



**NIGERIA UNIVERSITIES NURSING STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION (NUNSA)
NATIONAL**

CONSTITUTION

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE NIGERIA UNIVERSITIES NURSING
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (NUNSA NATIONAL)**

PREAMBLE:

Taking into consideration the greater challenges that bestrides the honorable Nursing Sciences, we the Bachelor of Nursing Science students of this great country Nigeria, do hereby enact and give to ourselves this constitution for enhancement of interests, determination and commitment to the actualization of the yet unearthed pearls in the vast field of Nursing both in Nigeria and beyond.

ARTICLE 1: ESTABLISHMENT

SECTION 1: NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

The body shall be known, referred to and called the NIGERIA UNIVERSITIES NURSING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (NUNSA) NATIONAL. Herein refers to the "Association" in accordance with provision of this constitution.

SECTION II: LOGO – shall be the circle, the National bodies name enclosed with the Lamp standing on a book.

SECTION III: MOTTO – "SERVICE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS"

SECTION IV: SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

This document is supreme and shall be binding on all members and authorities within it confines.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the pursuit of academic excellence in all ramifications for the upliftment of nursing profession.
2. To promote and protect the interest of every member of the association.
3. To encourage and support mutual exchange of ideas through scientific researches and seminars on the subject of Nursing Sciences.
4. To foster Unity among the members of the Association and the society at large
5. To promote and maintain co-operation with other chapters of NUNSA and with other association and organization for mutual benefits.
6. To promote participation of members in National and International

Universities Nursing Students' Association.

7. To ensure at least an annual publication of the Associations Journal.

SECTION 2: INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

- a. Every registered student has the power to quote and interpret the rules and provisions of this constitution.
- b. The president shall have the power to interpret the constitution.
- c. The senate president shall have the power to interpret the constitution.
- d. **Such interpretation can be disputed or rejected by a majority of a well-organized congress meeting.**
- e. In the event of deadlock, the interpretation of the constitution rests with the president of the association.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND OBLIGATIONS

SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP: Every students of the department of Nursing sciences in all Nigeria universities shall automatically on admission become a member.

SECTION II: Upon membership, he/she is officially bound to fulfill all necessary obligations as stipulated in this constitution and preserves the right to attend a

national convention.

SECTION III: CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP: The association shall consist of:

- A. **BONAFIDE MEMBERS:** A bonafide member shall be any registered student of the university pursuing a course of study in the Department of Nursing Science.
- B. **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Honorary members may be appointed as deemed fit by reason of interest of the individual(s) in students and academic matters especially relating to the association and nursing. Such appointment shall be made known to members.
- C. **EX-OFFICIALS MEMBERS:** Ex-officio members shall comprise of all Past National Presidents of NUNSA and past senate presidents of the association.

ARTICLE IV: RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION 1

- a. Bonafide Members: Bonafide members shall have the right to:
- b. Obtain on first registration, a copy of the association constitution
- c. Participate in recognize meetings and functions of the constitution.

- d. Use the facilities provided and recognized by the association.
- e. Vote and be voted in approved association election.
- f. Attend and fully participate in properly constituted meetings of the association.

SECTION 2: HONORARY MEMBERS:

Honorary members shall have the privilege to:

- a. Use facilities provided by the Association
- b. Attend all meetings of the Association
- c. Such honorary members shall NOT have voting right

SECTION 3: EX-OFFICIALS MEMBERS:

- a. Shall have the privilege to go for executive council meetings only on invitation by the national president.
- b. Perform reconciliatory roles in matters of dispute that threatens the stability of the association.
- c. Perform advisory roles to the executive council.

SECTION 4: LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 1. The senate may confer life membership on any past member of the association who has shown distinguished commitment to the program of the association over a period of five years.**
- 2. The person should be conferred honorary life membership of the association by vote of not less than 4/5 majority of senators present and voting at such meeting.**
- 3. Any person so conferred with honorary life membership of the association shall be awarded a certificate signed by the president of the association, senate president, head of department and the provost of the college of health sciences of the national presidents institution.**

SECTION 5

In case of death of any member, such deceased members shall be entitled to an Obituary release and representation of the Association at the burial.

