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LAWS, STUDENT UNION, UNIVERSITY OF  
ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA.**

**THE SENATE COUNCIL  
THIS CONTAINS THE STUDENT UNION  
CONSTITUTION (as Reviewed), UNILORIN  
INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ELECTORAL  
ACT, UNILORIN INDEPENDENT STUDENTS'  
ANTI-CORRUPT PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT UNION,  
UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA.**

**(AS AMENDED 2018)**

**PREAMBLE:**

In furtherance of a healthy and conducive atmosphere, we the students of UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN (hereinafter referred to as “the UNIVERSITY” ) do hereby firmly resolve to perpetuate the growth of the Student Union of the University of Ilorin, with a view to promote our academic potentials and our general welfare for the purpose of maintaining a healthy and desirable community.

We hereby also resolve to play an effective and worthy role in the national and international community of Student Unions. We hereby ordain and give to ourselves the following constitution.

**ARTICLE 1**

**ESTABLISHMENT: NAME, MOTTO AND SUPREMACY**

- A. The name of the Union shall be THE STUDENT UNION, UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, and UNIVERSITY (hereinafter referred to as “the UNION”
- B. The motto of the Union shall be *struggle to attain justice*.
- C. This shall be the constitution of the Union.
- D. The constitution shall be supreme and the supremacy of this constitution shall be binding on all members of the Union; furthermore, if other laws, rules or regulations are inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, this constitution shall prevail and such

laws, rules and regulations shall be null and void.

- E. The provision of this constitution and all other enactments of the Student Union shall be binding on all registered Associations affiliated to the Student Union.
- F. All offices of the Union shall be in the Student Union building or such other place(s) approved by the Senate Council from where the daily business of the Union shall be put forth.

**ARTICLE 2**

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Union shall be:

- 1. To preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the Union.
- 2. To defend and uphold the interest and welfare of members of the Union.
- 3. To promote and sustain academic excellence among members.
- 4. To enhance staff-member and inter-faculty relationship.
- 5. To provide forum for the freedom of thoughts, expressions, actions and association.
- 6. To play an effective and worthy role in national and international association of Student Unions.
- 7. To serve as a forum for training members for positive leadership role in the society.
- 8. To create and promote social, political and cultural awareness amongst members.
- 9. To promote creativity and innovations amongst members.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **MEMBERSHIP, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. The Union shall consist of:
1. Ordinary members.
  2. Honorary members.
- B. An ordinary member shall be any matriculated undergraduate student of the University, pursuing a course.
- C. An ordinary member shall have the following privileges and responsibilities:
1. Use the facilities provided and recognized by the Union.
  2. Pay the Union's dues.
  3. Shall be eligible to vote and be voted for in any approved election of the Union unless otherwise stated in this constitution.
  4. Be a member of recognized and affiliated clubs or societies to the Union.
  5. Access the Union's constitution as occasion arises.
  6. Participate in recognized meetings and functions of the Union.
  7. Attend and vote at congress, both ordinary and extraordinary.
  8. Append signature to a referendum requesting extraordinary congress provided the signature so appended shall not be fewer than 4% of the total ordinary members.
  9. Shall have access to other privileges and responsibilities that might arise in the nearest future.

- D. An honorary member shall be appointed by the Senate Council as deemed fit by reasons of his/her interest, commitment and dedication to the achievement of the aims and objectives of this constitution; such may be an ex-member or a distinguished personality.
- E. Honorary members shall have the following privileges and responsibilities:
1. Participate in recognized meetings and functions of the Union.
  2. Such honorary member shall have no voting rights.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **A. LEGAL ADVISER**

1. There shall be a legal adviser appointed by the SC on the recommendation of the C.E.C who shall handle all legal cases in which the Union may be involved externally and give legal counsel to the union where necessary.
2. The legal adviser in (A) above shall be a legal practitioner within the university environment.
3. The legal adviser shall be removed on a vote of no confidence moved by a member of the SC and supported by two third(2/3) majority of members of the SC present at the sitting of the SC

#### **B. ATTORNEY GENERAL**

1. There shall be an Attorney General of the Student Union, who shall be either a 400 or 500 level student from the faculty of law.

2. The Attorney General must have been a Senior Advocate of the Union(SAU) for at least one academic session
3. Notwithstanding the provision in (1), the Attorney General shall be nominated by the CEC, which is subject to the approval of the SC.
4. The Attorney General shall provide legal advice and represent the Union in external matters.
5. The Attorney General shall not represent any arms of the union officials in legal matters.
6. The Attorney General shall mediate in the event of dispute between the arms of the union
7. The Attorney General shall be eligible to same terms and conditions of service as are applicable to members of the CEC. Provided the Attorney General should not be entitled to same remuneration as the President, Vice Presidents and General Secretary.
8. The Attorney General shall be removed on a vote of no confidence moved by a member of the SC and supported by two third majority of members present at a sitting of the SC.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

The Union shall comprise the following arms;

1. The Congress
2. The Central Executive Council (CEC)
3. The Senate Council (SC)
4. The Judicial Council

#### **ARTICLE 6**

##### **THE CONGRESS AND ITS POWERS**

##### **A. ORDINARY CONGRESS**

1. The general assembly of all students shall hereinafter be referred to as "congress".
2. At least four percent (4%) of total membership of the Union shall constitute a quorum at the ordinary congress.  
The President shall summon an ordinary congress on the resolution by two-third (2/3) majority of the SC members present at such sitting and shall process such within three (3) working days of such resolution.
3. The President shall summon an ordinary congress whenever he considers such necessary.
4. There shall be at least one (1) congress in a semester.
5. The President, or in his absence, can delegate either of the two Vice-Presidents, shall be the presiding officer at such congress.
6. Voting at the congress shall be by voice vote, or secret ballot if so required by a simple majority of members present.
7. The presiding officer shall only have a voting right in the event of a tie.

##### **B. EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS**

1. The President shall summon extra-ordinary congress when he considers this necessary or on a written request signed by not less than 4% of ordinary members of the Union.

2. The President shall summon an extra-ordinary congress with a resolution of two-third (2/3) of the membership of the SC. present at such sitting within three (3) working days of such resolution.
3. Two percent (2%) of the ordinary members of the Union shall summon an extra-ordinary congress through a referendum passed and duly signed.
4. Two percent (2%) of the total membership of the Union shall form a quorum at an extra ordinary congress.
5. All other rules in (A) above guiding the congress shall be applicable.

**C. POWER OF THE CONGRESS**

1. Congress shall have power to dismiss any officer of the union who has been convicted by the UISAPC and such conviction must be asserted by the SC; such dismissal shall be by voice vote or by secret ballot as demanded by the 2/3 majority of the congress.
2. Congress may debate and pass resolution if necessary on any matter which is of importance to the Union.
3. Congress shall have power to reverse decisions of the Central Executive Council and/or the SC.
4. The Central Executive Council shall be collectively and individually responsible to the Congress and shall be dissolved by the Congress where the Congress finds it lacking in its duties or there is a general conspiracy by the Central Executive Council to defraud the Union of its funds.

5. Congress shall dismiss the CEC where it finds it wanting and a care-taker committee consisting of the Union members shall be set up by the Congress with a member representing each faculty. The administrator of the care-taker committee shall be a final year degree member of the Union amongst care-taker committee.
6. The Congress shall dissolve the Central Executive Council where it fails to carry out a specific duty or duties assigned to it by the SC or the congress.
7. The Congress shall also dissolve the SC, if it finds it wanting in its constitutional duties or in collaboration with executives to defraud the union of and a bye-election shall be conducted within each faculty to present its own representatives.
8. The bye-election in C (7) above shall be conducted by an ad-hoc electoral committee constituted in such Congress.
9. Such CEC AND SC members in six(6) and seven(7) above shall not contest in the bye-election
10. The agenda of a Congress shall contain pending issues and all other recommendations for discussion from the SC.

**ARTICLE 7**

**CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CEC)**

**A. THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL shall comprise of**

1. PRESIDENT
2. VICE PRESIDENT (PERMANENT SITE)

3. VICE PRESIDENT (COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES)
4. GENERAL-SECRETARY
5. ASSISTANT GENERAL-SECRETARY
6. FINANCIAL SECRETARY
7. WELFARE SECRETARY (PERMANENT SITE)
8. WELFARE SECRETARY (COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES)
9. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
10. SPORTS SECRETARY
11. SOCIAL SECRETARY

### **ARTICLE 8**

#### **FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CEC)**

- A. All executive power herein granted shall rest in the CEC
- B. The CEC shall carry out the day-to-day running of the Union and shall be responsible to the SC for their actions.
- C. The CEC shall seek all concessions, grants and authorizations from the university or outside the university and shall enter into agreement and conditions necessary for carrying on the business of the Union, subject to the approval of the SC (and ultimately, the Congress).
- D. The CEC shall be individually and/or collectively responsible and accountable at any time when called by the SC.
- E. Any member of the CEC shall refer dispute and matters bordering on discipline and irregularities in the CEC to the SC

- F. The CEC shall function for one parliamentary year.
- G. The CEC shall be bound by the resolution of the SC or the Congress unless such resolution is inconsistent with the provision of the constitution.
- H. Shall in conjunction with the principal officers be official representatives of the Union's interest with the university and her boards/committees and shall protect the image of the Student Union in accordance with this constitution.
- I. The CEC shall deliberate and shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the appointment, discipline, and dismissal of all union employees subject to the approval of the SC.
- J. Resignation or removal from office of a member of the CEC shall not absolve him/her from liabilities or irregularities committed by him/her during his/her tenure of office.

### **ARTICLE 9**

#### **MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CEC)**

- A. Notice of the meetings shall be left at the Union's office of each central executive member at least forty eight (48) hours before the commencement of the meeting.
- B. The General Secretary shall be responsible for giving adequate notice of the Central Executive Council meetings to the members.
- C. The Central Executive Council of the Union shall meet statutorily every forth- night.
- D. It shall be the duty of the president acting through the

General Secretary to summon meetings of the Central Executive Council.

- E. Six (6) Central Executive Council members shall constitute a quorum.
- F. The president shall summon a meeting of the Central Executive Council on a request signed by four (4) members of the central executive council.
- G. All meetings of the CEC shall be held within the university academic or administrative environment.
- F. Any member of the Central Executive Council who absent themselves from two (2) consecutive meetings would forfeit their position.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

#### **FUNCTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

##### **A. THE PRESIDENT**

- 1. The president shall be the first member and head of the Union and the chairman of the CEC.
- 2. He/She shall co-ordinate, through the secretary, all meetings of the CEC over which he shall preside.
- 3. He/She shall jointly with the financial secretary be a signatory to the Union's cheques, vouchers and other financial accounts affiliated to the Union.
- 4. Shall co-ordinate and supervise all aspects of the Union's activities.
- 5. Shall give a full update and report of the state of the Union to the SC at her second (2<sup>nd</sup>) sitting).

- 6. Shall refer disputes and matters bothering on discipline in the CEC to the SC.
- 7. Shall present a comprehensive report of the activities of the Union for the year to the SC at its second to the last sitting.
- 8. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

##### **B(i). THE VICE PRESIDENT (PERMANENT SITE)**

- 1. Shall be a female member of the Union.
- 2. Shall be a student from a faculty within the permanent site of the school.
- 3. Shall advice and assist the president in his/her duties and deputize for him/her in his/her absence.
- 4. Shall perform other duties as may be deemed necessary by the president from time to time.
- 5. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of her office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

##### **B(ii). THE VICE PRESIDENT (COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES)**

- 1. Shall be a female member of the Union.
- 2. Shall be a student from a faculty within the College of Health Sciences (COHS).
- 3. Shall advice and assist the president in his/her duties and deputize for him/her in his/her absence.
- 4. Shall perform other duties as may be deemed necessary by the president from time to time.



5. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of her office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution

**C. THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

1. Shall be responsible for the general duties in the Union secretariat, and supervise all members of the CEC.
2. Shall conduct and deal with all official correspondences of the Union and shall take minutes of meetings of the CEC.
3. Shall give full co-operation with the president towards effective discharge of the duties of the CEC.
4. Shall compile a comprehensive report of the activities of the Union for the year.
5. Shall convene executive and general meetings of the Union at the request of the president; such notices shall be left in the various offices at least 48 hours before the commencement of the meetings.
6. Shall keep attendance books, minutes and records of Central Executive Council and other Union meetings in a regular manner.
7. Shall be responsible for the recommendation, co-ordination and review of registered clubs and societies, and shall also report all unregistered clubs and societies to the university authority.
8. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

**D. THE ASSISTANT GENERAL-SECRETARY**

1. Shall be a female member of the Union.
2. Shall assist the General Secretary in his/her duties and deputize for him/her in his/her absence.
3. Shall perform any other duty assigned to her by the general secretary.
4. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of her office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

**E. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

1. Shall collect payment teller for rents from the union shops and kiosks and issue receipts for such money.
2. Shall prepare vouchers for withdrawal of the Union's money, which must be approved by SC and countersigned by the President and the financial secretary.
3. Shall be responsible for preparing the financial records and balance sheets, which shall be presented for SC approval.
4. Shall bank money received by him/her on behalf of the Union within 24 working hours and notify the SC of such receipt.
5. Shall publish the Unions account as it stands at the third (3rd) ordinary sitting of every semester, and paste such publication on all faculty notice boards with the supervision of the Public Relation Officer. A compilation of such will be submitted to the SC at the end of the session.

6. Shall present the Union's annual budget to the SC for scrutiny and approval.
7. Shall present audited financial account of the Union to the SC at the end of every semester and from time to time as requested by the SC.
8. Shall provide the Union officials certified tickets and receipts for all social activities.
9. Shall issue properly authenticated receipt of the Union addressed to the payer in respect of all money received either in form of cash or bank teller from any s o u r c e whatsoever.
10. Shall not be a member of any ad-hoc committee to be set up by the Union at any interval.
11. Shall give financial advice to the CEC as the need arises.
12. Shall ensure safe custody of the copies of the Union's vouchers and receipts.
13. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

***F(i) THE WELFARE SECRETARY PERMANENT SITE***

1. Shall be the custodian of all Union properties.
2. Shall be responsible for matters relating to the general welfare of the Union members and all Union guests.
3. Shall ensure that the sanitation in the university is conducive for the health of the members.
4. Shall be two of the Union's representatives on all relevant university committees on welfare of members.

5. Shall arrange for national and international travels, in liaison with the social secretary.
6. Shall record all notifications of the use of the Union's properties.
7. Shall perform a monthly routine check on Union properties and shall report any irregularities and damages to the SC.
8. Shall supervise, maintain and ensure the efficient and smooth running of all bar and buttry in the union.
9. Shall receive complaints in the hostel of residence and transmit same to the appropriate authority.
10. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

***F(ii). THE WELFARE SECRETARY C.O.H.S***

1. Shall be the custodian of all Union properties.
2. Shall be responsible for matters relating to the general welfare of the Union members and all Union guests.
3. Shall ensure that the sanitation in the university is conducive for the health of the members.
4. Shall be two of the Union's representatives on all relevant university committees on welfare of members.
5. Shall arrange for national and international travels, in liaison with the social secretary.
6. Shall record all notifications of the use of the Union' s properties.
7. Shall perform a monthly routine check on Union

properties and shall report any irregularities and damages to the SC.

8. Shall supervise, maintain and ensure the efficient and smooth running of all bar and buttry in the union.
9. Shall receive complaints in the hostel of residence and transmit same to the appropriate authority.
10. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

#### **G. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

1. Shall disseminate all Union's information through all available media on each campus.
2. Shall be the Union's librarian.
3. Shall be responsible for all press releases of the Union.
4. Shall be responsible for public enlightenment of all Union members on each campus.
5. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of their offices in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

#### **H. THE SPORTS SECRETARY**

1. Shall in conjunction with the university, employ and adopt suitable means for improving the current standards of members' sporting activities.
2. Shall be the Unions representative at all internal and external sporting activities and meetings.
3. Shall in conjunction with the welfare secretary, liaise with the University to cater for the welfare of the

University sportsmen who are Union members.

