) members appointed by the Director of socials and ratified by a simple majority of the House of Representatives present and voting.
- c. the Financial secretary;
- d. a representative of the Dean of Student Affairs.

(2) The Committee shall:

- a. organize the social activities of the Branch Union including the annual Union dinner;
- b. co-ordinate the activities of all clubs and groups registered in the University.

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(3) Present a comprehensive report on 2 (a) above including

the finance to the Branch Executive council through the Director of social within seven days of the conclusion of the particular activity. The Executive council shall discuss and approval the report and submit same to the House of Representatives for ratification.

E. BUDGET COMMITTEE

125 (1). The Budget committee shall comprise

- a. The branch Union President as the Chairman;
- b. The financial secretary as the secretary;
- c. The Treasures,
- d. Members of the Executive of the Bursar.

(3) The Budget committee shall

- a. Prepare the annual/supplementary budget of the branch Union
- b. Include in the budget, among other items, funds for the running of the Senate, the House of Reps the judicial council, the court of appeal and other union activities and commitments:
- c. Ensure that contributions by Branch Union to Senate finances shall be provided for and calculated on the basis of Branch membership strength;
- d. Meet regularly in order to monitor the operation of the budget and recommend necessary adjustment to the Senate and House of Representatives.

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and function*

E. STUDENTS' UNION CULTURAL WEEK COMMITTEE

126 (1) The students' Union cultural week committee shall comprise

<p>a. The Vice-President as Chairman;</p> <p>b. The financial Secretary;</p> <p>c. The information Officer;</p> <p>d. Ten (10) members nominated by the Vice president and approved by simple majority of the House of Representatives present and voting provided each faculty is represented;</p> <p>e. A representative of the Dean of Student Affairs.</p> <p>(2) The committee shall:</p> <p>a. Organise the Branch Union’s cultural week and Rag Day activities subject to the guidance of the Executive council;</p> <p>b. Present a comprehensive report on 2(a) above, including the finances, to the Branch Executive council through the Vice-president within seven days of the conclusion of the particular activity. The Executive council shall discuss and approve the report and submit same to the House of Representatives for ratification.</p> <p>(3) The House of Representatives shall, by a resolution:</p> <p>a. direct the Executive council on how to disburse the Rag Day proceeds:</p> <p>b. cause the account to be submitted through the financial secretary not later than twenty one (21) days from the end of the cultural week.</p>	<p><i>Composition and function</i></p>
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PART III
AUDIT PANEL

127. (1) There shall established an adult panel

(2) The audit panel shall consist of five (5) members as follows:

- a. a senior staff of the University appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as chairman;
- b. three (3) members of the Branch Union House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House and ratified by simple majority votes of members present and voting.
- c. a representative of the Bursar.

(3) The Audit committee shall:

- a. audit the Branch Union Account at the end of every semester.
- b. audit the account of the cultural week and Rag day activities at the conclusion of the activities;
- c. investigate at allegations of misuse of public funds and finical mismanagement against any officer of the union.
- d. have powers to send for persons, papers and records relevant to its functions as specified.

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PART IV
UNION FINANCES

- 128: (1) The management of the Branch Union financial shall be regulated by the financial instructions of the Union.
- (2) All Branch Union expenses shall be provided for a the annual budge or supplementary budget approved by the House of Representatives and ratified by the Senate not later than receipt.
- (3) Branch Union budget should be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval not later than 30 days from the date of inauguration.

Branch Union finances

PART V
FINANCIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 129 (1) There shall be a special account at the Bursary into which all dues collected on behalf of the Students' Union are to be transferred.
- (2) The budgetary allocation of the SUG approved by the Vice-Chancellor shall be transferred to the SUG account within 21 days of approval.
- (3) The amount so approved shall be released to the SUG per semester
- (4) The bursar shall assign an officer in the Bursary to keep record of the special account in respect of payment made into it and withdrawal made from it.

Students union account

- (5) The Financial officer in charge of the special account shall send a statement every semester showing the position of the Branch Union account to the executive council.
- (6) The authorized signatories to the Branch Union account shall be the president, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer.
- (7) Only the authorized signatories of the Branch Union shall sign vouchers, cheques and other financial documents of the Union
- (8) Cash withdrawal by officers of the Branch Union shall be restricted to traveling advances and contingencies.
- (9) All advance must be retired and correctly accounted for before new advances are made
- (10) Payment vouchers shall be prepared in the names of the rightful payees only.
- (11) The signatories to Branch Union accounts shall satisfy themselves that funds are available before authorizing financial commitment and payment.
- (12) The welfare officer shall control the entertainment vote of

the Branch Union provided that the president shall have a personal entertainment vote.

(13) All monies collected on behalf of the Branch Union from other sources other than dues shall be paid to the Treasurer through the financial secretary within seven days of collection. The Treasurer shall pay such monies into the Branch Unions account within forty-eight (48) hours.