ARTICLE V: PATRON AND ADVISERS

Section 1: patrons of the association shall include NANNM, minister of health, minister of education and any other individual approved by the national legislative council (senate)

Section 2: staff advisers shall include

H.O.D of the incumbent president and senate president, any other staff suggested by the senate and executive.

Section 3: LEGAL ADVISERS

The senate shall appoint from time to time, Two Legal Advisers willing to provide free consultations.

(a) A member of the senate shall propose any practicing Barrister-at-law, qualified and registered with the Nigeria Bar Association with good records of experience in Healthcare Laws and student union Activities, preferably a Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

(b) A Legal Adviser shall be deemed to have been appointed after recording a vote of not less than 2/3 of the members of the senate present and voting, provided they form a quorum at such meetings.

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Article 6: AFFILIATIONS

SECTION I: The association shall recognize affiliations to:

- a. **UGONSA: University Graduate of Nursing Science Association**
- b. **NANNM: National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives**
- c. **ICN: International Council of Nurses**

- d. **WACN: West African College of Nursing**
- e. **ANNE: Association of Nigerian Nurse Educators**
- f. **WANSA: West African Nursing Students Association**

ARTICLE 7: THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1: SUPREMACY

- (a) This Constitution is supreme and the provisions shall have a binding force on all members, bodies and organs of NUNSA.
- (b) The Association shall not be governed nor shall any person or group of persons take control of the government of this association or any of its organs, except in accordance with the provisions of constitution.
- (c) If any law, directive or action is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, this constitution shall prevail and such law, directives or actions shall to the extent of the inconsistency be null and void.

SECTION 2: INTERPRETATION

- (i) The power of ultimate interpretation of the constitution shall rest with the NUNSA National Senate President.
- (ii) Such interpretation shall be reversible by at least two third (2/3) majority of members present and voting at the sitting of the senate.
- (iii) In this constitution, unless it is otherwise expressly stated or requested by contest, all masculine pronouns include feminine.
- (iv) Officers of the Association shall include any student serving the association

as a result of election or appointment in one official capacity or the other.

(v) All association elections including elections into the executive council, elections into the

senate, elections within the senate and bye-elections shall hold in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

(vi) Constituency shall refer to any department of nursing sciences in Nigerian university.

SECTION 3: AMENDMENT

(i) This Constitution may be amended upon a resolution to do so, passed by a majority of members of the Congress present at any congress meeting.

(ii) A resolution for amendment of the Constitution may also be sent by a motion passed by four-fifth (4/5) majority of NUNSA National Senate members present at any meeting provided they form a quorum at such meetings.

(iii) Such a resolution shall on adoption be sent to the constitution review committee, which deliberate and word (discuss) on the amendment.

(iv) Such amendment wordings shall be presented to the entire NUNSA National Senate members, and shall be approved by two-third (2/3) majority of the NUNSA National Senate members after which it shall be presented the congress and comes into full effect.

SECTION 4: SUSPENSION

(i) A section of this Constitution may be suspended by at least four-fifth (4/5) majority of senate members present and voting.

(ii) Upon the suspension of such a section, a working order shall be adopted by at least two-third

(2/3) majority of the NUNSA National Senate members present and the congress shall be informed about such suspension.

(iii) Such a working order or adoption shall remain binding for a period of not more than 3 months during which it shall be considered for amendment and shall be tendered as such.

ARTICLE 8: THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION: The executive Council shall consist of

- i. The President
- ii. The Vice President
- iii. The General Secretary
- iv. Assistant General Secretary
- v. Financial secretary
- vi. The Treasurer
- vii. Welfare Secretary
- viii. Director of socials
- ix. **The Public Relations Officer I**
- x. **The Public Relations Officer II**

- xi. **Editor in Chief**
- xii. **Academic director (By appointment)**

SECTION II: TENURE OF OFFICE

- i. All offices of the Association shall be held for one academic session. Any returning officer shall be eligible for re-election so far he/she meets the guidelines.
- ii. Any officer of the Association may after giving at least one month written notice resign his post.
- iii. The resignation notice shall in the case of the president be addressed to the secretary and in the case of any other member of the executive council to the president.
- iv. Any member of the executive shall be removed from office if found wanting or guilty of any of the offences listed in article 14 section I.