4. Shall work with the PRO in disseminating from time to time information to the members of the union of the progress and opportunities in sporting.
5. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

#### **I. THE SOCIAL SECRETARY**

1. Shall be the chairman of the social committee which shall be responsible for all social and cultural activities of the Union as approved by the SC if any.
2. Shall be a custodian and promoter of the University cultural heritage.
3. Shall arrange and conduct all excursion tours undertaken by the Union, in liaison with the welfare secretary as approved by the SC.
4. Shall obtain the written authority of the welfare secretary before using the audio-visual instruments for the activities of recognized clubs and societies.
5. Shall in conjunction with the university, be responsible for providing recreational facilities for the use of Union members.
6. Shall use only official certified tickets of the union for all social activities and any proceeds realized from any social activities must be submitted to the financial secretary within 24 hours.
7. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **THE SENATE COUNCIL (SC)**

1. The SC shall be composed of elected representative of halls of residence, three (3) representatives of faculties with at least a female and at least an male and co-opted member as provided for in this constitution.
2. The co-opted members shall also take part of inaugural ceremony
3. The SC shall have four (4) principal officers, namely: The Senate President, The Deputy Senate President, The Senate Clerk and The Senate Deputy Clerk.
4. Principal Officers of the SC shall be chosen from the elected representatives at the first sitting.
5. There shall be two (2) co-opted members, which are one each, representing the UISA and the physically impaired members of the union.
6. The SC shall function for one parliamentary year
7. The composition of the SC shall be:
  - a. Faculties' representatives (3 from each of the faculties).
  - b. A representative of each hall of residence.
  - c. Co-opted - one (1) senator each from the physically impaired and UISA
7. SC principal officers shall have no voting right at any SC sitting.
8. Resignation or removal from office of a member of the SC shall not absolve him/her from liabilities or irregularities committed by him/her during his/her tenure of office.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE SC AND THEIR FUNCTIONS**

#### **A. THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

1. There shall be a senate president who shall be elected by members of the SC during its first sitting.
2. Shall be a returning member of the SC except if there is no contesting returning member.
3. The senate president shall hold office during that parliamentary year of the SC.
4. The senate president or in his/her absence the deputy senate president shall call the sitting of the SC or on the advice of the president of Union if necessary.
5. The senate president shall be the chief interpreter of the constitution and such interpretation is reversible by two-third (2/3) majority of members of the SC present at that sitting.
6. The senate president shall be removed from office by a resolution adopted at a sitting of SC by two-third (2/3) majority of the members present.
7. The senate president shall preside over the sitting of the SC and in his/her absence the deputy senate president shall do so.
8. Half (1/2) of the total members of the SC shall after signing a resolution, mandate the senate president to call a sitting.
9. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

**B. DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT**

1. Shall preside in the absence of the senate president.
2. Shall be a returning member of the senate council.
3. Shall recommend to the members of the SC present at that sitting for dismissal of any member of the SC who absents himself/herself from two (2) consecutive sittings of the SC without the permission of the senate president.
4. The deputy-senate president shall not vote but shall be the electoral officer of the SC.
5. Shall perform any other function specified by any article of the constitution.
6. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

**C. SENATE CLERK**

1. Shall on the instruction of the senate president course the circulars and agenda for sitting of the SC to be sent to each representative at-least 72 hours before SC sitting.
2. Shall take resolutions of the proceedings at all SC sittings.
3. Shall compile the proceedings of the SC. for the parliamentary year for documentation in the Union library.
4. Shall conduct and deal with all official correspondences of the SC.
5. Shall give full co-operation with the Senate president towards effective discharge of the duties of the SC Principal Officers.

6. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his/her office in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

**D. DEPUTY SENATE CLERK**

1. Shall assist the Senate clerk and deputize in his/her absence.
2. Shall be a female member of the Council.
3. Shall perform any other function as assigned to her by the Senate President in line with the provision of this constitution.

**ARTICLE 13**

**FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE COUNCIL (SC)**

1. All legislative power herein granted shall rest in the SC.
2. The SC shall have the power to make law for the good governance of the Union.
3. The SC shall approve the sessional budget of the Union not later than the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) sitting.
4. The SC shall consider proposals, motions and other matters raised in connection with the provision of this constitution and shall transmit recommendations to the appropriate policy making body.
5. The SC shall by two-third (2/3) majority vote of members present, exercise the power to suspend a member of CEC after satisfying itself that such officer has fallen short of expectations in the discharge of his/her duties.
6. The SC shall by two-third (2/3) majority vote of

members present, exercise the power to recommend to the congress the removal of a member of CEC after satisfying itself that such officer has fallen short of expectations in the discharge of his/her duties.

7. Any member of the CEC affected by the provision(5) and (6) above shall have the right to approach a court within one(1) week in a case of suspension and two(2) weeks in a case of removal. No cause of action shall arise thereafter.
8. The SC shall have power to investigate any officer of the Union if any charge is brought against him/her by a Union member and shall recommend the case to the Judicial Council for trial and take action on the report sent back by the Judiciary for onward transmission to the congress for appropriate action.
9. The SC shall setup standing and ad-hoc committees as it may deem fit subject to the provision of this constitution. The SC shall have power to suspend or remove any member of such committee.
10. No member of the council shall be a member of non-senate council committees during their tenure in office.
11. The SC shall have the power of “trial in absentia” of any member of the CEC who fails to turn up when called upon by the SC to answer to a charge without a written reasonable excuse.
12. The SC shall appoint or remove the Union's bankers provided two-third (2/3) of the members of the SC at such sitting approves such appointment or removal.

13. The SC shall have the power to amend and pass into law the review of any part of this constitution.
14. The SC shall perform any other function for the progress of the union through a resolution of the two-third (2/3) majority of the members at such sitting.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

##### **SITTING OF THE SC**

- A. All SC sittings shall be held within the university academic or administrative environment.
- B. ORDINARY SITTING OF THE SC**
  1. The general assembly of the SC shall be called an Ordinary sitting.
  2. The inaugural sitting of the SC shall be held not later than two weeks after the university second semester examination.
  3. Sittings shall be held at-least three (3) times in a semester and shall be summoned by the senate president through the clerk.
  4. The presiding officer of any sitting shall be the Senate president.
  5. Notice of an ordinary sitting of the SC shall be circulated to all Members at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time of the sitting and such may be reversed with a notice properly communicated not less than twelve (12) hours.
  6. At-least half (1/2) of the members of the SC shall constitute a quorum at Ordinary sitting of the SC.
  7. Voting at the SC sitting shall be by voice vote or show of



hands except when the Senate president considers a secret ballot necessary.

8. Every member of CEC shall attend the sitting of the SC whenever they are called upon and shall have no voting right.

#### **C. EMERGENCY SITTING OF THE SC**

1. The Senate President shall summon emergency sittings of SC as occasion arises in the interest of the Union.
2. One-third (1/3) of the SC members shall through a signed request mandate the Senate president to summon an emergency sitting.
3. Notice of an emergency sitting shall be circulated to all members of the SC at-least forty-eight (48) hours before such sitting.
4. At-least one-quarter (1/4) of the members of the SC shall constitute a quorum at emergency sitting of the SC.
5. Procedural rules of an ordinary sitting shall be applicable to an emergency sitting.

#### **D. RESIGNATION AND CESSION**

1. A senate member wishing to resign his/her membership from the council shall first do so in writing to the Senate President through the clerk. A copy of such letter will be forwarded to the secretary of his/her faculty or shall be pasted in the halls as in the case of the Hall Representatives.

2. The clerk of the SC shall inform the council about the letter stated in (1) above at a sitting following the receipt of such.
3. A senator shall be deemed to have forfeited his/her seat in the council if he/she was absent from two consecutive sittings of the council without written permission considered as valid by the senate president in consultation with the clerk of the council.
4. A senate member shall be deemed to have forfeited his/her seat on receipt of a demand to that effect signed by at at-least sixty (60%) percent of members from his/her constituency provided such a demand shall contain cogent reason (s) for removal.
5. Any senator member affected by the provision in (1), (3) and (4) above shall hand over all account thereof to the clerk of the SC within seventy two (72) hours vacating his/her seats and shall forfeit all privileges due to him/her as a result of his/her membership of the council.
6. A member shall forfeit his/her membership of the SC upon a resolution passed on him/her by two-third (2/3) of members present at an ordinary sitting of the council.
7. Vacant seat(s) resulting from the above sections is to be filled by bye elections conducted by a bye-election committee as set up by the SC. Such replacement shall be communicated in writing to the clerk of the SC who shall consequently inform the council.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

#### **A. FORMATION AND COMPOSITION**

1. The judicial powers of the Union shall be vested in the judicial arm of the Union hereinafter referred to as the judicial council.
2. Shall comprise five (5) members from faculty of Law and four (4) other members of proven experience and integrity, all appointed by the SC, upon the nomination by any SC member from the faculty of the nominee.
3. The members from faculty of Law shall be one from 300level, two from 400level and two from 500level.
4. A member of the judicial council will not have contested for any political post before and will not contest for any after his/her tenure in office
5. The judicial council shall have three (3) principal officers, who shall be appointed/elected from the already nominated members in (2) above, namely:
  - A. The Chief Justice
  - B. The Registrar
  - C. The Bailiff
6. The election of the Registrar and Bailiff shall be conducted by the Deputy Senate president of the SC at the instance of their nomination provided the two-third (2/3) nominated members are present.
7. Without prejudice to (2) and (3) above, the C.G.P.A. of the justices and that of the Chief Justice shall be at-least 2.5 and 3.0 respectively.

8. The Judicial council shall be constituted and inaugurated at the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) sitting of the SC.

#### **B. COURT SESSION**

1. The Judicial council shall commence work within three (3) working days of the receipt of any matter referred to it.
2. Such matters in (1) above shall be disposed off within fifteen (15) days of the first hearing for ORIGINATING SUMMONS and within twenty(20) days for WRIT OF SUMMON with the decision thereof being well documented.
3. All court sessions of the council shall be within the university academic or administrative environment.
4. All court sessions shall hold everyday except Sunday and public holidays and shall come to and end by 10pm
5. Without prejudice to four(4) above court session shall not hold on SC sittings days.
5. Without prejudice to four(4) above, court session shall be extended by not more than 30mins when necessary by the Chief Justice.

#### **C. QUORUM FOR DECISION**

1. For the purpose of arriving at a decision, including rulings, judgments and orders, the quorum of the court shall be at least three (3) justices including the Chief Justice or the presiding justice assigned in that behalf.
2. Provided that the number of justices as envisaged in (1) above shall be in the arrangement of three (3), five (5) or seven (7) justices including the Chief Justice or the presiding justice assigned in that behalf.



3. The leading opinion in the decision shall be delivered and dissenting opinion shall be resolved by simple majority support.
4. Provided that where the decision has been made by the required number of justices, it may be read altogether by the Chief Justice or any justice assigned in that behalf, indicating the opinions of other justices as expressed in the decision.

#### **D. QUORUM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION**

1. In any council meeting where important administrative decision is to be taken, five (5) members shall form a quorum with the Chief Justice presiding, except if he/she otherwise assigns a member to do so.
2. All administrative activities of the council shall be in the administrative building of the Union.

#### **E. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

1. Shall decide all questions of interpretation of this constitution, any other enactment of the Students Union and/or constitutions and/or enactments of faculties, departments, clubs, associations and societies registered with the appropriate university authority.
2. Shall adjudicate on all matters referred to it by the President, the Senate president, the SC or any of its members, the CEC or any of its members, Halls of residence, faculties, departments, all duly registered clubs, societies and associations or any Union member.
3. Shall try cases including official corruption, defiance, election malpractice(s), violation of this constitution

and appeal against decision of SC, CEC or any Committee of the Union.

4. Shall have appellate jurisdiction in matters of appeals from judicial arms of faculties. Provided that the Judicial Council shall not be a Court of first instance in matters that are within the jurisdiction of a faculty court except if it is shown that such faculty court is unable to try the case.
5. Shall have powers to summon any member of the Union to appear before it either in chambers or open court and shall in that situation take appropriate sanctions and measures.
6. Shall, where necessary recommend to the appropriate University body, the discipline of any Union officer or Union member against whom an allegation has been proved.
7. Any matter referred to the Judicial Council must cease to be a subject of discussion by any person or body of persons in the Union until the final determination of the matter.
8. All external correspondences of the Judicial Council must be copied to the following:
  - a. The office of the Vice-chancellor.
  - b. The Directorate of information and protocol.
  - c. The University legal unit.
  - d. The Student Affairs Unit and all other appropriate bodies/units.

## **G. OFFICERS AND FUNCTIONS**

The following officers shall be elected by the Judicial Council at its point of nomination;

### **1. CHIEF JUSTICE**

- i. Shall be the administrative and judicial head, appointed from the Faculty of law.
- ii. Shall be the most senior law student among the returning members of the Students' Union Judiciary except if such individual is not interested or there is no returning member.
- iii. Provided that where two or more persons are of equal class and experience, they shall be eligible to contest for the post of the Chief Justice.
- iv. Shall co-ordinate the activities of the Chief Judges of faculties or any other judicial arm of an affiliated society, as an administrative forum in effective and efficient administration of justice.

### **2. THE REGISTRAR**

- i. Shall be the court clerk and in that capacity keep all court records.
- ii. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chief Justice.

### **3. THE BAILIFF**

- i. Shall call for court sessions and cause court summons or other court processes to be served on concerned parties
- ii. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chief Justice.

## **H. CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. The Judicial council shall regulate its own procedure but

must take evidence, give fair hearing to any student appearing before it and their decision must be supported by more than half of the justices sitting on a case.

2. In line with (1) above, the Chief Justice in consultation with the other members of the Judicial Council may review the Court Rules to ensure effective and efficient dispensation of justice.
3. No member of the Judicial Council shall take any office or appointment of the Union during the period for which he/she serves in the Judicial Council.
4. Members shall be required to be above board in all the conduct both within and outside the court sessions.
5. The council shall upon a vote of no confidence supported by two-third (2/3) majority of members, remove any principal officer based on cogent and genuine ground, and be replaced by another member. Provided that no such removal shall be allowed except after fair hearing has been given to the erring officer.
6. Allegation of removal of any erring member shall be forwarded to the SC through the clerk, which upon investigation shall be approved or disapproved on cogent and genuine ground. Provided that no such removal shall be allowed except after fair hearing has been given to the erring member.
7. Any vacant seat due to removal in line with (6) above shall be replaced by the SC upon nomination in a sitting and in line with the provision of this constitution.
8. A member of the Judicial Council who without

reasonable cause absents himself/herself from two (2) consecutive meetings and/or sittings of the Judicial Council shall be suspended for not more than two (2) weeks as a member or principal officer of the Council.

9. Parties involved in a case may represent themselves in person or seek the assistance of any Students Legal Practitioner who has been called to the Students' Union Judicial bar as an advocate.

#### **I. DISSOLUTIONS**

1. The judicial council shall be dissolved at the 2nd sitting of any other SC that shall be saddled with the function of constituting a new judicial council.
2. The judicial council shall be dissolved upon written complaint by member(s) of the union; such complaint shall be subjected to debate on the floor of the SC and the dissolution shall be recommended to the congress.

### **ARTICLE 16**

#### **A. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE UNION**

1. There shall be standing and Ad-Hoc committees of the Union.
2. All committees shall form a quorum when the two-third (2/3) members of the committee are present.
3. All congressmen nominated into any committee shall have their autobiography recited by the member of the SC making the nomination.
4. All committee remuneration shall be strictly by attendance.

5. The standing committees of the Union shall be:

- Committee of Faculty Presidents
- Committee of Faculty Legislators

#### **B. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF SENATE COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

1. All committees shall form a quorum when the two-third (2/3) members of the committee are present.
2. All standing committees of the SC must be constituted at most second (2<sup>nd</sup>) sitting of the SC.
3. All standing committees of the Union shall give updates on their activities at every SC sitting.
4. The Chairmen and Secretaries of all Standing Committees of the SC shall be elected by secret ballot conducted by the Deputy Senate president of the SC. unless otherwise stated in this constitution.
5. All standing committees of the SC shall copy the SC through the Clerk of the SC of both internal and external correspondences made on-behalf of the Union by the committee.
6. All constituted committees shall function at all times including during SC recesses.
7. All committees must have a well-documented archive of their activities during the parliamentary year to be submitted through the clerk at the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) to the last sitting of the SC.
8. Members of the SC shall not belong to, more than one standing committee and more than two ad-hoc committees.

9. All committee remuneration shall be strictly by attendance.
10. The standing committees of the SC shall be:
  - In-House Committee
  - Ethics and Disciplinary Committee
  - Budget Monitoring and Implementation committee
  - Welfare committee
  - Information And Enlightenment Committee

#### **COMMITTEE OF FACULTY PRESIDENTS**

1. Shall have the Student Union President as the chairman.
2. Shall have the Vice -president of the Union as a member, and shall deputize for the president in his/her absence.
3. Shall consist of all faculty associations' presidents.
4. Shall deal with matters relating to academics and the general welfare of the members of the Union.
5. Shall plan ways and means of procuring a good academic environment for the members.
6. Shall be the channel of distribution of souvenir to the entire members.
7. Shall advise the CEC and SC on academic matters.
8. Shall pass resolutions and forward such to the SC for further debate and/or approval.

#### **COMMITTEE OF FACULTY LEGISLATORS**

1. Shall have the Senate President of the Student Union Senate Council as the chairman.
2. Shall have Deputy Senate President as a member who

shall deputize for the Senate President in his/her absence.

3. Shall consist of the speakers of all faculty associations.
4. Shall help the senate house to ensure full enactment of resolutions made at sitting.
5. Shall pass resolutions and forward such to the SC for further debate and/or approval

#### **C. FUNCTIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES IN-HOUSE COMMITTEE**

1. Shall consist of minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) members of the SC.
2. Shall assist the Senate council principal officers in the drafting of the senate council budget.
3. Shall jointly with the Senate council principal officers plan for Senate Council sittings.
4. Shall perform any other responsibilities assigned to them by the senate president, in line with the provision of this constitution.
5. Shall be responsible for ensuring that the venue of the sittings are in a conducive state

#### **ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

1. Shall compose of not more than five members of the Senate Council.
2. Shall have the chief whip of the SC as the chairman.
3. Shall be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to the standing orders of the SC.
4. Shall take decisions on erring members of the SC.

## **BUDGET MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

1. The committee shall comprise of five members of the senate council.
2. The committee shall have a chairman who shall be a returning senator except where none is nominated into the committee.
3. The committee shall have a secretary.
4. The committee shall monitor the implementation of the budget as approved by the senate council.
5. The committee shall have the power to give guidelines as well as deadline for the budget implementation to all Union officers.
6. The committee shall have the power of inspection of all physical and material procurements of the Union as approved by the Senate Council; note that inspection of this procured items must be done before usage.
7. Shall have the power to summon any Union member as deemed necessary for the effective discharge of their work/duty.
8. Shall ensure that all unspent funds be returned back to the Union's treasury.
9. Shall have the power to verify prices of goods and or services rendered to the Union or from the Union to others.
10. Shall have the power to demand for evidences of transactions as contained in the approved budget; evidence means receipts, agreements, vouchers and so on.