(14) The Financial Secretary shall keep a cash book on receipts and payments. He /she shall reconcile his/her cash book balance with the periodic financial statement received from the bank and from the officer assigned to the special account from the Bursary.

(15) All expenditure items in the budget and for each office shall carry appropriate heads of expenditure.

(16) The Branch Union shall develop other financial instructions if necessary and bring these before the House of Representatives for approval.

(17) Votes for contingencies shall be approved for in the budget, provided that:

a. contingency expenditures apply only to unforeseen expenditures which do not come under the vote of any officer and;

b. the contingency expenditure are approved by the executive council.

(18) The audit committee shall exercise its function in respect of auditing students' accounts as prescribed by the constitution.

CHAPTER VI

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

130. No Act of the Senate or Law of the House of Representatives shall come into force except in accordance with the following provisions:

a. any proposed Act of Senate or Law of the House of Representatives shall originate in the Senate/House as a Bill;

b. no Act or Law shall be validly made unless it is passed by a resolution by a simple majority in the first

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- reading and two – thirds majority in the second reading of the Senate\House;
- c. the Senate/House may resolve into a committee of the whole Senate\House or a special committee to study its bills and motions after the first readings;
 - d. appropriate made or budgets approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate shall have the force of law whether there is attached thereto or not any titled Act;
 - e. any valid Act or Law of the Senate/House shall have a serial number, and its provisions shall be arranged in sections; and it shall also have a citation and date of commencement;
 - f. the resolutions of the Senate/ House shall be communicated to members of the Union by the Clerk of the Senate\House as the case may be;
 - g. the Senate/House shall refer all questions involving substantial issues of law and the constitution to the judicial council in the first instance, and thereafter to the court of appeal for determination, and act on the

<p>basis of the resultant, act on the basis of the resultant advice or pronouncement.</p> <p>131. Senate shall have exclusive legislative powers over:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. inter-branch Union matters b. ratification of any amendment of the constitution passed by any of the Branch Union; c. judicial affairs; d. Union magazines ands Union greeting cards; e. relations with non-student Union bodies external to the Union. f. any matter that is supplementary, or incidental to any matter mentioned in wise requires; <p>132. In this constitution, unless it is otherwise expressly provided or the context otherwise requires :</p> <p>“Act” means any law made by the Senate.</p> <p>“Branch Union” means the distinct arm of the students’ Union at the Nsukka Campus and Enugu Campus of the University of Nigeria, respectively, each with its own Executive and House of Representatives.</p> <p>“Law” means any law made by the House of</p>	<p><i>Senate exclusive list</i></p> <p><i>Interpretation</i></p>
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Representatives.

“Life Member” means alumnus or alumnae of the university of Nigeria who has been admitted to life membership of the students’ Union.

“Ordinary Member” means any regular undergraduate or sub-degree student of the University of Nigeria who has full paid up all his/her students’ Union dues in a given academic session.

“Residence” for purposes of representing a Senatorial District or a House of Representative constituency means registration as a student in the faculty or department within the faculty which constitutes the electoral district or constituency.

“The Students’ Union” or “the Union” means the Students’ Union of the university of Nigeria at both Nsukka and Enugu Campuses.

“The University” means the University of Nigeria .

“SUG” means the University Government.

133. The Constitution shall be amended as follows:

(1) Notice of intention to move an amendment with the

amendment stated in precise terms and signed by the mover and seconder shall be given to the Clerk of either of the Branch Union of the House of Representatives or the Senate as the case may be who shall communicates it to the Senate/House through the Senate President or the speaker.

(2) Such proposed amendment to the constitution shall be sent to all the members of the Union legislature within fourteen (14) days of the notice.

(3) The Senate President or the speaker shall cause the notice to be passed on the students Union notice board, the Union secretariat, notice boards in the halls of residence and faculties within seventy-two (72) hours of its receipt.

(4) Such a proposed amendment to the constitution shall be considered at the subsequent meeting of both the houses of Representatives provided that at least a two week period is allowed from the date of pasting of the notice.

(5) An amendment to the constitution shall be adopted if:

(a) at least two-thirds majority of the entire membership of

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the constitution*

any House of Representatives approves it;

(b) Such approval is communicated to the Senate for ratification;

(c) Senate ratifies it by at least two-third majority of its entire membership.

(6) Where the Senate fails to ratify the amendment within twenty-one (21) days after both House of Representatives have passed it, then two-thirds majority of a joint sitting of both Houses of Representatives shall ratify the amendment and the ratification requirement by the Senate shall stand vetoed.

(7) The amendment of the constitution shall be subject to the final approval of the Vice-chancellor of the University to ensure that no provision of the constitution is inconsistent with the laws and regulations of the university.