SECTION III: POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

POWERS: Subject to the provision of this constitution the executive council is an

organ of the association's government vested with the following i.e. shall:

- a. Provide for an executive meeting to hold at least twice in a year and emergency meetings when deemed necessary.
- b. Reach decisions and adopt motions at such meetings by a simple majority.
- c. Attend meetings on behalf of the association whether at local, national, or international level as deemed fit.
- d. Organize the Annual NUNSA NATIONAL CONVENTION
- e. Dissolve the committees to which it has power to appoint members for failure to discharge their duties and when the life span of such committee expire.
- f. See to the day to day running of the Association.

FUNCTION/DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SUB-SECTION 1: THE PRESIDENT shall:

- a. Be the highest ranking officer of the Association
- b. Exercise control over, harmonize and coordinate all aspects of the Associations' activities.

- c. Have the prerogative of summoning all emergency meetings/congress through the general secretary.
- d. Be one of the signatories of the account of the Association and approve all monetary requests for the running of the Association as may be deemed necessary.
- e. Take final decision whenever there is a stalemate or deadlock in any matter concerning the Association.
- f. Have the power to adjourn a meeting or close disorderly meetings.
- g. Take decisions on urgent matters on behalf of the association where an executive meeting cannot be called with 24hours.
- h. Delegates duties to any member of the association as may be considered necessary.
- i. **Have the prerogative to appoint the academic director**
- j. Perform such other functions as may be directed to **him/her** from time to time by the executive council, senate and/ or the association

SUB-SECTION 2: THE VICE PRESIDENT Shall:

- a. Advice and assist the president in the performance of his duties
- b. Shall deputize for the president in his absence
- c. Also direct and carry out such activities that may be delegated to him from time to time by the executive council and/or the association.
- d. Have the rights to appoint the local organizing committee (LOC) for national convention.

SUB-SECTION 3: THE GENERAL SECRETARY Shall:

- a. Convene all executive meeting and congress of the association at the request of the president.
- b. Handle all correspondence of the Association
- c. Shall record and read minutes of all meetings of the association
- d. Shall prepare the annual report which shall be read to members of the association before the dissolution of the executive council sequel to the swearing in of the new executive council.
- e. Shall invite Ex-official members to executive council meetings if need be.
- f. Send out circulars and agenda of meetings at least 48 hours before all such

meetings.

- g. Perform such other functions as may be directed to **him/her** from time to time by the executive council, senate and/ or the association.

SUB-SECTION 4: ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY Shall:

- a. Assist the general secretary in the performance **of his/her** duties.
- b. Shall deputize for **him/her in his/her absence**.
- c. Take and keep attendance and record of executive meetings and association's congress:
- d. Carry out such activities that may be delegated to him from time to time by the executive council, senate and/ or the association.

SUB-SECTION 5: PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER I & II

- a. Be responsible for publishing the activities of the associations to the general public in their different zones.
- b. Make such public statement/representation on behalf of the associations from time to time as deemed fit by the executive council.
- c. **Be a member of the editorial board**
- d. Shall see to the complete distribution of national convention and other

seminars/association programs publicity materials in their respective zones.

- e. Carry out such activities as may be delegated to him from time to time by executive council and/ or the association.

SUB-SECTION 6: FINANCIAL SECRETARY Shall:

- a. Receive and account for all association monies derived from whatever source
- b. Be one of the signatory to the account of the association
- c. Hand over all monies so received to the treasurer within a period of not exceeding 48 hours of working days.
- d. Shall submit his records and all other properties accruing of NUNSA NATIONAL to the succeeding executive council.
- e. Shall submit an annual financial report to the senate before submitting to the congress.
- f. Carry out such activities that may be delegated to him from time to time by the executive council and/ or the association.

SUB-SECTION 7: THE TREASURER Shall

- a. Be the custodian of the association's monies.
- b. Shall keep an account of all funds of the association received from financial secretary.
- c. Deposit all monies so received in the association account within not more than 72 hours of working days.
- d. Be one of the signatories to the association's account.
- e. Carry out such activities that may be delegated to him from time to time by the executive council and/or the association.