11. Shall have the power to stop any member of the Union from further execution of project when he/she fails to abide by the guidelines given by this committee.
12. Shall report any Union officer to the Senate Council who fails to abide by the provisions of the constitution or any other act of the senate.
13. Members of this committee maybe members of other SC committees but shall not be members of Committees of the Union.
14. Shall perform any other function assigned by the senate president in line with the provisions of the constitution.

## **D. AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

1. An ad-hoc Committee may be set up by any arm of the Union with any specific matter relating to the Union functions and may, where necessary, be provided with operating funds and/or secretarial assistance as may be needed to fulfill the duties of such Committee.
2. The composition and approval of such ad-hoc committee shall be subject to SC.
3. The Committee shall stand dissolved immediately it completes its work.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ANTI-CORRUPT PRACTICES COMMISSION (ISAPC)**

There shall be an independent students anti corrupt practices commission for the union and this section also establishes and give power to the ISAPC act.

### **ARTICLE 18**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

There shall be an Electoral Commission to be known as INDEPENDENT STUDENT' ELECTORAL COMMISSION (I.S.E.C.)

There shall also be established for this commission her law which shall be known as the electoral act.

### **ARTICLE 19**

#### **DISSOLUTION OF THE STUDENT UNION CEC AND THE SC**

The Central Executive Council and the Senate Council shall stand dissolved on the day of inauguration of the newly elected members of Central Executive Council and Senate Council respectively.

### **ARTICLE 20**

#### **ALTERATION ACT**

- A. There shall be an act called Alteration ACT, which shall further give detailed guidelines for amendment of any clause of the compendium, and revision of the entire compendium.

### **ARTICLE 21**

#### **TRANSITION ACT**

- A. There shall be an act called Transition act, which shall provide transition mechanism from one administration to another.

### **ARTICLE 22**

#### **BABATUNDE LUKMAN FOUNDATION ACT**

- A. There shall be a Babatunde Lukman Foundation act which shall make provision on how the account will be funded, sourcing for funds and disbursement of funds.

### **ARTICLE 23**

#### **PROCUREMENT ACT**

- A. There shall be a Procurement ACT which shall state the guidelines for the procurement of goods and services carried out by all Union officials.

### **ARTICLE 24**

#### **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT**

This is an Act to establish a body to be known as the Student Union Bar Association, University of Ilorin Student Union, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria.

### **ARTICLE 24**

#### **UNION FINANCES**

The following are the Union finances:

##### **A. TREASURY**

1. The bankers of the Student Union shall be any commercial bank approved by the SC.
2. The expenditures of the Students Union shall be based on budgets approved by the SC for the parliamentary year except before the enactment of the budget, where such expenditure shall be with the approval of the principal officers of the SC.



3. There shall be a financial instruction which shall be reviewed from time to time by the SC.
4. All the financial transactions of the Student Union shall be in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

**B. SOURCE OF INCOME**

There shall be the following sources of income of the union:

1. Dues
2. Donations
3. Proceeds
4. Profits
5. Grants
6. Any other funds from lawful means.

**1. DUES**

- i. Membership dues shall be determined by the SC from time to time.
- ii. Other dues are determined by the SC and approved by the congress (the financial secretary shall be empowered to collect Union dues and the subscriptions).
- iii. The Faculty Associations shall charge not more than what the Union charges.
- iv. All other associations affiliated to the Union shall not charge more than 3/4 Of whatever the Union Charges.

**2. DONATIONS**

- i. All donations made to the Union.
- ii. All donations to the Union or the officials of the Union shall be regarded as Unions' property.

**3. PROCEEDS**

- i. Money obtained from transactions made on behalf of the Union: money derived from a sale or other commercial transaction.
- ii. Proceed from any undertakings that the Union may deem fit to embark upon from time to time.

**4. PROFIT**

- i. All profits acquired from activities organized as well as utilities provided by the Union.

**5. GRANTS**

- i. Grants made by the university or any other body to aid the Union activities.

**6. ANY OTHER FUND FROM LAWFUL MEANS**

- i. Any other funds acquired by the Union from any other lawful source.

**C. REVENUE ALLOCATION**

1. Twenty five percent(25%) of the total revenue shall be used for remunerations and allowances by the arms of the government.
2. Thirty five percent(35%) of the total revenue shall be used for capital project.
3. Thirty five percent(35%) of the total revenue shall be used for other expenses.
4. A part of (3) above shall be utilized by the I.S.A.P.C. and I.S.E.C.
5. Five percent (5%)of the total revenue shall be used as sinking fund.

**D. PROCEDURE FOR DISBURSEMENT OF UNION FUNDS**

1. All disbursement of the Union shall be in accordance with the annual budget as approved by the SC.
2. Copies of the approved budget shall be conspicuously displayed on all notice boards for a period of at least two (2) weeks from the approved date.
3. No amendment shall be made to approved Union budget in (1) above, by a person or body of persons whatsoever except as provided for in this constitution.

**E. PROCEDURE FOR WITHDRAWAL**

1. For all Union cheques and other promissory notes, the President and the financial secretary shall be signatories.
2. The provision in (1) above shall be upon an approval by the Principal Officers of the house and such approval must be presented to the SC.
3. A voucher must be signed by the Union officers in (1) and (2) above and documented by the financial secretary.
4. Such voucher in (3) above must be attached to the letter of disbursement which shall be forwarded to the student affairs.

**F. AUDITING**

1. The budget monitoring and implementation committee shall at every mid-semester audit all Union accounts.
2. The budget monitoring and implementation committee shall present the outcome of (1) above to the SC through

the clerk within forty eight (48) hours of the completion of the auditing.

**ARTICLE 21**

**UNIONS' PROPERTY**

1. Every member of the Union shall take care and give proper account of any Union property entrusted in his/her care.
2. Every officer of the Union shall take care and give proper account of any Union property entrusted in his/her care and handover same to his successor by means of a well prepared document designed for this purpose not later than twelve (12) hours after the swearing in of the new officers.
3. A successor of an office shall lodge immediate complain to the SC for any Union property on record but which cannot be traced. If such a successor, for any reason fails to lodge the necessary complaint, he shall be deemed to have unlawfully appropriated the property and thereby shall become liable and accountable.
4. No Union official or member shall convert any Union property into personal use.
5. The hiring party of Union properties shall be responsible for any damage done to the Union properties during use.



## **APPENDIX**

### **A. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

1. Any officer of the union shall on successful completion of tenure of office be awarded a certificate of merit duly signed by the Dean of Student Affairs, the president of the students' union and any other persons as deemed fit by the SC.

### **B. FORMS**

1. There shall be the following forms of the Union:
  - i. Withdrawal voucher
  - ii. Receipt
  - iii. Data form
  - iv. Rentage form
2. The withdrawal voucher shall be signed by the president, the senate president, the financial secretary of the union and the payee.
3. The financial secretary of the union shall sign on the receipt.
4. The form in (iii) above shall be signed by the President, the Senate President and the General Secretary of the Union.
5. The form in (iv) above shall be signed by the President and the Welfare Secretary of Union.
6. The listed forms in (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above shall be drawn by the General Secretary of the Union in respect to each office.
7. All forms of the Union must bear the Union stamp.

### **C. OATH**

#### **1. OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, ..... do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the STUDENT UNION UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the STUDENT UNION.  
So help me God.

#### **2. OATH OF OFFICE**

I, ..... do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the STUDENT UNION UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA; that as ..... , I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the STUDENT UNION and the law, and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the STUDENT UNION UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA; that I will strive to preserve the provision of the STUDENT UNION CONSTITUTION; 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 Student Union; that I will abide by the Code of Conduct of the UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA; that in all circumstances, I will do right to all

manner of people, according to law, without fear or favor, 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 ..... of the Student Union, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as .....; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the members of the union.

So help me God.

#### **D. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **REVISION**

1. The general review of this constitution shall not be done in less than four years to the year of the last review.
2. This constitution shall be subject to revision/amendment upon a resolution passed by not less than two third (2/3) majority of all members of the SC present at the SC sitting.
3. Upon the resolution in two (2) above, an ad-hoc constitutional review committee shall be constituted.
4. Such committee in three (3) above shall be chaired by the Deputy Senate president of the Union.
5. The committee in three (3) above shall prepare modalities and procedures for amendment to the SC for approval and make such after approval available on all notice boards within (3) working days.

6. The committee in three (3) above shall submit a reviewed drafted part of this constitution to the SC for further debate and passing into law.

##### **AMENDMENT**

1. A clause in the constitution shall be subject to amendment upon a resolution passed by not less than two third (2/3) majority of all members of the SC present at a sitting.

#### **E. SUSPENSION OF OFFICERS**

1. All Union officers may be suspended in line with the provision of this constitution.
2. All suspensions must be definite.
3. A suspended Union officer shall not be entitled to salaries/allowances during his/her period of suspension.
4. Any suspended Union officer shall not parade him/herself as an officer of the Union during his/her period of suspension, but as an ordinary member of the Union.

#### **F. STANDING ORDER OF SC**

1. There shall be an SC standing order which will be in accordance with this constitution.

##### **INTERPRETATION**

In this constitution;

“Arm of government” means Arms of the Union.

“Parliamentary Year” means the day of inauguration to the day of dissolution.

“University” means University of Ilorin.

“Union” means Student Union university of Ilorin.

“Member” means any matriculated under-graduate of University of Ilorin.

“Working Days” means all days of the week excluding weekends and public holiday(s).

“Archive” means collection of documents such as letters, official papers, photographs, or recorded materials kept for their historical interest.

“Nomination Form” means a form in connection with the election of contestant in the union elections.

“Autobiography” means an account of somebody’s life as a member of the union written by the person.

“Due” means a fee payable at once or at a stipulated time as demanded by the Union.

“Donation” means a gift or contribution especially a sum of money given to anybody or any arm in charity on behalf of the Union.

“Treasury” means The Banking account of the Union.

“Grant” means any sum of money given to any organization.

“Candidates” means Contesting Union members or Contestants.

“Misconduct” means any act of gross misconduct documented against any Union member by the University of Ilorin or any organ of the Union in a constitutional manner.

“Returning member” means an officer that has once served in the Senate Council

“Order of Hierarchy within the Committee of faculty Presidents”;

i. Student Union President.

ii. Faculty Presidents.

#### REVIEWED BY:

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Having scrutinized on the floor of the SC the above reformed constitution, I hereby have the privilege to forward it to you for onwards transmission and Presidential Assent.

**SEN. ADEMOLA ADEKUMBI**

*SENATE PRESIDENT SC.*

I hereby assent to this bill and it hereby becomes a law of the Student Union, University of Ilorin. This………day of JUNE, 2018.

**COM. ADEBISI RIDWAN ABIMBOLA**

STUDENTS UNION PRESIDENT

**THE INDEPENDENT STUDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
ACT (ELECTORAL ACT) OF THE STUDENT UNION  
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**ELECTORAL ACT, 2018**

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### **ELECTORAL ACT, 2018**

#### **AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ELECTORAL COMMISSION, REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS**

**[JUNE, 2018]**

ENACTED by the Senate Council, Student Union  
University of Ilorin

#### **PART I - ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTION INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

1. The Independent Students' Electoral Commission as established by Article 18 of the Student Union constitution shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

2. The Commission shall be established not later than six (6) weeks before second semester examination.
3. In addition to the functions conferred on it by S.U constitution, the Commission shall have power to:
  - (a) Conduct voters and civic education;
  - (b) Promote knowledge of sound democratic election processes; and
  - (c) Conduct any referendum required to be conducted pursuant to the provision of the S.U constitution or any other law or Act of the Senate Council.
4. The Commission shall present their proposed expenditure to the SC for onward ratification and approval.
5. The Commission may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the Fund established under Section 3 of this Act:
  - (a) To defray the cost of administration of the Commission;
  - (b) For reimbursing members or members of any Committee set up by the Commission for such expenses as may be expressly authorized by the Commission in accordance with the rates approved by the SC;
  - (c) to the payment of the salaries, fees or others remuneration or allowances
  - (d) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Commission; and

- (e) for and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Act.
- 6. (i) The Commission may appoint one or more committees to carry out any of its functions under this Act.
- (ii) A Committee, appointed under subsection (1) shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Commission.

**PART II - QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENTS OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION**

- 7. (i) Any member of the students union who intends to be a member of the commission must;
  - (a) Be a person of credible character.
  - (b) Have never been found guilty of any disciplinary act by the school.
  - (c) Have never been found guilty of any disciplinary act by a court of competent jurisdiction within and outside the school.
  - (d) Not have any reason for his character to be questioned by any person.
  - (e) Have never contested any election into any position in the Union.
  - (ii) Anyone who violates the above provisions shall not be eligible to be a member of the commission.
- 8. (I) The nominations of members to the commission shall be received at least 14 (fourteen) days before the SC. Sitting where appointment would be

- made, any faculty which violates this procedure without a cogent reason shall not be entitled to make nomination thereafter
- (ii) Such nominations in sub-section (i) above shall be made public and petitions shall be received from them thereafter;
- (iii) All petitions against the candidature of an intending member shall be treated on the floor of the house
- (iv) All petitions against any proposed members shall be addressed and submitted to the judicial council, and the judicial council shall in-turn present the petitions to the SC. on the floor of the house for deliberations.
- 9. (i) The presiding officer at the sitting shall read out the list of nominees as received from their respective faculties.
- (ii) The composition of the commission;
  - (a) Shall consist of two union members representing each faculty to be nominated solely by the simple majority ( 2 / 3 ) of the SC. Members representing each faculty and two (2) officers from the Student affair unit with no voting right in the committee.
  - (b) the members shall be any matriculated students who have spent at least two (2) academic sessions.
- 10. (i) There shall be room for an independent electoral observer.



- (ii) Eligibility and procedure of such person in (i) shall be determined by the commission.

### **PART III - STAFF OF THE COMMISSION**

11. (i) There shall be a Chairman of the Commission who shall:
  - (a) be elected by the members of the Commission
  - (b) Have such qualifications and experience to be determined by the Commission as are appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of his office under this Act.
  - (d) Responsible for the direction and control of all other employees of the Commission with the approval of the Commission. and perform other functions as may be deemed fit by the commission
12. (ii) There shall be a Secretary to the Commission who shall:
  - (a) be elected by the members of the Commission;
  - (b) Have such qualifications and experience to be determined by the members of the Commission as are appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of his office under this Act.
    - (ii) Subject to the general direction of the Commission, the Secretary shall be:
      - (a) Responsible for keeping of proper records of the proceedings of Commission;
      - (b) The head of the Commission' s secretariat and be responsible for the administration thereof; and

- (c) And perform other functions as may be deemed fit by the commission

13. (i) there shall be a Public Relations Officer to the Commission who shall:
  - (a) be elected by the members of the Commission;
  - (b) Have such qualifications and experience to be determined by the Commission as are appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of his office under this Act.
  - (c) Perform the duties of disseminating information to all members of the union
  - (d) And perform other functions as may be deemed fit by the commission

### **PART IV - STUDENTS' REGISTER OF VOTERS AND ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS**

14. (i) The Commission shall compile, maintain, and update on a continuous basis, a Students' Register of Voters, in this Act referred to as the "Register of Voters" which shall include the names of all persons entitled to vote in any Student union elections.
  - (ii) The Commission shall maintain as part of the Students' Register of Voters, a register of voters for each faculty in the school.
  - (iii) The Register shall contain in respect of every person the particulars required in the Form prescribed by the Commission.



15. (i) A person shall be qualified to vote if such person:
- (a) Is a duly matriculated student of University Of Ilorin.
  - (b) Presents an identity card recognized by the school.
  - (c) Register in line with the manner prescribed by the Commission as they may deem fit from time to time.
  - (d) Such registration in (c) above shall be valid for the year election
16. For the purpose of the Student Union Election the Commission shall treat the school identity cards as voter's cards
17. In case of missing or damaged voter's card, a voter in order to be eligible to vote shall;
- (a) Produce an evidence of such, and
  - (b) Provide any other form of identification with the holder's matriculation number.

#### **PART V - PRE- ELECTION CONDUCT**

18. There shall be press night for all aspirants, where all aspirants shall answer questions from journalists present and such shall;
- (a) Be publicized to all the student of the school
  - (b) The best venue for the program shall be determined by the commission. Such press night in subsection (a) will be organized by the commission but executed by the Union Of Campus Journalists.
19. There shall be a manifesto night organized by the commission and such shall;

- (a) Be publicized to all the student of the school
  - (b) The best venue for the program shall be determined by the commission
20. There shall also be presidential debate for the presidential aspirants which shall be organized by the commission and such shall;
- (a) Be publicized to all the student of the school
  - (b) The best venue for the program shall be determined by the commission
  - (c) Be jointly executed with another association if the commission deems that necessary
21. Campaigns shall be conducted in good faith without the violation of the code of conduct of the school, any candidate who violates the code and conduct of the school shall be disqualified
22. (1) Without prejudice to any other provision of this act the following are approved means of campaign;
- (a) Posters
    - (i) Glossy paper posters are not allowed
    - (ii) Posters with complete color separation are not allowed
  - (b) Handbills
    - (i) Glossy paper hand bills are not allowed
    - (ii) Handbills with complete color separation are not allowed
  - (c) Banners
    - (i) Digitally produced banners with complete color separation and glossy finish are not allowed

- (d) Jingles
- (e) Team campaigns
- (f) Hostel campaigns
- (g) and others that may be deemed necessary by the commission
- (2) All the categories mentioned in sub section (1) of this section shall be carried out in designated areas in the school approved by the commission
- (3) Any candidates who violate the provision of sub section (2) shall be liable for disqualification.