(8) The Legislative members of the Union as mentioned in subsection (2) of this section shall include the members of Senate and the Houses of Representatives

of both Enugu and Nsukka campuses.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

STANDING ORDERS

1. The Senate president/Speaker of the House of Representatives shall preside over all meeting of the Senate /House of Representatives, respectively, or in their absence their deputies in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
2. Motion in the Senate or House of Representatives shall be recorded and shall bear the names of the mover and the seconder.
3. Debates in the Senate or House must be limited to the immediate pending question (that is the pending question as stated by the officer presiding). Such a presiding officer shall rule out of order any member who fails to adhere to the subject of discussion.
4. (1) The mover of a motion after the motion has been seconded shall have the right to speak on his motion and

shall also have the right to accept or reject an amendment.

- (2) An accepted amendment shall be put to the House on the instance of the mover of the amendment for voting and final decisions based on a simple majority.
 - (3) A rejected amendment shall be put to the House on the instance of the mover of the amendment for voting and final decisions based on a simple majority.
 - (4) It is permissible for a notice of further amendment to be given during the discussion of the original amendment.
5. A point of order must be heard at all times except during the act of voting. It must deal with the conduct or procedure of the meeting and concern only such matters as indecorum, transgression of standing orders and calling attention to the introduction of matters not relevant to the question under consideration. The ruling of the Senate president or speaker of the House of Representatives on all points of order shall be final.
 6. Points of information and observation shall be allowed but the Senate president or speaker of House of

Representatives can suspend this order in order to ensure orderliness and freedom of speech of a Senator or Honourable member.

7. During the discussion of a motion or an amendment, the following motions are in order and can be accepted:
 - a. motion to withdraw a motion;
 - b. motion to adjourn;
 - c. motion to reverse a decision of the Senate President or speaker of House of Representatives, except decisions on point of order, supported by at least two-thirds majority of those present and voting;
 - d. motion to limit or extend debates;
 - e. motion that the question be not put;
 - f. motion to close a debate ;
 - g. motion to postpone consideration of a motion to a definite date;
 - h. motion to refer the motion to a committee.
8. When a motion has been put forward, the presiding officer shall make a list of those members who wish to speak for or against the motion. The list is then closed

and each speaker shall be allowed time to speak, the duration of which shall be at absolute discretion of the officer presiding.

9. Voting at meetings shall be by show of hands or secret ballot, or division.
10. In the event of a tie in the voting the Senate president/Speaker of the House of Representatives shall adjourn all proceedings for not more than thirty (30) minutes and thereafter resubmit the issue for debate and fresh voting. If a second tie occurs, the Senate president/Speaker of House or Representatives shall exercise a casting vote.

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORMAT FOR NOTICE OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT

We, the undersigned members of the House of Representatives do hereby give notice of an alleged misconduct against_____

Name of officer and post

Particulars of alleged misconduct:

Particulars of the petitioners:

s/n	Name of student	Reg no.	Faculty/department	Signature and date

THIRD SCHEDULE

OATHS

OATH OF OFFICE OF BRANCH PRESIDENT

I _____ do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Students' Union, University of Nigeria _____ Campus. I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the Students' Union, University of Nigeria, and the law and always in the interest of the integrity and solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the University of Nigeria; that I will strive to preserve the fundamental aims and objectives contained in the constitution of the students' Union, University of Nigeria; that I will not allow any personal interest to influence my

official conduct or my official decisions; that in all circumstances I will do right to all manner of students according to law without fear of favour affection or ill-will; that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as President of the Students' Union, University of Nigeria, _____ Campus except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as president and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the students of the University of Nigeria _____ Campus.

So help me God.

**OATH OF A MEMBER OF SENATE
OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

I, _____do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria: that as a member of the Senate/House of Representatives, I will perform my function honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully and

in accordance with the constitution of the Students' Union, University of Nigeria, and the law, and rules of the Senate/House of Representatives and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the University of Nigeria; that I will strive to preserve the fundamental aims and objectives contained in the constitution of the Students' Union, University of Nigeria; and that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the Students' Union, University of Nigeria.

So help me God

**OATH OF OFFICE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL**

I, _____ do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Students' Union, University of Nigeria _____ Campus. I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the Students' Union Government University of Nigeria, and the law and always in the

interest of the integrity and solidarity, well being and prosperity of the University of Nigeria; that I will strive to preserve the constitution of the Students' Union; 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 Students' Union, to all students according to law without fear or favour, affect or ill-will; that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as _____except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as_____.

So help me God

JUDICIAL OATH

I, _____do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that member of the judicial Council/Court of Appeal, I will discharge my duties, and

perform my functions honestly, to the best of my ability and faithfully in accordance faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the Students' Union University of Nigeria, and the law: that I will not allow any personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the Students' Union of the University of Nigeria.

So help me God.

MADE AT NSUKKA THIS _____ DAY OF
_____ 2016.