SUB-SECTION 8: WELFARE SECRETARY Shall:

- a. Shall have the responsibility of seeing to the organization and execution of plans of the national convention.
- b. Shall see to the welfare of all members of the association
- c. Handle all welfare matters in all national NUNSA programmes/seminars
- d. Carryout such activities that may be delegated to him from time to time by the executive council and/ or the association.

SUB-SECTION 9 : EDITOR IN CHIEF SHALL

- a. Shall be responsible for all publications of the association.
- b. Shall preside over the activities of the editorial board.
- c. Shall together with the executive appoint members for the editorial board.
- d. Shall have the responsibility to update the associations' website
- e. Carry out such activities that may be delegated to him from time to time by the executive council and/ or the association.

SUB-SECTION 10: ACADEMIC DIRECTOR SHALL

- A. shall be responsible for all academic activities of the association
- B. shall be responsible for the update of the associations website with academic materials.
- C. Shall together with the executive appoint members for academic committee.
- D. Carry out such activities as may be delegated from time to time by the executives and/or the association.

SUB-SECTION 11: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL

- a. Shall organize social activities (programs as approved by the NUNSA national senate).
- b. Shall present social activities plan to the house not later than one month after being sworn- in.
- c. Shall ensure that the vice president of NUNSA is up to date on the plans and processes of the activities to be carried out.
- d. Shall realize and account for monies realized from social activities and pay same to the financial secretary within 72 hours.
- e. Shall head the social/welfare and entertainment committee

ARTICLE 9: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The parliament shall be referred to as the NUNSA national senate arm and its members the senators.

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION

- (a) Two (2) Representative students from each department of nursing science across the nation.
- (b) Officers of the senate shall include: The senate president, deputy senate president, the

Clerk

of the senate, the chief whip and the sergeant at arm.

(c) Officers must at least be a 300 Level nursing student.

(d) Officers of the senate shall be elected at the national convention of the body from amongst its members by the electoral committee.

SECTION 2: Tenure of Office

(i) The NUNSA national senate shall function for one parliamentary year and shall stand dissolved thereafter.

(ii) A parliamentary year shall extend from the day of swearing in of the NUNSA national senate to the day of swearing in of a new NUNSA national senate.

SECTION 3: POWERS

(a) The Executive council, the various organs of the association shall be responsible to the NUNSA national senate.

(b) It shall act as a check on the activities of the association.

(c) It shall approve the budget which shall be presented by the president of the association not later than 1 month after swearing in.

(d) Transmit recommendations to the executive, congress and other committee for proper execution.

- (e) It shall consider granting the use of extra fund required for any officer of the association.
- (f) It shall upon a matter of petition signed by ten(10) members of the NUNSA national senate review any programme(s) of the executive council.
- (g) It shall adopt the minutes of its sitting and shall make public the adopted minutes of its sitting through the clerk of the senate within forty-eight hours.
- (h) It shall direct , if it chooses to call a congress meeting to determine any matter relevant to the association's functions.
- (i) The decision of the NUNSA national senate shall remain valid unless contrary decision is made at a congress meeting or if 2/3 majority decide to reverse such decisions.

SECTION 4: OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Sub-section 1: THE SENATE PRESIDENT

- (i) The SP Shall be a returning officer of the NUNSA NATIONAL SENATE ARM
- (II) The SP shall be responsible for calling the sitting of the senate through the Clerk of the house.**
- (iii) The SP shall preside at all sitting of the senate with the mace placed on the high table. The absence of which shall render the sitting null and void except otherwise stated in any part of this constitution.
- (iv) The SP shall with the support of the house discipline erring members and non-members to maintain order during sittings.**
- (v) He shall be obliged to summon sittings of the senate when called upon by at least one-

third (1/3) of the members of the house appending their signatures to such calls and where he fails to summon the meeting within 72 (seventy-two) hours of receiving such a call, the meeting shall stand convened.

(vi) He shall interpret the constitution of the association in good faith, during the house sittings.

(viii) He shall impartially direct the proceedings of the senate and shall execute such functions as the senate confers on him under the provisions of the constitution,

(ix) The decision of the SP may be reversed by a two third (2/3) majority of the members of the senate present and by voting.