#### **PART VI - QUALIFICATION AND DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES**

23. A person shall be eligible to contest for the office of the President of the student' s union if;
- (a) He is a duly matriculated student of the school
  - (b) He must have spent at least 2(two) complete academic session
  - (c) He must have a minimum C.G.P.A of 3.5 or progressive assessment 52.5points for a Clinical MB;BS Student.
24. (i) a person shall be eligible to contest for the office of the Vice-President (permanent site) of the Student Union if;
- (a) She is a duly matriculated student of the school
  - (b) She has spent at least 2 (two) complete academic session
  - (c) She has a minimum academic qualification of 3.0 C.G.P.A or progressive assessment of 50 point

- (ii) The vice president established in sub section (i) of this section shall be a student at the permanent campus
25. (i) a person shall be eligible to contest for the office of the Vice-President (college of health sciences) of the Student Union if;
- (a) She is a duly matriculated student of the school
  - (b) She has spent at least 2(two) complete academic session
  - (c) She has a minimum academic qualification of 3.0 C.G.P.A or progressive assessment of 50 point
  - (ii) The Vice President established in sub section (i) of this section shall be a student at the college of health sciences
26. A person shall be eligible to contest for the office of the General Secretary and Financial Secretary of the Student Union if;
- (a) he/she is a duly matriculated student of the school
  - (b) he/she must have spent at least three(3) complete academic semester
  - (c) he/she must have a minimum C.G.P.A of 3.0 or a progressive assessment of 50 points
27. A person shall be eligible to contest for all other offices of the CEC not mentioned in sections 24,25,26 and 27 if;
- (a) he/she is a duly matriculated student of the school
  - (b) he/she must have spent at least 3 (Three) complete academic semester

- (c) he/she must have a minimum C.G.P.A of 3.0 or a progressive assessment of 50 points
28. A person shall be eligible to contest to be a member of the Senate Council as a Senator of the Student Union if
- (a) he/she is a duly matriculated student of the school
  - (b) he/she must have spent at least 3(three) complete academic semesters
  - (c) he/she must have a minimum C.G.P.A of 3.0 or a progressive assessment of 50 points
29. A person shall not be eligible to contest any election whatsoever if;
- (a) he/she violates the express provisions contained in all qualification sections of the constitution
  - (b) he/she have been found guilty of any act of misconduct, by any court of competent jurisdiction within and outside the university
  - (c) he/she have been found guilty of any act of misconduct by the school authority
  - (d) he/she have been a member of the independent electoral commission at any point in time
  - (e) he/she have been a member of the independent corrupt practices commission at any point in time
  - (f) he/she did not pass the security screening as may be determined by the necessary agencies
  - (g) he/she have been a member of the Judicial Council
  - (h) Candidates disqualified on the provisions listed (a-g) above cannot contest his/her disqualification in any court and the reason for such disqualification should be clearly stated.

- (i) The screening result above shall be made public twenty four (24) hours before elections.

## **PART VII - PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**

Elections shall be conducted not later than three (3) weeks before second semester examinations.

The provision in this part shall not be applicable if the election voting system is an advance E-Voting system

30. (a) Elections into the offices at the Central Executive Council, and to the Membership of the Senate House, shall be held on the dates to be appointed by the Independent students' Electoral Commission.
- (b) Such dates in (a) above shall be made public to the entire members of the Union
31. (i) Where a date has been appointed for the holding of an election, and there is reason to believe that a serious breach of the peace is likely to occur if the election is proceeded with on that date or it is impossible to conduct the elections as a result of natural disasters or other emergencies, the Commission may postpone the election and shall in respect of the area, or areas concerned, appoint another date for the holding of the postponed election.
- (ii) Where an election is postponed under this Act on or after the last date for the delivery of nomination paper, and a poll has to be taken between the candidates then nominated, the Electoral Officer shall, on a new date being appointed for the

election, proceed as if the date appointed were the date for the taking of the poll between the candidates.

- (iii) Where the Commission appoints a substituted date in accordance with Subsections (i) and (ii) of this Section, there shall be no return for the election until polling has taken place in the area or areas affected.
  - (iv) Notwithstanding the provision of Subsection (iii) of this Section, the Commission may, if satisfied that the result of the election will not be affected by voting in the area or areas in respect of which substituted dates have been appointed, direct that a return of the election be made.
  - (v) The decision of the Commission under Subsection (iv) may be challenged by any of the contestants at a Court of Law or Tribunal of competent jurisdiction and on such challenge, the decision shall be suspended until the matter is determined.
32. (i) The Electoral Officer in each polling unit shall act as Returning Officer for election to the office mentioned in section 25(a) above.
- (ii) Results of all the elections shall be announced by:
- (a) The Presiding Officer at the Polling Station;
  - (b) The Chief Electoral Commissioner who is also the I.S.E.C chairman shall be the final announcer of the polls at a designated area.

- 33. (i) All staff appointed by the Commission taking part in the conduct of an election shall affirm or swear before the students, union Court an Oath of neutrality and diligent service as in the S.U Constitution.
  - (ii) All Electoral Officers, Presiding Officers, Returning Officers and all staff appointed by the Commission taking part in the conduct of an election shall affirm or swear an oath of loyalty and neutrality indicating that they would not accept bribe or gratification from any person, and shall perform their functions and duties impartially and in the interests of the Student Union without fear or favor.
34. (i) The Commission shall for the purpose of an election under this Act appoint and designate such officers as may be required provided that no person who is a member of a political institution or who has openly expressed support for any candidate shall be so appointed.
- (ii) The Officers appointed under Subsection (i) of this Section shall exercise such functions and duties as may be specified by the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority other than the Commission in the performance of their functions and duties.
35. (i) The Commission shall not later than 20 days before the day appointed for holding of an election under

this Act publish a notice in each Faculty of the school:

- (a) Stating the date of the election; and
  - (b) Appointing the place at which nomination papers are to be delivered.
  - (ii) The notice shall be published in each faculty in respect of which an election is to be held.
  - (iii) In the case of a bye-election, the Commission shall, not later than 10 days before the date appointed for the election, public a notice stating the date of the election.
36. (i) Every candidate shall not later than 5 days before the date appointed for a general election under the provisions of this Act, submit to the Commission, the purchased forms of candidature.
- (ii) The Commission shall, within 2 days of the receipt of the personal particulars of the candidate, publish same in the faculty where the candidate intends to contest the election.

The Commission shall, at least 2 days before the day of the election publish by displaying or causing to be displayed at the place or places appointed for the delivery of nomination paper and such other places as it deems fit, the faculty and the full names of all candidates standing nominated.

37. (i) A candidate may withdraw his candidature by notice in writing signed by him and delivered by himself to the Commission and which shall only be allowed not later than 3 days to the election.

- (ii) Where the Commission is satisfied that a candidate has withdrawn as provided in subsection (i), he/she stands excluded from the elections

38. Where at the close of nomination there is no candidate validly nominated, the Commission shall extend the time for nomination and fix a new date for the election.

39. Subject to any other provisions of this Act, if after the latest time for the delivery of nomination papers and the withdrawal of candidates for an election under this Act, more than one person remains validly nominated, a poll shall be taken.

40. (i) the commission shall through its officer in each polling unit paste the result of the polls in a very conspicuous area of the station

(ii) such result in (a) above shall be duly signed or counter signed by an agent at each polling station before it is pasted

(iii) a copy of the result shall be given to each agent and it must be duly signed by the presiding electoral officer at each polling unit

41. (i) If after the expiration of time for delivery of nomination papers and withdrawal of candidates and the extension of time as provided for in this Act there is only one person whose name is validly nominated in respect of an election, other than to the office of the President or Vice president, that person shall need two-third of the total vote casted in order to be elected.

- (ii) Where a person is declared elected under the provision of subsection (i) of this Section, a declaration of Result Form as may be prescribed shall be completed and copy thereof issued to the person by the Returning Officer while the original of the form shall be returned to the Commission as in the case of a contested election.
42. The Commission shall establish sufficient number of Polling Stations in each faculty and shall allot voters in such Polling Station.
43. (i) The forms to be used for the conduct of elections to the offices mentioned in this Act shall be determined by the Commission.
- (ii) in the case of a paper voting system The Commission shall provide suitable boxes for the conduct of elections.
- (iii) The Polling Agents shall be present at the distribution of the election materials from the office to the polling booth.
44. (i) in the case of a paper voting system the Commission shall prescribe the format of the ballot papers which shall include the symbol adopted or the Picture of the candidate and such other information as it may require.
- (ii) The ballot papers shall be bound in booklets and numbered serially with differentiating colors for each office being contested.
- (iii) the same in sub section (i) is applicable to an e-voting system

45. (i) Each candidate may by notice in writing addressed to the chief Electoral Officer of the commission appoint a person (in this Act referred to as a "Polling Agent") to attend at each polling unit for which it has candidate and the notice shall set out the name and address of the polling agent and be given to the Electoral Officer at the polling unit at least 3 (three) days before the date fixed for the elections.

PROVIDED that no person presently serving as member of the SC, I.S.A.PC, OR THE C.E.C and who has not resigned his appointment at least twenty one (21) days before the election shall serve as a polling agent of any candidate, either at the polling station or at any centre designated for collation of results of an election.

- (ii) Notwithstanding the requirement of subsection (i) of this Section, a candidate shall not be precluded from doing any act or thing which he has appointed a polling agent to do on his behalf under this Act.
- (iii) Where in this Act, an act or thing is required or authorized to be done by or in the presence of a Polling Agent, the non-attendance of the Polling Agent at the time and place appointed for the act or thing or refusal by the Polling Agent to do the act or thing shall not, if the act or thing is otherwise done properly, invalidate the act or thing.
46. The Commission shall, not later than 14 days before the day of the election, cause to be published, in



such manner as it may deem fit, a notice specifying the following matters

- (a) the day and hours fixed for the poll
  - (b) by way of indication, the persons entitled to vote; and
  - (c) the location of the polling stations.
47. Voting in any particular election under this Act shall take place on the same day and time throughout the school.
48. (i) At the hour fixed for opening of the poll, before the commencement of voting, the Presiding Officer shall open the empty ballot box and show same to such persons as may lawfully be present at the Polling Station and shall then close and seal the box in such manner as to prevent its being opened by unauthorized person under a paper voting system an if it is in an e-voting system the software and computers should be verified and approved by all the agents present
- (ii) The ballot box shall then be placed in full view of all present, and be so maintained until the close of poll.
- (iii) The laptops should be placed in a room, for everyone to see
49. (i) Every person intending to vote shall present himself to a Presiding Officer at the polling unit in the faculty in which his name is registered with his voter's card.
- (ii) The Presiding Officer shall, on being satisfied that the name of the person is on the Register of Voters, issue him a ballot paper or allow him to proceed to

the computer and indicate on the Register that the person has voted.

50. A candidate or a polling agent may challenge the right of a person to receive a ballot paper on such grounds and in accordance with such procedures as are provided for in this Act.
51. The Presiding Officer shall separate the queue between men and women.
52. The commission may decide which approach to use in the conduct of an election, whether e-voting and/or paper voting system
- (i) Voting at an election under this Act shall be by open secret ballot.
- (ii) The use of Electronic Voting Machine for the time being is also allowed.
- (iii) A voter on receiving a ballot paper shall mark it in the manner prescribed by the Commission.
- (iv) All ballots at an election under this Act at any Polling Station shall be deposited in the ballot box in open view of the public.
53. (i) No voter shall vote for more than one candidate or record more than one vote in favor of any candidate at any one election.
- (ii) Where the votes cast at an election in any faculty or polling station exceeds the number of registered voters in that faculty or polling station, the election for that faculty or polling station shall be declared null and void by the Commission and another election shall be conducted at a date to be fixed by

the Commission.

(iii) Where an election is nullified in accordance with subsection (ii) of this Section, there shall be no return for the election until another poll has taken place in the affected area.

(iv) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (ii) and (iii) of this Section the Commission may, if satisfied that the result of the election will not substantially be affected by voting in the area where the election is cancelled, direct that a return of the election be made.

54. (i) Where a voter makes any writing or mark on a ballot paper by which he may be identified, such ballot paper shall be rejected provided that any print resulting from the staining of the thumb of the voter in the voting compartment shall not be or be deemed to be a mark of identification under this Section.

(ii) The Commission shall use indelible ink for any thumb mark by voters on ballot papers.

55. A voter who by accident deals with his ballot paper in such a manner that it may not be conveniently used for voting, may deliver it to the Presiding Officer and if the Presiding Officer is satisfied that the ballot paper is spoilt, he shall issue another ballot paper to the voter in place of the ballot paper delivered up, and the spoilt ballot paper shall be immediately marked cancelled by the Presiding Officer, e-voting is also inclusive.

56. (i) A voter who is blind or is otherwise unable to distinguish symbols or who suffers any other physical disability may be accompanied into the polling station by a person chosen by him and the person shall, after informing the Presiding Officer of the disability, be permitted to accompany the voter into the voting compartment and assist the voter to make his mark in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Commission, either on the e-voting and/or paper voting system.

(ii) The Commission may take reasonable steps to ensure that voters with disabilities are assisted at the polling place by the provision of suitable means of communication, such as Braille, large embossed print or electronic devices or sign language interpretation, or off-site voting in appropriate cases.

57. No voter shall record his vote otherwise than by personally attending at the Polling Station and recording his vote in the manner prescribed by the Commission.

58. No person shall be permitted to vote at any polling station or unit other than the other to which he is allotted.

59. (i) The Presiding Officer shall regulate the admission of voters to the polling station and shall exclude all persons other than the candidates, polling agents, poll clerks and persons lawfully entitled to be admitted including accredited observers, and



the Presiding Officer shall keep order and comply with the requirements of this Act at the polling station.

- (ii) The Presiding Officer may order a person to be removed from a polling station or unit, who behaves in a disorderly manner or fails to obey a lawful order.
  - (iii) A person removed from a polling station or unit under this Section shall not, without the permission of the Presiding Officer, again enter the polling station or unit during the day of the election, and if charged with the commission of an offence in that polling station or unit, the person shall be deemed to be a person taken into custody by a security officer for an offence in respect of which he may be arrested without a warrant.
  - (iv) The provisions of subsection (iii) of this Section shall not be enforced so as to prevent a voter who is otherwise entitled to vote at a polling station or unit from having an opportunity of so voting.
  - (v) In the absence of the presiding officer, the Poll Clerk shall enjoy and exercise all the powers of the Presiding Officer in respect of a Polling Station or Unit.
60. (i) At the prescribed hour for the close of poll, the presiding Officer shall declare the poll closed and no more person(s) shall be admitted into the Polling Station and only those already inside the Polling station shall be allowed to vote.

- (ii) After the declaration of the close of polls, no voter already inside the polling station shall be permitted to remain in the polling station unless otherwise authorized under this Act.

61. (i) The Presiding Officer shall, after counting the votes at the polling station or unit, enter the votes scored by each candidate in a form to be prescribed by the Commission as the case may be.
- (ii) The Form shall be signed and stamped by the Presiding Officer and counter signed by the candidates or their polling agents where available at the Polling Station.
  - (iii) The Presiding Officer shall give to the Polling Agents and the security operative officer where available a copy each of the completed Forms after it has been duly signed as provided in subsection (2) of this Section.
  - (iv) The Presiding Officer shall count and announce the result at the Polling Station.
62. A candidate or a Polling Agent may, where present at a Polling Station when counting of votes is completed by the Presiding Officer, demand to have the votes recounted, provided that the presiding Officer shall cause the votes to be so recounted only once, or the system should be restarted to confirm the results, this shall also be done once. Once in this contest means by a single agent, this does not include other agents. Thus if several agents request for this, they shall be attended severally.

64. After the recording of the result of the election, the Presiding Officer shall announce the result and deliver same and election materials under security to such persons as may be prescribed by the Commission.

#### **PART VIII - DETERMINATION OF ELECTION PETITIONS ARISING FROM ELECTIONS**

65. (i) No election and return at an election under this Act shall be question in any manner other than by a petition complaining of an undue election or undue return (in this Act referred to as an “election petition”) presented to the competent tribunal or court in accordance with the provisions of the S.U Constitution or of this Act, and in which the person elected or returned is joined as a Party.
- (ii) In this Section “tribunal or court” means:
- (a) in the case of central executive council election, the student union court; and
- (b) in the case of any other elections under this Act, the Election Tribunal established under the Constitution or by this Act.
- (iii) The Election Tribunals provided for under the Constitution and this Act shall be constituted not later than 14 days before the election.
66. An election petition under this Act shall be presented within three (3) days from the date the result of the election is declared.

67. (i) There shall be established for the students union one or more election Tribunals (in this Act referred to as the Area council Election Tribunal) which all, to the exclusion of any other court or tribunal, have original jurisdiction to hear and determine any question as to whether
- (a) Any person has been validly elected into the SC
- (b) Appeals from this tribunal shall go to the students’ union court
- (ii) An Area council Election Tribunal shall consist of a chairman and two members.
- (iii) The Chairman shall be a judge of the students’ union court and two other members shall be appointed from among judges of faculties
- (iv) The tribunal shall be set up by the judicial council.
- (v) The decision of the Area Council Election Tribunal in respect of SC elections shall be valid but can be appealed at the S.U court.
- (vi) The quorum of an Area Council Election Tribunal shall be the Chairman and the two members.
- (vii) The tribunal must give its final judgment not later than seven (7) days from receipt of petition
68. (i) An election petition may be presented by one or more of the following
- (a) A candidate in an election;
- (ii) The person whose election is complained of, is in this Act, referred to as the Respondent, but if the petitioner complains of the conduct of an Electoral Officer, a Presiding, a Returning Officer or

any other person who took part in the conduct of an election, such officer or person shall for the purpose of this Act be deemed to be a Respondent and shall be joined in the election petition in his or her official status as a necessary party PROVIDED that where such officer or person is shown to have acted as an agent of the Commission, his non-joinder as aforesaid will not on its own operate to void the petition if the Commission is made a party.

69. (i) An election may be questioned on any of the following grounds,
- (a) That a person whose election is questioned was, at the time of the election, not qualified to contest the election;
  - (b) That the election was invalid by reason of corrupt practices or non-compliance with the provisions of this Act;
  - (c) That the respondent was not duly elected by majority of lawful votes cast at the election; or
  - (d) That the petitioner or its candidate was validly nominated but was unlawfully excluded from the election.
- (ii) An act or omission which may be contrary to an instruction or directive of the Commission or of an officer appointed for the purpose of the election but which is not contrary to the provisions of this Act shall not of itself be a ground for questioning the election.

70. (i) An election shall not be liable to be invalidated by reason of non-compliance with the provisions of this Act if it appears to the Election Tribunal or Court that the election was conducted substantially in accordance with the principles of this Act and that the non-compliance did not affect substantially the result of the election.
71. (i) Subject to subsection (ii) of this Section, if the Tribunal or the Court as the case may be, determines that a candidate who was returned as elected was not validly elected on any ground, the Tribunal or the Court shall nullify the election.
- (ii) If the Tribunal or the Court determines that a candidate who was returned as elected was not validly elected on the ground that he did not score the majority of valid votes cast at the election, the Election Tribunal or the Court, as the case may be, shall declare as elected the candidate who scored the highest number of valid votes cast at the election and satisfied the requirements of the Constitution and this Act.
72. An election petition and an appeal arising therefrom under this Act shall be given accelerated hearing and shall have precedence over all other cases or matters before the Tribunal or Court.
73. (i) If the Election Tribunal, as the case may be, determines that a candidate returned as elected was not validly elected, then if notice of

appeal against that decision is given within 2 days from the date of the decision, the candidate returned as elected shall, notwithstanding the contrary decision of the Election Tribunal or the Court, remain in office pending the determination of the appeal.

- (ii) If the Election Tribunal or the Court, as the case may be, determines that a candidate returned as elected was not validly elected, the candidate returned as elected shall, notwithstanding the contrary decision of the Election Tribunal or the Court, remain in office pending the expiration of the period of 7 days within which an appeal may be brought.

74. (i) Where the Commission, an Electoral Officer, Returning Officer to any other official of the Commission has been joined as a respondent in an election petition, a legal officer of the Commission or a legal practitioner engaged by the Commission shall represent the Commission, Electoral Officer, Presiding Officer, Returning Officer or other official of the Commission at the Tribunal or Court.

- (ii) The Attorney-General of the student union (acting in person or through any of his legal officers) may represent the Commission and the Officers referred to in subsection (i) of this Section with the written consent or authority of the Commission.

- (iii) A private legal practitioner or legal officer engaged by the Commission pursuant to subsections (i) and (ii) of this Section shall be entitled to be paid such professional fees or honorarium, as the case may be, to be determined by the Commission.

#### **PART IX - MISCELLANEOUS**

75. In the event of a vacant seat after the general elections, a bye election shall be conducted for the affected office not later one week before examinations.

76. No person holding an elective office to which this Act relates shall be eligible for or be appointed to carry out the duties of a returning officer, an electoral officer, presiding officer or a poll clerk: and any officer appointed to carry out any of those duties shall be ineligible for nomination as a candidate for election while he continues to hold any such appointment.

77. (i) The Commission may prescribe:

- (a) A scale of remuneration for officers appointed under this Act for the conduct of elections;
- (b) A scale of maximum charges in respect of other expenses incurred by an Electoral Officer, a Presiding Officer or a Returning Officer in connection with an election, and may revise the scale as it thinks fit or expedient

(ii) An Electoral Officer, Presiding Officer, or Returning Officer shall, in addition to any remuneration prescribed under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this Section be entitled to such sums in respect of expenses

not exceeding the prescribed scale, in connection with the conduct of an election as are reasonable.

(iii) The Commission may pay such honorarium as it may determine to all other persons and officers who may be involved in one way or the other in conducting an election under this Act, or in carrying out any task in connection with an election or election petition arising there from.

78. No person who has voted in any election under this Act shall, in any legal proceedings arising out of the election, be required to say for whom he voted.

79. The Commission shall consider any recommendation made to it by tribunal with respect to the prosecution by it of any person for an offence disclosed in any election petition.

80. (i) An offence committed under this Act shall be triable in the SU Court.

(ii) A prosecution under this Act shall be undertaken by legal officers of the Commission or any legal practitioner appointed by it.

81. (i) An order for an inspection of a polling document or an inspection of e-document or any other packed in the custody of the Chief Electoral Commission or any other officer of the Commission may be made by the Election Tribunal or the Court if it is satisfied that the order required is for the purpose of instituting or maintaining election petition.

(ii) A document other than a document referred to in

subsection (i) of this Section relating to an election and which is retained by the Chief Electoral Commissioner or any other officer of the Commission in accordance with this Section shall be open for inspection on an order made by the Election Tribunal or a Court in exercise of its powers to compel the production of documents in legal proceedings, but shall not otherwise be open for inspection.

82. The Commission may, subject to the provisions of this Act, issue regulations, guidelines, or manuals for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act and for its administration thereof.

83. The offices contestable at the student union as established by Article 7 and 11 of the S.U Constitution includes;

#### **Central Executive Council**

- (A) President
- (B) Vice-President (permanent site)
- (C) Vice-President (college of health sciences)
- (D) General Secretary
- (E) Assistant General Secretary
- (F) Financial secretary
- (G) Welfare Secretary (permanent site)
- (H) Welfare Secretary (college of health sciences)
- (I) Public Relations Officer
- (J) Sports Secretary
- (K) Social Secretary

### Senate Council

- (A) Faculties' representatives (3 from each of the faculties with at least a female and at least a male).
- (B) A representative of each hall of residence.
84. The Commission shall have power to conduct civic education and enlightenment in the print and electronic media to enhance its functions.
85. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, any defect or error arising from any actions taken by an official of the Commission in relation to any notice, form or document made or given or other thing whatsoever done by him in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution or of this Act, or any rules made there under remain valid, unless otherwise challenged and declared invalid by a competent Court of Law or Tribunal.
- (b) This Electoral Act Shall be subjected to yearly review as may be determined by the electoral body or commission and approved by the Senate Council.
86. All forms of campaign shall stop 24 hours to an election and anyone caught campaigning after this period shall be disqualified.
87. Interpretation to words in this Act;
- “Advance E-Voting” means voting through the University portal
- “Appointment” includes appointment to an office, confirmation of appointment, promotion or transfer;

“Area Council” means faculty

“Association” means a body of persons (corporate or otherwise) who agree to act together for any common purpose and includes an association formed for any ethnic, social, cultural, occupational or religious purpose duly registered by the students affairs unit and affiliated with the students union;

“Attorney-General of the students' union” means the Chief Law Officer of the students union;

“Authority” includes government or government agency and corporate bodies or the University of Ilorin or the students union;

“Chief Electoral Commissioner” means the Chairman of Independent Students' Electoral Commission;

“Commission” means the Independent Students' Electoral Commission established by the Constitution;

“Constitution” means the students' union Constitution

“Decision,” means in relation to court or tribunal, any determination of that court or tribunal and includes a judgment, order or recommendation;

“Election” means any election held under this Act and includes a referendum;

“Electoral Officer” means a staff of the Commission who is the head of the Commission's polling unit.

“Student union” means the entire students of the university;

“Function” includes power and duty;

“General Election” means an election held in the Students' union at large which may be at all levels, and at



regular intervals to select officers to serve after the expiration of the full terms of their predecessors.

“House” or “Legislative House” means the Senate Council which hosts the senators

“Legal Incapacity” means a person disqualified under the Constitution or the present Act or any other Law, Rules and Regulation from registering as a voter or from contesting elections;

“Office” or “Public Office” means any of the offices the occupation to which is by election or appointment under this Act;

“Petition” means an election petition under this Act;

“Polling Station” means the place, enclosure, booth, shade or class room at which voting takes place under this Act and includes polling unit;

“Power” includes function and duty;

“President” means the President of the students, union;

“Return” means the declaration by a Returning Officer of a candidate in an election under this Act as being the winner of that election;

“Agency” includes SSS, UISAPC, NPF, School security etc.

Having scrutinized on the floor of the SC the above law, I hereby have the privilege to forward it to you for onwards transmission and Presidential Assent.

**SEN. ADEMOLA ADEKUMBI**

*SENATE PRESIDENT SC.*

I hereby assent to this bill and it hereby becomes a law of the Student Union, University of Ilorin. This ..... day of JUNE, 2018.

**COM. ADEBISI RIDWAN ABIMBOLA**

*STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT*

**INDEPENDENT STUDENT ANTI-CORRUPT PRACTICES  
COMMISSION ACT (ISAPC ACT) OF THE STUDENT UNION  
UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN. NIGERIA.**

**[JUNE 2018]**



**UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN STUDENTS' UNION  
CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES  
ACT**

**AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PRESCRIBE  
PUNISHMENT FOR CORRUPT PRACTICES AND  
OTHER RELATED OFFENCES AND TO ESTABLISH  
THE INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ANTI-CORRUPT  
PRACTICES COMMISSION (ISAPC).**

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## 1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the University of Ilorin Student Union Anti-Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act

## 2. Interpretation Section

In this Act-

"Associate", in relation to a person includes any person, who is an employee, agent, nominee or representative, trustee, business enterprise etc. known to act subject to the directives or influence of such person;

"Business" means any activity carried on for the purpose of gain or profit and includes all property derived from or used in or for the purpose of carrying on such activity, and all the rights and liabilities arising from such activity;

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Unilorin Independent Students' Anti-Corrupt Practices Commission appointed under section 3(3) of this Act;

"Commission" means the Unilorin Independent Students' Anti-Corrupt Practices Commission established under section 3 of this Act;

"Commissioner" means any member of the Unilorin Independent Students' Anti-Corrupt Practices Commission as provided under section 3(5) of this Act;

"Constitution" means University of Ilorin Students' Union Constitution;

"Corruption" includes bribery, fraud and other related offences;

"Dealing" includes-

- a) any purchase, sale, loan, charge, mortgage, lien, pledge, caveat, transfer, delivery, assignment,

subrogation, transmission, gift, donation, trust, settlement, deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, or extension of credit;

- b) any agency or grant of power of attorney; and
- c) any act which results in any right, interest, title or privilege, whether present or future or whether vested or contingent, in the whole or in part any property being conferred on any person;

**"False Pretence"** means any representation made by words, writing, or conduct, of a matter of fact, either past or present, which representation is false in fact, and which the person making it knows to be or does not believe to be true;

**"Gratification" means-**

- a) money, donation, gift, loan fee, reward, valuable security, property or interest in property being property of any description whether movable or immovable, or any other similar advantage, given or promised to any person with intent to influence such a person in the performance or non-performance of his duties;
- b) any office, dignity, employment, contract of empowerment or services and any agreement to give empowerment or render services in any capacity;
- c) any payment, release, discharge or liquidation of any loan, obligation or other liability, whether in whole or in part;
- d) any valuable consideration of any kind, any discount, commission, rebate, bonus, deduction or percentage;
- e) any forbearance to demand any money or money's

worth or valuable thing;

- f) any other service or favor of any description, such as protection from any penalty or disability incurred or apprehended or from any action or proceedings of a disciplinary, civil or criminal nature, whether or not already instituted, and including the exercise or the forbearance from the exercise of any rights or any official power or duty; and
- g) any offer, undertaking or promise, whether conditional or unconditional, of any gratification within the meaning of any of the preceding paragraphs (a) to (f);

**"Judge"** means a judicial officer of the Students' Union Court

**"Faculty"** means a group of departments headed by a Dean and which is eligible to produce a duly eligible student for appointment in the Commission. Provided the Students' Affairs Unit shall not come within the scope of 'faculty'

**"Money Instrument"** includes coin or currency of University or of any other country, travelers' cheque, personal cheque, bank cheque, money order, investment security or negotiable instrument in bearer form, or otherwise in such form that title hereto passes upon delivery or upon delivery and endorsement; **"Office-Holder"** means any person serving in any capacity whatsoever in any of the arms of the Students' Union, faculty, department, or in any students' organization whatsoever whether elective or appointive whether in an executive capacity or not; **"President"** means the President of the University of Ilorin Students' Union; **"Property"** means real or personal property of every description, including

money, whether situated in any of the University of Ilorin campuses or elsewhere, whether tangible or intangible, and includes the title of ownership of any such real or personal property;

**"Relation"** includes father, mother, child, brother, sister, uncle, aunt and cousins etc. and their spouses.

### **3. Establishment of Anti-Corrupt Commission composition, tenure and removal from office.**

1. There is established a body known as The Unilorin Independent Students' Anti-Corrupt Practices Commission. (UISAPC) (Hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the Commission").
2. The Commission shall be an independent students' body with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
3. The Commission shall consist of a chairman, a secretary and a public relations officer, all of who shall be elected by the nominated members whom shall come from each faculty in the University of Ilorin.
4. The Chairman shall be a student who is reasonably experienced, possesses sound judgment and is a person of unquestionable character.
5. A member of the Commission who is a person of unquestionable integrity shall be nominated by any of the Students' Union senators of his/her faculty; Provided all members of the Commission who are neither the Chairman, the Secretary nor the Public

Relations Officer shall be referred to as 'Commissioners' Provided no student, who has at any time contested for any elective office in the Students' Union, shall be eligible to be nominated as a member of the Commission. Provided no erstwhile member of the Commission shall be eligible to contest for any office in the Students' Union Provided the Senators of each faculty shall forward the name of the intended candidate to the leadership of the Senate Council, not less than two weeks before the date of the official appointment, and petitions shall thereafter be received as to the candidature of such candidate.

6. The Chairman shall be eligible to the same terms and conditions of service as are applicable to a serving Judge of the Students' Union.
7. The Chairman shall hold office for one session only.
8. The members shall hold office for a period of one session and may be re-appointed for another session but shall not be eligible for reappointment thereafter.
9. Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-sections 3(7) and (8) of this Act, the Chairman and/or any member of the Commission may at any time be relieved of their duty by a petition signed by a 3/4th majority of the Senate House, if such person is found wanting of gross misconduct.
10. The Chairman or any member of the Commission may resign his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Senate House, and the Chairman or that member shall on the date of the receipt

of the notice of resignation by the Senate House cease to be a member of the Commission.

11. The members of the Commission, in the exercise of their functions, shall not be subject to any other authority except as provided by this Act.
12. Every member of the Commission shall, before assuming the duties of his office, subscribe to the oath prescribed in the University of Ilorin Students' Union Constitution for office-holders.

#### **4. Secretary of the Commission**

There shall be a Secretary to the Commission shall be responsible for keeping the records and handling correspondences on behalf of the Commission.

#### **5. Production of identification card**

Every officer of the Commission, when discharging the duties of his office, shall, on demand, declare his office and produce to the person against whom he is in action or from whom he seeks any information, evidence of his identity issued by the Commission.

#### **6. Quorum for meetings**

The Chairman with any eight (8) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

#### **7. Powers and immunities of the Commission**

1. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Commission shall have wide powers to investigate any corrupt practice or misappropriation in any of the students' body in the University of Ilorin students' community.
2. If, in the course of any investigation in respect of the commission of an offence under this Act by any person,

there is disclosed an offence under any other written law, not being an offence under this Act, irrespective of whether the offence was committed by the same person or any other person, the Commissioner responsible for the investigation, shall engage the diligent service of a student legal practitioner, who may issue directions as reasonably required to meet the justice of the case.

**8. General Duties of the Commission to receive, investigate petitions/complaints and sue defaulters etc.**

The Commission shall-

1. where reasonable grounds exist for suspecting that any person has conspired to commit or has attempted to commit or has committed an offence under this Act or any other law prohibiting corruption, the Commission shall receive and investigate any report of the conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit or the commission of such offence and in appropriate cases make recommendation or otherwise to the office of the Attorney-General of the Students' Union or any other ad-hoc student legal practitioner to sue the defaulters;
2. examine the practices, systems and procedures of student bodies on the University of Ilorin campuses and where, in the opinion of the Commission, such practices, systems or procedures aid or facilitate fraud or corruption it shall direct and supervise a review of them;

3. instruct, advise and assist any office-holder or any student body on ways by which fraud or corruption may be eliminated or minimized by such office-holder or student body;
4. advise all heads of student bodies on any changes in practices, systems or procedures compatible with the effective discharge of the duties of the student bodies as the Commission thinks fit to reduce the likelihood or incidence of bribery, corruption, and related offences;
5. educate the public on and against bribery, corruption and related offences; and
6. enlist and foster public support in combating corruption.

**9. Standing orders**

1. The Commission may issue administrative orders to be called "Standing Orders", which shall provide the procedure for the general control, duties and responsibilities of members of the Commission as may be necessary or expedient for the good administration of the Commission and to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the Commission.