(x) He can exercise a casting voting right only, if there is a tie.

(xi) **The office of the SP shall stand vacant, if:**

(a) At the dissolution of the senate.

(b) The SP ceases to be a member of the SENATE by reasons other than dissolution of the body. These reasons include wilful resignation, absenteeism for 3 sittings, if he is convicted by any law in Nigeria or abroad and if he is found wanting in the discharge of his constitutional duties.

(xiii) The SP of senate shall be referred to as Distinguished senate president.

(xiv) He shall be the custodian of the authority of the house (MACE).

Sub-section 2: The Deputy senate president

(i) He must have served for at least a parliamentary year at any parliamentary level.

(ii) He shall:

(a) Be responsible for conducting elections within the senate at all sittings except the elections of the officers of the senate.

(b) Assist the senate president from time-to-time in the discharge of his duties and perform all the duties of the SP in his absence.

(c) In the absence of the Deputy senate president at any meeting of the senate, another member of the senate may be elected to perform the functions for the purpose of such sittings only.

Sub-section 3: The Clerk of the senate.

(i) The Clerk of the senate who must be at least a year three nursing student, shall be elected by members of the senate at their first sitting, the elections will be conducted by the electoral committee.

(ii) He shall be responsible for taking proper minutes of the proceedings in the house.

(iii) He shall in collaboration with the SP prepare agenda for all senate sittings and make them public.

(iv) He shall on the instruction of the SP summon all sitting of the senate except the first sitting.

(v) He shall publicize all the adopted minutes of the sitting within 48 hours of such adoption.

(vi) He shall be the financial officer of the senate and keep appropriate financial records.

(vii) He shall be responsible for the compilation of proceedings of the senate for the parliamentary year for proper documentation.

(viii) Keep a record of attendance at all senate sittings and publish the list of attendance on the Association notice boards within forty-eight (48) hours after each proceeding.

(ix) Send a copy of such list to the president of the senate for necessary action in accordance with relevant provision of the constitution.

Sub-section 4: CHIEF WHIP OF THE HOUSE

(i) He shall assist the SP in maintain law and order

(ii) He shall attend to visitors during sittings and carry out instruction or information given by the speaker.

(iii) He shall be responsible for security information during sitting

(iv) He shall discharge other functions as may be directed by the senate president.

Sub-section 5: The Sergeant at arms

- (i) He shall bring the mace to the house at every sitting**
- (ii) He shall have a casting vote at all elections within the house,**
- (iii) Shall attend to any other function(s) assigned to him by the Senate President or two-third majority of the house.**

Sub-section 6: SITTINGS OF SENATE

- (i) The first meeting of the senate shall hold immediately after the swearing-in ceremony of the senators.**
- (ii) Subsequent sittings of senate shall be summoned by:**
 - (a) The senate president, or**
 - (b) A written letter signed by two-third (2/3) of the senators.**
- (iii) Without prejudice to any part of this constitution, a sitting is only duly summoned provided a notice of its date, venue, time, and agenda is properly conveyed to individual members of the senate, and pasted on the association notice board/social media platforms, by the Clerk of the House, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the fixed time.**

Sub-section 7: Quorum in the Senate

- (i) Quorum in the senate shall be formed by two-third (2/3) of the elected members**
- (ii) Where sub-section (i) above fails, after thirty (30) minutes of the appointed time, the sitting can commence provided the SP in consultation with at least one-third (1/3) of the entire senators present are in harmony.**
 - (i) If at any time**
 - (ii) in the course of the sitting, an objection is taken by any member of the senate that are present in the house, fewer than one-third (1/3) of all members of the house, and the person presiding agreeing after a mandatory head count of the members present that the number**

present is less than one-third (1/3) of all members, he shall thereupon adjourn the sitting.

Sub-section 8: Procedure at SENATE Sittings.

(i) These shall preside at a sitting of the Senate:

(a) The SP or in his absence

(b) The Deputy Senate president, or

(c) Any such member of the senate that the body may elect for that purpose.