**10. Gratification by an official**

- (1) Any person who corruptly:
  - a) asks for, receives or obtains any property or benefit of any kind for himself or for any other person; or
  - b) agrees or attempts to receive or obtain any property or benefit of any kind for himself or for any other person, on account of:
    - (i) anything already done or omitted to be done, or for



any favor or disfavor already shown to any person by himself in the discharge of his official duties or in relation to any matter connected with the functions, affairs or business of a student body in which he is holding an office, or

- (ii) anything to be afterwards done or omitted to be done or favor or disfavor to be afterwards shown to any person, by himself in the discharge of his official duties or in relation to any such matter as aforesaid, is guilty of an offence of official corruption and is liable for damages.

(2) If in any proceedings for an offence under this section it is proved that any property or benefit of any kind, or any promise thereof, was received by an office-holder, or by some other person at the instance of an office-holder from a person:

- (a) holding or seeking to obtain a contract, license, permit, employment from the student body or organization or institution in which that office-holder is serving as such,
- (b) concerned, or likely to be concerned, in any proceeding or business transacted, pending or likely to be transacted before or by that office-holder or a government department, public body or other organization or institution in which that office-holder is serving as such, or
- (c) acting on behalf of or related to such a person, the property, benefit or promise shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to have been

received corruptly on account of such past or future act, omission, favor or disfavor as is mentioned in subsection (1) (a) or (b).

#### **11. Corrupt offers to office-holders**

(1) Any person who corruptly:

- a) gives, confers or procures any property or benefit of any kind to, on or for an office-holder or to, on or for any other person, or
- b) promises or offers to give, confers, procure or attempt to procure any property or benefit of any kind to, on or for an office-holder or any other person, on account of any such act, omission, favor or disfavor to be done or shown by the office-holder, is guilty of an offence of official corruption and shall on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court

(2) If in any proceedings for an offence under this section, it is proved that any property or benefit of any kind, or any promise thereof, was given to an office-holder or some other person at the instance of an office-holder, by a person

- (a) holding or seeking to obtain a contract, license, permit, employment from a government department, public body or other organization or institution in which that office-holder is serving as such; or
- (b) concerned or likely to be concerned in any proceeding or business transaction, pending or likely to be transacted before or by that office-holder or a government department, public body or other organization or institution in which that office-holder is serving as such;

or

- (c) acting on behalf of or relative to such a person, the property, benefit or promise shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given corruptly on account of such a past or future act, omission, favor or disfavor as is mentioned in section 13 (1) and (2).

**12. Corrupt demand by persons**

Any person who:

- (a) asks for, receives or obtains property or benefits of any kind for himself or any other person; or agrees or attempts to receive or obtain any property or benefit of any kind for himself or any other person, on account of:
  - (i) anything already done or omitted to be done, or any favor or disfavor already shown to any person, by an office-holder in the discharge of his official duties or in relation to any matter connected with the functions, affairs or business of a government department, public body or other organization or institution in which the office-holder is serving as such, or
  - (ii) anything to be afterwards done or omitted, or any favor or disfavor to be afterwards shown to any person, by a office-holder in the discharge of his official duties or in relation to any such matter as aforesaid, is guilty of an offence of official corruption and on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court.

**13. Fraudulent acquisition of property**

Any person who, being elected or appointed in any office, knowingly acquires or holds, directly or indirectly, otherwise than a private interest in any contract unconnected with his office, agreement or investment emanating from or connected with the department or office in which he is employed or which is made on account of the public service, is guilty of an offence; and on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court

**14. Fraudulent receipt of property**

Any person who receives anything which has been obtained by means of act constituting a felony or misdemeanor, or by means of any act done at a place outside University, which if it had been done in University would have constituted a felony or misdemeanor and which is an offence under the laws in force in the place where it was done, knowing the same to have been so obtained, is guilty of a felony.

**15. Penalty for offences committed through postal system**

If the offence by means of which the thing was obtained is a felony, the defaulter shall on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court, except the thing so obtained was postal matter, or any chattel, money or valuable security contained therein, in which case the defaulter on conviction shall be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court



## **16. Deliberate frustration of investigation by the Commission**

Any person who, with intent to defraud or conceal a crime or frustrate the Commission in its investigation of any suspected crime of corruption under this Act or under any other law:

- a) destroys, alters, mutilates, or falsifies, any book, documents, valuable security, account, computer system, compact disc, diskette, computer printout or other electronic device which belongs to or is in the possession of his office, or has been received by him on account of his assumption of such office, or any entry in any such book, document, accounts or electronic device or is privy to any such act, or
- b) makes or is privy to the making any false entry in any such book, document, account or electronic record, or
- c) omits, or is privy to omitting any materials particular from any such book, document, account or electronic record, is guilty of a felony, and on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court.

## **17. Making false statement or return**

Any person who, being an office-holder charged with the receipt, custody, use or management of any part of the public revenue or property, knowingly furnishes any false statement or return in respect of any money or property received by him or entrusted to his care, or of any balance of money or property in his possession or under his control, is guilty of an offence, and on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court.

## **18. Gratification by and through agents**

(1) Any person who corruptly:

- a) accepts, obtains or agrees to accept or obtain or attempts to obtain from any person for himself or for any other person, any gift or consideration as an inducement or reward for doing, forbearing to do, or for having done, or forborne to do, any act or thing, or
- b) gives or agrees to give or offers any gift or consideration to any agent as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do, or for having done, or forborne to do, any act or thing in relation to his principals affairs or business, or
- c) knowingly gives to any agent, or being an agent knowingly uses with intent to deceive his principal, any receipt, account or other document in respect of which the principal is interested and which contains any statement which is false or erroneous or defective in any material particular, and which, to his knowledge, is intended to mislead his principal or any other person, is guilty of an offence, and on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the expression “consideration” includes money consideration or valuable consideration of any kind

## **19. Bribery of office-holders**

Any person who offers to any office-holder, or being a office-holder solicits, counsels or accepts any gratification as an inducement or a reward for:

- a) voting or abstaining from voting at any meeting of the

public body in favor or against any measure, resolution or question submitted to the public body,

- b) performing or abstaining from performing or aiding in procuring, expediting, delaying, hindering or preventing the performance of any official act,
- c) aiding in procuring or preventing the passing of any vote or the granting of any contract, award, recognition or advantage in favor of any person, or
- d) showing or forbearing to show any favor or disfavor in his capacity as such officer, shall, notwithstanding that the officer did not have the power, right or opportunity so to do, or that the inducement or reward was not in relation to the affairs of the public body, is guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court.

#### **20. Using office or position for gratification**

Any office-holder who uses his office or position to gratify or confer any corrupt or unfair advantage upon himself or any relation or associate of the office-holder or any other office-holder, is guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to any decision as may be decided by the court.

#### **21. Forfeiture of gratification and other penalties**

Without prejudice to any penalty imposed under this Act, an office-holder or other person found guilty of soliciting, offering or receiving gratification shall forfeit the gratification and pay a fine of not less than five times the sum or value of the gratification which is the subject-matter of the offence where such gratification is

capable of being valued or is of a pecuniary nature, or any decision as may be reached in court.

#### **22. Duty to report bribery transactions**

1. Any office-holder to whom any gratification is given, promised, or offered, in contravention of any provision of this Act shall report such gift, promise or offer together with the name, if known, of the person who gave, promised or offered such gratification to him to the nearest officer of the Commission or school security operative officer.
2. Any person from whom any gratification has been solicited or obtained, or from whom an attempt has been made to obtain such gratification, in contravention of any provision of this Act, shall, at the earliest opportunity thereafter, report such soliciting or obtaining, or attempt to obtain the gratification together with the name, if known, or a true and full description of the person who solicited, or obtained, or attempted to obtain the gratification from him, to the nearest officer or officer of the Commission or a school security operative officer.
3. Any person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with subsections (1) and (2) is guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to any decision as may be decided by the court.

#### **23. Dealing with, using, holding, receiving or concealing gratification**

Any person who, whether within or outside University, whether directly or indirectly, whether on

behalf of himself or on behalf of any other person, enters into, or causes to be entered into, any dealing in relation to any property, or otherwise uses or causes to be used, or holds, receives, or conceals any property or any part thereof which was the subject-matter of an offense under this Act is guilty of an offense and shall on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may be decided by the Court.

**24. Making false or misleading statement to the Commission**

Any person who makes or causes any other person to make an officer of the Commission or to any office-holder, in the course of the exercise by such office-holder of the duties of his office, any statement which to the knowledge of the person making the statement, or causing the statement to be made:

- (a) is false, or intended to mislead or is untrue in any material particular, or
- (b) is not consistent with any other statement previously made by such person to any other person having authority or power under any law to receive, or require to be made such other statement notwithstanding that the person making the statement is not under any legal or other obligation to tell the truth, is guilty of an offense and on conviction be liable to stiff penalty as may imposed by the Court.

**25. Forgery of Signature and Facts**

Any person or group of persons that present the signature of an individual without the consent of the

individual or present an information of fact that is discovered to be false under this act shall on conviction be liable to penalty as may be determined by this court.

**26. Attempt, conspiracies, abetments, punishable as offense**

(1) Any person who:

- i) attempts to commit any offense under this Act,
- ii) does any act preparatory to or in furtherance of the commission of any offense under this Act;
- iii) abets or is engaged in a criminal conspiracy to commit any offense under this Act, or
- (iv) commits any offense under this Act, is guilty of an offense and on conviction, be liable to the punishment provided for such offenses.

**27. Belonging to unregistered association in the school**

Any person or group of persons that are known to belong to any association that is not registered with the students affairs unit and is not affiliated to the students union under this act are on conviction by this act liable to any punishment deemed fit as decided by this commission.

**28. Power to investigate report and enquire into information**

- 1. Every report relating to the commission of an offense under this Act may be made orally or in writing to any Commissioner, and if made orally shall be reduced into writing by the Commissioner and read over to the person making the report; and every such report shall

- be signed or thumb-printed by the person making it,
- 2 Every report, whether in writing or reduced into writing, shall be entered in a book kept at the office of the Commission and there shall be appended to such entry the date and hour at which such report was made.
3. Any document certified by any Commissioner under subsection (2) in respect of a report under subsection (1), shall be admissible as evidence of the contents of the original and of the time, place and manner in which the report was recorded.

**29. Power to examine persons**

A Commissioner has the power to summon and examine any person who, in his reasoning, knows or has reasons to know any fact which is connected with or can assist the course of investigating an offense under this Act.

**30. Summons against suspects**

Subject to the provisions of sections 31 to 35 of this Act, the Commission may issue a summon directed to a person complained against or any other person to attend before the Commission for the purpose of being examined in relation to the complaint or in relation to any other matter which may aid or facilitate the investigation of the complaint and a summon so issued shall state the substance of the complaint, the time and place at which the inquiry is to be held, the substance of the complaint and a copy of the complaint thereof shall be handed over to the person against whom the complaint is directed.

**31. Forms and terms of summons**

Every summon issued by the Commission under this Act shall be in duplicate and signed by the Chairman or such other Commissioner as the Chairman may authorize to issue summons.

**32. Service of summons**

Every summon under this Act shall be served by the Bailiff of the Student Union

**33. Substituted service**

Where the person summoned by the Commission is in the service of a particular students' body, the Commission may deliver the summons in duplicate to the head of such students' body in which such person holds office for the purpose of its being served on that person and such officer shall thereupon cause the summons to be served on that person.

**34. Acknowledgment of service**

Where a summon has been served upon to whom it is addressed or is delivered to any other person, the person to whom it is addressed or delivered as the case may be, shall sign a receipt on the duplicate and where service is not effected by handing the summons to an individual but by some other method approved by this Act, the person effecting service shall endorse on the duplicate particulars of the method by which the service was effected.

**35. Forfeiture of property upon prosecution for an offense**

- (1) In any prosecution for an offence under this Act,

the Court shall make an order for the forfeiture of any property which is proved to be the subject-matter of the offence or have been used in the Commission of the offence where:

- (a) the offence is proved against the accused; or
- (b) that the accused is not the true and lawful owner of such property; or
- (c) that no other person is entitled to the property as a purchaser in good faith for valuable consideration.

- (2) Where the offence is proved against the accused or the property referred to in subsection (1) has been disposed of, or cannot be traced, the Court shall order the accused to pay as a penalty a sum which is equivalent to the amount of the gratification or which is, in the opinion of the court, the value of the gratification received by the accused, and any such penalty shall be recovered as a fine.

### **36. Public evidence of corroboration**

In any proceedings against any person for an offence under this Act, it may be proved that at or about the time of the alleged offence, or at any time thereafter the accused, or any relative or associate of his:

- a) held any property for which he, or his relative or associate, as the case may be, is unable to give a satisfactory account as to how he came into its ownership, possession, custody or control, or
- b) had entered into any dealing for the acquisition of any property and he is unable to satisfactorily account for the consideration for which it was or is agreed to be

acquired, the evidence in relation thereof shall be presumed to corroborate any evidence relating to the commission of the offence.

### **37. Joinder of offences**

Subject to the provisions of any other Act or law where a person is accused of more than one offence under this Act, he may be charged with and tried at one trial for any number of such offences committed within the space of any length of time.

### **38. Certificate of indemnity in favor of full disclosure**

- a) Every person required to give evidence under this Act who, in the opinion of the court, makes a true and full disclosure of all things to which he is lawfully examined, shall be entitled to receive a certificate of indemnity under the seal of the court stating that he made a true and full disclosure of all things on which he was examined, and such certificate shall be a bar to any legal proceedings against him in respect of any such things.
- b) An application by the Chairman under subsection (1) may be presented to the Court by the officer conducting the prosecution.

### **39. Protection of informers and information**

- 1. Subject to subsection (2), where any complaint made by any Commissioner states that the complaint is made in consequence of information received by the Commissioner making the complaint, the information referred to in the complaint and the identity of the person from whom such information is received shall be secret between the Commissioner who made the

complaint and the person who gave the information, and everything contained in such information, identity of the person who gave the information and all other circumstances relating to the information, including the place where it was given, shall not be disclosed or be ordered or required to be disclosed in public but only to the trial judge and the defense lawyer in attendance in any civil, criminal or other proceedings before the Court.

2. Any person who gives the information referred to in subsection (1) knowing the information to be false is liable for defamation and is susceptible to an action there from.

#### **40. Protection of officers of the Commission**

No legal proceedings, civil or criminal, shall be instituted against any Commissioner for any act which is done in good faith or for any omission in good faith by such Commissioner.

#### **41. General penalty for other offences**

Any person found liable for an offence under this Act for which no penalty is specifically provided is liable to any penalty which is determinable by the discretion of the Court.

Having scrutinized on the floor of the SC the above law, I hereby have the privilege to forward it to you for onwards transmission and Presidential Assent.e

#### **SEN. ADEMOLA ADEKUMBI**

*SENATE PRESIDENT SC.*

I hereby assent to this bill and it hereby becomes a law of the Student Union, University of Ilorin. This .....day of JUNE, 2018.

#### **COM. ADEBISI RIDWAN ABIMBOLA**

*STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT*

#### **ALTERATION ACT**

A Senate Council Act to make detailed provision for the alteration of the Student Union Compendium.

##### **1. AMENDMENT**

- A. A clause in the compendium shall be subject to amendment upon a resolution passed by not less than two-third (2/3) majority of all members of the SC present at that sitting.
- B. Upon Completion of the amendment in (A) above, it shall be presented to the Union President for assent.
- C. Where a President withholds his/her assent or does not communicate his/her assent within seven (7) days from the date the amendment was presented, the S C shall further deliberate on it.
- D. If the amendment is passed again by the two-third (2/3) majority of the SC members present at that sitting, the amendment shall become law, and would no longer require Presidential assent.

##### **2. AMENDMENT COMPILATION**



- A. At the end of each parliamentary year , all amendment shall be effected in the Union Compendium
- B. The part of the Compendium amended shall bear the year in which such amendment was done.

### 3. REVISION

- A. The general review of this constitution shall not be done in less than four years to the year of the last review.
- B. This constitution shall be subject to revision upon a resolution passed by not less than two-third (2/3) majority of all members of the SC present at the SC sitting.
- C. Upon the resolution in two(2) above, an ad-hoc constitutional review committee shall be constituted.
- D. Such committee in three(3) above shall be chaired by the Deputy Senate President of the Union.
- E. The committee in three(3) above shall prepare approval and procedures for amendment to the SC for approval and make such after approval available on all notice boards within(3) working days.
- F. The committee in three (3) above shall submit a reviewed drafted part of this constitution to the SC for further debate and passing into law.
- G. Upon completion of the revision of the compendium, same procedure as stated in section 1(B-C) shall be employed for the revision.
- H. The compendium shall bear the year in which the revision was done.

### 4. RESTRICTIONS

The following parts of the constitution shall not be subject to amendment

- A. Number of arms of the union as provided in Article 5
- B. Composition of the CEC as provided for in Article 7
- C. Composition of the SC as provided for in Article 11
- D. Composition of the JC as provided for in Article 15
- E. Revenue allocation as provided for in Article 20C

The aforementioned restriction shall be amended only by a resolution of the congress as provided for in the constitution.

### 5. INTERPRETATION

“Alteration” means either amendment or revision of the compendium.

“Amendment” means modifying a provision of the compendium.

“Revision” means any general review of the entire compendium.

“CEC” means Central Executive Council

“SC” means Senate Council

“JC” means Judicial Council

“UNION” means Student Union, University of Ilorin.

This law was presented as a bill to the Senate Council on 12th MAY, 2018 and was passed into law by the Council on Wednesday 13TH JUNE, 2018.

**SEN. ADEKUNBI ADEMOLA****SENATE PRESIDENT**

That this bill was presented to the President for assent on Monday 18th JUNE, 2018.

I hereby assent to this bill and it therefore becomes a law of the Students Union, University of Ilorin on Wednesday 20th JUNE, 2018.

**COM. ADEBISI RIDWAN****PRESIDENT****TRANSITION ACT**

A senate council act to make detailed provision for the transition of documents assets liabilities related to each offices of the Union to a new administration.

1. The welfare secretaries shall prepare a documents of all assets, properties and liabilities as related to each offices and shall present such to the principal officers of the SC after election.
2. Three(3) days before inauguration, the newly elected welfare secretaries shall verify properties assets and liabilities listed in the documents above.
3. The welfare secretaries shall transfer the document above to newly elected welfare secretaries During the First(Ist) SC sitting after inauguration of new officials.
4. The document above shall be duly signed by both parties at such sitting.
5. The UISAPC and UISEC shall transfer documents, assets and liabilities as related to their office to the newly Inaugurated principal officers of the senate council.

**BABATUNDE LUKMAN FOUNDATION ACT.**

An act to Make provision on how the account will be funded, sourcing for funds and disbursement of funds.

Babatunde Lukman foundation

**A. Source of Income**

There shall be the following sources of income of the foundation:

1. Dues
2. Donations
3. proceeds
4. Grants

**B. Disbursement.**

1. All disbursement shall be subject to the approval of the SC in consultation with the CEC.
2. Money shall disburse for Chronic Health or life threatening medical conditions only
3. The money shall be paid directly to the health care provider.

**PROCUREMENT ACT**

An act established for the guidelines concerning the procurement of goods and services carried by all union officials.

1. Any contract of the Union should be made open to the public
2. All transactions carried out by the union officials shall be documented (Inform of receipts, invoices), copies of which shall be kept with Fin sec and the officer in charge.
3. At the second sitting the SC shall make a list of frequently purchased items.

4. The listed items above shall be made public for bidding and the best quality and affordable provider shall be selected by the CEC subject to the approval of the SC.
5. No person shall act or hold themselves out on behalf of the Union except in accordance with the constitution.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN STUDENT LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT [JUNE 2018]**

This is an Act to establish a body to be known as the Student Union Bar Association, University of Ilorin Student Union, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria, and to provide for rules and regulations guiding the conduct of the said Association, and punitive measures in the case of a breach.

##### **Arrangement of Sections**

- A. Establishment of the Association
- B. Entitlement to Practice
- C. The Body of Benchers
- D. The Legal Practitioners Privileges and Appeal Committees
- E. Call to the Bar
- F. Enrollment
- G. Right of Audience
- H. Liability for Negligence
- I. Precedence and Privileges
- J. Recovery of Charges, etc.
- K. General Provisions.
- L. Miscellaneous Supplementary Provisions
- M. Interpretation
- N. Citation

#### **A. Establishment of the Association The Student Union Bar Association**

1. (a) There shall be established for the Student Union a body to be known as the Student Union Bar Association (hereinafter referred to as the Association)
- (b) The Association shall manage its affairs by its own Constitution.

#### **B Practice as a Student Legal Practitioner**

2. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, a student shall be entitled to practice if his name is on the roll.

#### **C Establishment of Body of Benchers**

3. (1) There shall be a body of student legal practitioners and judicial officers of the highest distinction to be known as the "Body of Benchers" which shall be responsible for the formal call to the Bar of persons seeking to become student legal practitioners, and the conferment of the rank of Senior Advocate of the Union on any student legal practitioner subject to the provisions of this Act and which shall consist of the following members, that is-
  - (a) The Chief Justice of the Student Union who shall be the Chairman
  - (b) All the Justices of the Student Union Court;
  - (c) The Chief Judge of the Faculty of Law;
  - (d) The President of the Students' Union Bar Association;
  - (e) The Attorney-General of the Students' Union;

- (f) The Attorney-General of the Faculty of Law;
  - (g) The Heads of Chambers in the Faculty of Law whose names are on the roll  
Provided that where a Head of Chambers name is not on the roll, the Chambers in question shall have the right to make a nomination;
  - (h) Two student legal practitioners of not less than 2 sessions standing to be nominated by the Students' Union Bar Association.
- (2) Except as provided by regulations made under subsection (3) of this section, a Benchers shall (unless he previously vacates it) vacate his office as a Benchers if he ceases to be the holder of any office by virtue of which he was appointed a Benchers or he ceases to be a student of the University..
  - (3) Any Benchers may in such manner and subject to such procedure as may be prescribed be removed from office for misconduct or on such other ground as the Benchers may, in their discretion, determine to be sufficient.
  - (4) The validity of any proceedings of the Benchers shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Benchers or by any defect in the appointment of a member or by any irregularity in the proceedings of any of their meetings.
  - (5) The quorum of the Benchers shall be two-third of the total membership. Provided that no Benchers shall have the right to sit at any sitting of the

Benchers where he is affected by the purpose for which the Benchers sit.

- (6) The Benchers may make rules as to the privileges to be accorded to Senior Advocates of the Union, as to the functions of a student legal practitioner, which are not to be performed by a Senior Advocate of the Union, as to the mode of appearance before courts by a Senior Advocate of the Union, and generally, but without prejudice to the foregoing, for ensuring the dignity of the rank of Senior Advocate of the Union.
- (7) Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the Benchers shall provide every Senior Advocate of the Union with a certificate of merit at the last call to bar before his graduation.

#### **D. Establishment of Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee**

4. (1) There shall be established by the Benchers a committee known as the "Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee", shall be responsible for the selection of the persons to be conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of the Union on any student legal practitioner, provided that:
  - (a) He has been qualified to practice as a legal practitioner, and has been so qualified for at least two (2) sessions
  - (b) He is in 300 level and above
  - (c) He has achieved distinction in the legal profession in such manner as the Benchers may from time to

time determine.

- (2) The Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee shall consist of the following members, that is-
- (a) The President of the Student Union Bar Association being the chairman of the Committee;
  - (b) Two Judges from the Faculty of Law, including the Chief Judge;
  - (c) Three Justices of the Student Union Court;
  - (d) The Attorney-General of the Student Union;
  - (e) The Attorney-General of the Law Students' Society;
  - (f) A Senior Advocate of the Union to be nominated by the Students' Union Bar Association;
- (3) Any student legal practitioner who applied to be conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of the Union shall have the right of appeal, and for this purpose, there shall be a committee known as the "Appeal Committee" which shall review the application of any student legal practitioner.

Provided that the student legal practitioner was not shortlisted for the rank of Senior Advocate of the Union by the Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee

- (4) The Appeal Committee shall consist of the following members, that is-
- (a) The Chief Justice of the Students' Union who shall be the chairman ;
  - (b) The Chief Judge of the Faculty of Law;
  - (c) A Justice of the Students' Union Court;
  - (d) The President of the Students' Union Bar

Association;

- (e) The Attorney-General of the Students' Union;
- (f) The Attorney-General of the Law Students' Society;
- (g) A Senior Advocate of the Union to be nominated by the Students' Bar Association.

#### **E. Call to the Bar**

5. Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall be entitled to be called to the Bar if:
- (a) He is a matriculated student of the Faculty of Law;
  - (b) He produces a recommendation letter from one of the recognized Chambers in the Faculty of Law;
  - (c) He satisfies the Benchers that he is of good character;
  - (d) He satisfies any other conditions stipulated by the Body of Benchers; and
  - (e) He succeeds in any examination or assessment conducted by the Benchers

#### **F. Enrollment**

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall be entitled to have his name enrolled if, and only if he has been called to the Bar by the Benchers.
- (2) Except in pursuance of a direction given under the following provisions of this regulation by the by the Disciplinary Committee of the Association established under the provisions of the Constitution, a person whose name has been struck off the roll in pursuance of a direction of the

Disciplinary Committee shall not be entitled to have his name enrolled again.

**G. Right of audience and precedence**

7. (1) Subject to the provisions of the next following subsection and of any enactment in force in the University, prohibiting or restricting the right of any student to be represented by a Student Legal Practitioner in proceedings before all courts of law sitting in the school, student legal practitioners shall have the right of audience in all courts of law sitting in the University of Ilorin provided he has paid to the Registrar of the Students' Union Bar Association in respect of that year, a practicing fee as is from time to time prescribed by the Executives of the Students' Union Bar Association.

**H. Liability for Negligence**

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall not be immune from liability for damage attributable to his negligence while acting in his capacity as a student legal practitioner, and any provision purporting to exclude or limit that liability in any contract shall be void.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as preventing the exclusion or limitation of the liability aforesaid in any case where a student legal practitioner gives his services without reward either by way of fees, disbursements or otherwise.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall

affect the application to a student legal practitioner of the rule of law exempting advocate from the liability aforesaid in so far as that rule applies to the conduct of proceedings in the face of any court, tribunal or other body.

**I. Precedence and Privileges**

9. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bill, all courts of law in this school before which student legal practitioners are entitled to appear shall accord to every law officer specified in this section, the following rights and privileges, that is to say-
- (a) The exclusive right to sit in the inner bar or, where no facilities exist for an inner bar, on the front row of seats available for student legal practitioners; and
- Provided that the President of the Students' Union Bar Association shall also enjoy the exclusive right to sit in the inner bar; and
- (b) The right to mention any motion in which he is appearing or any other cause or matter which is on the list for mention and not otherwise listed for hearing out of its turn on the cause list.
- (2) The law officers to whom this section applies are the Attorney-General of the Union, the Attorney-General of the Law Students' Society, and the Solicitor-General of the Law Students' Society and / or the Solicitor-General of the Students' Union (if any).



**J. Recovery of Charges, etc.**

10. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, a student legal practitioner shall be entitled to recover his charges by an action in any court of competent jurisdiction within the University.
- (2) The Court may, if it thinks fit, on the application of a client:
- (a) Order a student legal practitioner to deliver his bill of charges to the client;
- (b) make an order for the delivery up of, or otherwise in relation to, any documents in the control of the student legal practitioner which belong to or were received by him from or on behalf of the client, and without prejudice to the generality of the powers of the court to punish for contempt or to the provisions of this Bill relating to the discipline of student legal practitioners, the court may punish for contempt any student legal practitioner who refuses or fails to comply with an order under this subsection.
- (3) The value of any consideration received by any person for anything done by a student legal practitioner in his capacity as a student legal practitioner shall, in so far as the value exceeds the minimum charges to which by virtue of this Bill the practitioner is entitled in respect of that thing, be recoverable from any person who received the consideration or from the student legal practitioner by the person from whom the consideration moved either directly or indirectly.

**K. General Provisions**

11. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, if any person other than a student legal practitioner:
- (a) Practises, or holds himself out to practise, as a student legal practitioner; or
- (b) Takes or uses the title of student legal practitioner; or
- (c) Willfully takes or uses any name, title, addition or description falsely implying, or otherwise pretends, that he is a student legal practitioner or is qualified or recognised by law to act as a student legal practitioner; he is guilty of an offence and liable, in the case of an offence under paragraph (a) of this subsection, to a fine of an amount not exceeding N5,000, and in any other case to a fine of an amount not exceeding N2,000.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall prevent a person from being dealt with for contempt of court, but no proceedings for an offence under this section shall be brought or continued against a person in respect of any act if he has been dealt with for contempt of court in respect of that act.
- (3) Where an offence under this Bill which has been committed by an association, club or society, is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any president, head of chamber, secretary or other similar officer of the association,

club or society, or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he, as well as the association, club or society, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

- (4) No proceedings for an offence under this section shall be begun after the expiration of the period of two semesters beginning with the date of the offence.
- (5) It is hereby declared that any agreement to transfer, either directly or indirectly, any money or thing in consideration of any act which constitutes an offence under this section is void; and any money or thing so transferred, or the value of the thing, shall be recoverable by the transferor from the transferee or from any other person by whom the offence was committed, whether or not any proceedings have been brought in respect of the offence or the time for bringing such proceedings has expired.

#### **L. Miscellaneous Supplementary Provisions**

12. (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to continue to maintain the roll of court kept immediately before the passing of the Student Legal Practitioners Act 2018 and in this Bill “the roll” means the roll maintained in pursuance of this subsection.
- (2) In calculating for the purposes of this Bill the period of a person's standing as a student legal practitioner, there shall be taken into account any

period before the passing of the Student Legal Practitioners Act 2018 during which he was entitled by law to practise as a student legal practitioner in the Union.

- (3) Any application to a court or Justice in pursuance of this Bill shall be made in the prescribed manner.

#### **M. Interpretation**

13. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:

“Association” means the Students' Bar Association, University of Ilorin;

“Benchers” means the Body of Benchers established by section 3 of this Bill;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Students' Union Bar Association;

“Student Legal Practitioner” means a person entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Bill to practise as a barrister.

“Prescribed” means prescribed by rules of court;

“The Registrar” means The Registrar of the Students' Union Court or its equivalent;

“Rules of Court” means the rules of court made by the Students' Union Court;

“Union” means the Students' Union, University of Ilorin.

**Citation**

14. This Bill may be cited as the Student Legal Practitioners Act 2018

This law was presented as a bill to the Senate Council on 12th MAY, 2018 and was passed into law by the Council on Wednesday 13TH JUNE, 2018.

**SEN. ADEKUNBI ADEMOLA****SENATE PRESIDENT**

That this bill was presented to the President for assent on Monday 18th JUNE, 2018.

I hereby assent to this bill and it therefore becomes a law of the Students Union, University of Ilorin on Wednesday 20th JUNE, 2018.

**COM. ADEBISI RIDWAN ABIMBOLA****PRESIDENT**

THE STANDING ORDER OF THE SENATE COUNCIL (SC) OF THE STUDENT UNION UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN. NIGERIA.

**STANDING ORDER OF THE SENATE COUNCIL, STUDENT UNION, UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN.**

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### **PREAMBLE**

In furtherance of profound constitutional functions of the legislative arm of the Student Union University of Ilorin and without prejudice to the provisions of the Student Union, University of Ilorin constitution, the Senate council does hereby make and propose to themselves the following rules:

#### **RULE 1: OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

- (A) The official language of the council shall be English language. The proceedings and debates of the council shall be conducted in English language.
- (B) Notwithstanding Para-{A} of this rule, any other language maybe allowed subject to the permission of the senate president. The permission sought in this rule shall be used judiciously.

#### **RULE 2: MODE OF DRESSING**

- (A) Conventionally as an intellectual and a democratic legislator, all senators shall dress formally either in complete English dressing or in native attire.
- (B) The Deputy Senate President shall interpret the formal dressing at the second (2nd) sitting.
- (C) Any senator who does not comply with the provision of Para-{A} of this rule shall not be allowed to attend the sitting of such day and hence considered absent for such sitting.

### **RULE 3: MODE OF ATTENDANCE OF SC SITTINGS**

- (A) Every senator shall sign-in not later than thirty (30) minutes after the commencement of the day's sitting and sign-out duly when the sitting is brought to an end.
- (B) Any senator that intends to absent his/her self from any SC sitting shall officially notify the council through the clerk of the council at least six (6) hours before such sitting.
- (C) Any senator who does not comply with the provision of Para-{A} of this rule shall be deemed absent for such sitting.
- (D) The Senate Clerk shall read out the names of any senator who does comply with the provision of Para-{A} and Para-{B} above thirty minutes after the commencement of the days' sitting.
- (E) Any senator who does not comply with the provision of Para-{A} of this rule shall be deemed absent for such sitting.
- (F) Without prejudice to Para-{B} of this rule, any senator who absent him/herself from two-consecutive sittings of the SC shall be dismissed

#### **RULE 4: MODE OF SITTING**

- (A)
  - 1. All SC ordinary sittings shall hold on Saturday only.
  - 2. Without prejudice to Para-{A} emergency sitting of the SC. shall hold on any day of the week.
  - 3. In all SC sittings the mace shall be the chief convener of such sittings
- (B). The Senate President shall be the only person sitting at the podium, the clerk will seat at his foot, exactly at the

base of the podium, and the Deputy Senate President will seat exactly on the first chair by the right hand of the Senate President in the table directly opposite the senate president.

#### **RULE 5: MODE OF ADDRESS**

- (A) Every senator shall address the Senate President in a respectful manner and in the formal language of the council as follows: The Senate president, Deputy Senate president, Senate Clerk, Deputy Senate Clerk of the council and all other protocols duly observed.
- (B) Every senator shall address themselves in a respectful manner and in the formal language of the council.
- (C) All Congressmen present during parliamentary proceedings shall address and present their speech in a respectful manner without prejudice to the person of the other members.
- (D) Without prejudice to (c) above no congress man shall be permitted to talk except on request by the house, therefore no member of the gallery can raise his/her hand to talk.