(ii) Where the Deputy Senate President, or such other member so elected has to preside at any sitting, the functions under Article 9, section 1 of this constitution shall be exercised by such person.

(iii) In the absence of the Deputy senate president and the Clerk of the House, the senate shall elect persons among senators to act in their position at that sitting.

Sub-section 9: Deliberating Motion.

(i) The SP shall only call for deliberating motions after an extensive deliberation on any issue under consideration.

(ii) Such motion may be for or against the subject under the consideration.

(iii) The motion in support of any subject under consideration shall be seconded by another senate member before acceptance.

(iv) The mover of any motion shall be given an opportunity to explain the rationale behind such motions,

(v) The SP shall then call for an amendment of any motion

(vi) Except otherwise stated in any part of this constitution, a motion may be passed:

(a) Unanimously

(b) by a simple majority vote.

(vii) After the adoption of the motion, it shall be taken as a law.

Sub-section 10: Procedural Motion

- (i) Procedural motions may be called for by the senate president.
- (ii) Members of the senate may call upon procedural motions by pointing to an order, correction or information,
- (iii) Such point shall be. in the order of preference:
 - (a) Move a motion.
 - (b) Withdrawal of a motion.
 - (c) Motion to adjourn the matter to a later specified meeting
 - (d) Next business.
 - (e) A motion to refer the matter to a committee for investigation.
 - (f) A motion to limit debate to a certain specific period of time.
 - (g) Introduce any business deemed by the Senate president to be urgent.
 - (h) Reverse a decision of the Senate president.
 - (i) Suspend a standing order or clause of the constitution.
 - (j) Suspend the whole of the constitution.

Sub-section 11: Voting in the NUNSA National Senate

- (a) Every member of the senate except the Senate President shall be entitled to vote within the senate.
- (b) The Senate President shall have casting and deliberate vote only when there is a tie.
- (c) Voting in the house shall be by show of hands except for the election of officers of senate, which shall be by secret ballot.

Sub-section 12: Absenteeism.

- (i) Any member of the senate who absents himself from two consecutive meetings without prior notice to the clerk, in writing shall be liable to dismissal by the senate president.

- (ii) Such person(s) shall be stripped of other offices held for that session.
- (iii) Any member of the senate that comes to a sitting before forty-five (45) minutes after the commencement of the sitting with reason(s) acceptable to the house shall be asked to sit behind for sometime.
- (iv) Any member of the senate that comes to a sitting later than forty-five (45) minutes after the commencement of the sitting without reason(s) acceptable to the house shall be deemed absent & shall be punished by the house.
- (v) senator(s) who fail to make up to sixty 60% attendance of senate sittings convened after their election into office shall not be eligible for certificate of service.

Sub-section 13: Rights of Attendance.

- (i) Non-member(s) of the senate shall have rights to attend senate sittings as observer(s).
- (ii) Non-members of the senate may be permitted to speak at the discretion of the SP
- (iii) Non-members shall have no voting rights at senate sittings.

Sub-section 14: Standings Orders of Senate

This standing shall have power over the parliamentary sittings and executive sessions

- (i) **Every member of the senate shall be referred to as Senator and they shall represent the general interest of NUNSA.**
 - (a) There shall be a mace at the senate president's table at every sitting of the house.
 - (b) The mace shall serve as the symbol of authority of the house.
 - (c) Any sitting held without the mace on the senate president's table shall be regarded as unconstitutional and any decision/resolution made at such sitting shall be null and void.
 - (d) In circumstances where the mace cannot be found, two-third majority of the house will have the power to hold sitting.

(ii) The entry of the House Officers shall be made known by the Clerk of the House at any sitting and the house shall rise at their entry and shall resume their seat when the Senate President has taken his seat.

(iii) All members shall be formally dressed at every sitting of the senate. Formally dressed entails a male Senator Dressed in a pair of trousers, shirt, tie, and shoes to- match, and a female Senator dressed in a skirt, blouse and shoes to-match. A complete traditional attire is also acceptable.

(iv) Violation of sub section (iii) shall attract a penalty at the discretion of the SP.

(iv) The Clerk of the House may be summoned to give a summary of former sitting(s).

(v) The SP shall inform all members about the agenda of the meeting at the commencement of the sitting for adoption.

(vii) The SP, DSP, Clerk of the senate shall sit at the high table.

(viii) With the exception of the SP, every other person addressing the house shall stand and acknowledge the House thus; distinguished senate president, distinguished senators. If the SP has any reason to stand to assert his authority, anybody standing shall immediately resume his seat and keep quiet,

(v) The SP shall make preference if two or more members raise their hands at a time,

(vi) Once the sitting is in session, movements on the floor of the House shall be prohibited except with due permission of the SP

(vii) Disciplinary measures will be taken by the SP against any member who contravenes the proceedings of the senate. Such measures would stand reversible by two-third (2/3) majority of the senate members present and voting

(xii) Debates within the House must be limited to immediate pending questions.

(xiii) The SP shall rule out of order senate members who fail to adhere to the subject of discussion or for any other reason as stated by the senate president.

(xiv) Motion of Adjournment:

- A motion for adjournment of a sitting may be moved at any time during the sitting. Such motions shall be supported by two-third (2/3) of members present after an extensive

and decisive deliberation of the matters on the agenda.

- Further debates within the House will not be permitted once a motion for adjournment has been massed into a resolution.
- If at a meeting there is a grave disorder which in opinion of the SP renders the orderly dispatch of the business of the house impossible; the SP may without question:
 - (a) Adjourn the meeting
 - (b) Suspend the sitting of the meeting for such period as he may consider expedient.

Sub- section 15 Recess:

I a) A recess shall be called by the Senate president or suggested by any member of the senate.

(b) This shall be put into vote upon any refusal or disapproval.

(c) The recess shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes.

(d) A specific recess for a specific time intervals shall be raised by the Senate President and approved by simple majority of the House.

Sub-section 16: Points of Order.

(i) In addition to discussion on a motion or amendment, the Speaker shall allow the following points in order of precedence:

(a) Point of Order.

(b) Point of Information.

(ii) A Point of Order when raised should be heard at all times except when voting or when the senate president is speaking or on his feet. A point of order shall concern such matters as:

(a) Indecorum

(b) Intention to refer to standing orders and a clause of the constitution.

(c) Violation of standing orders.

(d) Introduction of a matter not relevant to question under discussion.

(iii) A point of information, which shall be entertained at the discretion of the NUNSA national Senate President, shall be to inform the house on issues that may be of help on the question

under discussion

ARTICLE 10: NUNSA NATIONAL CONGRESS

SECTION 1:

- a. The National NUNSA congress shall comprise of all registered NUNSA chapter presidents of all university department of nursing science.

SECTION 2: FUNCTION

- a. Reserve the powers to elect among them a chairman to preside over meetings they decide to have on their own without the national executive council.
- b. To protect the image of the students, the institution and that of the profession.
- c. Shall by the agreement of 2/3 majority call for the review of the association constitution and its approval.
- d. Perform reconciliatory roles in matters of disputes that threatens the stability of the association.
- e. Perform advisory roles to the executive council.
- f. Together with their zonal executive council members conduct a bye-

election into any vacant elective office.

g. Shall have the power to pass a `vote' of no confidence on any officer of the association not performing his/her duties to the association shall be removed from office by a vote of no confidence passed by 2/3 majority of the entire NUNSA NATIONAL CONGRESS.

h. Call for the impeachment of any executive found guilty of gross misconduct and abuse of office.

ARTICLE 10: ELECTORAL ACTS

SECTION 1: ZONING

In line with this electoral act, zoning is based upon the principle of rotation among the four major regions in the federal republic of Nigeria, viz: eastern region, northern region, southern region and western region. The zoning will take the format below in a clockwise rotation.

EAST → SOUTH
↑ ↓
NORTH ← WEST

The Positions are in the following groups

Group A

President
Assistant general secretary
Clerk of the senate
Director of social

Group B

Senate president
Public relations officer I
Treasurer
Editor in chief

Group C

Vice president
Deputy senate president
Welfare officer
Public relations officer II

Group D

Secretary General
Financial secretary
Chief whip
Director of academics.