#### **RULE 6: PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE**

Without prejudice and in compliance with the provision of Article 12, of the Student Union constitution, the principal officers of the council are;

- (A) The Senate President
- (B) The Deputy Senate President
- (C) The Senate Clerk
- (D) The Deputy Senate Clerk

#### **A. FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 12(A) of the Student Union constitution:

- i. The senate president shall have power to co-ordinate and harmonize the activities of the Standing and adhoc committees of the SC.
- ii. Shall be responsible for the observance of the rules of the order in the council.
- iii. Shall be responsible for the observance of the rules of debates.
- iv. Shall receive all communications addressed to the SC.
- v. Shall give ruling on points of order or of the constitution raised during debates and such ruling shall be final on such points in compliance with the provision(s) of the constitution.
- vi. Shall be the Chief interpreter of the constitution and also the standing order of the Senate.
- vii. Shall have the general control of the council.
- viii. The senate president shall supervise and coordinate the nomination of sergeant at arms by the council as the situation demands.
- ix. The Senate president shall appoint/nominate a Chief Whip as approved by the 2/3 majority of the SC. The Chief Whip shall perform the following functions.
  - a. Shall maintain orderliness in the council during plenary
  - b. Shall be the chairman of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee
- x. Without prejudice to Article 12 of the students' union

constitution and in accordance with the Rule 6A Para (viii) of this standing order, the sergeant-at- arms shall perform the following functions;

1. Shall announce the presence of the Senate president at every sitting.
2. Shall put the mace in place.
3. Shall be the Chief Security Officer of the House.
4. Shall not allow any unauthorized person(s) into the sittings of the council.
5. Shall have the duty of ensuring that no visitor or member or any person allowed into the sitting by the senate president has on himself/herself a camera or any other recording equipment(s) or instrument(s) of any description whatsoever for the purpose of taking photographs, monitoring or recording the proceedings of the house, neither shall such visitor bear firearms or carry walking stick or any offensive or dangerous weapons.
6. it shall be his/her duty to ensure that no senator eats, drinks, smokes, reads newspapers, magazines and or actively use mobile phones and all other digital equipment when the council is in session, except with the approval of the Senate president when the occasion calls for such.

#### **B. FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 12(B) of the Student Union constitution

- i. Whenever the senate president is absent, the

Deputy Senate President shall perform the functions of the Senate President which is in compliance with ARTICLE 12(A) of the Student Union constitution.

- ii. Shall recommend for dismissal any member of the SC. who absents himself/herself from two (2) consecutive sittings of the house without the permission of the Senate President.
- iii. Shall not vote but shall be the electoral officer of the council.
- iv. Shall perform any other function(s) as assigned/specified by any article of the Students Union constitution.

#### **C. FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE CLERK**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 12(C) of the Student Union constitution

- I. Before the commencement of each day's sitting, the clerk shall spell out in the agenda, the business of the council as authorized by the Senate President
- ii. The Senate clerk shall keep the minutes of proceedings of the council and shall at all sittings make minutes of proceedings available.
- iii. The Senate clerk shall be responsible for the custody of the documents laid before the council which shall be open for inspection by Senators and in case of other persons. Under such arrangement as sanctioned by the Senate President.
- iv. Shall perform any other functions as assigned



/specified by any article of the Student Union constitution.

**D. FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPUTY SENATE CLERK**

- i. Whenever the senate clerk is not around, the deputy senate clerk shall perform the functions of the senate clerk
- ii. Shall perform any other function(s) as assigned /specified by any article of the Student Union constitution.

**RULE 7: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

- (A) The council may constitute themselves into a committee consisting of all senators present at a sitting and such committee shall be referred to as committee of the whole house.
- (B) The committee of the whole House shall not be constituted except in consequences of a motion to that effect, supported by a simple majority of the council at such sitting.
- (C) All resolutions arrived at the level of committee of the whole House shall be reported to the council Senate President or any member appointed by him/her for that purpose, after which a motion for adoption of such resolutions shall be moved by the council, until such motion is supported by the council, such resolutions arrived at by the committee of the whole house cannot be adopted by the council.

**RULE 8: STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE UNION**

- (A) The Senate Council shall have the power to constitute standing committee to work in liaison with the executive

officers in line with ARTICLE 16(B) of the Student Union constitution.

- (B) Such committees shall include:

- I. Committee of faculty Presidents
- II. Committee of faculty legislators
- III. In-House Committee
- IV. Ethics and disciplinary committee.
- V. Budget Monitoring and Implementation Committee
- VI Welfare committee
- VII Information And Enlightenment Committee

- (C) Notwithstanding the above outlined committees, the House may constitute additional committee(s) when the need arises, such committee shall be referred to as AD-HOC COMMITTEES.
- (D) It shall be the sole discretion of the Senate president to appoint senator into the committees stated in Para-{c} of this rule. This discretion shall be exercised judiciously.
- (E) There shall be for each committee a minimum number of five {5} wherein the constitution does not stipulate its composition.
- (F) Any senator who after having agreed to serve in a committee fails to carry out his/her duty in such committee shall be found in contempt of the council, and the council shall take appropriate disciplinary action(s) against such senator.
- (G) The terms of reference of all committees shall be as determined by the constitution and wherein silent, the

senate president shall judiciously specify this.

**RULE 9: QUORUM**

- (A) At-least half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of all members of the SC. shall constitute a quorum at Ordinary sittings of the SC.
- (B) At-least one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of all members of the SC. shall constitute a quorum at emergency sittings of the SC.

**RULE 10: POWER OF SUMMON**

- (A) The council shall have power to summon any officer or member of the CEC and the Union.
- (B) Also in compliance with the constitution the Senate Clerk shall have power to summon any committee of the Union
- (C) The Senate Clerk shall notify any summoned member in accordance with this rule, in writing at least seventy two (72) hours before the sitting.

**RULE 11: PETITION**

- (A) The council shall have the power to receive petition(s) from officer(s) or member(s) of the Union.
- (B) A petition may be presented to the council by any officer or member of the Union or through a senator who shall stand in place of the petitioner provided that a petitioner, where he is presenting his petition himself, shall come to the floor of the house to do the presentation.
- (C) No petition shall be presented to the council unless it is in accordance with the following rules:
  - i. Every petition must be properly addressed to the council, respectful, decorous and temperate in its language and must conclude with a prayer, setting

forth the relief sought by the petitioner.

- ii. Every petition must be signed by the petitioner and on every sheet on which the petition is written.
- iii. Signature or marks shall not be valid, unless in the case of signature, they are in handwriting of the person signing, and in the case of marks, they are witnessed and attested to as required by law. The signature or marks shall be accompanied by names; faculty/department, matriculation number and level of the petitioner, and his / her post in the Union if there is any.
- iv. Every petition shall be in English Language.

**RULE 12: RULES OF DEBATE**

- (A) Every senator desiring to speak shall rise in his/her place if called upon and shall address his / her observations to the Senate President as outlined in RULE 5A of this rule. If two or more members arise at a time, the Senate President shall determine to whom the precedent shall be given.
- (B) If the Senate President has occasion to rise to assert his authority any member of the Council standing shall immediately resume his/her seat.
- (C) Debates must be limited to the immediate pending questions. The Senate President shall rule out of order any senator who fails to adhere to the subject in discussion
- (D) A member shall not speak more than once on the same motion or amendment. The mover of an original motion shall reply to the debate on the motion and in the

reply shall limit himself/herself to answering statements or arguments made in the course of the debate.

- (E) The Senate President may call to order any member of the house for disregarding the authority of the Senate President, for abusing the rules of the house. If after such caution, such a member persists in mis-conducting himself/herself, the Senate President may;
- i. Disqualify the member from voting on a specific issue; or
  - ii. Order the member to take his/her leave from the house for a specific period of time.
- (F) All members of the SC. shall remain standing when the Senate president enters the council and shall sit down when he has taken his/her seat.

#### **RULE 13: POINT OF ORDER**

- (A) A point of order when raised must be heard at all times except during the act of voting or when the council is ready for an adjournment and shall deal with the conduct of the meeting. It shall concern such matter as:
- I. Indecorum
  - II. Intention to refer to standing orders and/ or a clause of the constitution
  - III. Violation of standing rules
  - IV. Introduction of a matter not relevant to the question under consideration but assumed to be vital information
- (B) A senator rising to a point of order simply directs the attention to the point he/she desires to bring to notice

and submit it to the senate president or chairman for decision.

- (c) When the point of order has been stated, the senator addressing the house shall resume his/her seat and no other senator shall rise until the Senate President Or Chairman has decided on the point. However, the Senate President Or Chairman may allow debates on the point of order raised before giving his/her ruling: the senator who was addressing the house at the time the point was raised shall be entitled to proceed with his/her speech giving effect to the ruling.

#### **RULE 14: CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**

- (A) During a sitting, all senators shall enter the floor with decorum, and can only leave with the permission of the Senate President.
- (B) Senators shall not eat, smoke or read newspapers, magazines, actively use mobile phones and all other digital equipment etc, in their seats, except books and documents that are connected with business under debate.
- (C) During a sitting, all senators shall be silent, and may confer in undertones if the Senate President permits.
- (D) A senator shall not make unseemly interruptions while another senator is speaking.
- (E) While the council is in session, all senators shall put their handsets in silent mode.
- (F) The Deputy Senate President shall recommend any violation of these rules for necessary disciplinary action in compliance with Article 12B (2&3) of the Student Union constitution.

**RULE 15: ORDER IN THE COUNCIL**

- (A) Whenever the Senate president rises during a debate, any senator/member of the C.E.C/congress man then speaking or offering to speak must sit down and the house shall be silent so that the Senate President may be heard without interruption.
- (B) The Senate president shall be responsible for the observance of the rule of order in the council and his/her decision upon any point of order shall not be open to appeal and shall not be reviewed by the council except upon a substantive motion made after notice.
- (C) The Senate president shall order any senator whose conduct is GROSSLY DISORDERLY to withdraw immediately from the day's sitting and the Sergeant-at-arms shall act on such order as he/she may receive in pursuance of this order.
- (D) In the case of grave disorder arising in the council, the Senate president may, if he/she thinks it's necessary to do so, adjourn the sitting without any question put, or suspend the sitting for a time fixed by him/her.
- (E) Nothing in this order shall be taken to deprive the power of proceeding against any senator according to any resolution of the house.
- (F) Order of entry/exit: All senators shall rise at the entrance of the Senate president, Deputy Senate president, the Senate Clerk and the Deputy Senate Clerk.
- (G) Senators shall not be permitted to exit themselves from the floor of the house except on permission of the Senate president and if he/she (the Senate president) deems it fit.

**RULE 16: MANNER OF VOTING**

- (A) In accordance and compliance with Article 14(B7) of the Student Union Constitution, voting at the council sitting shall be by voice voting or show of hands, except where a senate member presses for a division or the Senate President consider a secret ballot necessary.
- (B) No senator may speak on any question after the same has been fully put by the Senate president.
- (C) A question is fully put when the Senate president has collected the voice of both the Ayes and Nays.
- (D) The result shall be declared by the Senate president stating "the Ayes have it" or "the Nays have it" as the case may be.
- (E) Any senator dissatisfied with the outcome of this procedure may crave the indulgence of the Senate president to put the question on proper vote. This voting shall be conducted by the deputy Senate president.

**RULE 17: CATEGORY OF BILLS**

There shall be three classes of bills, namely: Central Executive Council Bills, Member Bills and Private Bills.

- (A) A Central Executive Council Bill is a bill initiated by or from the President of the Student Union and/or member of the C.E.C, introduced to the house as a legislative proposal of the CEC
- (B) A member bill is a bill initiated by a member or a group of members of the Senate Council, introduced to the council as a legislative proposal of the member or group of member sponsoring the bill.

- (C) A private bill is any bill other than a Central Executive Council Bill or member bill.

#### **RULE 18: BILL PRESENTATION**

- (A) Any person who wishes to introduce a bill shall give notice by sending a copy of the provision proposed to be embodied in the bill to the Clerk who shall bring them to the notice of the SC.
- (B) Each bill shall receive three readings previous to its passage, which such readings shall be on three different days, unless the House, by a majority vote direct otherwise and the Senate President shall give notice at each reading whether it is the first, second or third.

#### **FIRST READING**

- (C) A bill deemed to have been presented when the senator who gave the notice of the bill hands over the same to the Senate Clerk-At-Table.

- (D) Upon the short title of the bill being read by the Senate Clerk, the bill shall be deemed to have been read first time.

#### **SECOND READING**

- (E) Whenever a bill is due for second reading, a motion may be made, “that the bill be now read a second time” and a debate may arise concerning the general merits and principles of the bill.
- (F) When a bill has been read a second time, it shall stand committed to a standing committee. Such notion shall not require notice but must be made immediately after the bill has been read a second time, and must be approved by the Senate President.

- (G) The Committee to which a bill has been committed shall report to the house after consideration of the bill with the amendments (if any) it proposes to it.
- (H) Any Committee to which a bill is committed shall have power to make such amendments therein as it shall think fit, provided that every amendment shall be relevant to the subject matter of the bill and to the subject matter of the clause to which it relates.
- (I) At the conclusion of its proceedings, the Chairman shall put the question, “that I do report the bill (or the bill as amended) to the council”, which question may be decided with or without amendment or debate as may be inclined by the Senate president.

#### **RECOMMITTAL AND THIRD READING**

- (J) When a bill has been reported by a Standing Committee, it shall be ordered to be read the third time forthwith or on a future day as the Senate president may decide.
- (K) When the bill has been ordered for a third reading, any senator who wishes to amend or delete any provision(s) contained in the bill, or to introduce any fresh provision, may give notice of his intention on the order of the third reading being read to move “that the bill be recommitted”. If such motion be agreed to, the council shall resolve itself into Committee immediately or upon such day as may be appointed. When the bill has been reported, the council shall then proceed with the third reading of the bill, unless the Senate president decides to adjourn this stage to a latter day. After this third reading, a motion shall be moved for its



passage by the House.

#### **ASSENT TO BILLS**

- (L) When a bill has been passed by the council, a copy signed by the Clerk and endorsed by the Senate president, shall as soon as possible be presented to the President of the Student Union for his assent.

#### **VETOED BILLS**

- (M) Where the President either withholds his assent to bill or does not communicate his assent within seven (7) days from the date the bill was sent to him for his assent, the council shall again deliberate on the bill.
- (N) If the bill is again passed by the two-third (2/3) majority of the SC, the bill shall become law and the assent of the President shall no longer be needed.

#### **RULE 19: VISITORS**

- (A) Nobody shall be recognized as Visitor in this council unless on an invitation by the House and his/her letter of invitation must be duly acknowledged by the Senate president.
- (B) The Visitor shall be introduced to the council by the Senate president.
- (C) On no account shall a visitor contribute to the business of the council, unless such visitor has been recognized by the Senate president or any presiding officer.
- (D) Senator shall not reserve the right to bring any visitor to the council without letter of invitation submitted to the Senate Clerk and fully acknowledged by the Senate president.

#### **RULE 20: STRANGERS**

- (A) The council may admit Strangers into her sitting during debate, provided that if any senator of the council feel otherwise, the Senate president shall put forth the question, "that the Stranger should withdraw?", without permitting any debate or amendment. Notwithstanding this, the Senate president may whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Stranger(s) from the sitting.
- (B) Any such stranger permitted into the sitting of the council during debate shall not be heard to contribute to the business of the House, except if the Senate president so permits.

#### **RULE 21: CORRESPONDENCE(S)**

All correspondence to the council must be channeled through the Senate Clerk of the council. Such correspondence must be dated, signed and the identity of the writer disclosed in it. Any correspondence short of this description shall not be acknowledged.

#### **RULE 22: BUDGET PRESENTATION**

- (A) Whenever it is intended by the Central Executive Council to present the budget, the Financial Secretary shall in writing notify the Senate president five (5) working days before the presentation. Such notice must be accompanied by copies of the proposed budget to all senators, and the Senate president shall notify the council of this development in accordance with Article 12A (9) of the Student Union Constitution. Failure of the Financial Secretary to notify the Senate President before the stipulated time shall attract a sanction as maybe determined by the SC.



- (B) The President shall lead the presentation of budget on the floor of the council, subsequently; all members of the CEC starting with the President shall defend their budget. This may be done on the day of presentation or on a day fixed by the Senate president.
- (C) After proper deliberations by the SC the final approved budget copies shall be pasted on all notice boards on the campuses including that of the halls of residence and the Student Union Building shall be forwarded to the CEC
- (D) After the final approval of the budget has been issued and/or released, no amendment whatsoever shall be effected on the approved budget except by means of a supplementary budget.
- (E) The budget shall be passed by the two-third (2/3) majority of the SC.
- (F) A supplementary budget shall undergo the same procedures as applicable to a budget.

**RULE 23: APPROVAL OF NOMINEES BY THE CEC**

- (A) In accordance and compliance with Article 16 of the Student Union Constitution, the Standing Committees of the Union shall be appointed by the SC.
- (B) All names of the nominees by the CEC for appointment into any commission or committee of the Union must be submitted to the SC before subscription to the Oath of Office.
- (C) The nominees must be subject to the two-third (2/3) majority of the SC.
- (D) No Officer appointed into any Commission or

Committee in and out of the Union in contradiction to these rules shall neither subscribe to the Oath of Office nor resume duty.

**RULE 24: PRIVILEGES OF/ON THE FLOOR OF THE SC**

No person shall be admitted to the lobby on the floor of the SC while in session except the following and only by the consent of the Senate president.

- (A) All senate members of the SC.
- (B) Former Presidents or Vice – Presidents of the Union
- (C) Members of the Judiciary
- (D) Former Senate Members of the SC.
- (E) Chairman of the U.I.S.A.P.C.
- (F) Congressmen, which shall be by the validation of the Senate president.

**RULE 25: MISCELLANEOUS**

**A.** In these rules, unless the context states otherwise:

1. Union means The Students Union, University of Ilorin.
2. Sitting means a period during which the SC is sitting continuously without adjournment.
3. CEC means the Central Executive Council of the Union.
4. SC means the Senate Council of the Union.
5. Stranger means a non-senate member of the SC and not part of the CEC
6. Formal dressing means complete English or native attire.
7. Rules means standing order of the house

**B. MODE OF AMENDING THE STANDING HOUSE ORDER**

The standing house order shall only be amended by a resolution of the Senate House supported by two-third (2/3) majority of the member present at such sitting after due notice of the motion shall have been given in advance.

Being formally, the standing house rule submitted to the council by SEN. AFOLABI GABRIEL OLUWATOSIN the Deputy Senate President/Chairman Law reform committee.

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