SECTION 2: INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMITTEE (IELCOM)

- a. The IELCOM will consist of one representative from each university present at the convention nominated by the chapter presidents

- b. The names of nominated members are to be submitted by chapter presidents to the National General Secretary on arrival (first day)**
- c. The members reserve the right to elect their chairman and secretary in their 1st meeting the which will be followed with the inauguration by the National Senate President.**
- d. The IELCOM will see to the sales of election forms, screening of all aspirants, conduct manifestoes before the election and conduct the election.**
- e. The National executives will only cease to function immediately after the swearing in of the executives elect on the last day of the convention.**
- f. The IELCOM shall propose a budget which subject to the ratification of the senate be used used for the conduct of the election and thereafter a financial report be presented to the senate before inauguration of the executive council.**
- g. The budget in (f) should be sent to the senate through the clerk 2 days before the election.**
- h. A percentage of the fund generated as approved by the senate will be remitted TO NUNSA account and reserved for the incoming executive**

council.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION

- a. ONLY universities and nunsites who have paid their national dues evident by the presentation of the tellers/receipts respectively will be eligible to vote and be voted for.
- b. Candidates for the post of president MUST NOT HAVE WRITTEN FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS OF 500L prior to elections.
- c. Aspirants vying for the post of the president and general secretary, MUST have held a leadership position at any level evident by certificate of service.
- d. All aspirants before being registered shall be subjected to screening by the electoral committee.
- e. Any candidate previously removed from office by impeachment shall not be eligible for re-election.
- f. Final year students are eligible to contest an election so far to does not contravene section 3(b).

SECTION 4: METHOD OF ELECTION

- a. ONLY TWO DELEGATES as presented by chapter president from each registered university shall be allowed to vote.
- b. Election is going to be by secret ballot system.

ARTICLE 11: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE MEETINGS Shall

- a. Be convened as provided in article 8. Section III, Sub section iii (a) of the constitution.
- b. At least twice a year as agreed in the inaugural executive meeting immediately after swearing in.
- c. All executive are expected to be present for all meetings.
- d. Executives are expected to come for all meetings in complete corporate or traditional attire.

SECTION II: CONGRESS

A meeting of the national executives, the senate and all chapter presidents.

Shall be:

Held at least twice in a year: at the national convention and any other date to be fixed by the executive council.

SECTION III: EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS/CONGRESS shall be

Summoned when deemed necessary by the national president.

ARTICLE 12: NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

SECTION I: HOST VENUE

(a) Each national convention shall be hosted by the University of the Incumbent National President or any other venue as deemed fit by the national president.

(b) The national president shall work in collaboration with the host chapter executives to ensure the success of the convention.

SECTION II: THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE(LOC) FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

(a) The LOC chairman and members should be appointed and inaugurated by the vice president.

(b) The LOC should be composed of Chairperson, secretary, treasurer and

other members.

(c) The members of the LOC shall consist of at least one member per institution.

ARTICLE 13: PATRONS/PATRONESS (ES)

i. There shall be patrons and patronesses including the Head of Department Nursing Sciences, NANNM chairman, NMCN registrar, Directors of Nursing services and other person(s) as deem fit by the executive council.

ARTICLE 14: DISCIPLINE/IMPEACHMENT

SECTION I: All elected officer of the association shall be liable to impeachment by the NUNSA national senate arm if and when found guilty of the offences herein categorized.

- a. Proved cases of misappropriation of funds
- b. Gross misconduct
- c. Stealing
- d. Abuse of office
- e. Conviction by any court in Nigeria or abroad on any offence.

SECTION 2:

A. Issues unresolved for over 8 weeks in the chapter can be moved to the national for final deliberation and decision by executive and/or senate.

B. Each chapter is financially accountable to NUNSA national senate in the case of any misappropriation of chapter fund.

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C. membership of NUNSA national is based on financial commitment of the various chapters to the association.

D. All chapters shall pay a uniform amount as decided by national executives with a confirmation from the senate within the first four(4) months of the tenure of the NUNSA national association.

E. At the expiration of the 4 months, any chapter that does not pay will be fined an additional 10% of the proposed amount.

F. Any chapter that fails to pay their chapter due at the end of a particular tenure will pay for the years they failed to pay when they deem it fit plus the 10% fine.